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UB Forges Ahead: From Graduation to Orientation

UB's June graduation ceremonies were held to packed audiences as hundreds of family members and friends gathered to congratulate 588 who received degrees, diplomas, or certificates and were inducted into the UB Alumni Association. Guest speaker at the Belmopan campus's ceremony was His Excellency Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Asst. Sec. Gen. of the Organization of American States, who urged graduates to think of this new horizon as one of "unlimited potential and as the opportunity to establish your place in this world, regardless of your origin."



Guest speaker at Toledo's graduation ceremony was social justice activist and founding manager of Socio-Economic Outreach, Ms. Dorla Bowman. Ms. Bowman reminded graduates never to forget the humane aspect of their UB education. Ms. Bowman is also an adjunct lecturer at UB's Toledo campus from time to time. Outgoing UB Student Government Association president Alex Anderson spoke at the RLC graduation. A full listing of UB graduates 2009 can be found at www.ub.edu.bz under the UB NEWS icon, while a list of those who made the Dean's Honor Roll can be found on the UB Web site at http://www.ub.edu.bz/about_ub/deans_list.php



President Dr. Santos Mahung takes a pic with five Requena brothers of UB-Toledo's 2009 graduating class. They are from San Pedro Colombia Village. They graduated from the Primary Education and Natural Resource Management programs at UB.

Highest GPA by Faculty (Bachelor's Degree)

Faculty of Education and Arts

Emily Ramirez

Faculty of Management and Social Science:

Elishah St. Luce

Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health/Social Wk:

Lisa Yvette Griffith

Faculty of Science and Technology:

Sergio G. Garcia

Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow was the guest speaker at Teachers' Day held on June 12 at UB's Recreation & Sports Center. It was our pleasure to have the Prime Minister on campus for this special rally, spearheaded by the Minister of Education, Hon. Patrick Faber, that saw over 3,000 teachers on UB's campus. *See story on pg. 6*



WE CARE - UB: New Admission Policy Assists Planning



UB's Mike Link was at Registration oversee operations of the new XenDirect Registration System.

At the close of applications for the 2009-2010 academic year, 1,992 students had applied for admission to over 40 UB programs. Of this, 1,745 students were accepted. UB's historical data indicate that an estimated 70% will register. If this holds true for 09-10, then UB can expect to see over 1,200 new students. This year, in order to better facilitate institutional planning in areas such as class space and sizes, textbook ordering and hiring of additional lecturers, UB also introduced a new admissions policy. This requested accepted students to pay a nonrefundable deposit by June 30th to indicate commitment to register in August, with the deposit being credited towards tuition/fees, and 822 students had committed to registering. UB expects that another few hundred will commit following orientation & registration. Classes resume Aug. 17, and UB's official census day is August 31, which follows the final day of the late registration period.

NEW and RETURNING UB STUDENTS: Look out for the 2009-2010 Academic Year Semester Kickoff, scheduled for the first week of September!

New Student Governments elected:

Full details and names/positions will be published after the Official SG Swear-in Ceremony in September.



(L) Judith Lisbey, outgoing Administrative Officer of the Belmopan Campus SG poses with (R) Steven Sho, president-elect for the incoming Bmp student government near the Ballot Tent in Belmopan at elections held May 12.



Toledo's SG Vice-President elect Stacy Ramclam at microphone during Orientation for that campus held on Monday, August 3, 2009, while other Toledo SG members await to be presented.



(L) Belize City's SG president-elect Jamal King, elected May 13, led the Orientation Group Leaders at sessions held Aug. 29, 30 and Saturday, Aug. 1 (for part timers).

UB Cares...Counselors Make Big Impact at Orientation 09-10



(L) UB's Belmopan's counselor Leon Leslie (R) UB's Bz-Toledo's counselor Dr. Corinth Morter-Lewis

Vignettes of Graduation '09



ORIENTATION VIGNETTES: JULY 27-AUGUST 3



Vicky Quetzal, student assistant, in the Office of Student Services, at Bz City



Agriculture Faculty/graduates in Summer Outreach



The Irrigation and Drainage Training Program was conducted in the context of the Belize Agricultural Policy

Kudos to UB's Carol August, Chair of UB's Agriculture Dept, and to Carlos Alberto Itza for the story and pictures!



Participants learned how to identify pathogens by signs and symptoms and conducted lab and field diagnosis of pests

UB's Agriculture, graduates, students and faculty participated in a two day irrigation and drainage training program on July 1 and 2, sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Cooperatives, BAHA, and the Agriculture Enterprise Rural Development Program (AERDP). It was funded by the European Union and the UNDP. Alberto Gutierrez, Harold Westby and Teresita Balan are UB Central Farm graduates who were the main facilitators for the lectures and field visits, which were bilingual, and which were held at Central Farm. Pamela Scott of Projects Management Unit of AERDP is also a former UB agric student who was involved. Additionally, UB's input extended to participation in a one day workshop training session on disaster risk management, concepts/ approaches to climate change adoption related to agriculture and sustainable natural resources management held July 9 at Central Farm.

UB's Nursing Faculty Contributes to Regional Standards



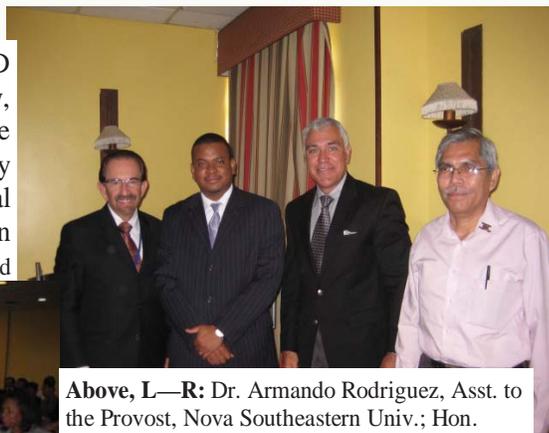
UB's Mrs. Cynthia Guild facilitated

UB's Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work is contributing to the regional nursing exam, most recently in a two-week workshop that occurred July 20-31. Sessions kicked off with the July 19 meeting of the Regional General Nursing Council at the Radisson. UB's involvement in setting standards for the nursing profession was acknowledged at the ceremony and in public media [you may have caught the TV and radio interviews with the Ministry's Chief Nursing Officer Marjorie Parks], and facilitator for the workshop sessions was UB's Mrs. Cynthia Guild. Others involved were UB's Chair Mrs. Isidora Espadas, Mrs. Leolin Castillo and Mrs. Lorita Haylock. Mrs. Trudy Tillett and others from UB's Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work were also in attendance at the opening ceremony.

UB's NOVA Doctoral Candidates on the Move!

Seven of UB's faculty are currently part of a 31-person strong EDD program being conducted in Belize through Nova Southeastern University, with the support of the University of Belize and the endorsement of the Ministry of Education. On July 16, this cohort held a 2nd anniversary presentation to appraise the media, family members of the doctoral candidates and the wider public on their progress and emerging dissertation topics; additionally, two presentations were offered on the theme "Cause and Effect: Leading Change in an Era of Globalization."

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Hon. Patrick Faber who applauded the candidates for the relevancy of their studies, noting that, as researcher Michael Fullan posits, being able to attach personal meaning to one's work makes all the difference. Dr. Pedro Hernandez of Nova also urged the candidates to take full advantage of the opportunity to be critical consumers of research.



Above, L—R: Dr. Armando Rodriguez, Asst. to the Provost, Nova Southeastern Univ.; Hon. Patrick Faber, Minister of Education-Belize; Dr. Pedro Hernandez, Asst. to the Provost, Nova Southeastern Univ.; Dr. Angel Cal, UB's Provost. (Left, front row L-R): Dwight Faber, Beverly Faber and Reuel Black, three of the doctoral candidates

**UB's Recreation and Sports:
Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Football, Canoeing**



UB Black Jaguars...Playing Great B-Ball and Representing Belize!

The University of Belize congratulates Winston Pratt, one of its very own Black Jaguars basketballers, for being selected to participate in the NBA/Basketball Without Borders camp. This year's camp is being held in Mexico City from August 6th to 9th. Winston is one of 70 basketballers chosen from the Americas and the Caribbean. UB is proud of you, Winston! Additionally, six UB Black Jaguars were selected to be on the Belize National Basketball Team, which is playing in the Central American games this month. While UB's players may not make the starting line-up, UB sure is proud to have them representing Belize! They are: Steven Williams, Winston Pratt, Travis Lennon, Farron Louriano, Leroy Louriano & Jorrett Jones. UB's Head Coach Kevin Siroki is also the national team's coach.

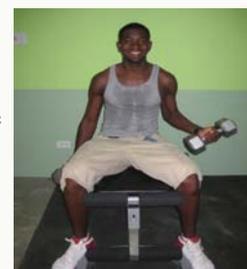


Above: UB Black Jaguar Winston Pratt takes a shot from the free throw line!
Below: Farron Louriano,



UB's Gym Equipment Awaits Your Use ... Get in Shape!

UB's Sports and Recreation Center (the Gym) at the Belmopan central campus has a fully equipped gym for use of faculty, staff and students. The gym has the following available: leg equipment, stationery bicycles, bench press, arm curls, abdominal equipment and the expertise of Claude "Too Taal" Jones to make sure you know the how to properly use the equipment. Additionally, Coach Jones and the crew can train you in doing 15-minute flex workouts designed to de-stress you. You can contact the coach at 822-3680, ext. 439



Looking Ahead to Intramurals

Intramurals = competition among UB campuses to pick the UB teams to compete in the annual games of the Association of Tertiary Level Institutions of Belize (ATLIB). Intramurals begin in early September, and schedules will be posted shortly. ATLIB games are in four sports: volleyball, football, softball and basketball. In 08-09, UB's female Black Jaguars came in FIRST in all four, while UB's male teams came in FIRST in football and b-ball and SECOND in s-ball and v-ball.

Recruiting for UB Teams Has Begun ... Interested?

The UB sports crew has already begun recruiting students for the annual UB Relathon and for the annual Ruta Maya canoe race (both will occur in March). Tryouts will take place in October 2009 to finalize team picks and then it will be many weeks of practice, fun and rigorous workouts to get ready for competition...822-3680, ext. 439!



Mission: UB's Office of Recreation and 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 fulltime coach. UB's sports program focuses on maintaining a physically active lifestyle through both individual and group activities.

Sports & Recreation Director: Kirk "Shabba" Smith: 822-3680, ext. 401

Schedules for Intramurals and ATLIB will be posted shortly! You can always call Claude "Too Taal" Jones at 822-3680, ext. 439 for more information!

Faculty and Staff News

UB Welcomes New Assistant Provost



(L) Cynthia Thompson, Ph.D. is UB's Assistant Provost, a new post necessitated by the growing UB numbers. She assumed office June 1. Dr. Thompson's professional experience includes her stewardship as Dean of UB's Faculty of Education and Arts from Aug. 2000 - July 2003, when she left for her doctoral studies. Previously, she was principal of the former Belize Teachers' College from April 1989 - July 2000. Dr. Thompson was also on the Secretariat of the UB Development Task Force. She was also a leader in the development and implementation of the Teacher Education component of the Belize Primary Education Development Project from 1992-1999. As Assistant Provost at UB, Dr. Thompson is focusing on academic administration, providing leadership in the strategic and operational management of the distribution and assignment of faculty, enrolment processes and student support services, record keeping and information systems and UB's research and technical services. Her office is located on the ground floor of the UB-Belmopan Administration Building, Telephone 822-3680, ext. 210.

RLC Bids Farewell to Dr. Macmillan - Welcomes New Director

Rose Modera, new director of the Regional Language Ctr, is a doctoral candidate with Nova (see pg.3). Dr. Debbie Mcmillan receives kudos from Provost Dr. Cal; she left to Assume a post in the U.S.



UB's Chief Librarian at Western Kentucky University

WKU Libraries is hosting Erwin Woodye, Chief Librarian, from the University of Belize as part of an administrator exchange program sponsored by COBEC (Consortium for Belize Educational Coop. "We have enjoyed having Erwin with us this week," says Dr. Mike Binder, Dean of WKU Libraries. "He is here from July 21-31 to gather information and learn about our programs, operations, policies and services, some of which may find application to his library system." You can see him at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/13303252@N06/>



Above: UB's Chief Librarian Erwin Woodye in the stacks, Western Kentucky Univ. **Below:** UB's Housekeeping & Physical Plant personnel display certificates

Housekeeping Workshop

A housekeeping workshop was held in Belmopan on July 2 and 3. UB's Office of Human Resources organized the two-day workshop, and Mrs. Beverly Brown, a former UB lecturer in the Hospitality program, facilitated. Participants received a certificate at the conclusion. HR Officer Steven Burn notes that this workshop is part of the series of in-house training exercises to improve on UB's housekeeping and hospitality skills. This training was for the Bmp campus maintenance employees, and it included Physical Plant personnel.



UB and Ministry of Education: Working Together Cont'd from pg. 1

Originally scheduled for May 8 but delayed because of the H1N1 threat, the annual Teachers' Day activities were held on June 12 at UB's Recreation and Sports Center (Gym). This year, the Ministry of Education held a historic grand rally that had over 3,000 teachers convening at UB to receive awards, hear inspirational speeches, and benefit from great discounts at booths selling cell phones and other products. Guest speaker at the opening ceremony was Prime Minister Hon. Dean Barrow. The Prime Minister congratulated all Belize's teachers, noting in particular their competence, creativity and commitment. In a statement published in a commemorative 2009 teachers' Day booklet, **Honorable Dean Barrow** said that "Good teachers do more than pass on information. Good teachers inspire a thirst for learning that lasts a lifetime...Government joins a grateful nation in honoring teachers and valuing the teaching profession." The theme was "Quality Teaching for Relevant Education." UB's President and Provost were in attendance.



Over 3,000 teachers convened at UB's Recreation and Sports Center on June 12. In addition to the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, other speakers included the Leader of the Opposition and the President of the Bz Ntl' Teachers' Union.



**Minister of Education,
Hon. Patrick Faber**

Hon. Patrick Faber, Minister of Education, delivered the keynote address. He congratulated all teachers, with particular mention of the nominees for Teacher of the Year Awards. Four teachers were awarded from each district in the areas of Pre-Primary, Primary, Secondary and Tertiary levels of education. **UB's Mathias Vairez** of the UB-Toledo campus was one of the nominees. The Minister offered deep-felt and sincere appreciation to the massive audience, noting that teachers "touch delicate lives on a daily basis" and that "the impressions [teachers] leave will be lasting ones that will shape our citizens and our society..." UB says a hearty KUDOS to the Ministry of Education for organizing this sterling event in honor of the nation's teachers.

UB at Vanguard of Ministry's NEW Certificate in Teacher Ed

An exciting development has occurred in teacher education in Belize. As per the Ministry of Education's concerted effort to increase the percentage of trained teachers in Belize, a format relevant to our existing teachers' reality began this summer to upgrade the pedagogical skills of existing teachers without taking teachers out of the classroom during the academic year. Thus, the NEW certificate in teacher ed for existing teachers who have no pedagogy certification is being conducted over 3 summers. This summer, 350 teachers registered, and of this, 184 are being trained through UB's facilities. UB used its own facilities in Belmopan, Belize City and Punta Gorda, and partnered with Muffles Junior College to deliver in Orange Walk. UB lecturers are Nestor Chan, Ethie Paulino, Dr. Raul Clark, Mr. Enrique Barrera, Ms. Rita Enriquez, Ms. Rose Pineda, Ms. Adelita Romero, Mr. Amado Chan and adjunct Ms. June Young.



UB's FEA lecturer Ethie Paulino facilitated the first phase of the San Pedro Ambergris Caye cohort for 26 students at the facilities of Holy Cross Anglican. FEA's Nestor Chan is concluding the second phase on August 14.

**UB's Planning
Retreat:
Implementing Vision
3000 - 6000**



One of the 5 groups trained

Rural IT held small business management/marketing training sessions July 10, 17, 20-22 in 5 districts for the purpose of capacity building for beneficiaries of the Rural IT project, which is being funded by EU, GoB & ITSB (Information Tech. Solutions-Bz) & implemented by UB.

UB's administration, faculty and staff participated in a dynamic three-day retreat at the Central Campus on June 9, 10, 11, 2009. Participants got into the nuts and bolts of actualizing **UB's Vision 3000-6000**, which is the development plan for transforming the university to meet its growing numbers and to position UB as the premier degree-granting national institution. The plan is anchored in national development priorities and aspirations, and it was formulated after several months of conversations, observations and analysis of materials that president Santos Mahung and the UB Board and administration team carried out between June 2008 to February 2009. Consultations also involved members of the Association of Tertiary Level Institutions of Belize (ATLIB) and public and private sector input along with that of faculty, staff and students. At the retreat, participants were introduced to the log frame planning instrument to actualize nine overall objectives: improving the reputation of UB, ensuring academic rigor and excellence, fulfilling the role and obligations of a national university, fulfilling the student-centered nature of the university, providing countrywide access to UB's programs, enhancing partnerships with private and public sectors nationally, regionally and internationally, strengthening UB's governance and management systems, and fostering a sense of business efficiency and entrepreneurial spirit at the university.



Coordinator of Student Services Sharon Palacio at new podium, Jaguar Bldg.

UB's New Podiums

The Office of Public Information (OPI) launched UB's new full-sized podium at its 2009 graduation. Additionally, OPI acquired a portable podium for use at outdoor events. The podiums are made of wood from Belize's national tree, the mahogany! The portable podium dismantles into three parts for ease of transport, and it can be booked by contacting swaight@ub.edu.bz at the OPI Office or calling 822-3680, ext. 205.



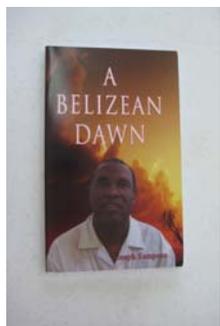
Campus Administrator of UB-Toledo, Stanley Nicholas, uses new portable podium at Toledo's Orientation



UB's ACE Dept. In addition to remedial courses, tour guide training, and customized workshops, UB's Adult and Continuing Education Ctr (ACE) supports sessions for B.E.R.T., the Belize Emergency Response Team. One session that is in Emergency Medical Training Technician Training (EMT) is currently underway, with veteran EMT personnel Javier Canul facilitating.(R) UB-ACE's Mayra Pech /Mr. Canul



***A Belizean Dawn* ...UB Lecturer Joseph Sampson Launches Book**



UB's History lecturer Joseph E. Sampson launched his book *A Belizean Dawn* on July 24 at the Faculty of Education and Arts in Belize City. The book is a compilation of three episodes in the author's life, interwoven with aspects of Belize's history, and guest speaker Paul Morgan calls the book "a testament to humanity." The stories detail a journey of the author's own liberation in overcoming the attitude some have towards life's challenges, especially that of mental illness. In addressing the gathering, the author said that unless people, especially youths, are willing to accept that life comes with problems, such problems cannot be overcome. Congratulations!



FEA's Joseph Sampson, author, signs books at launch of *A Belizean Dawn*



Calendar of Events

March 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	UB
						1 - UB's 9th anniversary -Orientation for part time students in Belize City	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
2 -	3 -Orientation at Toledo Campus -Summer grades available from Office of Registrar -UB's Admin begins one-wk follow-up to June's Planning session	4 Faculty return from vacation -Registration for the August 2009 begins: FMASS	5 - Registration, FMASS (morning) FNAHSW (afternoon)	6 - Registration FST	7 - Registration FEA	8 -	
9 -	10 - Registration for new and transient students	11 -	12 - Faculty Orientation	13 - Faculty Orientation	14 -Registration RLC	15 -	
16 -	17 - Classes start for Sem. One 2009-2010 -Drop/Add period begins -Late Registration begins	18 - -Late registration continues and ends Aug. 28. - Withdrawal with 100% tuition began Aug. 17 and ends Aug. 28 -Audit switch period began Aug. 17 and ends Aug. 28.	19 -	20 -	21 -	22 -	
23 -	24 -	25 -	26 - Student Governments Swear-In, 2 :00pm Jaguar Aud., Bmp	27 -	28 - Last day to ADD a class and for late registration	29 -	
30 -	31 - UB's Official Census Day	 <p><i>We Care...the 2009-2010 theme to govern UB's approach to student life in all its outreach activities...look out for news on UB's upcoming exciting nationwide contest to design a graduation gown suited to our climate and reflective of our multiculturalism!</i></p>					

Looking Towards September 2009

- ◆ Semester Kick Off
- ◆ UB in September Parades!
- ◆ Intramurals

Looking for the latest updates on UB ? ALWAYS CHECK the **UB NEWS** and **UB Calendar of Events** on www.ub.edu.bz

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