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Valentine's Day Memories - Whether it's a picnic in the grass with flowers, strawberries and cheesecake, sharing true feelings on Valentine's is always special. (photo by Carlon Neily)

Valentine's Day Memories

by Chakara Bennett, Features Editor
Reva Devi, Copy Editor

V' Day Memories: Valentine's Day has come and gone but the memory still lingers on. According to some students, Valentine's Day is a day for creating memories, good and bad with someone you enjoy spending time with. One young lady admitted that one of her best memories on V' Day was when her boyfriend gave her an array of plushies, while another said she was ecstatic when her boyfriend returned home from an extended trip just to spend Valentine's Day week together. Another girl said her boyfriend of four years had proposed to her on that special day of

love.

On the other hand, Valentine's Day is not a bed of roses for all. One young lady said that she and her boyfriend separated the day before Valentine's but she was lucky to have a "caring" older brother to treat her to a can of tuna and a movie on Direct TV. Another said she rarely has the opportunity to celebrate this festive day because she works in a bakery and she always works on Valentine's since the overtime pays well and she doesn't really care for the day very much anyway.

You may think it odd that there are no

males expressing their "memories" of Valentine's Day but the truth is that most, if not all, of the males interviewed said they don't really like Valentine's Day or there was nothing really special they remember ever occurring on this day.

Maybe there is truth in the common statement that males are less sensitive to schmaltziness than females but that is another story.

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Ghost Rider Movie Review



I'll start from the top. The choice of actors is awful. Letting Nicholas Cage play the lead was simply a bad idea. Cage spends far too much time overacting and mugging for the camera for viewers to suspend disbelief and attempt to get absorbed in the plot. The same plot, by the way, that's so incredibly lacking in interesting moments or depth that Cage's poor acting may be a blessing in disguise. Sadly, he's not the only one at fault. The entire cast is one big example of what not to allow in a film that's meant to succeed.

Anything remotely related to exposition or character development has conveniently been left absent in this film. Fifteen minutes into the story, you won't care about anything that's happening on-screen. It's all very underwhelming. If by some chance, you're only interested in the CG effects instead of the story or acting, prepare to be disappointed. The effects, while not bad, aren't all that great either.

If you really want a decent comic to movie adaptation, wait for Spider-Man 3 this May or Frank Miller's The 300 this March if you're a fan of Sin City. Now if you'll excuse me, I have several stacks of *Ghost Rider* comics to set on fire.

I've been told I can be rather harsh so I'm going to list all the reasons why you should watch *Ghost Rider*. It's so bad that you'll either laugh all the way through or get in a good nap. There, I tried.

■ Ghost Rider - Rated PG - 13

■ Reviewed by Travaldo Farrington

Flavor

by Patrick Deveaux
Cartoonist and General Reporter

Never mind the cold fronts, the freakishly unpredictable weather and the on and off downpours, people, put down your grandmother's sweater and don't let the rain scare away your drive for letting style be a part of your tout ensemble. Spring is here and so are the blossoming new fashion looks.

First off, to have a successful and fashionable look this Spring, you will need clarity and not chaos. The "oh so" endearing audience of on lookers are going to marvel at the fact that they can see where every layer blends and every hemline stops. Shades of brown, pastels and khaki are perfect for pulling this off and luckily the earthy look is so hot for Spring. Don't be afraid of a little gingham either. Right now, gingham is parading the spring fashion runways. It's a surprise what checks or stripes could do in the right composition. However, that suggestion is only for the stylishly brave at heart.

Also to achieve that smooth blend of clarity while keeping the look simple at the same time, you can match up those soft faded fitted jeans with your favorite tank top and a jean shrug. This look is very popular and don't worry about being repetitive. With the multiple layers involved, being able to double up on the tanks and mix matching with the shrugs, not to forget accessories and a choice between flats, heels or sneakers, the possibilities are virtually endless.

Tanks and shrugs are in, along with the athletic look. What this simple means is sweats, track pants, racer back tanks, sneakers and hoodies are what to go for, but for the most part hoodies. Color doesn't matter much when it comes to the hoodie, once it's not too dark and dreary; it is spring after all. Just

throw on that white hoodie, with any pair of light denim jeans (with the well-washed look) or a pair of khaki cargos and those expensive looking Payless sneakers you've been dying to wear (yer we know it's just \$19.99 but they're so darn comfortable), and you're good to go.

Topping it all off with a pair of oversized \$65 Armani Exchange translucent brown sunglass wouldn't hurt at all (It's been said that the cheap ones just don't give the same look). Those things are becoming quite the fad, despite consensus among the non-fad following circles.

If you really want to be the oversized eye-wear envy of all your friends, there's a stunning pair of vintage Luella by Linda Farrow going for \$300. Now we know what to buy when COB cancels one of our courses next semester (wink wink).

Not to worry, for all those who don't follow fads, one thing will always be "in", and that the trusty baby T's and jeans, with which you could never go wrong.

For all you guys, just stick to what you always wear. Honestly fashion isn't for guys, that's just being straight up. However, all you buffs for footwear be on the lookout for the new Air Force Ones adorning aquamarine, black and gold, the Bahamian colors. Apparently, this limited edition model was made for the 25th anniversary of Air Force Ones and commemorates the Bahamian heritage of Mychal George Thompson, who was one of the first Bahamians on Air Force One team. And, don't forget to express your opinion about Conchience Clothing, some very sharp people sporting that label on campus.

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JOCKEY MAN — You can express a concept in a thousands ways if you have the imagination of Rodney Rolle, PSY 202: Abnormal Psychology student. For class project, Rodney got a friend to help him out. The friend dressed up as 'Jockey Man', a scary enough fellow in cape and tights, wearing a mask, who skirted around campus, twirling and lurching at people while making unintelligible sounds. The objective? To see people's reaction toward abnormal or unusual behaviour and relate that to every-day behaviour. We don't know whether Rodney, who videotaped the performance, succeeded in his study but Jockey Man certainly made an impression.

The Truth Behind the Rumor



■ Dr. Kathleen Sullivan-Sealey (photo by Reva Devi)

■ by Chakara Bennett & Reva Devi

Good news COB, Dr. Kathleen Sullivan-Sealey, Dean of Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences is not leaving. She still intends to be around to see The College of The Bahamas' transition to University of The Bahamas.

According to Dr. Sealey, what may have started the rumors is the fact that her dual office as Acting Director of Marine Environmental Studies Institute and Dean of Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences is under the consideration of being split into two distinct positions. Additionally, COB has published a faculty vacancy requesting applications for the position of Dean, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences.

Dr. Sealey explains all this as simply yet another step toward the transition from COB to UOB.

In fact, she says there are a number of things that will change during this transition. For instance, in the past, lecturers hired early in their careers and there was great leniency in allowing them to take study leave in order to help them improve their educational qualifications. Limitations will have to be placed on the number of faculty allowed study leave. She also stated that COB students today are much more intelligent and prepared to attend universities abroad. After much process when UOB is full established, there will be more programs and institutions available to attract our students. It is therefore essential to change the view COB students have about their own school. Dr. Sealey believes the changes and implementation of UOB will help to achieve this.

Other changes mentioned include the likelihood of many introductory 100-level courses being compiled into large lecture-sized classes and the higher level classes being smaller than we are accustomed to. Also few contact hours for faculty with students (less course sections to teach) so that faculty will give more time to individual classes and required research projects for individual benefit and scholarly benefit for national importance.

The interview with Dr. Sealey left no doubt that once this institution becomes a university, COB will become more organized, fees will increase, facilities will be improved, programs will change and more faculty will be hired to accommodate the influx of students and classes.



■ THE PRINCE AND THE STUDENTS - HRH Prince Edward (second from left seated) handed out gold awards to COB students and others at the annual Governor General Youth Award ceremony at Government House, Feb. 12. Also seated are Dr. Davidson Hepburn, Chairman, GGYA National Council; His Excellency Hon Arthur Hanna, Governor General, and Robert Nihon, Chairman, GGYA Board of Trustees. Also pictured standing (left) is Denise Mortimer, GGYA National Executive

GGYA CLUB NEWS

■ Contributed by Cassandra Nottage

Nineteen COB students received Gold Awards and had their pictures taken with HRH Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex and the Governor General, Sir Arthur Hanna, Feb 2-3 during ceremonies recognizing contributions of the various units of the Governor General Youth Award program.

The students received awards and certificates at Government House for long-term serving (20-15-10 years) in the GGY program. To qualify for the Gold Award, participants must be 17 years or older, have completed the Silver Award level, show commitment and improvement from the initial level of ability, and display persistent and regular effort.

Cassandra Nottage, President of the GGYA Club at COB headed the list of students that included Elindera Ferguson, Teynarae Newbold, Danielle Sweeting-Wilson, Terez Albury, Alysia Moss, Aisha Turnquest, Max Wilchombe, Stefano Bowe,

Deandra Smith, Esmond Johnson, Travis Duncombe, Onan Rolle, Robert Moncur, Rayshell Minus, Dennise Newton, Dontae Saunders, Mandelia Morris and Jervaise Sawyer.

The ceremony on Feb 2nd was attended by former GG, Sir Orville Turnquest, Mr. Robert Nihon, Chairman of the GGY Award Board of Trustees, Miss Commonwealth Bahamas, and family and friends of the recipients.

On Feb 3rd, the COB unit attended a reception and rally where all units welcomed Prince Edward to The Bahamas and participated in a banner competition celebrating 20 years of GGYA. Performances were also given by The Royal Bahamas Defense Force Band, National Youth Choir, Police Cadets and Government High Junior Junkanoo group.

The COB Club President presented a gift of appreciation to Prince Edward on behalf of the entire GGYA program of The Bahamas.

BOMB SCARE, EVACUATION PROCEDURES POOR

There was a two-year lull but it's back. The bomb scare perpetrator struck again on Feb 21 around 3 pm causing an out pouring from afternoon classes and crowds to gather.

COB help Desk got the call from a male voice saying "a student was walking around with a bomb for two lecturers."

The caller was vague says Security head Wellington Francis so all the appropriate agencies (police, bomb squad with sniffer dogs and fire department) were summoned before insinuating an evacuation of the various buildings on campus. however, a decision was made, says

Mr. Francis, not to evacuate all buildings, for example, the Michael H. Eldon Complex. By 5:40 pm the dogs had sniffed through most of the buildings and the alarm was lifted.

However, many students didn't know about the all clear report and many, including some students and lecturers had already left campus, consequently several evening classes were not attended. Additionally, there were persons who were not informed by security or anyone else that they had to evacuate their office (there is

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■ A CROWN AMONG US— Miss Teen Commonwealth Int'l., Roshanna Thompson, Tourism Management major, poses with Chef Sterling Thompson (left) and Culinary and Hospitality students doing the spring reopening of Choices Restaurant. Roshanna was crowned Miss Teen Commonwealth Int'l 2006-2007 in London, England on July 16, 2006. (photo by Andrea Knott)

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Editorial

IS THERE HOPE FOR COBUS?
VICE PRESIDENT RESIGNS

by LaToya Greene

Managing Editor

With just five weeks before elections for a new COBUS, Vice President Dale Gelin has resigned from office. Now why would the VP of such an esteemed campus organization choose to do such a thing?

Shouldn't the VP be thinking about the effects on the student body on whose behalf he had been appointed to work in the best interest of? Was his decision made based on some sort of internal conflict brewing between COBUS representatives? Or was the VP simply looking for a way to call attention to himself or "make news" when he made such the decision? Or was Mr. Gelin's decision based on some personal issue which he feels would genuinely compromised his ability to serve as COBUS' Vice President for five more weeks?

One can only speculate since COBUS hasn't formally made any announcement about this change or how it will affect its ability to oper-

ate for the remainder of the term. But whatever the reason, it seems as though this COBUS can't get it together. This is the third executive to resign since the start of this administration.

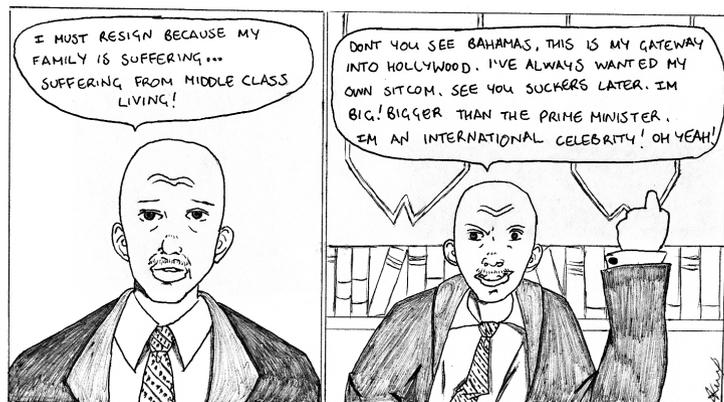
The ripple became more pronounced when at the start of this semester the Treasurer failed to return to College and the Education Senator resigned. It should also be noted that the position of Dormitory Senator has remained vacant since the inception of this COBUS and the position of English Senator is still empty after the previous holder was booted out for unsatisfactory or lack of performance in that capacity.

It is quite obvious that commitment and loyalty are somewhat lacking within COBUS and credibility has become an issue. So much so that President A'Leithia Sweeting went as far as to write in the January issue of The Spectrum an article informing student that she was aware of the speculation around campus that COBUS had done nothing since they took office. She then informed us of the many things COBUS had done to date, which for some strange reason have gone unnoticed by most students.

Well, one can only wonder if COBUS actually ever was/is a visible force on campus.

Campus Cartoon

by Patrick Deveaux



Letter to the Editor

A COB student wronged by COB

Dear Editor,

On February 6th, 2007, I walked into The College of The Bahamas' bookstore, ChapterOne. Shortly after entering, a book on the shelf caught my eye - a book on Dyslexia. I picked up the book and no sooner than I had done so, a College Security Officer taps me on the arm and instructs me to put the book back on to the shelf in a firm tone. Now, I personally have drawn many assumptions for the motive behind his action.

But none justify or give pardon for his actions, neither does it excuse the fact that he was not reprimanded by a senior officer, who may have been called to remove me from the premises subsequent to me demanding to know what rights have I in the bookstore that my school fees partially maintain.

This is simply put, a case of harassment.

I don't go to The College of The Bahamas, soon to be University of The Bahamas, to be kicked out its bookstore for taking interest in a book.

Now I realize to you, this may not be a matter of grave national concern. This after all is political season. But if any of the clichés about the youth of the nation being the future of the nation ring true, then this is a matter of grave national concern.

This is not a simple problem. If a COB student, at anytime is not allowed to pick up a book in a COB bookstore, then a serious problem has occurred.

Perhaps you can live in a country where

your rights are infringed and you simply skip off giggling away, but not I. It is ludicrous and I demand more than just an apology, but a change of policy on the treatment of students. You see, while the Security Officers are harassing students in the bookstore, they are leaving vulnerable the family island students who reside in the dorms.

They leave the cars of students unprotected in a dimly lit parking lots, and yell at female drivers for trying to park in well-lit areas during the evening and night.

They rush students out of the Café after 15-20minutes, but smile at visitors in business suits who simply are there to peruse. (Tourism philosophy is alive and well at The College.)

The COB Security force is understaffed and undermanned. Check for it yourself, at no time will there ever be security at all of The College's exit and entrances.

But still they find time in the midst of their impotence to instruct me not to touch books?

Obviously we are not their first priority. Personally, I have taken up a boycott of the bookstore deciding not to enter the establishment from that day. Not to spend my parents' hard earned money in a place that treats me if I'm lucky, as a second class citizen.

Signed
S.A. Hanna

EDITOR'S NOTE: Asked to respond to this student's letter, campus security says students in the bookstore often present a security challenge but no one student is singled out for attention. Security Chief Wellington Francis says many students treat the bookstore like the library and rather than purchase books students would take books off the shelf, read through to find specific information for class assignments, then put the books back on the shelf. Bookstore attendants complain about this enough times he said for security to keep a look out for this. He also emphasized that while some criticism may be justified from the student's perspective, the security officer in the bookstore and cafeteria 'takes a lot of rudeness' from students but always 'handle students with care'.

Dear Editor,

During the summer of 2006, I began thinking about situations facing mature students versus the younger adults on campus. I focused my attention on both my fellow Education majors and members of the Creative Writing Club. In an effort to resolve my conflicts I thought "Why not write a poem?" So I would like to publish this poem in your Valentine's edition as a tribute to all the young and young at heart on campus:

Love begins as but a youthful spark
Flittering and warming up the early dawn
Then it 'rupts into a fiery flame.
Hot! Scorching! Burning! Burning!
Toiling in the noonday heat.
Broiling o'er and o'er again and again
Yet quietly as the evening comes,
Twinkling in the twilight chill
Wax softly, glowing in the dark
But never, ever dying still.

Signed: Iris Louise Richardson



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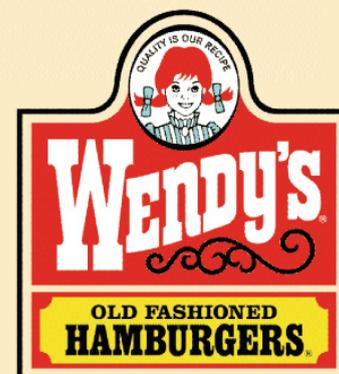


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LUNCH AND LITIGATION



■ **FULL HOUSE AT CHOICES RESTAURANT**—Guests at the launch of Lunch and Litigation series Jan. 31 ate a delicious 4-course meal and listened to Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson Attorney General & Minister of Legal Affairs discussed Consumer Protection Act, 2006. The lunch hosted by the Law Library Branch of Libraries and Instructional Media Services was launched to garner financial support for the construction of the new library. A silent auction of works by two COB art students also took place. (photo by Chakara Bennett)

■ Chakara Bennett

Features Editor

It's called Lunch and Litigation and the intention is to engage students and faculty in the evolving legal practices and legislations that affect us directly. It's also a fund raising project in aid of the new COB library building. The event was kicked off January 31 by Libraries and Instructional Media Services in conjunction with the Law Library Branch. Lunch was at Choices Restaurant, Culinary and Hospitality Management Institute.

This lunch-time fundraiser featured speaker Attorney-General & Minister of Legal Affairs, Allyson Maynard Gibson,

who spoke on four pieces of 2006 legislation formulated to improve the protection of consumers: The Consumer Protection Act, 2006; The Unfair Terms in Consumer contracts Act, 2006; The Standards Act, 2006; and The Weights and Measures Act, 2006.

It cost \$35 for the four-course lunch but most of the funds raised resulted from the silent auction of two paintings by COB students. While the amount raised was not stated, organizers of Lunch and Litigation (planned as a biannual event) were happy enough with the income and the attention the event generated.

Unusual Jobs that Pay Well

■ by LaToya Greene

Managing Editor

Warning: Some of these jobs require no qualifications and you can have fun and earn big at the same time! Read at your own risk.

1. Greeting Card Writer

Get paid big bucks to write sappy greeting cards? Yeah right! No seriously, the greeting card industry is a \$7 billion industry. If you have a knack for writing things that most people would consider to be inspirational, romantic or humorous, then perhaps you could give this a shot. Having this job is also a great way to express yourself and share your feelings on paper. Who knows one day, your words could make Hallmark or Blue Mountain Arts best sellers on Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, or Christmas!

2. Wedding Planner

Jennifer Lopez made a movie in which she had this job and showed us how it could be. Wedding Planners can earn \$500- \$500,000 per wedding, depending on whose wedding it is and how good the planner is at doing the job. Today's bride is too busy to plan her own wedding, who can blame her? Ladies can you imagine walking down the isle in a Vera Wang, off the shoulder wedding dress, gloves and all, looking like you could use 3 months of beauty rest? Well, this is where a Wedding Planner comes in—you'll keep all the stress off the bride and groom. If you enjoy organizing events, this job could come as second nature to you. The wedding business is seasonal. The months of September, October, June and August are traditionally the busiest months, but people get married everyday.

3. Sommelier

A fancy word for wine steward, the job of being a Sommelier entails working along

with the culinary team, pairing and suggesting wines that will best complement each particular food menu item. You may have to get some type of certification for this job though, as there are schools such as International Sommelier Guild and Wines and Spirit Education Trust dedicated to producing Masters of Wine. Interestingly, it could be argued that the role of a sommelier in fine dining today is strategically on par with that of the executive chef or chef de cuisine. Sommeliers make up to \$40,000 a year, just for matching wine with food. Imagine that!

4. Makeup Artist

The cosmetic industry has always brought in big bucks. The job of being a makeup artist entails making people look their best. You don't need any special certification to have this job or even be veteran in the field. However, if you know nothing about applying makeup and you haven't a clue what mascara is or is used for, perhaps you should enroll in a makeup artistry school before taking on any clientele. If you have some skill in makeup application and you do decide to wing it, then the first thing you should do is create a portfolio of your best work. Then, link yourself to an established beauty parlor and before you know it, people will be looking for you to apply their makeup. A skilled makeup artist can earn up to a \$1200- \$2,000 a day.

5. Videographer

This business is becoming very profitable in the age of technology. You can make good money videotaping weddings, graduations and other special occasions. Having a stable background in production can work in your favor for editing and adding special effects. Being creative and artistic could also be a plus if you're thinking of making this job a hobby or career.

Why Sbarro Got Caf Contract

■ by Ryan Bastian

Business Editor

Every Oakes Field campus student is asking: When will Sbarro open?

The building where the cafeteria was located is still under heavy renovations but according to Charlton Knowles, Managing Director of Sbarro renovations should be completed around mid March with a full opening set for March 26th.

Sbarro has a five year lease contract Mr.

Knowles states and there is an option of renewal for two five years terms. However, the lease is already in effect, although Sbarro is not paying rent because the cafeteria is not in operation explained Denton Brown, VP, Finance and Administration.

The agreement signed in May, 2006 entitled Sbarro to three months construction leeway, however they have been plagued by a number of construction woes which has delayed opening plans for several months. Mr. Knowles iterated that delay was due to poor work ethics of the original constructor.

Mr. Brown said Sbarro is responsible for the total renovation cost which Mr. Knowles estimates is between five hundred thousand and one million dollars. He also claims that the reconstruction comprises a new floor, a plumbing system, a reverse osmosis system, electrical system, bathrooms, air condition, light fixtures, new ceiling, various equipments and more.

According to Mr. Brown, COB was looking for a partner that offered menu variety at a reasonable price and Sbarro can deliver this he said.

Sbarro's combos range from \$4.25 to \$5.75 for breakfast, lunch and dinner start at \$4.25 to \$6.99 (as stated on Sbarro's take out menu.). Students will receive 10% discount on one combo per student per with a valid student ID card. Sbarro menu consists of pizza, pasta, salads and desserts.

Mr. Knowles apologizes to The College community, especially students for the delay of Sbarro's opening. He also stated that Sbarro is looking forward to the further development of a positive relationship with The College.

College Tutoring Service

by Reva Devi

Copy Editor and Photographer

Counseling and Health Services Department provides a variety of services. One of these is the Peer Tutoring Program, coordinated by Earl Alfred, Psychology Lecturer and Counselor at COB. The program uses students who have an excellent Grade Point Average in subjects to help students who are experiencing difficulties within a class.

In addition to the GPA requirement, tutors are required to have spent two semesters at COB and must be willing to volunteer their time to help others. The program itself only runs for 10 of the 14 weeks semester and no one student is allowed to tutor for more than 10 hours per week.

The program has been running for nearly 19 years and started when counselors noticed a large number of students on probation each semester. They created the program to ensure that more students not only passed their courses in order to graduate but also graduated in the appropriate amount of time expect-



■ **SPRING TERM TUTORS**-For some students, tutors sometimes make the difference between pass or fail in a course. Shown are some of the tutors for this semester, from left: Kordero St. Cyr, Deandrea Rigby, Reva Sharma, Joanna Lewis, Kendra Culmer, Tashana Blythe and Stephen Wilmore. (photo by Travis Carroll)

ed to complete their degrees. The program has been growing rapidly and now average 10 to 15 tutors who help roughly 100 to 150 students.

First year and college prep courses are the main focus. Mathematics is the major area for most of the tutoring but there are several other areas, for example, science (Chemistry/Physics), business (Accounts/Business Math) and languages (English/Spanish/Creole) are also being touched on at the lower levels. The basic idea is that students are helped to acquire skills necessary in the core level so that when they reach the 200 level and beyond, they will have a firm grounding in the basis.

There are also benefits for tutors. For example, tutors who are Education majors claim that tutoring helps them with the one-on-one aspect of teaching and it's also a form of teaching practice for them.

Tutoring provides an opportunity for tutors to refresh their memory of a long-completed course and ensure that they always understand the material they covered in class

as they advance to higher levels of their degree programs. Most tutors receive a feeling of fulfillment when they tutor others, knowing that they are making an effort to help someone even though they don't always get through to everyone. Some tutors also find that it is a bit stressful because students often come to them expecting tutors to know everything and to do all the work for them.

Nevertheless, to make tutoring successful, tutors often try to make things interesting for their students and to use a different approach to that of the lecturers. Though the program is free to tutees, the tutors receive an honorary pay according to the number of hours they work.

Most tutees give positive reviews of the program and say it has helped them greatly in understanding concepts over time. They place a lot of confidence in their tutors and find it remarkable that tutors can remember so much after taking courses so long ago. However, there are complaints that students get lumped together with others who need help in the same subject and level. This reduces the amount of individual time that a student has with the tutor, which they say is essential to their learning.

Currently, Mr. Alfred is trying to get more self-help material such as interactive computer tutorials. The challenge now seems to be getting more students to sign up to be peer tutors in areas that students are requesting. However, since it's a volunteer program, there is little that can be done about this particular problem.

The program is also gearing up to expand once more tutoring space is provided. Present tutors encourage other students to volunteer as tutors as well as tutees. They recognize that many tutees do so well they are capable of being good tutors themselves. Many students don't know about the program or don't bother to sign up for this on-campus program which tutors describe as fairly easy to participate in.

The Valentine's Day Corner

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Below are just a few ideas for what you can do to make Valentine's Day special next year:

6 Things Not to Give on Valentine's Day

► Toiletry Products - You might not mean to offend but some people find it really offensive to receive deodorant, tampons or body wash as gifts from their love.)

► Cheese - Yes, there are some people who gave cheese for V'Day.

► Flowers - We know this is a popular gift to give, but according to some ladies interviewed, it's cliché and unimaginative...but we always thought it was a nice sentiment.

► Functional Gifts - Buying your special person an iron is not cute but it does send an obvious "message" across unless he or she asked you for it.

► Cookbook - Although this would be sent in the spirit of creativity... you might not want to imply that a persons needs to learn to cook.

► Strange Humour - Ok, we know you have "unique" relationships with your significant others, but some cards/gifts are just plain weird.

6 Unique Things to Give for Valentine's

► Enjoy a home-cooked meal with your beau - and this labour of love is not only designated for our ladies. It is especially romantic when gents do this too.

► Symbolic Jewelry - like a sun charm to show him/her that he/she lights up your world. It doesn't have to be expensive but it should mean more to the person giving it than a loss of twenty dollars or more.

► Create a treasure hunt in which the ending prize is your gift - this adds excitement to whatever gift you may choose to give.

► Simply ask your "friend" what he/she wants within reason - Yes, just asking eliminates a whole lot of creative stress.

► Spend time together on that day playing games and just hanging out - We know how hard it is for "good" college students to spend quality time with their boyfriends/girlfriends without their friends. Besides, who wants to be rubbing shoulders with other patrons in an "intimate" restaurant setting all night?

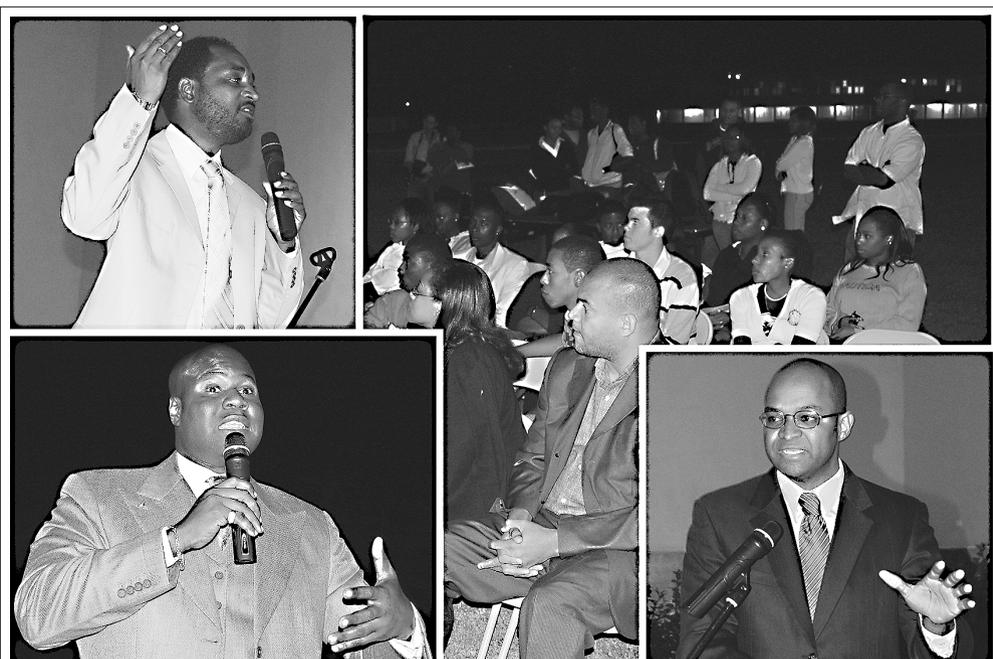
► A Simple Card - Be it an e-card, homemade or a store-bought, as long as it expresses sentiment and a few of your original words, you can't go wrong with this one.

But like one interviewee said, "Valentine's Day shouldn't be the only time of the year in which love and appreciation of your loved ones is expressed. It should be an everyday activity and randomly being romantic on ordinary days is just as special if not more so." Happy Belated "Violent Times Day!!!"



■ **TEDDY FOR MY GIRL**-This student waits for his girl while gently cuddling his Valentine's gift, a white teddy bear with splashes of red. (photo by Reva Devi)

Youth Want To Know Forum



■ **WHAT YOUTH WANT TO KNOW** - Representatives of the governing PLP and the opposition FNM, as well as the BDM, were speakers at the forum presented by COBUS in January at the Oakes Field campus Band Shell. Speakers were Ron Pinder, PLP MP for Marathon (left bottom); Cassius Stuart, BDM (Bahamas Democratic Movement) leader; Reece Chipman, FNM candidate for St. Thomas More. Although a relatively small number of students turned out for the event, a lively exchange of questions and answers followed the presentations. (photo by Lorenzo Curtis)

■ Contributed by Lorenzo Curtis

Bahamians everywhere are anxious about the upcoming general elections. The atmosphere is alive with enthusiasm and excitement as Bahamians get ready to mark their X. Students of The College The Bahamas are also gearing up for their opportunity to give their vote to the political party whom they believe will be the best choice for their country's future and their own.

Some students are voting for the first time while others are return voters. It is also true that many young people are undecided as to who they will voting for as was evident in story written by *The Spectrum's* Business Editor in January's edition of the paper. It is with this thought in mind that The College of The Bahamas Union of Students (COBUS) put on a forum at which the major political parties in the Bahamas were represented. Each was given an opportunity to share with students their plans for the youth of the nation.

The Youth-Want-To-Know Forum featured Ron Pinder, PLP MP for Marathon; Reece Chipman, FNM candidate for St. Thomas More and Cassius Stuart, Bahamas Democratic Movement (BDM) leader.

This forum presented an extraordinary opportunity for students to ask questions, voice concerns and learn from the representatives why each though his party should receive their vote.

BDM leader Cassius Stuart spoke first and said, "The number one persons who should succeed in the Bahamas are Bahamians." He emphasized the importance of education as a first priority and said in effect that, "If we don't get it right with education, nothing else means anything." He also included that he has a 40-year plan, not merely a 5-year plan for the development of the nation and stressed that the latter is inadequate.

FNM Reece Chipman enlightened students on the fact that that it was young people like themselves, "between the ages of 21-25... who fought for where we are today." He encouraged students to get "out of the box" and get involved in the political life of the country through voting and in direct ways, as did their forefathers.

PLP Ron Pinder presented his life as a young man breaking onto the political arena. He said his life was one of those, "wonderful Bahamian stories of success that you can see and touch" and said anyone could attain the same status that he has. He also mentioned economic developments that the government is pursuing and will continue to pursue if they are restored to office.

During the Questions and Answers period, students were enthusiastic about hearing what each party would do about certain issues that

affected not only students but also the nation. Many students were not shy in voicing some of the main issues they felt would affect their futures.

For example, Daryl Dorsett, an Accounting major, inquired: "While I agree that under this government jobs have been created, what happens after these phases (current development) are completed? Where do the workers on phase 3 Atlantis go?"

Ryan Bastian, an Economics and Finance major, asked: "Why does every major project have to be a tourism based project? If this country has 3 million people in it at one time and there's no one who knows how to feed anyone, it's because the government puts all its eggs into one basket." He used this statement to refer to lack of development of the agricultural industry (his word) on the part of the government.

A question posed by Travon Patton, an English major, was, "Why can't we invest in education the same way we are investing in tourism? The investment is reflected in the fact that we have A+ hospitality workers and D+ students." He continued to seek answers on certain issues that were of utmost import to the countries future (his opinion).

Members of COBUS expressed disappointment about the fact that their request for the leaders of each party to be present at the event was not fulfilled except for that of the BDM.

BOMB SCARE, EVACUATION PROCEDURES POOR

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no identifying alarm that goes off) and it was difficult for students to know what to do in such circumstances. After classes were evacuated people just stood around, in no particular place, even those from the Michael H. Eldon Complex.

Bomb threats are not exactly unusual and yet after 32 years COB has yet to institute a properly coordinated and structured document for events of this nature. Students are amazed by the current approach and are asking that fire drill and bomb scare procedures be provided urgently.

It's more than necessary that such a procedure be constructed and posted in the Student handbook and other relevant student read documents, including the COB website.

Even Security services say a procedure is needed for emergencies - a code system with an alarm that sensitizes everyone to the fact that they must evacuate buildings. Mr. Francis is also recommending that a public address system be installed and persons appointed to implement procedures during emergencies.

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Other Arrangements can be made

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Talking Point: President Hodder's Student Cabinet



Let's Talk Lunch -- President Hodder invited these students from various disciplines at Oakes Field Campus to share lunch and points of view. More bi-monthly student meetings to follow. (photo by Ryan Bastian)

by Ryan Bastian

Business Editor

This semester President Janyne Hodder put in place a bi-monthly meeting with students from a cross-section of COB and held the first lunch time meeting at Oakes Field campus Feb 5.

The purpose of these meetings is to establish an exchange of ideas between students and the president on ways forward for The College and for the President to hear any concerns that students may have or any views students need to express.

At the meeting was VP, Student Affair, Colyn Major who gave a pep talk about the importance of meeting with the president emphasizing the point that students are why there is a College of The Bahamas. It's very important for students to meet and interact with the President. Most students do not come to us therefore we must go to them if it one of the ways they will inform us of their comfort or discomfort with The College," Mr. Major said.

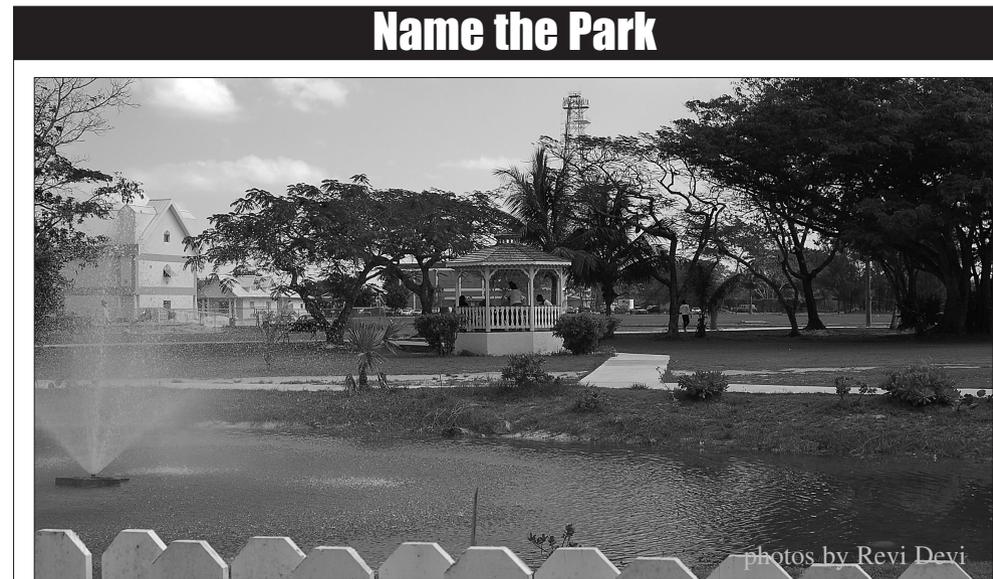
Students had a lot to say. Some of the

complaints voiced include being ill-advised due to the change in programs after the expansion of the required general education courses and the revamping of some programs. A Nursing students claimed that "students on the old nursing program were forced to change over to the new nursing program expecting credits already attained to be applied to the new program only to find, after the start of the semester, that that was not the case"

Another claimed that the lack of available courses was impeding her progress toward graduation. "I have been advised to take a course three consecutive semesters but was unable to get into the course. I have had to beg the class lecture to sign a permission slip so I would be able to take the course"

Additionally, two Business students claimed that "Banking Law 256 and Finance 211 are only available in the fall semester and due to ill advisement they are put back a whole semester.

The extensive number of credits for some new programs drew heated discussion when an Economic and Finance major stated that



NAME THE PARK - It has been suggested by some students that *The Spectrum* have a naming contest for this park, often referred to as Independence Park by some at The College, although no official registration for the name can be found on any College map. A year ago after the park's extensive remodeling, *The Spectrum* asked readers to suggest names for the park and received several, some of which were simply off the top.

Let us know which one you prefer. The name that receives the most nominations will be selected. Email: spectrum@cob.edu.bs, tel: 302-4484 or drop off your suggestion at Student Publications S-3. Get involved, participate now.

We have shorten the list to these:

- ▀ GENTLE CARIBS PARK
- ▀ POINCIANNA PARK
- ▀ DARRON CASH PARK
- ▀ OLD SCHOLARS PARK
- ▀ HARMONY PARK
- ▀ INDEPENDENCE PARK
- ▀ HUMMING BIRD PARK
- ▀ TAMRIND TREE PARK
- ▀ UNION PARK
- ▀ SERENITY PARK
- ▀ BOULEVARD PARK.

his new program contains 138 credits not inclusive of Math 140 which is an additional 3 credits.

The positive side of this was the agreement by all students that the upgraded system for registration and the issuing of transcripts from the Schools was an improvement and gave it a 'B' grading but added "more work can be done."

The meeting was not all students' points of view but also the president's President Hodder talked about quality assurance and its importance to attaining university status. She explained that this

was having the most qualified professors in their respect fields and having programs that will be well-respected by employers, students, other colleges and the wider community. At this point students questioned the impact of lecturer's evaluation stating that some professors do not keep office hours and barely touch the course content when in class.

Mr. Major said part time students unable to attend the meeting because of work will be given the same opportunity to meet with the President at a Saturday meeting to be arranged

Online registration a success

Contributed by Patrick Deveaux

In preparation for the Spring semester, The College of The Bahamas launched a test prototype for online registration. Several students were randomly selected to participate in the experimental pilot and were all seemingly pleased with the results. For this program to be put on full stream, it would be a huge step for the College, especially on the

threshold of University status.

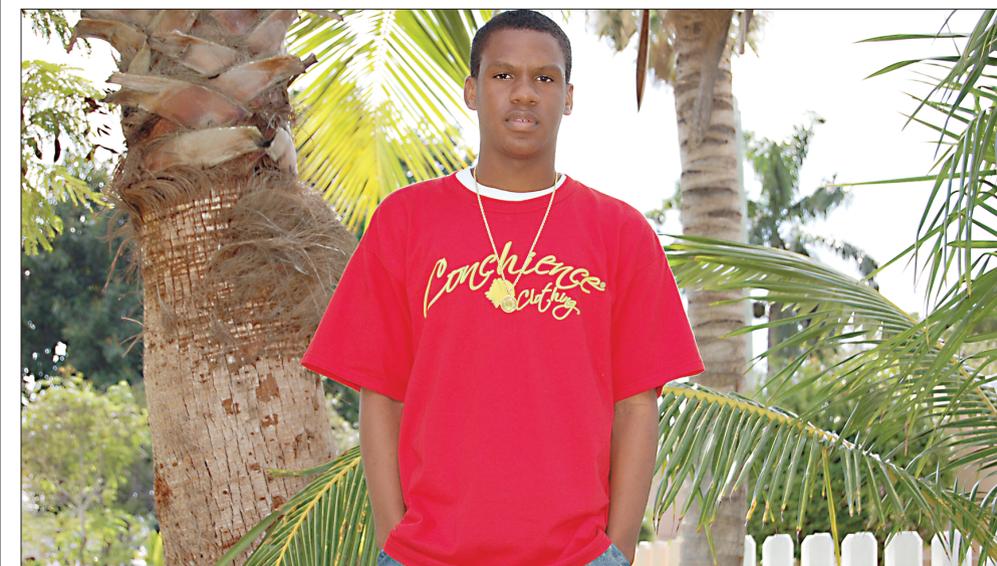
Online registration is a service that students were hoping to be implemented for quite sometime since most major colleges and universities abroad have websites and sometimes use online registration as their main form of enrollment.

One of the students chosen for the project, Gerren Bethel states that the page layout for

the website was very simple and straight forward although the website wasn't a personalized website owned by The College. "The registration process was quick and easy to follow," he says, "It wasn't confusing at all." As expected, registering online eliminates such things like extensive drop and add forms, traveling to and from campus, and waiting through those infamous registration lines. However, student will still have to wait in line to pay their bills. It is a great convenience that when the online

process is done with, the bill can be printed right onto a student's personal home printer.

According to some of the students, they have yet receive an official followup from The College on how the entire process fared. Due to the favorable reports however, it's safe to assume that even if online registration isn't fully on stream for the upcoming semester, there will be continued testing and online registration will soon join the list of services that The College provides.



■ **CONCHIENCE CLOTHES** - You may have noticed the Conchience Clothing label sported by a selected group of male students such as Stefano Bowe shown here. Conchience is the trademark of two students at COB. You can choose from jackets with hoods or t-shirts in adult sizes only. They also come in several colours, say those who sport Conchience. (photo by Ryan Bastian)

Sports update

■ Contributed by Patrick Deveaux

The sports program is continuing to move forward here at The College there seems to be no stopping it, especially with the construction of the Wellness Center. Construction is still going strong and is expected to meet completion deadline of six months. By June the Wellness Center should be opened to the student body.

On another side of things, while perusing around campus one may notice fellow students playing games on the basketball court, or may notice the more frequent use of the pool, or may have over heard someone speaking about a martial arts course they're taking. This is because The College offers several sporting and physical education courses for credits this semester and the response by the student body has been excellent. Students want to take low-pressure courses that don't require much studying or exams, which will help relieve the stress and tensions from the ones that do. On top of that, a marvelous incentive is that all the courses are for credit.

Ass't Athletics Director Sean Bastian explains that implementation of these classes will not only help the enhancement of the sports program but will help to produce well rounded students. Undoubtedly, sports at The College will take a leap forward now that's it in the classroom.

"This month was a slam dunk," says Mr. Bastian referring to the month of February.

One of the successes of the month was COB's Men's team winning the 14th annual Dr. Keva Bethel Basketball Classic. Coming out on top, COB's team had to beat out teams from from BTVI New Providence, BTVI Grand Bahama, Galilee College, and Success Training College. Also, an entire season of Intramural Flag football was successfully completed. This is a first ever in the college's athletic history and the first time Flag football was ever introduced. However, it won't be the last with plans of introducing sports like Extreme Golf, Extreme Frisbee and many others are on the way.

These are among many other new but popular unconventional sports that have gained considerable attention over the years. Many colleges and universities have established intramural and intercollegiate teams in these respective sporting areas and as part of the Sports Committee's quest for COB to become a part of the major intercollegiate sporting associations. They are preparing The College to do the same.

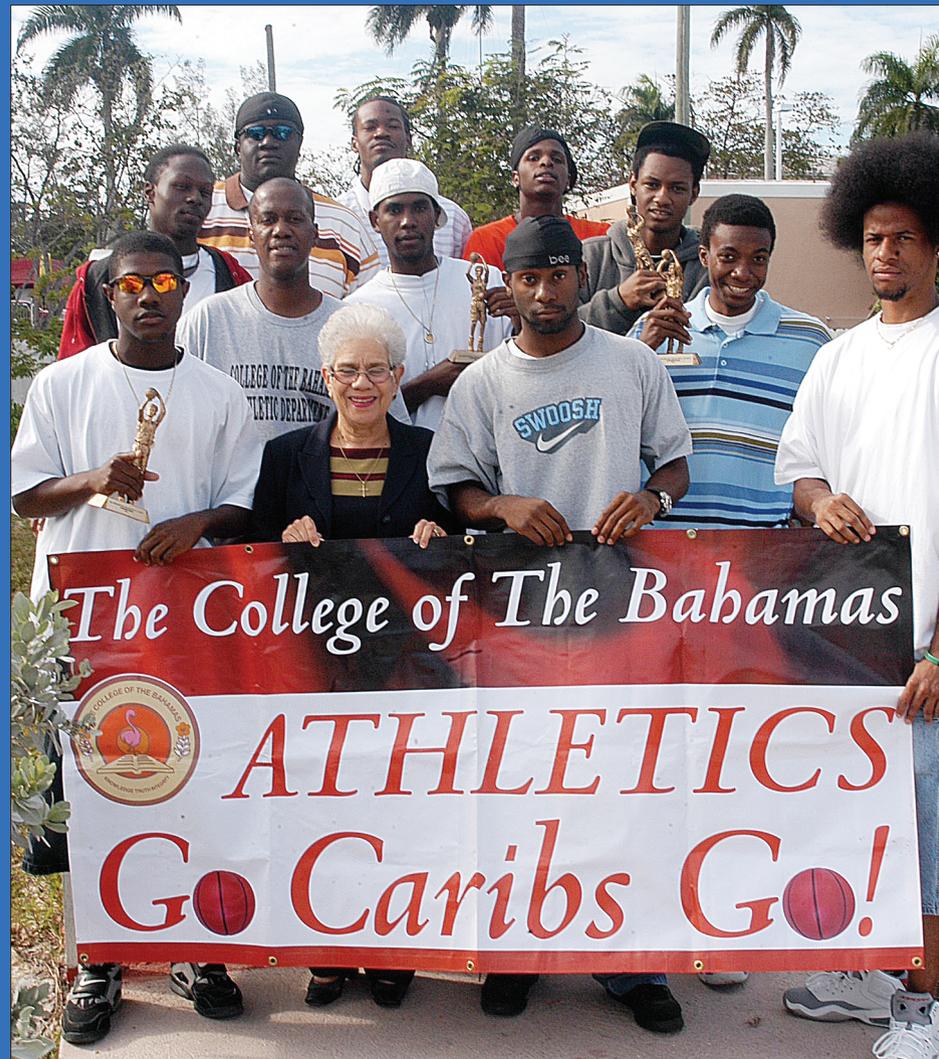
For the month of March the program is expected to continue moving forward with a Fun Run Walk schedule in George Town, Exuma for March 3rd. Following that, on March 15th and 16th will be a bench press competition and a softball tournament and on March 16th through 19th BTVI Tertiary Tournament is scheduled. COB's team eagerly awaits the tournament. They've won it twice in a row and is looking forward to win once again.

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Schedule of Sport Activities for Spring 2007

Date	Event
March 15th 2007 Time: 2- 4 p.m.	One day Bench Press Competition
March 22nd 2007 Time: 2-4 p.m.	Intramural Chess Tournament



■ **GO CARIBS**—The COB Caribs were the winners of the 14th annual Dr. Keva Bethel Basketball Classic 2007, played at Sir Kendal Isaac's Gymn Feb 2nd. They defeated Galilee College 63-54. Teams were BTVI Nassau, BTVI Grand Bahama, Galilee College and Caribs. Garwin Lightbourne was the MVP and Sean Bastian, Ass't Athletic Director was Coordinator for the tournament. All teams will meet in Eight Mile Rock, Grand Bahama March 15-18th for the BTVI Tertiary Basketball Competition (photo by Sean Bastian)