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UB RECREATION & SPORTS REFLECTIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR KIRK "SHABBA" SMITH

The goal of the Department of Recreation & Sports is to improve the personal growth of the student body, by promoting good health practices. This is accomplished through the development and administration of sports programmes that focus on encouraging and maintaining a physically active lifestyle, through both individual and group activities.

Our mission involves promoting mental and physical health via: quality facilities, equipment and programmes that offer a broad range of coordinated activities. This is augmented with instructional classes which compliment the academic environment and fulfill basic human needs including: relaxation, socialization, and having fun.

The University's sports and recreational programmes are geared to provide wide participation in intramural activities (within the students), extramural activities (among various faculties of the university) and inter-tertiary or varsity sports activities (representing UB amongst elite athletes in national and international sporting events).

My vision for the department is to someday, be on equal footing with the NCAA Division 1 in various disciplines including: basketball, softball, football, volleyball and track & field. Most importantly, concerning academics, I aspire to see each student athlete graduate. Beyond this I also wish for them to develop and exhibit a sense of commitment to their community. This is very important because we must engender a sense of involvement and dedication to the ongoing development of our country and its human resources.

The long-range goal of the Department of Recreation & Sports is to provide opportunities for our student-athletes to obtain scholarships and participate at the collegiate level in the United States of America. Of note, the Black Jaguars Men's Basketball Team recently celebrated one such instance, with our Big Man, Lennox Cayetano, obtaining a full athletic scholarship to Southwest Assemblies of God University in Texas, USA. Occasions like these allow our student-athletes the chance to broaden their horizons on several levels. Hopefully, Lennox is the first of many more Black Jaguars to earn an opportunity to represent UB, as well as Belize, on the North American collegiate stage!

According to the Director of Recreation & Sports, he aspires to have UB become widely recognised as the top university in our region, both academically and athletically! Therefore, we continue our quest toward growing a culture of excellence".

UB RECREATION & SPORTS AN INCLUSIVE AFFAIR

In keeping with the overall mission and vision expressed by UB's President, Dr. Santos Mahung, the Department of Recreation & Sports embodies a prominent role. He acknowledges the important role it plays in the holistic development of our student body. One of the means through which the President seeks to incorporate this partnership is through using sports & recreation as a means through which to engender and foster increased community spirit.

The Administration's commitment will be manifest through the development of a sports stadium on the Central Campus, along with adjacent fields and courts for intra-mural use involving: a softball field, football field and a multi-purpose outdoor facility, featuring multiple basketball courts. Given that UB is a multi-campus facility, development will extend beyond that of the Central Campus, with works on the Belize City and Toledo Campuses. These will include the development of football fields and blacktop basketball courts. It is envisaged that such moves will assist greatly in facilitating the advancement of intra-mural sporting activities on those campuses.

UB offers opportunities for students to participate in a variety of sporting disciplines, at various levels. Among these offerings are: softball, football, canoeing, volleyball and basketball - to name but a few. The past three years have proven very successful for the Black Jaguars' sports teams, with the University gaining national and regional recognition in the competitive disciplines of: canoeing, softball and basketball. The La Ruta Maya River Challenge is but one stage on which UB's teams have proven highly competitive. In yet another area, recently the co-ed softball team did extremely well at the ATLIB Softball Tournament by garnishing first place!

Among UB's many athletics successes is its Canoe Team. For the past five years, we have fielded several teams, which have all fared well. In keeping with our efforts to provide a diversity of activities for our student body, the University is in the midst of further developing the Lady Jaguars Canoe Team.

This effort will be gratefully advanced through the generosity of private sponsorship. One of UB's major benefactors, in this discipline, is Koope Sheet Metal, located in Spanish Lookout. The programme received a financial boost with the recent donation courtesy of Messers. Peter and Henry Koop. UB's Dean of Students, Dr. Jean Perriot, was on hand to receive a cheque in the amount of \$5,321.00.

The University takes this opportunity to thank Koop Sheet Metal for their continued sponsorship of our canoe teams.



**Pictured above from left to right
Mr. Peter Koop, Dr. Perriot and Mr. Henry Koop**

BLACK JAGUARS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Amongst the most recognisable and established sports team at the University is the Men's Basketball Team. After only three years since their inception, the team has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments, which span both national and regional competition. Following is a brief list of successful tournaments, registered by the team:

2005

- * Belize Basketball Association National Champions

2006

- * March - Punta Gorda Tournament Champions
- * April - Dangriga Mayor's Cup Tournament Champions
- * July - Black Jaguar Shoot-out Champions
- * October - Brannon Brothers Tournament Champions
- * December - ATLIB Tournament Champions

2007

- * July - Ciudad Del Carmen(Mexico) Tournament- Champions
- * November -UniversityMerida Tournament- Champions
- * December - Flores(Guatemala) Festival Tournament- Champions
- * December - ATLIB Tournament- Champions



UB MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM 2007-2008

Of note, the squad is scheduled to participate in the upcoming Central American University Games during March 2008, in Costa Rica. We are certain that our guys will represent UB, as well as, the country of Belize admirably. Bring home the gold. **GO BLACK JAGUARS!**



MISSION STATEMENT

The University of Belize's Office of Recreation & Sports functions to improve personal growth by promoting good health practices. This will be accomplished with the use of state-of-the-art equipment alongside coordinated services, provided by a full-time staff.

The University's sports programmes will focus, just as the facility, on maintaining a physically active lifestyle, through both individual and group activities.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide opportunities for young Belizean athletes to develop their skills, both physical and intellectual
- Provide sporting opportunities for students
- To increase students' knowledge of physical education and sports
- Use the University colours and the Black Jaguar mascot, to endorse school sports
- To generate creative means to financially maintain sports programmes
- To formulate an effective system of selection for UB Varsity Teams
- To train and support UB Varsity Teams
- Provide equipment that will support the goals of the facility

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ROSTER

ADMINISTRATION & COACHING STAFF



NAME	POST
Kirk Smith	Director
Kevin Siroki	Head Coach
Claude Jones	Assistant Coach
Darren Bovell	Assistant Coach



STUDENT ATHLETES



NAME	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	POSITION
#13 Lennox Bowman	6' 0"	155	2 & 3
# 9 Tyrone Castillo	6' 1"	165	2 & 3
#15 Lindbergh Graham	6' 0"	180	1
# 6 Jorett Jones	6' 3"	175	1, 2 & 3
# 4 Farron Louriano	6' 5"	185	4 & 5
# 1 Travis Lennan	6' 3"	192	3 & 4
#11 Wordsworth Lucas	6' 2"	170	3
#14 Benedict Terry	6' 5"	220	4 & 5
# 7 Stephen Williams	6' 2"	170	2 & 3
#12 Ryan Zuniga	6' 2"	190	4 & 5

Point Guard = 1, Shooting Guard = 2, Small Forward = 3,
Power Forward = 4, Center = 5



TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Apart from the athletic achievements of the Black Jaguars Men's Basketball Team, we have enjoyed a variety of other successes, which transcend the hardwood. The overall concept underlying the team's development, involved providing Belizean youth with greater opportunities to access tertiary education, via sports. Concurrently, each student-athletes is required to maintain a GPA of 2.50, in order to retain their full-athletic scholarship

- * To—date seventeen (17) Belizean youths, from throughout the country, have been afforded the opportunity to further their educational endeavours.

- * Over the past three (3) years, (2) two student-athletes have successfully completed their course of study (1 BA & 1 AA).

- * The team's average GPA is 2.80.

- * Recently, we celebrated the awarding of a full-athletic scholarship to a Black Jaguar student athlete, to attend a four-year university in the United States. This is hopefully the first of many more to come!

- * Participated in various tournaments, both at home and abroad, and compiled an impressive record.

- * Community participation and development –All levels of the Black Jaguars (Administration, Coaching Staff and Players) have joined with SPRITE® to host a youth summer basketball camp. This assists with allow our student-athletes to develop a sense of service and commitment to their communities. In essence, it creates a win-win situation.

**FEATURED PERFORMER
LENNOX CAYETANO**

UB'S BIG MAN, OFF TO COMPETE IN THE US

We are pleased to announce that our very own, Lennox Cayetano was awarded a full athletic scholarship to the Southwest Assemblies of God University.

Lennox, who is a sophomore, hails from Belize City and is an original member of the UB Black Jaguars. At 22 years, weighing 240 lbs and standing 6' 8", he is UB tallest player and player the Centre position.

When asked to describe his game, Coach Sirkoki explained, "He is our enforcer in the middle. He can play with his back to the basket or face up and hit the ten foot jump shot. Lennox runs the floor well for his height".

During this season Lennox made considerable strides in his development as a basketball player. He averaged 8 points, 11 rebounds and 2 steals per game. Additionally, he shot 52% from the field and 68% from the foul-line.

In addition to his athletic exploits, Lennox is the prototype student-athlete. He majored in Computer Sciences and maintained a 2.80 Grade Point Average.

Southwest Assemblies of God University is located outside of Dallas, TX USA is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and competes in the Red River Athletic Conference. The team is known as the Lions.

Lennox departed Belize on Wednesday, 2nd January 2008 and will have 2 1/2 yrs of eligibility. The scholarship is valued at BZ\$44,000 per year.

The entire UB community is proud of Lennox, as we are certain he will excel both academically and athletically. UB hopes that he is the first of many who will be able to earn scholarships and broaden their horizons via athletics.

Congratulations Lennox and good luck. You are an ambassador for not only UB, but also for the entire country of Belize. We are certain that this leg of your journey will prove fruitful on all levels!

For those who wish to keep track of his development, you are encouraged to peruse the Southwest Assemblies of God University website at www.sagu.edu/athletics.



Calendar of Events

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Centralized Calendar System

You are reminded of the University Calendar. If your faculty or university group is planning a meeting, activity or event, call the PR Office at 822-3680, extension 205. Through the use of this system we can best support one-another in our efforts.

UB Mission:

The University of Belize is a national, autonomous and multi-location institution committed to excellence in higher education, research and service for national development. As a catalyst of change it provides relevant, affordable and accessible educational and training programs that address national needs based on principles of freedom, equity, transparency, merit and accountability.

UB Bulletin

All UB faculty, staff and affiliates are asked to submit articles or information for publication in the UB Bulletin. All submissions can either be sent via e-mail to psmith@ub.edu.bz or forwarded on diskette (in Rich Text Format), to Mr. Paco Smith, Public Relations Officer c/o: the Administration Building, Central Campus Belmopan.

