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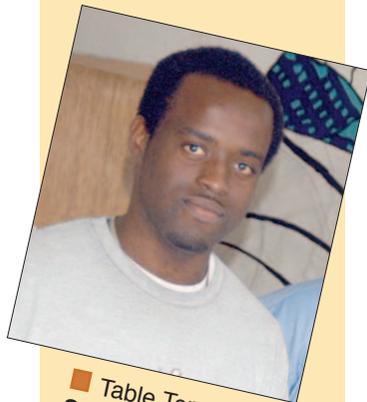


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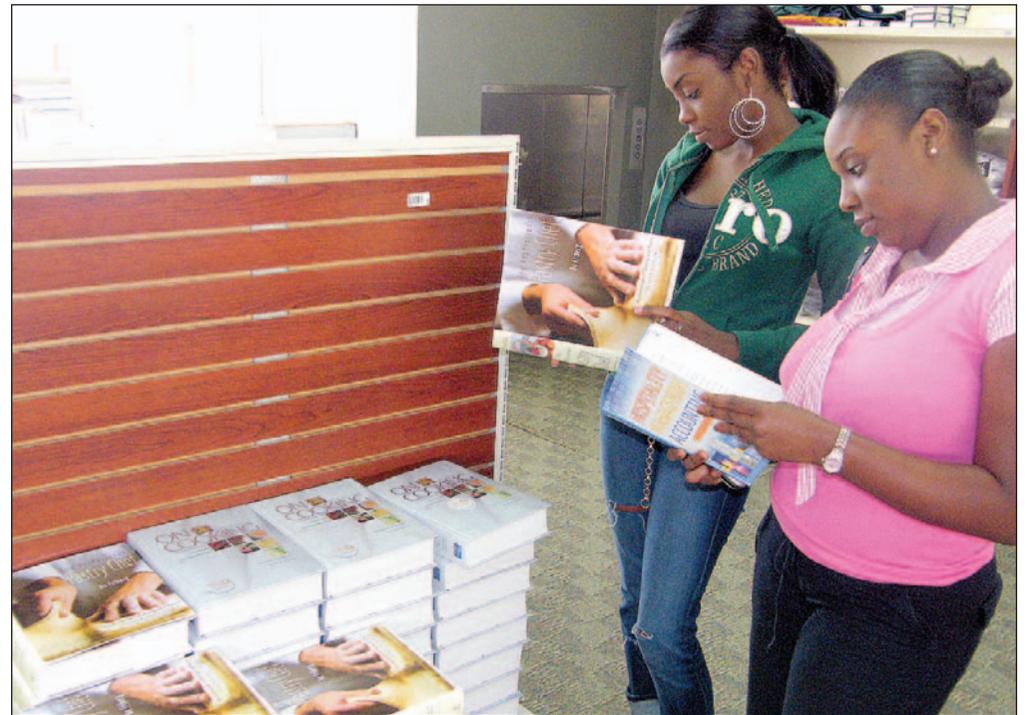
ChapterOne Management Claims

by Kendra Culmer & Nat Adams
Staff Writer & Staff Reporter

In the face of mounting student complaints about rising costs of textbooks, COB's ChapterOne Bookstore claims they are not gouging prices and that the store makes little to no profit on textbook sales.

Compared to last academic year, many students like Laretta Thompson, a 4th year student, described ChapterOne textbook prices this semester as "outright outrageous."

However, Sharon Bethel ChapterOne Manager said book prices constantly go up and the bookstore has no control over prices. She said only 20 percent discounted is awarded to the purchaser from publishing houses. "After the cost of shipping and US sales taxes, along with clearance and local customs duty and other taxes are added, that 20% is absorbed. Textbooks are not duty-free as many people think."



COB students Juvencia Davis and Fredricka Neely scan cooking books at ChapterOne. Photo by Carvel Francis Jr.

Day of Absence



COB Students participate in Day of Absence. See more photos on page 9. Photo by Travis Cartwright-Carroll

Students have difficulty accepting this explanation, however and one Education major protested that, "It's not just the new books that are expensive. A book for a course I did last semester is still in the bookstore and the price went up \$20, and it's the same edition. I don't understand that or why it jumped so much. They trying to rob people, man."

Bethel says that this is not the case and that, contrary to popular belief, ChapterOne actually does not make a profit on textbooks. "We operate at a loss due to books that never get sold because of the frequency of new editions and demand for that particular book. The bookstore is responsible for providing the books whether students buy them or not. However, new advancements are made everyday and textbooks change often as a result. This leaves students clamoring for the new book and ChapterOne is left with boxes and boxes of obsolete books that will never be used in the classroom again."

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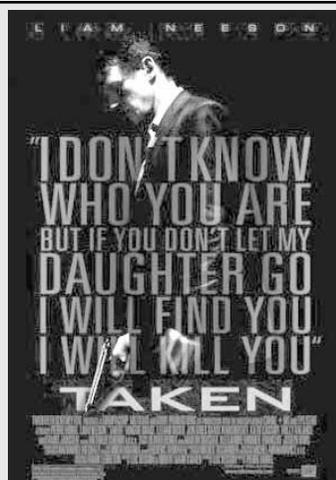
TAKEN - Movie Review

Reviewed by Nikera Cartwright

I awaited with anticipation the release of **Taken**. Intuition told me this was one of those movies that had to be viewed on a big screen with surround sound. I was right! This action film starring Liam Neeson and Maggie Grace was a refreshing take on action flicks. Finally a movie with less talk and more action!

Neeson plays the role of Bryan Mills, an ex government agent looking to make up for lost time with his giddy 17-year-old daughter Kim, played by Grace. On a European vacation Kim is kidnapped and Mills stops at nothing to get her back. He seldom lets his emotions get the best of him and uses his expertise to destroy all who stand in his way.

This movie does a great job of exposing slave trade operations and how age and experience are sometimes the perfect combination for an action hero. Mills is definitely a man who says what he means and means what he says. Although he is initially portrayed as sheepish and soft-hearted, he quickly transforms into a no-nonsense one-man-army. Additionally there were more than a few "Did that just



happen?" moments.

The only faults I found were that Kim was more like a 10-year-old rather than 17 and Mills was able to achieve his quest at the end of the movie too easily. I sat in amazement wondering which 17-year-old really runs, skips and pouts to get her way. Maybe I'm missing something. And what about all the other unfortunate girls who ended up as slaves? It's always nice to see good triumph over evil but fairytale endings are overrated. Bring on the atypical endings and authenticity please! Clearly, my feelings on this one are mixed. Look forward to a great plot but the ending leaves much to be desired.

Galleria Cinemas

GALLERIA 11- MALL AT MARATHON

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PINK PANTHER 2	B	1:20	3:45	N/A	6:20	8:40	10:50
PUSH	C	1:00	3:20	N/A	6:15	8:20	10:40
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HOTEL FOR DOGS	A	1:15	3:35	N/A	6:10	N/A	N/A
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Flavor

by Patrick Deveaux

Latest Craze Catches Bahamians



YOUTUBE FAN—Kelly Johnson, like many students, spends a lot of time each day watching YouTube videos.

Photo by Reva Devi

With the rise of YouTube internet celebrities, everyone suddenly thinks it's a good idea to post videos of themselves on the internet. Apparently one can sit in one's bedroom and record videos of oneself blabbering about some pseudo sociopolitical nonsense and become rich and famous. This craze, like all crazes is catching on and Bahamians don't miss a beat.

Whether they call it Podcasting video blogging or an actual show and divide it up into episodes, people everywhere are doing it. To be blunt, it is really annoying. Some are really good though and in this case 'some' refers to the vast minority. When did

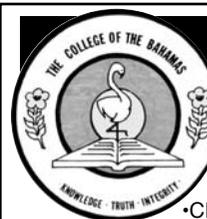
everyone become so self-absorbed and consumed with popularity and stardom? Does anyone really enjoy looking at those shifty web-cam shots?

Come on, no one is going to really sit and stare at a single shot of words coming out of your face. There is nothing you can say that is that interesting. Its sad watching people make complete fools of themselves talking about subject they know nothing about. Everybody wants to be a philosopher or a social commentator or even worse, a comedian.

The worst of them is the personal video blogs in which they ramble on about the droning events in their lives. Needless to say, it's just a tad bit weird to record yourself talking about persons, places and things that no one knows about you except you and a few of your cousins and then post it up on the world wide web. Sure if your think you're life is so cool and interesting that you have to have video journal made for public viewing go right ahead, but try not to flatter yourself.

For the Bahamian video blogger here's a word of advice: The Bahamas is too small and black people gat too much tings to do. Honestly, if I wanted to listen to someone blab pointlessly for 10 minutes I would sit in front of the mirror reading randomly selected and incomplete phrases from a book of limericks. However, we sympathize with you in that reality is not a place you spend most of your time. When real people spend their time with actual skill requiring hobbies and real life constructive pastimes, you sit in your imaginary world yapping about your new favorite color and why you don't use anti- perspirant deodorant anymore.

So here's a suggested exercise to cure this maddening internet video craze for all you wannabe internet celebs. Take a few minutes, type your name into the search bar, and watch one of your own videos. Now, wasn't that just stupid and embarrassing?



Campus Clubs 2009....

- BIBLE READERS CLUB
- BUSINESS CLUB
- CARIB STEP CLUB
- CIRCLE K
- CLUB MUD
- COB SELF DEFENCE CLUB
- DANCE CLUB
- DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY
- ECONOMIC CLUB
- EDUCATION AWARENESS CLUB
- ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB
- FILM CLUB
- FOREIGN & FAMILY ISLAND ASSOCIATION
- GOLDEN Z
- GOV. GENERAL YOUTH AWARD
- INNOWORKS
- MODELLING CLUB
- NATIONAL AFRICAN BAHAMIAN COMM.
- NURSING CLUB
- PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY
- PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY
- PHYS ED CLUB
- PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS
- ROTARACT
- STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT
- SIGMA ALPHA PI
- SOCIETY OF THE STUDY OF VISUAL
- CULTURE
- LAW CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY
- SPANISH CLUB

Views on Capital Punishment

by Reva Devi

Copy Editor and Photographer

Hang him! No! He's a Murderer! He's a person! He'll kill again! May God forgive him!

Nationwide debate on the topic of Capital Punishment continues, but voices from the country's foremost academic community have remained silent. Yet, COB should be the hub of vigorous social and political debate many here believe. So what are the points of view on the subject within this tertiary institution?

Sociology professor Jessica Minnis says life imprisonment should be the alternative to the death penalty. In addition to the nation's religious and moral reasoning, the chances of there being wrongful execution are simply too high. Minnis thinks it is important "to make sure the innocent persons doesn't die for someone else's crime."

Some students agree with this position expressing comments like "we should learn to be forgiving, we are a Christian nation," or "everyone deserves a second chance" or "it would be like fighting crime with crime" and 'how can we say not to kill then use it as a deterrent?'

It was also said that any deterrent nature of capital punishment will only be short-lived, as criminals will simply cover their tracks better in the future.

And there are persons who took the

alternative stance and stated forcefully that "barbaric acts deserve barbaric punishments," or "the Bible says an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," or "criminals need to be punished in a way they will understand," and "capital punishment should be enforced because criminals should not be able to walk free after causing a family such grief." Some believe justice is not really served when a murderer is only imprisoned. It was also said that enforcing the penalty will "reduce crime and change the mindset of criminals".

Public Admin Professor Yvette Newry feels capital punishment should be enforced "in a system where all men are given the same representation under the law and where justice is swift and fair." Newry points out that it is costly to the nation to have persons in jail, so once the evidence is scientifically clear for the most part, they should be executed. Unfortunately, she says the system that exists in The Bahamas is far too unfair for advocates to expect such hefty justice from it.

So the debate continues at COB, pretty much as it does in the wider community. And while professors tend to lean toward abolishment, writing essays for scholarly journals and presenting papers at Human Rights Conferences, Her Majesty's Prison in Fox Hill still has a death row and there are currently 20 persons on it, all are male.

PM says no student will be turned away at COB

by Chakara Bennett

Features Editor

The world's economic recession is hitting The Bahamas and The College of The Bahamas is feeling the pinch. At the beginning of the year, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham made a bold statement telling the Bahamian public with children attending The College: "I offer the assurance that students will not be prevented from continuing if they are unable to make timely payment of their tuition because of difficulties arising from the current economic recession. In such cases, appropriate arrangements will be put in place to defer and reschedule tuition payments."

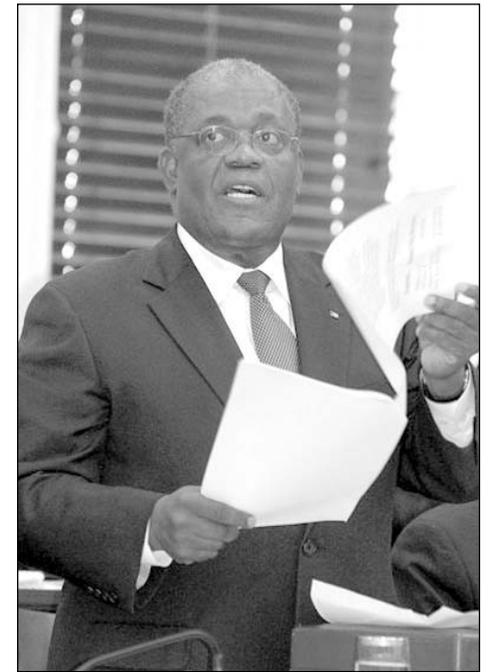
Ingraham's statement is a timely one because many parents and even students themselves are losing their tourism-based jobs and the money to buy food, pay bills and other daily essentials is drying up.

Many students are having a tough time coming up with their regular college tuition money and some say they have to decide if they can continue school because of financial difficulties. So while many are happy about this some still want to be reassured that the Prime Minister's statement is not an empty promise.

For example, Jennifer Gibson, a mature COB student told The Spectrum, "I have heard too many stories and promises being made by the different governments saying they will help and give assistance for one reason or another but such stories are just hype and right now sadly I don't know what to believe. I would hope that the Prime Minister wouldn't make such a bold statement without consulting The College and making sure this will happen."

COB's VP of Financial Affairs Cheryl Simms said the Prime Minister's statement has some validity and explained, "We are not saying that students shouldn't pay or that anything is free. We are just more aware of students' financial problems so this semester we have changed our deferred payment plan, to not only allow more students to be eligible for the plan, but to make the plan more lenient. For instance, students accepted on the plan previously had to pay 60% of their fees upfront, now they only have to pay a third of the fee upfront and the remaining thirds later on in the semester."

She also said that other changes have been made to the plan. However to ensure that students pay their bills on time a late fee charge will be added to the student bill



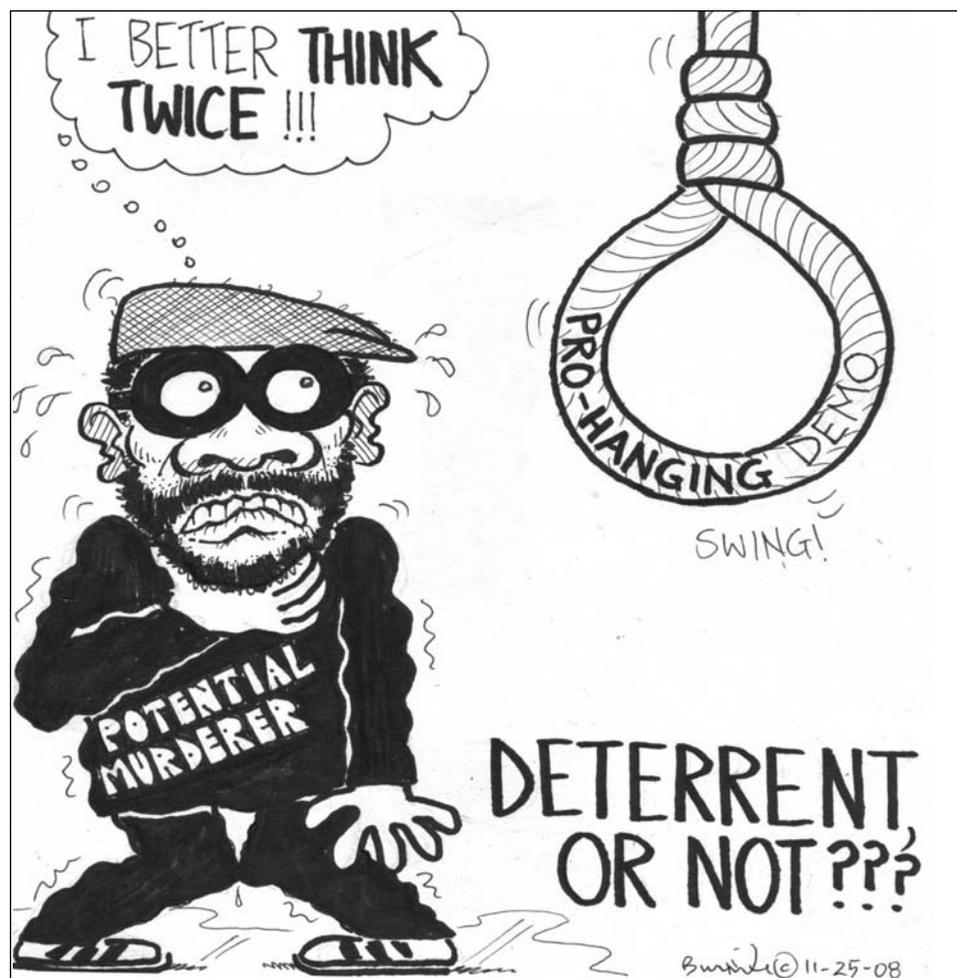
Rt. Hon. Hubert Ingraham
Prime Minister

if the date to pay the other installments is not honored.

Additionally, VP for Student Affairs Dr. Rhonda Chipman-Johnson put it this way, "The College is still very affordable no matter how you look at it and that is not likely to change during this time of recession. I don't think that The College fees or cost per credit will increase this year. Maybe next year but it wouldn't be the time to increase it now. We have to look at what is happening in the country no matter how much we may need to increase costs to cover our expenses."

Chipman-Johnson also indicated that within the last year The College has made an important change in regard to the billing of foreign students. In the past, COB students who were born and/or raised in the country but did not have Bahamian status were lumped in the same category as students applying directly from foreign countries. After re-assessing the "foreign student policy," students who were born in The Bahamas or who were educated in local high schools are allowed to pay local student school fees.

These changes indicated will definitely make paying for education at COB easier. It should also be noted that COB's recently revised Strategic Plan states that "the university will increase the level of Financial Aid it provides students," so even if the cost per credit at The College increases there will be more funds and opportunities available to students.



Cartoon Courtesy of artist Stan Burnside.

BACHELOR IN SPANISH STARTING FALL 2009

by Cassandra Nottage
Staff Reporter

School of Communication and Creative Arts (SCCA) new Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish starts fall semester 2009. SCCA is already claiming strong interest among high school students for this 120-credit BA which focuses on courses in Spanish litera-



School of Communication and Creative Arts Chair Pam Collins and Head of Foreign Languages Department Dr. Mauricio Cabrera stand in front of a Max Taylor mural located in the school's office.
Photo by Reva Devi

full time Spanish language lecturers.

SCCA expects a positive response to students wishing to complete their BA here at The College of The Bahamas instead of going abroad. Cabrera emphasized that the program has a strong list of courses and is well balanced, providing students with a good background in courses in the major as well as general education and electives.

ture, language and linguistics.

Students with an Associate Degree in Spanish language or completing the AA this year can easily transfer their 60 credits to the BA in the fall, and those who wish to combine their BA in Spanish with another language can consider French as a minor. SCCA's Head of Foreign Languages Department Dr. Mauricio Cabrera said there are no special requirements to enter this program. However if a student did not receive an A grade in Spanish BGCSE the student will have to take two basic courses--SPA 103 and SPA 104-- to upgrade to college entry level. Credit breakdown for the BA in Spanish are

- Major courses - 66 credits
- General Education - 36 credits
- Electives - 18 credits

Some major courses include: Spanish linguistics, Spanish Culture (in addition to Latin American Culture), Peninsular Literature, Golden Age/Contemporary Spanish Literature, Advanced Latin American short story. Students will also have to do a senior thesis and will have to take two preparatory courses before the end of the course to introduce them to research in the language. SCCA currently has eight

Cabrera also said that SCCA hopes to have students from other majors-such as banking, accounting, hospitality and tourism who would want to mix and match and make this program a part of their degree.

The Spectrum interviewed a number of students at random to gauge the level of interest in a BA in Spanish. Some students said the program would be too much work to add to their busy schedule, others said it would be interesting to know another language, to expand their horizon, and they would consider it now that a BA degree will be offered. Most students said they would like to learn Spanish as an option to enhance their career but would not do the BA although they wanted to know if they could tie it into their major. And there were students who said upfront: "It will be too challenging for me, I need to learn to speak English properly first before focusing on another language."

SCCA is strongly promoting the program in high schools and has already received positive interest from several high schools.

"No country should outsource the higher education of its citizens," COB President Janyne Hodder, 2008.

Major Stereotypes

CAN THEY SAY THIS?

Nikera Cartwright
Staff Writer

Some of us can barely remember the process of choosing a major before entering COB. For others, like me, it was one of the biggest decisions ever made. Job availability, income and a general sense of fulfillment probably influenced my decision, but have you ever stopped to think about what your peers have to say about your choice of majors?

Bear with me, some of these idiosyncratic comments may hurt.

For example, it has been said that Nursing majors are merely overpaid maids and they along with Education majors are only in it for the monthly stipend from the government. Monthly stipend? Well, sign me up! I'll worry about the extensive training and the many lives that are literally in my hands later!

And, there's more if you are an EDU major. They say you chose it because it is stable and easy to achieve, especially if one majors in Physical Education.

Can they get away with this you ask? Well look here!

o Psychology majors only chose this discipline because it's easy, even though they all end up crazy in the end. (This raises the question of how something so easy could

bring someone to the brink of insanity).

o Business majors are flat out boring. Face it; you would be too if you stared at numbers all day. They think they're too good to work for anyone else and it's all about the marlins (money) for them. And just so you know, Business Management is the easiest of all the business majors.

o Social work (yes this major exists at COB) is a major for old people who have low prospects of making money.

o Perhaps the most popular stereotype of all is the one about Bio/Chem. This is the major for persons who simply don't know what they want to do. It just sounds good to tell everyone that you could possibly become a doctor, give it a semester or two and most likely you'll be Bio/Chem major no more.

Were your feathers ruffled by any of this? Don't take it personally, I don't and I am an EDU major. After all, these are just stereotypes. But do students really think any major is less important than another or that some don't deserve the pay they get? Of course they do!

It's like that old story about the hands and feet wanting to do their own thing. They simply could not function without the rest of the body and neither can we without each other.

What Students Want to Know

Questions you ask and answers by VP Academic Affairs.

Q. How long after the Spring graduation exercises are degrees issued to students? What about students who complete their degree by doing summer courses?

A. Normally, students can receive their diplomas within two months after graduation. Students who complete their programs in the summer will not receive their diplomas until late Fall or early Spring.

Q. What actually happens to lecturer evaluations done by students at the end of each semester? Is there a policy regarding lecturers who receive consistently poor student evaluations?

A. Faculty evaluations are analysed by the Chair after receiving the electronic print out. If a faculty member receives poor evaluations, this is discussed with the individual and the faulty member is given time to improve his/her performance. If the performance continues to be poor, then further action will be taken.

Q. When will construction on COB's graduate centre begin? Where will the facility be located?

A. We cannot say exactly when construction on the Graduate Centre will begin because the site for the building has to be determined.

Q. What exactly does it mean when a student is placed on academic probation?

A. Students whose GPAs fall below 2.0 are placed on probation. Students on probation are only allowed to do nine credits.


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Letter to The Editor**How do we deal with
slack lecturers?**

Dear Editor,

As a student of the College I am aware of concerns expressed by faculty regarding the lack of interest by some students, who appear not to care about their school work. However during this term, I am having grave challenges with some of the lecturers' interest in teaching courses.

Madame editor, I find this very problematic for me. Morning after morning I journey miles away from my home in the east, racing through very busy traffic to get to the College. However too often when I reach to class it's cancelled.

This is far too unacceptable for the number one tertiary institution on the road to university status. This slack attitude must change. How can a lecturer fail to appear to a class and additionally never take an attendance record?

How can we as students protest these actions by lecturers, other than at the end of a semester when an evaluation is done?

Concerned Student

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are encouraged. Please type and send to The Spectrum, College of The Bahamas, c/o Student Publications Board, S-3 Art Block, Oakes Field Campus, or email spectrum@cob.edu.bs. Length should not exceed 350 words. All letters must be signed and include contact information for verification, such as exact COB registration name. The Spectrum has the right to withhold any submission from publication and will not consider more than two letters from the same individual on one topic. The Spectrum reserves the right to edit all letters and submissions for content, clarity and length.

Editorial**Why So Nasty?**

It must be extremely frustrating to be one of the individuals responsible for keeping COB's campus clean. Litter is everywhere, sometimes even in the classroom, yet we are seemingly unaware, or immune to the mess around us.

While this writer can't attest to the male bathrooms, I have seen (and smelled) some filthy female restrooms around campus. Why must 'ladies' always leave the bathroom counter soaked, complete with soggy tissues? Why can't grown, college-educated women flush the toilet when they're done and not leave the stall looking like a scene from a horror movie? Where is our sense of decency?

It's also nauseating to walk around campus and see the amount of Wendy's cups and wrappers lying on the ground...four feet from a conve-

niently located garbage bin. The only conclusion that can be drawn from this is that we, as a student body, are either: just plain nasty, nasty and lazy or just vision impaired.

Another annoying thing is the bits of graffiti that have been popping up around campus - right on top of some freshly painted walls. This is not kindergarten and we are not four years old; there is an Art Department located in T-Block for those with the need to unleash their creative demons.

Some people may think it's trivial and that "COB has people to clean up" our endless flow of trash but honestly, no matter how many janitorial employees COB has that is not an excuse to be just plain nasty. We spend a lot of time on campus but this is not our home! Please, pick up after yourselves! KC.

Campus Cartoon

by Patrick Deveaux





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College Networking

by Joanna Louis
Staff Writer

A college student has many guilty pleasures--among them, eating pizza first thing in the morning, texting through boring lectures and ducking out of classes with all manner of impossible ailments--from tuberculosis to meningococcal meningitis--all which run their course in about one hour and 50 minutes--but one of the most prevalent pleasures that manifests itself strongly throughout the first few weeks of school is college networking.

Lecturers didn't stand a chance last semester when it came time to register for classes as students could now see who is teaching which section. Students piled into class sections not because of the convenient time or location but because they had heard that the lecturer was a lenient grader or gave very little work in the course. How did they know this you ask? They found out from peers which lecturer was best and which was worse.

College networking can often be faulty,



COB STUDENTS NETWORKING ON CAMPUS -- Where 2 or 3 are gathered together sometimes good things are shared.
Photo by Reva Devi

like false lighthouses leading unsuspecting victims to shipwrecks, because it depends largely on the opinions of others who may be biased or who has misconstrued their class results.

Acquisition of textbooks for courses makes most prevalent use of collegiate networks--much to the dismay of Chapter One Bookstore. In the first two weeks of the semester many people can attest to seeing posters advertising, cheap used books for sale on the backs of restroom doors and billboards. While most students will grit their teeth and spend the money to buy content area textbooks, when it comes to buying books for electives and general education courses, students were furiously trying

to contact persons willing to sell (at a much reduced cost), rent or lend textbooks.

A first-year Business student said that she left almost ten messages on another student's phone to purchase a psychology book. Networking has also gone into cyberspace websites like CollegeZone.com provides competitive pricing for used books where COB students can sell, buy or rent their textbooks. Much like students in the international college community who utilize online book stores sites like Amazon and EBay to trade, sell and buy textbooks. The college network is not only for textbooks and resources, but it can also let students know what activities are on and if they are worth attending. In typical Bahamian fashion, students tend to be persuaded best by word of mouth. Not to downplay the work of the College Campus Life and other departments in promoting events, but the college network seems to be the route most student groups take when planning their social lives on campus.

Student groups like COBUS and EAS

have groups on the popular social site Facebook for students to join and receive updates from those groups and spread them to their wider network of friends and colleagues. T. Parker, a fourth year Business management major suggests that this is so because students are more inclined to listen to and response to information they receive from their peers or members of their own social set.

While networking is a natural occurrence for COB students who come from an open social society that shares much through face-to-face interaction, networking it is an important skill that needs to be honed for future use in the worlds of business and commerce.

COB Radio, Bridge to the Future?

by Carvel Francis Jr.
Production Editor & Staff Writer



RADIO COB-- This student in the School of Communication and Creative Arts edits radio program in the production studio in the T-block.

Photo By: Carvel Francis Jr.

The idea is not far fetched, nor years away. Residents from around the country may soon find themselves listening to a COB Radio Station according to Hugo Zarate, Lecturer in the School of Communication and Creative Arts.

"A radio station can bring distant learning from the campus to the wider community. It will offer students the opportunity to receive information and updates on subjects and programs provided at the institution," he explained.

COB has professionals in all types of areas from math to physical education, religion, politics, sociology and biology. Using all these human resources, "we can present a broad range of topics to the community via our radio channel," Zarate said.

He said the station will additionally allow time for programs on health and fitness and would allow forums of learning with teachers and students coming together and creating shows that educate the community.

Zarate said the radio station could also act as a tool to educate people on financial matters.

"We can, for example, share ways as to how to setup a budget or advise people how to create a meal with \$10 for example, or curb spending during times of crisis as we now see."

Presently, students studying Mass Communication at COB produces at a studio on campus a weekly radio program titled 'Cross Over' heard on Power 104.5 FM every Saturday at 7:30 pm. The current production studio has two studio rooms but the idea of a radio station would require more space.

"We have located another area on campus that will be practical for the idea of the radio project. We are trying to assess how

much the entire project will cost to get it fully operational," Zarate said.

Students produce 10 shows each semester and during the course they are trained to use the equipment, write shows, and prepare guests for interviews all recorded in facilities here at The College.

"It is our hope that this semester the team of students can expand their current listening to a podcast audience, which can be shared and posted online to a global audience."

Zarate explained that any student within The College community is eligible to take the radio program course as an elective if they find this area of radio interesting.

Many students like Lashondra Stuart, a 20 year-old Law and Criminal Justice major are unaware of the radio program produced by students. She told The Spectrum that she will tune in to the next show to see how it goes. "I think it would be a great idea for COB to have a radio station for the community, particularly now that The College is transforming to a university."

Most students said a radio station can further assist in advertising the institution across the country and online, around the world.



Professor Hugo Zarate

ASSESSING YOUR CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND ATTENDANCE

Chakara Bennett
Features Editor

Freshmen usually feel exhilarated being in a college environment where many things are less strict. No school uniforms, flexible class schedules, long breaks in between classes which means you can leave campus to go to the mall, downtown or even home. This may result in getting to classes late or maybe not at all, but what's the harm, you say.

Right now class conduct is a much discussed topic and this could be because COB is reviewing its Policy on Class Conduct and Class Attendance. Being late or not attending class is a more serious issue than many students realize.

For instance, there are not many students who know that COB's current Policy on class Attendance states that an instructor may request that a student's registration in a course be cancelled if he or she:

Fails to be punctual for 25% of the class sessions by mid-semester break;

Fails to attend the first two class sessions following the end of the late registration period; or

Fails to attend at least 75% of the class sessions by mid-semester break

However not all lecturers believe in cancelling a student's registration. So, many students have been able to get away with not attending classes as regularly as they should as long as they do the work. On the other hand, if you do have a lecturer who will cancel your registration, the current policy states that the lecturer should submit a completed Course Registration Cancellation form along with a copy of the Class Register to the relevant Academic Dean/Executive Director through the Chair/Academic Head of the School/Unit responsible for the course prior to the official date for withdrawal without academic penalty." The student will then be informed in writing about the cancellation by the Academic Dean/Executive Director.

Students have mix feelings about whether or not lecturers should be allowed to drop them from classes. Many students said that they didn't think that lecturers should be allowed to do this since they are paying for the classes and it should be their choice to attend classes on time or not. Other students had no problem with it at all as long as they were given back their money.

An almost equal number of students felt



Students being instructed during a session.

that there was no excuse whatsoever for them not to attend classes regularly and were adamant that lecturers should be able to drop them from classes if they were frequently absent.

Ivy Higgins, an English Language lecturer, feels that the current policy is a good initiative, mostly because higher education should be preparing students to be responsible and capable adults. "Many students graduate from high school early so they are only 16 or 17 and they tend to still be undisciplined. So it is necessary to still guide them and encourage them to stay on the right track. COB does not yet provide lecture sessions online for most classes like in other institutions abroad, so students gener-

ally miss out on not only what was taught in class but also 10% of their overall course grade if they don't attend regularly."

Dr. Rhonda Chipman Johnson, VP of Academic Affairs encourages lecturers to encourage students to attend classes. She said, "Firstly, lecturers should establish in the first classes what their personal student code of conduct is and what they expect from students. In terms of attendance, students should not be able to feel like they can miss class and they have not missed out on anything, or they can just go home and read the text or something. So I encourage lecturers to have in-class group assignments, presentations, tests and pop quizzes so that

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Day of Absence

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No profits on text cont.

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Students have also complained about the availability of recent textbooks. They say the store still stocks and sells old textbooks even after a new edition is available. "Why are they still trying to dump these old books on students?" asked a Bio-chem major. "They don't even discount them! They are still trying to sell the old editions at full price."

Bethel says that a decision to reduce the cost of older stock is out of the hands of ChapterOne management. "A decision like that has to be processed by the VP of Finance [Cheryl Simms]."

Business School students this semester have been particularly vociferous. "It's ridiculous that we are being charged so much for books," said a Business major. "When you compare the prices of the textbooks online to what we pay here, the difference is often \$80 to \$100. It's cheaper to buy the books yourself."

Another point of contention this semester for many students was the introduction of paperback, International Student Editions of certain textbooks. Bethel explained, "We have no control over whether the books are hardback or paperback; this is up to the publishers and the price is still the same no matter what."

The Spectrum found, however, that International Student Editions are generally less expensive than the hardback versions. For example, Accounting Information Systems, 6e by James A. Hall can be purchased new in hardcover for \$163.96 on Amazon.com. The International Student Edition of the same book can be purchased for \$60.78 at Abebooks.com. New copies of the International Student Edition currently sell in ChapterOne for \$258.25.

Despite complaints about prices this semester, Bethel maintains that, "ChapterOne is the only bookstore who can cater to the academic needs of its students because no other book provider will be willing to go through what we go through to ensure that students have the book. To operate at an operational loss is something that other bookstores could not do."

Many students find it hard to feel sympathy. Erica Knowles, an Accounting major said, "I don't care what the bookstore says or does. More importantly, why can't we know what book to use ahead of time? We should be provided with textbook titles when we register for courses. This information needs to be made available and COBUS should be pushing for this to happen."

UNUSUAL CAMPUS CLUBS

by Reva Devi

Copy Editor and Photographer

It's no secret that COB students are not big on extra-curricular activities - unless you count gambling under the gazebo. But Campus Life Department reports about 30 clubs at The College and you can say some of them are quite original and so are the activities they offer.

For example, President Nacoya Ingraham of *Chess and Scrabble Club* (a revival of the Chess Club) claims student interest has drawn her to restart a club she enjoys. Chess and Scrabble are meant to build concentration strategies and during meetings, they play as well as teach and learn from each other.

The newly formed *Animal Awareness Society* seeks to change people's apathy or negative perceptions of animals through

education. Club president Curtika Ward hopes the club will help to make people see animals as interesting and fun by having guest speakers who enforce this, putting together animal exhibitions and doing volunteer work with animals.

Sophomore Apryl Johnson saw the need to create bonds through Japanese art. Her *Anime Club*, though not in full effect, plans to teach the basics of drawing anime characters and developing their stories. She hopes it will be a way for persons to discover hidden talents and develop them.

If this shows that original ideas and interests don't have to be restrained, your ideas can be expanded upon right here at The College. Campus clubs like these mentioned or the traditional ones, actively pursue membership and would welcome support.



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COB SHORTS

Breast Cancer Research - Although the audience was small the discussion on the ongoing breast cancer research between Bahamas Breast Cancer Research Initiative and the University of Miami was interesting and informative. Discussion was held Wednesday, Feb. 18 at CHMI and was arranged by COB Research Unit. Dr. John Lunn, Bahamian Oncologist led the discussion. Research emerging from this collaboration suggests that there may be a genetic mutation(s) in some Bahamian women making them more susceptible to breast cancer. Did you know that

- forty-eight percent of the women diagnosed with breast cancer in The Bahamas are under the age of 50;
- Forty-four percent of Bahamian women with breast cancer present with Stage 3 or Stage 4 of this disease, making their chance of cure low; and
- Among the women who die from breast cancer in The Bahamas, 43% are under 50 years old at the time of their death? (provided by Stephanie Siegel, 2008)

Day of Absence - Ringplay Productions was on campus early this month calling for a Day of Absence to honour all cultural workers in The Bahamas and around the world. The group says the country's greatest brain drain are among the creative workers who are unable to find work in their area of interest because there are virtually no avenues here to enable creative people to develop and hone their talents or to make use of them once they are developed. On the grounds of Oakes Field campus, near Portia Smith Building the group held a rally and put on a special performance to express their concern and seek support of the community to this issue which they say affects everyone. The event attracted crowds of people from outside the campus as well as many students.

Fitness for Pennies - They are certainly trying, those people in Campus Wellness Centre, to get The College community to shape up and get healthier. For less than 50cents a day, from Monday to Thursday (hours: 5:45 am - 8 pm); Friday (hours: 5:45 am - 5 pm) and Saturday (hours: 8 am - 12 pm), you can have access to daily classes of pilates, aerobics, step aerobics, body sculpturing, circuit training and BLT. In addition they provide complimentary towel and locker key. All this comes to \$14.59 a month or \$175 annual membership. Faculty and staff - can arrange to have fee deducted from salary.

Chamber Membership - COB recently renewed formal ties with the Chamber of Commerce and sees this collaboration as an important step as it continues its evolution to University of The Bahamas. At a meeting in February at The College to establish the connection with



■ COB President Janyne Hodder and Chamber President Dionisio D'Aguilar

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School of Nursing News

Shannaka Hall

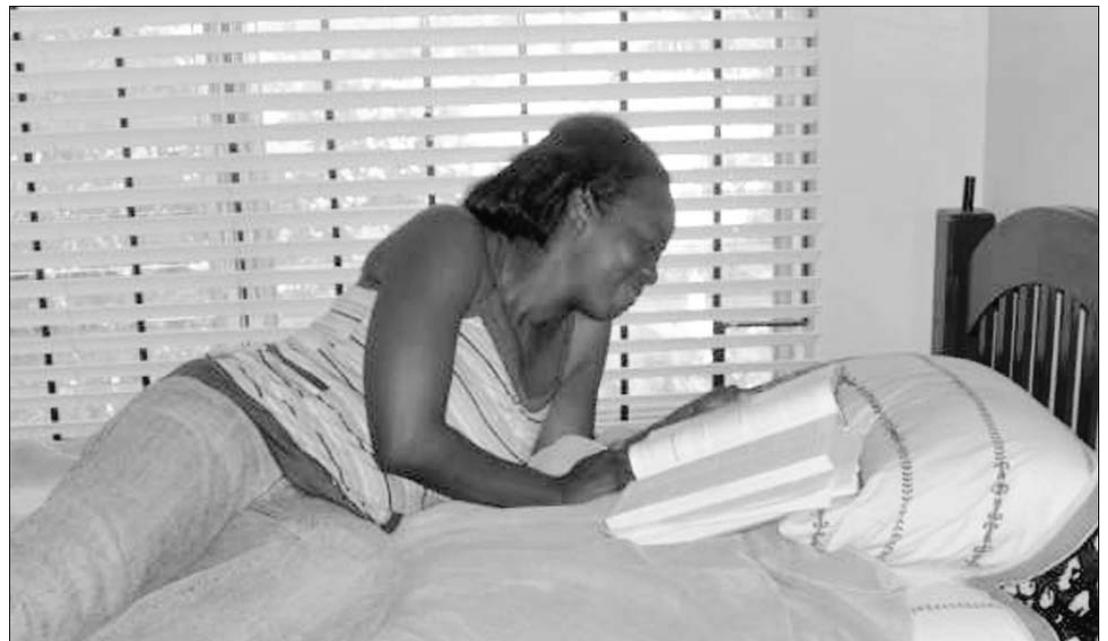
Staff Reporter

When the School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions returned for spring 2009 semester they had four dormitory vacancies. Available residential space is unusual but in a matter of weeks the four beds were occupied, one taken by Althia Pinder the newly elected Resident Assistant (RA) after it was decided by the Dorm Committee that this semester the RA should be given a single dorm room.

Students selected to reside in the Nursing dorm must maintain at least a GPA of 2.0, be a Bahamian and show a greater need of financial assistance. Students who were chosen this year by the selection committee were screened more



NEW RESIDENT ASSISTANT—Althia Pinder, for School of Nursing Dorm.



NEW ENTRANT – Tenishka Williams finds the quiet of her dorm room perfect for studying.

stringently than previous entrants. The committee-made up of School of Nursing, Ministry of Health and Public Hospital Authority makes the final decision as to who is most in need of assistance.

Administrative Assistant Cartwright describes the Nursing resident as 'tastefully furnished but still evolving.' Soon residents will have cable, internet and more phone lines added to the dorm features.

Bahamas College Zone Website

Since December 2005, Bahamas College Zone, a local online book exchange and general buy and sell site, has grown to practically 1900 members. The site, which connects buyers and sellers, was created by recent COB graduate Garnel Leo, CIS major. While Leo saw the need for a better way of buying and selling college textbooks and developed Bahamas College Zone, which had a slow start, his aggressive marketing drew student attention and soon the site was getting a lot of hits especially at the beginning of each semester. The site also offers a message board for discussion and promotion, as well as a scholarship listing for Bahamian students. Questions about the site can be sent to support@bahamascollegezone.com.

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The Chamber, President Janyne Hodder said rejoining The Chamber means COB hopes to find ways to partner with the private sector to serve the country. The Chamber is a non-profit organization that represents a broad section of businesses in The Bahamas. Chamber President Dionisio D'Aguiar said he was optimistic about future relations with The College and that he expects the relationship to grow and develop.

Choices Lunch and Dinner - School of Hospitality Restaurant Choices, is now serving lunch, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and dinner on Fridays. Lunch is \$12 and dinner cost \$35 and reservations are expected. Call 323-5804/ext 2241. Choices is known for serving great food during these 'open to the public' periods. Meals and service are prepared and provided by Hospitality majors.

Tea for Library - It's that time of the year again and Dr. Rhonda Chipman-Johnson is holding her Lenten Garden & Tea Party on Sunday March 8th at 3 pm to raise funds for COB library now under construction on grounds near Tucker Road and Thompson Boulevard. Donation is \$15 and guest speaker this year is Lawyer Rubie Nottage who will speak about Family Life. Collect ticket from the Office of Academic Affairs located from the foyer of the A-block, call ext 4454 or 4310.

Teachers as Researchers Conference - School of Education held its annual conference last week focusing on the valuable role of teachers in creating information that drives positive trends in the system of education in The Bahamas. It was practically a three-day event with the kickoff Wednesday, Feb 18 at 6:30 pm at National Centre for the Performing Arts on Shirley Street. Former Governor General and educator, Dame Ivy Dumont, opened the conference which was attended by visiting guest educators from universities in the US and Canada.

Security Checks-Campus security is enforcing ID checks at all entrants to The College. Faculty, staff and students should have their IDs handy unless you think your face is familiar enough to get a pass. Security has a number of student IDs found in various parts of the campus, these may be collected at Security Office, in the Munnings Building north of KFC.

Green Initiative - COB is inviting architects to submit proposals for the anticipated headquarters for The College's program dealing with GTR Campbell Small Island Sustainability program.(SIS). The facility will house classrooms, labs, lecture facilities, library, faculty offices and administration spaces. There will also be a green house, a farm house and a chemical storage facility. COB is in talks with the government on the transfer of a plot of land at Gladstone Road Agricultural site to construct the institution.

The complex will be named after George TR Campbell, founder of Freedom Foundation which donated \$10 million to The College last year to develop the SIS program. COB has budgeted \$8 million for the land preparation, construction and furnishing of the facility which could be ready for occupancy by 2011. Students from small islands states will be able to earn Bachelor degrees in Agri-ecosystems, Eco-tourism and Development, Policy analysis and Integrated Development Planning.

Law Library Holds Lunch & Law Series

Law Library's third annual Lunch and the Law Series was held Jan 30th at the British Colonial Hilton as usual.

The theme this year was *Family Matters* and covered a two-part seminar. The first session covered the topic Succession, Inheritance & Generation Property and the second portion focused on Domestic Violence in The Bahamas, looking at legislation connected with the topic.

Distinguished panelists included Wayne Munroe, President Bahamas Bar Association; G. Diane Stewart, Partner McKinney Bancroft & Hughes; Judith A. Whitehead, Managing Partner, Graham Thompson; Psychiatrist Dr. David Allen, Police Superintendent Elaine Sands, Jo-Anne Been of Law Reform Revision Commission, the Hon Loretta Butler Turner, Minister of State for Social Services; and Rubie Nottage, former Supreme Court Justice.

There are currently 72 students enrolled in COB's LL.B program. Twenty-five started entered the program when it first started in 2000.

COBUS ELECTIONS

Campaigning for a new College of Bahamas Union of Students (COBUS) will start soon. Election of officers for the 2009/2010 COBUS will be held March 25 - 26. As is the custom the present COBUS headed by President Perry Newton will organize the process which calls for 6 executive officers and nine Senators representing the various academic Schools, Part-Time students and the Dorms for the Oakes Field campus. Northern Bahamas Campus in Freeport has a separate election and offers a separate list of candidates.

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students have to come and that they teach in such a way that should students not attend they will truly miss out on what is going on in class."

A third-year Education major had an interesting way of putting it. "Throughout our academic life our teachers and parents have been telling us to attend classes and be on time and it would be rather hypocritical of them to tell us that we don't have to now in college. I also think that now that we are older, many of us feel that we have arrived and that we are adults, therefore we don't have to do everything according to rules. So I think that lecturers should be able to drop us out of classes if we break the rules. We need to be reminded that rules still exist even for us at this level."

LIBRARY READING FAIR AND BOOK FESTIVAL SCHEDULED MARCH 14

Library & Instructional Media Services Department will hold its annual Reading Fair and Book Festival on Saturday, March 14. In the past this event has attracted large crowds and this year Library has teamed up with the Rotary Club to make this an even more exciting event. Rotary Club will sponsor the Reading Fair for children which will run from 10 am - 2 pm on the playing field near the Bandshell on Poinciana Drive. The Book Festival is set for 12 noon- 5 pm and will be showcased on the parking lot near Chapter One Bookstore, Thompson Boulevard.

There will be something for the entire family to enjoy at this one-day event. It features readings and displays by local authors, books for sale and many other literacy activities.

Small Crowd Turns Up For COBUS Forum

by Jessica Simmons
Staff Reporter

COBUS held its first *Students Speak COBUS Listens* forum on the grounds near the Student Union the first Thursday in February. They had anticipated many students would attend and voice their concerns but the turn out was poor.

Senate Speaker Linday Braynen said she would have loved for ALL students to attend. "Creating an atmosphere to speak is greatly important and we really would like students to support and contribute to the Union."

Among the important issues raised was the high price of textbooks. COBUS said they could not really do anything regarding the high price of textbooks and suggested that students seek other avenues to purchase their books such as the student exchange website, *CollegeZone.com*.

Another topic of tension was the limited parking space available to students and the possibility that students will have to pay to park by the start of the next academic year. COBUS President Perry Newton said he had advised College Council during a meeting that "the study body will not pay for parking."

Braynen confirmed that parking decals



A small but attentive group of student gathered at the first *Students Speak COBUS Listens* forum.
Photo by Reva Devi

are currently in effect since November 2008. She assured students that the shortage in parking facilities are due to the construction of the new library and suggested that students use parking facilities both near the B-block and at the rear of CHMI

Students also wanted to know whether or not the Student Feedback Reports, which

they see as lecturer evaluations and which they complete each semester, are actually considered. Allez Lighbourne, COBUS representative for School of Education gave examples of two lecturers who have been terminated as a result of poor evaluations. Students were urged to not only complete the bubbled section of the evaluation, but

also use the area designated for them to make comments about their lecturers.

Thomas Barnett, Hospitality Management major suggested that COBUS begin meeting with students on a one-on-one basis. He believes the Union would be more effective if they met with the mini groups that constantly hang on campus.

Even though many students knew about the forum some forgot to attend like Shoneva Abraham who wanted to attend but did not make a note of the date and time of the event. She said she is impressed with the present student government and the efforts they are putting forth to get students more involved but feels they should ensure that certain policies are put in place so that students' needs are met.

Angela Forbes, 4th year Education major said she has to be motivated to attend campus events. She says the Union is "too quiet" and suggests that they make themselves better known and make students aware of what they have accomplished on behalf of students.

Braynen countered this by saying they can only act if members support the Union. COBUS encourages students to use their office hours to keep them informed and to voice their concerns.

Prospective Resident Campus for COB

by Jyna Mackey
Staff Correspondent

A major part of university life is residential campus. COB is not yet a residential campus but is it worth the effort and financial investment?

It is generally accepted that living on campus can prove to be very important for many students and it will afford many social, academic and personal benefits while positively impacting COB through an increased enrollment and a decreased attrition rate.

The College is on the move toward becoming a university and this long term goal is on a hopeful rise of soon becoming reality. COB has taken some actions to set things in motion with the separation of the Department of Financial aid and Housing. This separation has initialized the effort to accommodate the housing scheme for a residential campus.

If COB were a resident campus, what would be the benefits?

The expected growth and expansion will afford both the current and prospective college students great opportunities, as outlined in many serious studies done by scholars for American universities on this topic. Research has shown that students on a residential campus are overall more satisfied with their college experience, have higher GPA's than those living off-campus, take a higher number of credit hours per semester, utilize campus resources such as the library and wellness center more often, get more involved with campus activities, gain leadership skills and have a higher probability of getting their degree from the same university.

This final factor in itself is important as it addresses another major area of concern for The College of The Bahamas and that is the decreasing the attrition rate.

Although this is not the only major issues hindering The College from gaining a competitive stance on the university scene and becoming more attractive on the international forefront, it is one of the more obvi-

ous issues that can be most easily changed and addressed; given that requirements such as location, land, contractors and of course finances, are all in place.

"Whether we will call it the University of The Bahamas, the University of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, or the University of the Islands of The Bahamas, The College, soon to be university, needs to be accessible," is an issue that College officials have contemplated for quite some time according to VP Student Affairs, Colyn Major.

Additionally, Residence Director Stan Smith is all too familiar with this belief. He spoke to this reporter on the importance of on campus housing which is a scarce commodity. The relation between students who require and request housing, to those who COB can actually accommodate, is dismal in comparison.

Smith said the waiting list is usually very long and too many students are turned away each semester. Another one of the challenges The College currently face regarding

residences, is the continuous renovation of the existing structures and the current infrastructure. For instance, Dorm C is described by student as 'old' and 'run down' and in need of major renovation. These factors must be taken into consideration before COB can just build brand new dorms.

Just how much will new residences cost students? Factors offsetting the cost of providing the residence remain unknown in such early stages of planning. The policies governing students living in residents will remain as they do for current dorms. Just how COB intends to promote this as a feature will remain a challenge for officials until demand and supply are satisfied.

Everyone agrees that living on campus can be a great benefit to most students. Educational and social programming and readily available campus resources can ensure that students who attend COB do so in a convenient, comfortable and cost-efficient atmosphere, through a newly attractive residence campus.

Student struck by truck on pedestrian crossing

by Thea Johnson
Staff Reporter

A female student of The College of The Bahamas was knocked down while crossing the pedestrian crossing at night on Thompson Boulevard, Tuesday, Feb 3, around 8 pm. Sources say she was either crossing toward or from the Michael Eldon Complex when she was struck by a truck driven by Wellington Francis, Director of Campus Security. The student was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance after the incident.

Not much can be confirmed about her injury or the details of the accident but it is confirmed that the student is out of hospital, although but it is not known if the student has returned to class.

Because of this accident many students have voiced suggestions to improve road safety and conditions at pedestrian crossings on Thompson Boulevard. Suggestions range from better lighting, elevated walkway and the presence of a security or police officer, especially during evening class to erecting signs that state the speed limit and to warn drivers that there is an upcoming pedestrian crossing. Many students also want to see crossing lights installed.

Many students like CIS major Don Moss said the main problem is the lack of sufficient lighting on and around the pedestrian crossing. This issue should be addressed first Moss said and "from there, it's up to the motorists to be more alert and aware of their surroundings." He advises students to take heed that though they, as pedestrians, have the right of way that does not mean that they can just march across the road. "They need to establish that they are seen and the vehicle has come to a complete



HIGH TRAFFIC AREA -- A student walks on the pedestrian crossing on Thompson Boulevard.

“ *I don't think it's safe at nights because drivers really can't see pedestrians until they are right up on the crossing.* ”

Photo by Carvel Francis Jr.
stop before crossing the road.”

Another student, Laurence Sawyer had this to say: “I don't think it's safe at nights because drivers really can't see pedestrians until they are right up on the crossing.”

Right after the accident a crossing guard was stationed at night near the pedestrian crossing. Students should also note that the Road Traffic Department website advises pedestrians to “Wear light or reflective clothing at night so drivers can see you ... to always look both ways before walking across intersections ... to remember to stop, look, listen, and think before crossing the street.”

Campus Cartoon

by Emerald Sands



SPORTS

Review

with Patrick Deveaux

Ministry of Youth Sports & Culture Gives \$45,000 and Promises More for Four Years



Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture presents COB with a cheque of \$45,000. Present from left: Kimberley Rolle, Athletics Director COB; Janyne Hodder, COB President; Hon. Desmond Bannister, Minister of Youth and Archie Nairn, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Youth.

Recently Ministry of Youth Sports and Culture donated \$45,000 to The College in support of the newly established Student Athlete Scholarship Program. The Ministry also promised to continue to fund the program incrementally each year over a period of four years to reach a total of \$240,000.

As The College moves to advance the sports program, President Janyne Hodder believes this donation will definitely bring strength and vibrancy to the athletics program as well as bring The College into closer working relationship with The Ministry.

Additionally, as expansion into various areas of intercollegiate agenda moves forward, closer collaboration with the Ministry will help with the development needed to acquire full membership in intercollegiate associations like the NAIA.

The donation goes into effect this semester and will be used to assist 30 student athletes with tuition as well as other academic necessities. Of course the student athletes chosen for these awards would need to meet the specific athletic as well as academic requirements. Students receiving awards would be ones who show exceptional athletic ability as well as academic soundness to obtain and maintain a GPA of 2.0 and above throughout their academic stay at The College.

Funding for the program will increase each year for four years. In 2009/2010 funding will increase to \$120,000 and then to \$180,000 for 2010/2011 and \$240,000 for 2011/2012. The number of students receiving financial assistance from this program is also expected to increase.

It is expected that this program will be seen as an incentive for more students, including Family Island students, to view The College of The Bahamas as a top choice after their high school sports careers.

Not only should this new Student Athlete Scholarship Program be attractive to Family Island students but it should also allow COB to compete with colleges abroad. As Athletics Director Kim Rolle explained, many times when local athletes decide to attend school abroad the decision has much to do with the availability of scholarships and financial aid. "Now they know they can get a good college education and actively pursue their athletic career at The College of The Bahamas," she said.

President Hodder followed this up by stating that everything The College does is in effort to transform the institution not only into a university but into the best possible choice for tertiary level education for Bahamian students.



■ INTRAMURAL TABLE TENNIS – Athletics Department held a table tennis tournament Tuesday, Feb 3 in the Student Union Building with 12 persons participating. Players had to make 11 points to win their one-on-one matches and eventually, the tournament.



TABLE TENNIS WINNERS – First Place Winner Simba French and Third Place Winner Sterling Bain, flank Assistant Athletics Director, Sean Bastian after the Table Tennis competition held Feb 3 in the Student Union Building.



Table Tennis

RUNNERUP – WALTON JONES, Runner Up I the Table Tennis competition shows off his award in the Student Union Building Feb 3.