

1919

Rt. Hon. George C. Price

2011

*Gone but never forgotten*



## TOUCHING LIVES FOREVER

It has become a tradition that contributes to foster and enhance the UB spirit among students, faculty and staff for the semester and for many they were not disappointed when the annual convocation was opened by Dean of the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, Dr. Vincent Palacio. The Dean along with his staff took the opportunity to share with students the vision and expectations of the faculty for the academic year, provided information to students with respect to the operations of the faculty as well as their expectations of students to excel within a conducive learning environment at the University of Belize.



## STRENGTH IN UNITY

On September 28, 2011 The Jaguar Auditorium was the venue for Faculty of Education (FEA's) "Let's Connect – Together We Are Stronger". This was a unique opportunity for freshmen in FEA to meet their Faculty and staff on a personal level. The freshmen expressed concerns over several pertinent issues affecting them thus far in their academic journey here at UB. The freshmen were also introduced to their student mentors who will assist them to settle into student-life on campus, housing accommodation, and transportation. Students also gave testimonials about their life as UB FEA freshmen. Congrats to all the organizers!



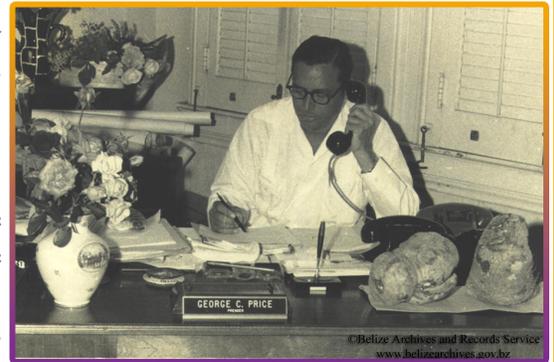
# "FATHER OF THE NATION" AND NATIONAL HERO!

## RIGHT HONOURABLE GEORGE CADLE PRICE



The Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price passed away two days before the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when Belize gained its independence on September 21, 2011 from the United Kingdom.

The University of Belize issued a Press Release which stated: "It is with deep sadness that The Board of Trustees of the University of Belize, The Office of the President, Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students and the UB Family extend sincerest and deepest condolences to the family and to the nation of Belize on the passing of the "Father of the Nation" and National Hero, The Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price.



The Rt. Hon. Price, a gentle giant was among the Caribbean pioneers who championed political independence in their respective Caribbean territories. They included among others Hon. Grantley Adams and Hon. Errol Barrow of Barbados; Hon. Forbes Burnham and Hon. Cheddi Jagan of Guyana, Hon. Alexander Bustamante and Hon. Norman Manley of Jamaica, and Hon. Eric Williams of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Rt. Hon. Price was the last surviving member of that distinguished generation.

For his contribution to the Caribbean Community, The Rt. Hon. Price was conferred with the Community's highest honour, the Order of the Caribbean Community at the Opening Ceremony of the Twelfth Inter-Sessional Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community on February 14, 2001, Barbados. The Rt. Hon. George Cadle Price, gone but will never be forgotten."

A State Funeral service was held for the Right Honourable George Price on Monday 26th September 2011 at the Independence Plaza in the City of Belmopan followed by interment at the Lord's Ridge Cemetery, Belize City.

May this national hero of the peaceful constructive Belizean revolution rest in peace and rise in glory!

God Bless!

The Rt. Hon. George Cade Price was born on January 15, 1919 in Belize City, the third of eleven children, to William Cadle Price and Irene Cecilia Price (nee Escalante).

Mr. Price attended Holy Redeemer Primary School and St. John's College in Belize City and then studied theology at St. Augustine Minor Seminary in Mississippi, USA and then the Seminario Conciliar in Guatemala.

After returning home in 1942 he began working for Mr. Robert Sydney Turton. It was with Mr. Turton that Price received his introduction to politics. By 1944, Mr. Price entered municipal politics within three days of voting day and lost that first election. In 1947 he won his first election and served as Mayor of Belize City from 1958 to 1962.

On December 31, 1949 the British Honduras dollar was devalued by the Governor who used his reserve powers. As a result of this catalyst, the People's Committee was formed and comprised of members John Smith, Leigh Richardson, and Philip Goldson among others, with Mr. Price as its Secretary. By September 29, 1950 the People's Committee became the People's United Party and the Party's first major victory was the achievement of Adult Suffrage in 1954. Mr. Price became party leader of the PUP in 1956, and remained as the leader until 1996.

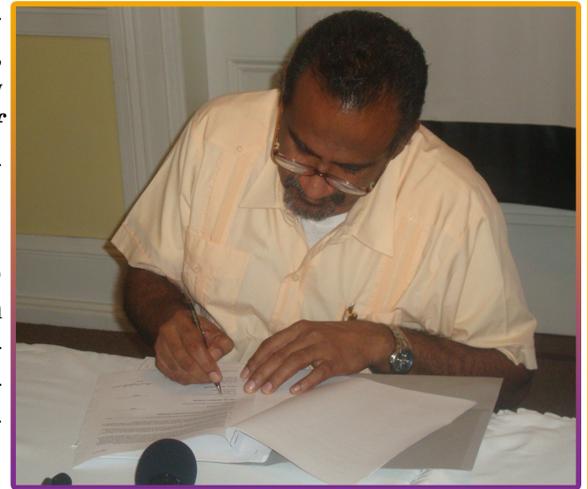
In 1964, Mr. Price led Belize into Self-Government and became its first Premier. He was elected as a member of the House of Representatives in consecutive elections from 1965 to 1984 and again from 1989 to 2003.

In the 1970's Mr. Price and his team organized a movement for the internationalization of the Belizean call for Independence. On Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 1981 Belize achieved its Independence from Britain and was admitted into the United Nations. The Hon. George Price became Belize's First Prime Minister. In September 2000 Mr. Price was awarded with Belize highest honour: Order of National Hero, the Jose Marti Award – Cuba's Highest Award by President Fidel Castro, and the Order of the Caribbean Community.

## RESEARCH = NATION BUILDING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In recognition of research and its significance in contributing to the social, economic, cultural, historical and political development of a society, the University of Belize along with other key members of Civil Society signed a *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the “Promotion of Search on Belize”* between and among the Institute for Social and Cultural Research of the National Institute of Culture and History.

Signing the MOU was UB’s President, Dr. Cary Fraser on September 23 at the Bliss Institute, Belize City. The signing by President Fraser is an indication that the University of Belize is committed to foster and enhance its integral role as a development actor in molding the lives of Belizeans with the domains of knowledge that will empower them to develop and build Belize.



*UB President, Dr. Cary Fraser*

Signatories to the MOU, which includes St. John’s College; the National Heritage Library; and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, agreed to engage in collaborative action for achieving the overall goal of promoting social, cultural and historical research and education; develop a supportive framework for the development of a social, cultural and historical research and education; facilitate the development of a research agenda which reflects those relevant social, cultural and historical themes in Belize. They also agreed to establish a research fund for the promotion of social, cultural and historical research; jointly or separately mobilizing resources from governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations and private sector at the national and international levels for the development of activities associated with the promotion of social, cultural and historical research; collaboratively and individually facilitate and provide training for the purpose of capacity-building in social, cultural and historical research and education; developing an integrated strategic work plan for the execution and implementation of research and education agenda as well as and create forums for academic discussion and exchange and public dialogue among others. (For more information visit our website)

## NRM STUDENT A SHINING STAR OF UB



*Kudos to Vanessa and thanks for making UB proud!*

Congrats to Vanessa Figueroa, Natural Resource Management student who at the time was on her internship program in Mexico as a requirement from UB was awarded a Master’s degree scholarship. During her two months attachment at IPN, CIIDIR-SINALOA, Vanessa conducted her research entitled: “the Growth and Survival of the Japanese Oyster, *Crassostrea gigas*, in the Estuary La Piedra, Guasave, Sinaloa.”

Vanessa, working under the direct supervision of Dr. Andres Martin Gongora Gomez, the Malacologist, within the Aquaculture Department presented the results of her research at the DELFIN Congress in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico on August 25th. She also presented to students of both IPN and Universidad de Occidente, her Bachelor degree thesis entitled, *Diadema antillarum*: Population Dynamics and Influence on Coral Reef Community Structure within the Glover’s Reef Marine Reserve. She also assisted in other research areas such as the embryonic development of the conch *Murex Negro*, *Muricanthus nigritus*; the culturing of the pen shell, *Atrina maura*, and Japanese oysters, *Crassostrea gigas*; the determination of heavy metal content in *Atrina maura* and determining diseases in the *Crassostrea gigas*.

**Vanessa** successfully completed the internship program and was offered a Master’s degree scholarship to commence 2012 after excelling on the knowledge entrance exam.

This Internship opportunity through the DELFIN program was an output from the first ever, *Belize-Mexico Symposium for Research Collaboration on Biodiversity and Natural Sciences* conducted earlier this year at the Jaguar Auditorium, Central Campus, Belmopan. The Faculty of the Natural Resource Management Program and the entire Faculty of Science and Technology salute Vanessa on this job well done, and wish her success in her endeavors.

## SENIOR LECTURER AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY PRESENTS THE AFRICAN PRESENCE IN PRE-COLUMBIAN AMERICA



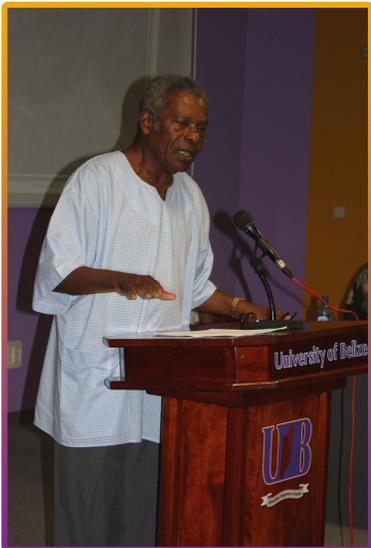
The University of Belize hosted a distinguished lecture on the “**African Presence in Pre-Columbian Societies of the Americas**” on September 7, at the Jaguar Auditorium, Central Campus, Belmopan.

It was delivered by highly published professor and scholar in African and African-American studies of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, United States, Dr. Floyd Hayes III.

Dr. Hayes, recognized internationally for his outstanding scholarly work in African and African American studies is the author of numerous scholarly articles and book chapters in the areas of Africana political philosophy, politics, and public policy. *(for full text of presentation kindly visit: [www.edu.gov.bz](http://www.edu.gov.bz))*

*Dr. Hayes, Lecturer Rita Mae Hyde, and Garifuna drummers.*

He is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science and Coordinator of Programs and Undergraduate Studies in the Center for Africana Studies at Johns Hopkins University.



*Dr. Theodore Aranda*

President of the University of Belize, Dr Cary Fraser delivered the Welcome Address at the opening of the conference. Other speakers included Dr. Theodore Aranda, who was also a co-sponsor and co-chair of the conference, Dean of Faculty of Education and Arts, Dr. Wilma Wright, and lecturers in the History Department and co-chair of the conference, Mr. Cesar Ross and Ms. Ritamae Hyde.

It should be noted, on December 18, 2009, the United Nations General Assembly had adopted a Resolution, which proclaimed 2011 as the International Year of Afro-Descendants.

In related news, a Commemorative Meeting of the International Year of Afro-Descendants will be held in Salvador, State of Bahia, Brazil, from November 17 to 19, 2011, under the auspices of the Ibero-American Organization General Secretariat, the Brazilian Federal Government, and the Government of the State of Bahia.

## UB STUDENT GOVERNMENT SWORN IN



The Student Government for all campuses for academic year 2011-2012 was officially sworn in on August 26, 2011 at Central Campus, Belmopan.

The three Student Government presidents (appearing from left to right on photo) are:

Central Campus: Benjamin Acosta  
Punta Gorda Campus and also ASG Chair: Ashton McKenzie  
Belize City: Jenna Lucario

### Student Government Mission Statement

1. To promote and safeguard the academic and professional interests of UB students and to keep its members informed of all activities being offered by the Student Government or any other matter of importance and urgency affecting UB students.
2. To promote unity and improve relations among students, faculty, staff, administration and the Board of Trustees of UB.
3. To promote the quality of student life through social interactions, educational programs and activities, elections, student recognition, evaluations of university services, cultural events, adequate infrastructure and community service projects.

## EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY WITH "KOHA" ONLINE CATALOG



*Chief Librarian, Mr. Erwin Woodye*

**KOHA** is an online catalog that holds the records of all library items that would allow students, faculty, staff and visitors to search and find online books that are available in the library, as well as allow the Library to loan and track items virtually.



Chief Librarian, Mr. Erwin Woodye, Jr explained that this is a demonstration of another initiative by the library in embracing technology to provide students, faculty and staff with access and relevant information in a timely manner.

To date, the library has entered over 18,000 books into Koha to search and will continue to enter items to further update the catalog.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors are invited to view the catalog at: <http://belize.kohalibrary.com>

The University of Belize Library continues to provide a setting conducive to learning, discovery, and cultural life, and assists patrons to achieve professional goals. The UB Library offers an assortment of services to assist students in meeting their needs and to make their stay at UB more convenient.

The UB library network consists of five branches: one at the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences in Belize City, UB Toledo Campus, Central Farm Campus, and at the main branch at the UB's Central Campus, Belmopan.

## DIVERGENT DISCUSSIONS



*Critical thinking*

The University of Belize (UB) through the Office of Student Affairs on September 28, held the first in an educational series entitled: Divergent Discussions and Debates. Designed to provoke thought and greater social involvement, the premier edition—held at the Jaguar Auditorium, Central Campus, Belmopan—focused on the Constitution of Belize and provided a platform for students, faculty and staff to engage experts.

Dean of Student Affairs, William A. Neal said that invited speakers discussed issues such as inalienable and human rights as they relate to the Preamble of the Constitution; Fundamental Rights and Freedoms; Education and Legal Aid as well as the spirit of the Constitution.

Participants were also encouraged to analyze the laws, ask questions and make comments in an effort to encourage dialogue and respect for differing opinions. The general objective of the series is to inform, educate and communicate to all the importance of respecting all views and perspectives presented on matters of national interests as Belize defines itself within a rapidly changing social, economic, cultural and political global environment.

Speakers included Attorney Antoinette Moore—Country Director, Rule of Law Initiative and Human Rights Activist; and Patrick Menzies—Community Activist.

## FOOD SECURITY

The University of Belize along with representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and other key stakeholders from the agricultural research community across Belize including farmers of sugar, grains and cattle as well as regional and hemispheric research and non-research organisations converged and discussed the way forward for agricultural research in Belize at the San Ignacio Hotel on September 15.

Representing the University at the National Coordinating Committee for Agricultural Research & Development (NCCARD) annual forum was the manager of UB's micropropagation laboratory at Central Farm, Dr. Stephen Williams.



*Stakeholders from the agricultural research community across Belize*

At the agricultural research forum he noted the success of agricultural research which is of critical importance to the University of Belize and UB's active involvement in future NCCARD programmes and in this regard, will provide significant opportunities for strengthening current and establishing new collaborative links with agricultural research stakeholders and institutions around the country.

NCCARD was launched in 2004, through an initiative of the Caribbean Agriculture & Research Institute (CARDI) aimed to coordinate agricultural research and development activities consistent with national agricultural and food policy and to ensure that relevant programmes and projects are formulated and documented in accordance with established scientific principles. Participants at the event included the International Institute for Cooperation in Agriculture (IICA), National Livestock Producers Association (NLPA), Brodies, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). IDB representative, Sybille Nuenninghoff who made a presentation on IDB's continued support for agricultural programmes in Belize.

The outgoing Chairman of NCCARD, who is Dr. Stephen Williams, delivered the welcome address at the meeting and emphasized some of the key objectives of the group being to oversee agricultural research and development for Belize, which includes among others the documentation of agricultural research results, to act as a repository for research documentation and to coordinate national research symposiums and meetings; the formation of the NCCARD secretariat, the provision of training for agriculture stakeholders in project development and in the use of MS Project and the provision of technical support to the R & D programmes in the Ministry of Agriculture at Central Farm (which has included work on root and tuber crops, organic farming and hot pepper production). A significant achievement also highlighted in the discussions was the work undertaken towards launching a "call for proposals for innovative agricultural development and research projects" for grants of up to BZ\$150,000.

## SADLY MISSED

### Steve Wright



*Lecturer*

*Faculty of Science and Technology*

*Sunrise: July 26, 1959  
Sunset: August 29, 2011*

*Mrs. Corinne Wright expresses sincere thanks to the Administration, Faculty and Staff of the University of Belize for their prayers, gifts and other support rendered to her family during this difficult time, and to please continue to keep her family in your prayers.*

### Antonio Correa



*Student*

*Bachelor Degree in  
Information Technology*

*Sunrise: August 29, 1989  
Sunset: September 13, 2011*

*A memorial service will be held at Jaguar Auditorium on October 13, 2011.*

*Time: 2:00 p.m.*

## UB ALUMNI OF THE MONTH



Darius Avila was born in Punta Gorda Town. He holds a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from the University of Belize and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of the West Indies. He is currently the owner and Manager of Business Information Service and Systems. Along with his wife Lisa, he also owns Beya Suites, the only locally owned, luxury hotel in Toledo.

As part of his social responsibility agenda, Darius has pioneered and led several community-oriented and not for profit initiatives. Prominent among those initiatives are the Battle of the Drums and the Annual Punta Gorda day, a day set aside to celebrate the anniversary of the date Punta Gorda became a town.

In addition, Darius, along with the Battle of the Drums Secretariat this year launched another annual event: "The Annual Paul Nabor Paranda Fest," which will create an avenue for Paranda music continued acceptance in the mainstream of music. Darius also established the Lisa and Olivia Educational Fund. Through this initiative, donations have been provided to several schools in Toledo including Toledo Community College, Julian Cho technical High School, St. Peter Claver Primary School and St. Benedict Primary School. This initiative also provides scholarships and book grants to students attending high school.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Darius was a recipient of the Alumni Achievement award at first UBAA Ball. Featured in the picture above is Darius with his *Meritorious Service Award* given by the Prime Minister of Belize, Honorable Dean O. Barrow for his contributions to culture and economic development.

Mr. Darius Avila is a proud graduate of our national University and encourages all students and graduates to become involved in their community, be volunteers and part of the *giving back* process!

## SPORTS UPDATE

The Recreation & Sports Department is answering the health and fitness call in shaping the body and mind. The environment is bubbling with activities ranging from lifting weights as well as volleyball and basketball players working out tirelessly to secure a spot on the various UB male and female varsity teams.

Intramurals were held this month for volleyball at Central Campus in preparation for Campus vs Campus in UB Toledo Campus, which will take place on October 1, 2011.

In addition, folks can also work-out at the gym who are canoe bound for our La Ruta Maya Canoe Male and Female teams. And, in preparation for our Table Tennis Competition, a Ping pong set is available for students to become excellent players.

# La Ruta Maya River Challenge 2012 workout

## MALE & FEMALE TEAM

### BLACK JAGUAR

## All who are interested:

## Contact MR. JONES 623-7976

## REGISTER AT THE GYM



Please feel free to contact Director of Sports & Recreation at 822-1000 extension 439. See you at the gym!