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COB pays tribute to Dr. Keva Bethel

*Morning has beoken Like the first morning Blackbird ha spo-
ken Like the first bird Praise for the singing Praise for the
morning Praise for them springing Fresh from the word*



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*I love to thee my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love: The
love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best*

Dr. Keva Bethel was one of the most inspirational Bahamian educators. She taught modern languages at the prestigious Government High School from 1959-1975, when she transferred to The College of The Bahamas. Dr. Bethel served as Chair of Humanities, Academic Dean, and Vice-Principal before attaining her doctorate and being appointed Principal of the College in 1982. When COB became an independent institution in 1995, she became the first President, a position she served in until her retirement in 1998. Dr. Bethel was named President Emerita in 2005.

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Bathroom Woes

by Dawn Alexis McKenzie
Staff Writer

For the past several weeks, there has been a major inconvenience at hand. Lack of water supply in many bathroom facilities around the campus of The College of The Bahamas has been a persistent problem as recent as February 9th. As of late, Bathroom amenities in the A, E, G, and S Blocks have been restored, while restrooms in the T Block continue to be non-functional.

Mia Charlow, a sophomore in Primary Ed, noted, "something as simple as having water to wash one's hands has been consistently wishy-washy since last semester within The Michael Eldon Building, and the amenities in the S Block, which are almost always locked for some reason".

Amy Collins, an Art Education major

in her junior year, commented that "having running water at her school was so important that if water was unavailable for a specific day, then classes would be cancelled for that entire day as well." She continued, "Therefore, why doesn't COB take the availability of water in bathroom services as seriously?"

Spanish Ed major, Abigail Armbrister opines after experiencing the lack of water in the Library bathrooms that "the situation with the bathrooms is absolutely terrible!" She went on to say about not being able to wash one's hands, "This is definitely not healthy and can cause illnesses. It's inhumane."

Non-working bathroom facilities definitely do not improve the general outlook of The College of The Bahamas in the opinions of its students, and neither does it paint a pic-

ture of progression as The College endeavors to attain University status.

What's worst, remarks some students, is that "when one has to relieve themselves and there is not enough water to flush the toilets, it is absolutely embarrassing to have to leave one's waste products there for others to see. And to add insult to injury, most times, there is no water for them to wash their hands, neither is there hand sanitizers for them to be able to cleanse themselves in the least way possible."

Some bathrooms have been serviced since then and optimistically, we can all hope that persistent issues with bathroom amenities will become a mere distant memory soon. Until then, to be on the safe side, if you've got water or any other substance that needs relieving – try not to rest all of your eggs in COB's baskets because you never know when any given bathroom facility may be out-of-order!



How inviting does this bathroom make you feel? The S-block bathroom was recently re-opened after being out of commission since last semester

(photo by Alicia Cartwright)

Books, books, my kingdom for some books!

by R. Mabelle Major & Dawn Alexis McKenzie
Staff Writers

Effective February 28, The College was expected to begin offering library services from the new Harry C. Moore Library. They proceeded to clear the path toward the library the previous week.

Hopefully, access to books will be normalized by then because for most of the semester, there have been no books in the Library!

Finding a consensus as to whether or not this has been hindering students with research in their classes has been difficult. Some argue that as long as there is EbscoHost, students can complete their given assignments. Besides, one student points out that most of the books are more than five years old, which makes them less than viable resources. Another factor which may be making this book-less situation easier to bear is the fact that students could still request books at 11am and 3pm, Monday through Friday.

The current process for obtaining a library book involved giving the book's call number to a librarian, who would then assign a "runner" to get the particular book from the new library (or where the books were being stored). The process would take at least a day for the book, if found, to be given to the

Librarian for processing.

Access Librarian Catharine Archer commented, "as far as I've observed, the students don't seem too bothered by the lack of books. They take advantage of the request system and they take full advantage of the electronic avenues available to them."

However, several students have been disheartened by the difficulty in access to books. Shavado Gibson, CIS/Education major and COBUS representative said, "The lack of books in the Library is a damper on students, because they are not able to have access to different books that they need for research." Gibson went on to say, "Personally, I feel if C.O.B was not finished with the new library then they shouldn't have moved the books there because it's a hindrance to students and makes it harder for them to prepare for their courses."

History and Geography Education major, Kendelynn Pennerman, felt the process of borrowing a book was stressful as one doesn't even know if the book will be found. "COB was in need of more books that would enhance research before this current situation, so now, it is worst," she said. Pennerman continued on to say, "I've recently had to go to the library near to Government House to do research instead of having the ability to use my own facility at C.O.B. It's a terrible inconvenience!"

So here's to hoping that library services resume smoothly and access to books is more liberated sooner in the semester than later.



The completed foyer of the new Harry C. Moore Library. Library services were transferred to the new main campus library location as of February 28.

(photo by Alicia Cartwright)

COBUS MOVING FORWARD

by Dauran McNeil & DeAndra Cartwright

COBUS



COBUS working during the 2010 fall semester.

(photo collage courtesy of COBUS)

The 2010-2011 administration of COBUS wishes to extend best wishes for the semester to our students, faculty and staff of The College of The Bahamas. COBUS has been active within the collegiate community during the last semester and this semester promises to be even better than the last. The 2010-2011 administration opened the fall semester with a 'Back to School' treat event where desserts were handed out to over 1,000 students. That event was a success because hard-working COB students indeed have a sweet tooth!

Another event where COBUS represented our students was the National Youth March. COBUS executives along with students marched in a full rotation from Clifford Park, passing along Blue Hill Road and returning to the park. We wish to inform The College's populace that for our participation in this event, The College of The Bahamas received the award for 'Most Enthusiasm'.

While last semester was indeed event-filled and filled with much success, it is unfortunate that we announce the resignation of Mr. Kenson St. Remy, Senator for Chemistry, Environmental and Life Science. Though unfortunate, we do express sincere thanks for the former Senator's contribution. Yet with the loss of one, it is of great esteem that we wel-

come the official appointment of COBUS's very first Senator for the University of West Indies, Ms. Karine MacVean. Also appointed was Mr. Pasquin Rahming, as the Senator for the School of Mathematics, Physics and Technology. With the new addition we hope for even greater success.

This COBUS administration will also continue its work by staying committed to its platform and goals; to serve students better, advocate for student's rights and fostering a better relationship with students and the college community at large. As a part of our ongoing agenda to advocate for students rights, we are continuing to address ongoing concerns such as the present situation with the library, class cancellations, additional classes, faculty and staff professionalism towards students, wireless Internet connection and the condition of some classrooms.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all students who have participated in our events and supported us during the past semester and we look forward to your continued support as we serve you. Keep your eyes open for announcements of upcoming events like the Miss COB pageant, Conference of Youth Leaders (COYL), and the annual COBUS Nominations & Elections. These elections are an excellent opportunity for

Winston Saunders Memorial Endowment



Earlier this year, The Endowment for the Performing Arts of The Bahamas made a \$25,000 contribution to the Winston Saunders Memorial Endowment at COB. The Winston Saunders Memorial Endowment supports the continued development of the arts and plays a key role in cultivating the country's creative genius.

The endowment funds an annual bursary to a student enrolled in the baccalaureate English Studies programme at The College and who has distinguished him or herself in an artistic endeavour.

The \$25,000.00 gift brings the total for the Winston Saunders Endowment fund to over \$75,000. The interest earned from the funds in the endowment provides an annual bursary in perpetuity for a student of The College.

English major, Deon Simms, is the first beneficiary of the bursary. With an indubitable commitment to Bahamian music and theatre over the years, Simms is an ideal selection.

From left are: Chair, School of English Studies, Dr. Marjorie Brooks-Jones; Mr. Deon Simms, English major and bursary recipient; Endowment for the Performing Arts members Mrs. Christiane Oakes, Mr. Terry North and Mrs. Ruth Cleare; Dr. Gail Saunders, widow of the late Winston Saunders; College President Dr. Betsy V. Boze; Lady Joan Foulkes, Patron of the Endowment for the Performing Arts; Mr. Emmanuel Mosko, Chairman of the Endowment; Endowment members, Mr. Antonius Roberts, Mrs. Deborah Lotmore and Mrs. Dawn Davies; Mr. Je'Rome Miller, artist and Mrs. Marina Knowles, mother of COB bursary recipient Mr. Deon Simms.

students to get involved, make a difference, experience various leadership roles, and serve others while advocating for students' rights. So we invite all interested students to sign up for executive or legislative positions in COBUS.

COBUS also encourages all students

to make their voices heard by visiting your respective school senators and also to stay in touch with COBUS through Facebook, your student e-mail account and visiting the COBUS website at www.COBUSBahamas.com for information and the latest news.

Humor Column

by S.A. Hanna

Speculative Fiction

Believe it or not, but there was once a time newspapers were popular; this was of course a while ago somewhere in the late 90's or as my wife likes to refer to it as "in the year King Uzziah died".

Although some social analysis will tell you otherwise, the eventual death of the newspaper (and journalism for that matter) has little to do with media houses being unable to keep up with technology, although we must commend ZNS for always keeping their technology no further than 26 years behind industry standard.

The issue is perceived journalistic integrity and ethics or the lack thereof. Well dear Spectrum reader (all one of you), this paper is as ethical as it gets. We cannot be bought by anyone; our virtue is not for sale, notwithstanding that last term we may have leased it for a bit, but no more. Just because we have an ad from Lugio Pizzeria and Tennis Court, does not mean that we will not report the hard hitting news, particularly when its a public concern and directly effects the College community. This is why our January issue our lead story was "Lugio Pizza Delivers on Deliciousness: Competition driven mad with envy".

Proof enough I think, but a strong sense of ethics I fear may only resolve half the problem; what about integrity? The other issue is the fact that the newspaper industry is built on the premise of speculative fiction. What is speculative fiction? Well it is easiest if I give you an example. It is assumed that in the next two weeks someone will be killed, they will probably die in a non affluent neighborhood, etc, etc. So, based on these common facts, instead of writing a brand new story every time someone dies, we have a standard template that can simply be filled out with the relevant information.

Circle where applicable

On (insert date) a (young, old) man was (shot, shot by police, found in the bush) in the (Pinewood Gardens, Bain Town, Freeport) area multiple times until he died. The man, (Kevin, Nardo, Something Ethnic) was a (black, brown, mauve)

complexion and (police suspect, onlookers suggest) that the death is (drug, domestic, bunberrist)-related. The authorities are following several leads...

And that works. You know it does, you've seen that exact story a thousand times. It only becomes problematic when applied to other areas of the news. Take for example a news story I wrote and reprinted every other month for the past 4 years.

Bay Street closed today due to raging, rapist mermaids. The capital's main thoroughfare today fell victim to a suspicious group of mermaids. Onlookers watched in horror as buildings on the water's edge were gutted by merciless mermaids, destroying everything in their path. The police force stood helpless as they tried to contain the mermaids and protect the historic buildings of Old Nassau, but were impotent as no water was available to restrain the merefolk.

Now for the 20 something times I've printed that, no one ever noticed it sitting there on page 2 as a filler, but as a journalist I'm aware of the concept of speculative fiction. Its only a matter of time before such an event happens, and when it does, the story is already ready, and what do you know, Bay Street caught on fire and all I had to do was switch out mermaids for fire and an automatic front page story, but people don't like speculative fiction.

They hate it when you have two versions of the same paper written the night before an election so that you can be the first one to drop the scoop, they hate it when you accuse the wrong person of rape on the front page and then give a half a paragraph apology in a box under an add for "half off all Benjamin Moore non latex paint". And they really hate it when you report that a member of their family has died because you're a vulture too consumed on moving units to ever check your facts or practice investigative journalism. I'll admit that as student writer my research often doesn't pass 3 wikipedia pages, but recently it seems that I'm doing 3 times as much foot work as some folks.

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Am I My Brother's Keeper? by R. Michelle Major Staff Writer

It is 2011 and I am amazed that no one made a fuss about the record number of suicides that occurred within our bejeweled nation last year. Our country has lived through some particularly low economic periods and while our standards of living may have greatly declined, the fact remained that we lived. So while many blame the declining economic situation for the overwhelming feelings of despair that must have taken hold of those who chose to end their lives – I disagree!

Yes it may have been a contributing factor, but in my humble opinion, it is because of the Bahamas' growing indifference towards those whose life circumstances are less than ideal. Many of us become so involved in our own problems that we forget to take notice of those around us, which plays a major role in the proliferation of this phenomenon. It is this ever-deepening selfish behavior that is tying the nooses and cutting the wrists of our loved ones. We see their obvious cries for help, but we downplay them as cries for attention.

My fellow believers and Bahamians,

there are people in our midst who are hurting: people to whom life is happening too quickly and they find themselves completely overwhelmed by it. These are people who you catch the bus with and these are the people who sit next to you in your classes or at work. Pain and depression are much like AIDS. There is no "face"; they don't always mope about, they are not all poorly clad, they don't all cry endlessly. But they ALL show that they are hurting in some ways, and sometimes a phrase as simple as "I see you and you matter" may stay the tying of the knots and the picking up of the razors. It doesn't take a whole lot to help someone out of despair – in fact all it takes is a willing heart and a patient ear.

I know this month's column is not rife with spiritual terminologies and biblical references, but I've been thinking lately that the world is not devoid of such things – church people do that all the time. What the world needs are believers who are prepared to practically apply the teachings and imitate the lifestyle of Jesus.

Movie Review

BY ALICIA CARTWRIGHT

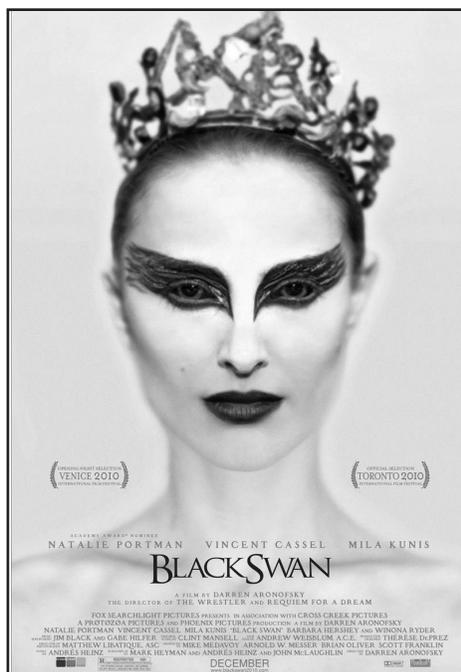
BLACK SWAN

'Black Swan', directed by Darren Aronofsky, is a drama, fantasy, thriller starring Natalie Portman, Mila Kunis and Vincent Cassel. In this film, Nina (Natalie Portman), a ballet dancer, receive the roles of the white swan and her evil twin the black swan in the ballet 'Swan Lake'. Nina is perfect for the part of the white swan; however, she finds the role of the black swan quite difficult. In her attempt to perfect the role, she begins to exhibit psychological problems. Nina loses sense of reality, rebelling against her obsessive mother and fantasizing a lesbian scenario with her co-worker and substitute, Lily (Mila Kunis).

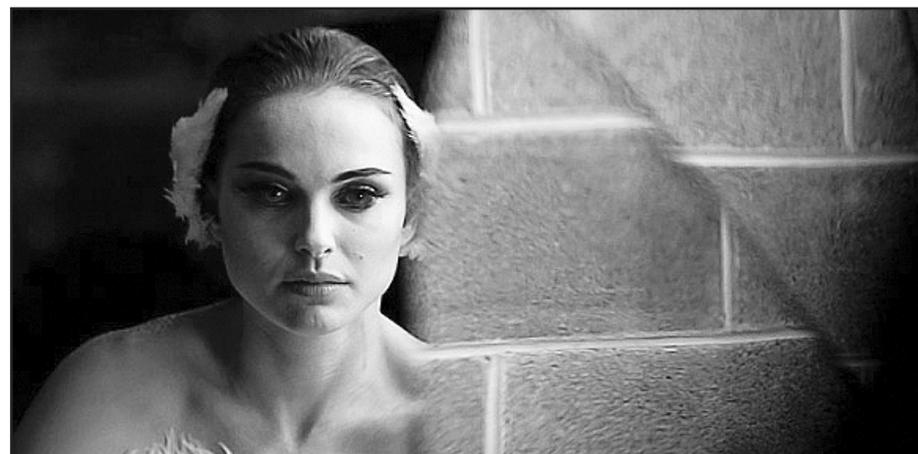
The part of Nina can be seen as Portman's best performance, winning her a 2010 Critic's Choice award, a BAFTA award, and a Golden Globe, all for Best Actress. As the character loses her sense of reality, the film becomes somewhat confusing, intriguing the audience extensively. There isn't much dialogue, but instead lots of emotion and body language. A viewer actually feels as if he/she is watching a ballet, but without the impending comatose state.

This film is like watching real art, depending heavily on the body language of the actors, especially that of Portman. Depicting how pressure on a perfectionist can break the person, bringing forth

insanity, and how it is not worth it even if at the end, the performance is actually perfect. I must say that overall it was quite different (compared to most movies released last year), exciting and very much worth the watch.



■ BlackSwan movie poster (Courtesy of Fox Searchlight Pictures, Protozoa Pictures and Phoenix Pictures, in association with Cross Creek Pictures.)



■ The thriller, BlackSwan will leave viewers breathless. (Courtesy of Fox Searchlight Pictures, Protozoa Pictures and Phoenix Pictures, in association with Cross Creek Pictures.)



Literary Expressions

Polls Now Open

by Tia Clarke

Addressed constantly
by politicians
who undress us
Detest us
do anything to
Defy us
Deny us
freedom of speech
if it's against them
just menmaking
Super human promises
Dismissed
after elected
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Youngsters infected
PLP!
FNM!
too young to vote
but look at them
followers of Christie and Ingraham

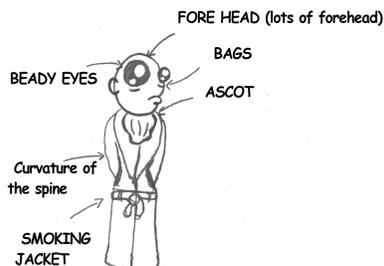
at ten
Cause my mom is
my dad is
born this
rallied together
crowd filled with mirth
brain dead
from birth
they know
no better
Trained to keep quiet
government knows best
but the country's
still a mess
Take a chance
think...

Then Speak
Then Vote

CAMPUS CARTOONS by S.A. Hanna

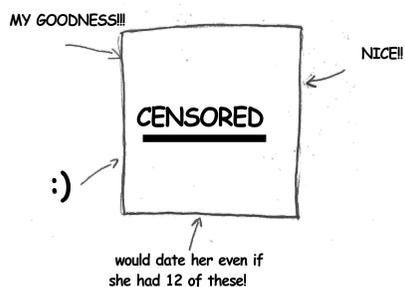
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THE IDEAL WOMAN

what the guys are looking for this Valentine's Day





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Gamer Review:

by Travis Cartwright-Carroll
Production Manager

Next Gen Handheld Consoles!!!

If you haven't heard yet, both Sony and Nintendo have begun preparations to release newer versions of the PSP and DS. The Sony NGP (Next Generation Portable) and the Nintendo 3DS (which is slated for release on March 27th this year) are paving the way for a market of video games.

The NGP is Sony's answer to

that will no doubt help those who cannot see 3D images). The device will launch for \$249.99 with games such as The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, Metal Gear Solid 3, Kid Icarus and Super Street Fighter 3D to be released throughout the year. That's quite an impressive library of launch games for any console.



■ The new user interface for the Sony Next Generation Portable (NGP), release date yet to be announced. (courtesy of IGN.com)

Nintendo's continually family friendly DS systems. Whereas Nintendo has won the war of PSP vs DS, Sony hopes that the NGP will move leaps and bounds beyond the 3DS. The NGP's most notable addition is the touch screen on top of the device and a touch pad on the bottom. In addition to all the original features of the PSP, the NGP will feature two cameras in the front and back of the system. Like the 3DS, Sony is only adding to the already solid powerhouse that is the PSP. Perhaps the biggest claim is that of the little device's graphics, which are being sold as PS3 caliber.

Only time will tell however, if the system is as powerful and capable as the PS3. No release date has been set and only a few games are rumored to be in the works. Here's hoping to something magical.

Nintendo, on the other hand, is hoping to maintain the popularity and diversity of what the DS has come to establish. Whereas the PSP focuses on hardcore gamers and had very little quality games up for purchase, the DS prided itself on attracting casual gamers to its mega library of original and already classic titles.

The 3DS has improved graphics, sound, user interface, wi-fi and software. Its defining feature is the addition of 3D games without using those funky glasses. IGN reports that the 3D can be turned on or off with the push of a button (a feature

Gaming on the Go

With the iPad gaining success as a gaming device, Sony and Nintendo have to compete for gamers' hard-earned dollars. Where Apple's games are \$15 at most, Sony and Nintendo's games will remain at \$30-50. Who will win the next generation war? Does it even matter? Will we be able to afford these consoles? Why am I asking rhetorical questions? Find out next time on...The Gamer Review: Struggle for Identity.



■ Preview of the Nintendo 3DS, set to be released on March 27th. (courtesy of IGN.com)

Guidelines for College Students

by Dawn Alexis McKenzie
Staff Writer

Calling all COB students!!!! Why exactly are you here at The College of The Bahamas? Is it because you have nothing else to do and imagined that COB would be a good investment of your time? No, wait; maybe you're here because COB is a stepping stone to a superior and more efficient university. Or the reason could be that you're generally here to get the best education that you can possibly attain as high school adolescents often regurgitate about their plans for the future. The aforementioned question is a very essential one to consider and may even require some time for self-examination and meditation on your goals. Perhaps the following illustration



■ Working together can create exciting possibilities. (courtesy of cob.edu.bs) will help!

Whatever your motive is for being enrolled in The College of The Bahamas, ask yourselves this question: What is the quality of my exertion in classes while I'm attending COB? Subsequently, ask yourselves a more imperative question: Does my labour reflect that of an ant or a sloth? Why do I solicit you to ask yourselves these questions? Well consider firstly the vast difference between a sloth and an ant and you're guaranteed to see the significance of how we all can glean from nature.

The first distinction between the ant and the sloth is seen in their work ethics. Ants are industrious creatures that tediously toil 24/7, while the sloth spends most of its day sleeping. Secondly, the ant masters the art of time management as it can always be seen car-

rying, loading and unloading food or simply performing mundane errands quickly, always stopping for a few seconds to make sure that its companions are on the right tract. The sloth, on the other hand, seems to have no concern for time – as it executes tasks at its own lethargic pace. Lastly, ants are shrewd in the way that they proactively prepare for potentially dire circumstances. It is no surprise to see ants carrying tons of food, sometimes eight times their own weight, to a safe shelter, whereas a sloth passively seeks to attain only its "wants" at the particular moment of need.

However, there is a very valuable lesson that we can learn from the sloth. Unlike the ant that toils laboriously, the sloth easily comprehends the need for relaxation. The simple reality is that everyone

needs a break from time to time. In fact, one Junior affirmed the importance of this particularly since she is in COB for "twenty four hours per week and can only spare a minimum of two hours a day for relaxation aside from trying to get eight hours of sleep".

So, how do these comparisons benefit you? Well, in harmony with the examples, here are some tips to surviving

COB from college success gurus:

1. Don't procrastinate. The common lure for students attending College is to put their work off for another day; naively thinking that since they have more free time than that of six hour school days. This may be true but time is swift and unforgiving and once it has past – one can find him or herself in a stressful state of overload with assignments, homework, etc .

2. Be proactive. Don't wait for others to tell you when, how, and what you should and should not do. Take the initiative.

3. Expect the unexpected. Just like the ants, we should constantly try to be shrewd, always preparing in advance for tomorrow's uncertainty.

How To Lose An Ex

by S.A. Hanna
Cartoonist

We've all had relationships that ended badly. And we've all had exes that didn't know when to stop calling. And I know we've all had exes who stalked us for eleven months until I finally slapped a restraining order on her... Well, maybe not all of us. Nevertheless, the steps toward a healthy breakup are important.

The first step to losing your former significant other is to actually breakup. This is often the most difficult step; it may never seem the right time but the sooner you do it the better. Don't worry about someone's feelings being hurt; it's inevitable in these situations. The important thing is to be truthful about why you feel the relationship should end.

That means that you also need to know why the relationship won't work; so before you start that fire at the edge of that bridge, make a list of the good and bad, even if it's only a mental one. Dr. Dennis Nedeer, in Discovery Health's article, *When is it time to leave the relationship?* suggests that once the relationship is no longer mutually beneficial, it's time to move on. Now that you've separated from the person and left them crying in the food court with two tickets to *Just Go With It*, comes step number two. When you reach home, at some point you're going to realize that your house is a lot quieter without your phone constantly ringing and all the annoying Facebook pings, pops and random *How in Love are You?* quizzes on your wall. It is at this point you may be tempted to text, email, call, or run over to that person's house and beg their forgiveness.

Don't.

According to HelpGuide.org, "breakups hurt" because they're a loss of so many things from commitments, shared dreams and the relationship:

"A breakup or divorce launches us into uncharted territory. Everything is disrupted: your routine and responsibilities, your home, your relationships with extended family and friends, and even your identity. A breakup brings uncertainty about the future." So it's expected that it becomes a frightening experience. This is where you need to go back over the reasons that you

broke up with them, but you also need to deal with a crucial step - space.

Even if you and your ex paramour were only together for three weeks, that's three weeks of history and breaking up with them isn't going to make them any less attractive or any less of an excellent conversationalist. It may be impossible to avoid the person altogether, but keep any interactions with the person short and polite. Don't flirt, this is important while they may not see the breakup as permanent. Any flirtation between the two of you may be read as hope of reconciliation, and it isn't helpful to either party to string that person along. Space isn't always as obvious, as sometimes it's mental. Is your room covered with nostalgic memorabilia from this person? It may help to put away the stuffed animal that you both won at the carnival last year. You may not be able to throw it away, but you don't need constant reminders of what use to be. Step three; do something productive with your life. Remember friends? All the people that you abandoned to spend all your free time with that person? This may be problematic for some as RelationshipExpert.co.uk postulates that, "When you have been in a relationship, it is likely that you will have lots of friends in common. When you then break up, it can be awkward. Don't drag third parties in and force them to choose sides." It may be incredibly difficult when you and your ex both share the same hang out spots and friends, but Relationship Expert suggest planning a outing with friends in a new locale, "If your friends are worth having they too will be willing to make the effort," they say.

Besides hanging out with some buddies, do whatever it was you did before you met that person. Find a hobby, volunteer, get a job as your parents constantly keep suggesting. The important thing is to occupy yourself mentally and socially with something besides the past. The final, but most crucial step is to deal with your emotions, responsibly. This should actually be the second step because it is integral in making the other steps work out. Whether you're mad at your ex for cheating on you or depressed because they left the country and you can't handle long distance relationships, it is important to deal with those emotions, not just repress them. Its okay

to be angry, (don't burn down houses or listen to any Jasmine Sullivan albums) talk with a friend about it. If you miss your ex, don't just go and replaced them with another vice. HelpGuide.org suggest talking with someone you trust about it. In their words, "it's normal to...feel many conflicting emotions, including anger, resentment, sadness, relief, fear, and confusion... While these emotions will often be painful, trying to suppress or ignore them will only prolong the grieving process."



■ Relationships can be difficult, It's important to know when to let go. (photos courtesy of cob.edu.bs)



COB Evening Dorm Shuttle Schedule

| Trip | MHEC | T-Block | CHMI | Dormitory |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | 6:30 p.m. | 6:45 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. | 7:15 p.m. |
| 2 | 8:30 p.m. | 8:45 p.m. | 9:00 p.m. | 9:15 p.m. |
| 3 | 10:00 p.m. | 10:15 p.m. | 10:30 p.m. | 10:45 p.m. |

Tips on How to Write a Resume from the Owl of Purdue

A résumé is meant to be a "brief document that summarizes your education, employment history, and experiences that are relevant to your qualifications for a particular job". Because your résumé is supposed to get you an interview and hopefully a job offer, your résumé must be user-centered and persuasive.

The general-purpose résumé usually contains four sections: Contact, Education, Experience, and Honors, Activities, and Outreach.

The Contact Information Section

The contact section of your résumé simply lists the information at the top of the page: your full name; your e-mail address; your permanent address; your local or campus address (if applicable); your phone number(s); your web address/URL; and your fax number, etc.

Employers will probably look first and last at your contact information section, so it's well worth your time to make this section easy-to-read and appealing to the eye. Whatever design choices you make, try to coordinate them with the rest of your résumé.

The Education Section

An education section highlights your relevant schooling and academic training. If you have substantial work experience, this section may be very brief, simply listing the information below. If you are a currently enrolled college student or a recent graduate, however, you may want to build this section substantially.

The education section usually includes information about: schools you have attended such as universities and 4-year colleges, junior and community colleges, as well as professional and technical schools (rarely high schools, unless somehow relevant), the location of schools, date of graduation, actual or anticipated, degree(s) earned, grade point average (GPA) if over 3.0.

Education sections, like experience sections, are usually placed in the middle of a résumé, somewhere between the objective statement and the honors and activities section.

If your educational background is your strongest qualification or may help your résumé "stand out," then you'll probably want to put it near the top. Especially if you are a recent graduate, this section may be a major focus for recruiters. On the other hand, if your experience sections are stronger, then you'll probably want to move your education section below them.

The Experience Section

This section emphasizes your past and present employment and/or your participation in relevant activities. Sometimes this section goes under other names such as Work Experience, Professional Experience, Work History, Field Work, Volunteer Work, or Relevant Experience. You can have more than one of these in a given résumé.

Usually, résumé experience sections move from most recent to oldest experience. But with a tailored résumé, you may want to note important and applicable experience first, thus not following a chronological order. Feel free to customize your headings for this section, especially if you are writing a tailored résumé. For example, if the job ad calls for someone with editorial experience, you may want to create a section with the heading "Editorial Experience."

The usual content for an experience section includes company or organization, its location, your position title, dates of employment or involvement, and descriptions of responsibilities and duties.

However, you need not put all this information in this order. For example, if you wish to emphasize the jobs you held rather than the place of employment, you may want to list position titles first. Also, it is often much easier to read if the dates are aligned all the way on the right side margins. This way, it is easier to navigate through which experiences have been the most recent.

Some college students may not have a lot of experience that pertains directly to the job/intern position/graduate school to which they are applying. Don't panic! In these cases, setting up experience sections with two

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Nissan's Electric Car a Trendsetter

by Ann M. Job
Associated Press

Nissan's Leaf plug-in electric hatchback is an endearing car for people who don't mind metering their mileage, planning ahead and sometimes tapping the electricity at a friend's home while sharing dinner.

The first all-electric car offered in the United States by a mainstream auto manufacturer since the early days of the automobile, the new-for-2011 Leaf has seats for five, a roomy, straightforward interior and a

and 48 mpg on the highway.

The 2011 Prius can operate for short distances on electric power, but the on-board electric motor mostly supplements the car's four-cylinder gasoline engine.

The gasoline savings that the Leaf provides come at a luxury-car-like purchase price. Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, for the 2011 Leaf is \$33,600.

It's true that some states offer incentives and rebates for this new electric car. And a



■ Are you willing to drive electric? Are you even ready for it? Nissan's little beauty dares to assume you will. (courtesy of carsession.com)

surprisingly solid, stable feel.

Best of all for consumers who worry about the nation's oil consumption and the environment, the Leaf is rated at 99 miles per gallon of gasoline equivalent by the federal government for combined city and highway driving.

This equivalent is based on a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency formula that seeks to translate a full charge of the Leaf's 24-kilowatt lithium ion battery pack over seven hours at 240-volts into a comparison with a conventional, gasoline-powered car.

Simply stated, the Leaf's mileage rating — which amounts to 106 mpg in city driving and 92 mpg on the highway — is, by far, the top mileage rating for any major brand consumer vehicle. By comparison, the highest ranked mainstream, mid-size car to this point was the gasoline-electric hybrid Toyota Prius with a federal government rating of 51 mpg in city driving

taxpayer can claim a \$7,500 federal tax credit for purchasing a Leaf, so the full price may be offset by lowering a buyer's Internal Revenue Service tax bill.

Another all-electric car, the Tesla roadster, also has the \$7,500 federal tax credit but is a high-priced, two-seat sporty model that has a starting retail price of more than \$100,000. And Chevrolet's upcoming 2011 Volt car, with on-board electric power plus gasoline engine, has a starting retail price of \$41,000. Toyota's Prius has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of just over \$22,000.

The test Leaf handled in a stable, solid way — more like a regular car than I expected. There was no lightweight, golf-cart feel. At more than 3,300 pounds, the Leaf tester had substantial heft and typical safety features like air bags.

Also impressive is how the weight is distributed in the Leaf. In some gas-electric hybrids, the weight of the engine under the

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subcategories (responsibilities and skills learned) can help communicate skills learned that are applicable to future positions.

While you may not think that the retail work you perform carries much value, the skills you're learning transfer and apply to a number of positions in a wide variety of organizations.

Honors and Activities Section

This section highlights the relevant activities you have been involved with and the honors you have received. You also want to communicate how these activities and honors might make you an asset to the organization.

An honors and activities section might include academic awards and scholarships; membership in campus, national, or international organi-

zations; leadership positions held in campus, national, or international organizations; university and community service positions; work-related awards or honors; or date of award or dates of involvement in an activity.

Since this section is usually the last one on the résumé, you can include as many or as few honors and activities as space permits.

Select and include only your most relevant experiences based upon your career goals and the qualifications desired by the company. Since readers are most likely to read information closer to the top of the page, place your most impressive experiences first.

hood competes with the weight of the battery pack that's typically under or aft of the rear seats. This can unsettle the suspension and create a sensation that the vehicle is carrying around three big guys in the back.

There was none of this in the Leaf. Without the engine heft in front, the Leaf's weight felt better balanced. The car was nimble and fit easily into parking spaces.

The 80-kilowatt AC electric motor generates 107 horsepower, more than the Prius.

Torque is an impressive 207 foot-pounds, and since it's all electric, it comes on fast, smoothly and steadily. I beat everyone away from stoplights — and in stealthy silence.

The steering is electric, but it didn't have too much of an artificial feeling. It was the brake pedal that took a bit of getting used to; it managed the regenerative brakes and stopped the car in the process. The Leaf gear shifter also isn't a lever as much as it is a squat blob in the center console.

Seats have a decidedly thick foam feel, and the steeply raked windshield and uncluttered dashboard layout help give an airy, spaceship feel to the front seats.

Fit and finish on the test car was excellent. Nissan says the maximum feasible range for the fully charged leaf is about

130 miles; I never matched that with normal driving. Normally, Nissan says, it takes seven hours to fully charge the car with a 240-volt system.

I didn't have the 240-volt charge system for the test drive. I also didn't have the optional quick charge port, which allows for the battery to charge to 80 percent of capacity in a half hour.

So, I plugged the Leaf into a regular, 120-volt electric outlet in my garage, using a large, brick-like portable power converter, a thick, orange cord and a gas-dispenser-like connection that plugged into the front of the car, above the bumper. With 40 miles left, I'd plug it in overnight. By morning, the Leaf would be 90 percent charged.

All too aware of the limited range and the fact that there was only one other compatible charging station in my area, I watched the mileage like a hawk. I planned combined trips so I wouldn't need to sit at home and wait for the car to recharge.

One busy day, I asked a friend if I could plug in at her home while we ate dinner, because I worried about running low on power. But then I realized I didn't have the cord with me, and she admitted later she wouldn't be thrilled to power up my car on a regular basis, adding to her electric bill.

WE THE STUDENTS LETTER TO COBUS

C. O. B. U. S. – is the acronym for the College of The Bahamas Union of Students. As such, a student union should direct the social and organizational activities of the student body. The purpose of these organizations is to represent 'students' both within the institution and externally, including on local and national issues. They are also responsible for providing a wide array of services to students. Students can get involved in its management through numerous and varied committees, councils and general meetings, or become one of its elected officers.

In keeping with the above stated definition; in preparation for your existing Executive Board to take office, training aboard was organized and subsequently supported and financed by the College. All in an effort to make you and your support team equipped for the awesome task ahead.

As the President we hold you accountable! The President of COBUS also sits on the Council of The College of The Bahamas, which keeps you aware of what administration is doing or not doing, and how this affects 'we the students'.

Additionally, the other members of your board were voted in and by a democratic process they too are obligated to 'we the students'.

As a result of your 'election by default' no commitments were presented up front to the student body, but there were and remain many issues that students face on a daily basis from semester to semester.

We write to request that you address the student population within the next seven (7) days upon receipt of this letter. As 'we the students', must be brought up-to-date as to what you and your board have done for us! This is imperative, as parties have started campaigning for the upcoming election. There appears to be major scandals that implicate your administration and possibly these 'Presidential'.

C. O. B. U. S. has been appointed to represent 'us'!

'We the students' demand to know:-

- What has the current C.O.B.U.S. administration done since taking office?
- Why hasn't the library been opened, as promised?
- How much longer will we have to park our cars at 'additional' risk outside the campus gates due to a lack of parking spaces? The college has almost 5,000 students and less than 1,000 parking spots between all of its campus-

es – What are we to do with our cars when we arrive to campus? Having a car is a necessity not a luxury in The Bahamas!

- What has happened to the 'tuck shop'? Was this not owned and operated by

C. O. B. U. S.?

- Rapes, theft, robbery, physical attacks and fights are rampant on campus – where is the security and who are we holding accountable for these incidences?

- Why are there no water fountains available for students?

- What is being done about the shortage of computers available for students' use?

- Each computer lab as almost 25% of their computers not working – What is being done to address this, as every student is mandated to pay a technology fee for inadequate facilities?

- How is it that a non-nursing student can attend the college pregnant and a student enrolled in the school of nursing 'cannot'?

- When will there be assigned parking for nursing students at the nursing school at Princess Margaret Hospital.

- What is being done about the structure of BADM 300 on the Nassau Campus – especially in light of the high failure rate? Also, especially seeing that Freeport campus does not experience the same difficulty. Is the curriculum the same?

- When will the lights installed in the parking lot be 'operational'?

- C. O. B. U. S. has held several dances and charged a cover fee – Where has that money gone?

- Why do C. I. S. majors have to wait one to two years for some courses to be answered?

- What is the \$50.00 student activity fee for?

- Where is the insurance card that should come with the medical insurance - we are required to pay?

Mr. President, you and your administration have been 'formally' invited to Independence Park or the basketball court area to address the concerns stated in this letter. Kindly communicate the scheduled meeting time for this 'conversation with the students', via various means of communication (i.e. facebook, cob email addresses, flyers around campus and general announcements in all classes). We look forward to hearing from you!

We the Students Follow-up Letter

We write this letter in follow-up to our letter dated February 10th, 2011, as our request stated therein as yet to be fulfilled by you and your team.

The Constitution by which you are governed mandates that you should without force update the student population on all matters that per-

tain to them. Our request is in addition to your legislative mandate and yet we still see no regard from you (COBUS) in this matter.

Once again you are being asked to provide a response with 7 days to the entire student body. Upon failure to provide same, we will carry our concerns to the various media houses throughout the wider community. We further advise if your response to these request appears vague, we are prepared to escalate our concerns as necessary.

COBUS Response

What has COBUS done?

Your COBUS 2010-2011 has achieved a number of accomplishments and a detailed view

of this can be found on the C.O.B.U.S. website at www.cobusbahamas.com or on the Facebook page by searching COBUS.

• Opening of Library

COBUS has been informed that due to a number of issues, the opening of the library was delayed but it is expected to open March 1 2011.

• Parking

This is an urban campus and as such, space is limited. The institution is strapped for parking spaces. COBUS has advocated for more parking spaces for students and to date:

- Parking is available at the Portia Smith Building after 4:00p.m.

-There was an introduction of an additional portion of T-Block Lot for parking.

We continue to advocate for more parking options.

• Tuck Shop

The Tuck Shop was mismanaged however it is under new management with more control.

• Crime

COBUS cannot be held accountable for the lack of security but we continue to advocate

for more security. We wish to encourage students to be more aware of their surroundings while adhering to the personal security suggestions. COBUS encourages students who experience problems to report it to COBUS.

• Water Fountains

There are water fountains located throughout the campus however there is a need for more of these. COBUS has taken the inaccessibility of water into account and plans to bring up the matter with administration to supply water coolers about campus. Until this is tabled, students can approach several campus locations where you can purchase bottled drinking water.

• Shortage of Computers

With the opening of Harry C. Moore library, it is expected to have more computers

available to students. In the meantime, students are encouraged to utilize their personal

computers. COBUS is continuing to advocate

for more computers to facilitate the needs of students.

• Nursing Criteria

At this time, we were told that this particular school has additional criteria to fulfill before being allowed entrance. COBUS was not aware of this particular concern and we will look further into the matter.

• Parking at Nursing Campus

There is assigned parking, however in relation to the student number, COBUS acknowledges that this is indeed a problem. We are currently addressing this and how the number of available spots can be increased.

• Parking Lot Lights

COBUS has brought this matter to the attention of the Security Department who are following up.

• Dance Money

The money has been submitted to the COBUS revenue account which is channeled back

to the students through funding of events, student initiatives and to several charities. If students wish to view the COBUS revenue accounts, you are invited to collect a copy from your COBUS representative.

• Availability of classes

At every opportunity where courses are not offered when needed, COBUS makes sure those courses are offered the following semester. If this was not the case with a student, you are asked to bring these to COBUS' attention at the earliest opportunity.

• \$50 fee

Please see below for the breakdown supplied to COBUS by the COB VP of Finance for the year 2009-2010 which was the most recent data available to us. This matter is always

under constant review and questioning by your COBUS board.

PROCEEDS = \$512,592

From this: PEER TUTORS=\$19,581 CAMPUS LIFE=\$154,463 SPECTRUM=\$10,336 WELLNESS PROGRAM*=\$196,747.20 COBUS=\$24,612 ELECTRICITY**=\$148,468.39

This adds up to \$554,207.59

* Revenue deducted as it is applicable to outside users and employees. 20% has been allocated to athletics

** Represents 80% of the electricity with 20% being allocated to UTEB

• Insurance Cards

Campus Life is responsible for this and we ask that individual students contact that department to inquire about the availability of the cards.

Remembering Dr. Keva Bethel



■ (photo above) Dr. Bethel at dinner. (photo top right) Dr. Bethel giving a speech at the Bahamas Business Outlook Conference in 2009. (photos courtesy of nicobethel.net)



■ Dr. Bethel pictured with Sean Bastian (left) and Greg Harshaw (right) at the Keva Bethel Basketball Classic. (courtesy of cob.edu.bs)



■ Dr. Keva Bethel at the Doctor's Hospital Dr. Meyer Rassin Foundation scholarship presentation in 2009. (courtesy of Bahamaislandinfo.com)