



Unleashing Cancer Awareness



Black Jaguars clinch Second place



Celebrating Education



Foundation of Knowledge

Happy Women's Month to all Belizean Women!

STUDENTS SCORE HIGH IN NATIONWIDE CANCER AWARENESS



First Lady (centre), with Lecturer Sylvanna Udz and student

Students of the March 2012 Communication Skills class have established

themselves in the consciousness of Belizeans in unleashing the bold and unique initiative coined Baldmiration – a Cancer awareness message of Hope and Bald, Bold, Brave, Beauty.

Baldness was chosen as a hairstyle in support of cancer awareness and to support all women affected by cancer and who may lose their hair. Some students joined by members of the public shaved their heads and others streaked their hair in pink to demonstrate their support for increased awareness of detection and prevention of cancer.

The class, spearheaded by lecturer Dr. Silvaana Udz, was inspired by the First Lady Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow who has publicly shared her story of discovering her cancer. As a result of the Chemotherapy treatments, she has lost her hair but has embraced baldness as testimony to the courage and resilience that is needed to confront the disease.

“We thank Mrs. Barrow for the boost to all women’s self-concept and self-esteem that her bold, brave bald stance has effected,” said Silvaana. The event was organized with support by the Office of the Special Envoy for Women & Children under the auspices of the First Lady, the Belize Cancer Society, and the Faculty of Education and Arts.

UB’s Office of Public Information (OPI) Director Selwyn King shared his own story of surviving a malignant brain tumor that has left him bald.

President of the University of Belize, Dr. Cary Fraser, commended Silvaana and students of the Communica-



OPI’s Selwyn King sharing his testimonial

tions Skills class for embracing this real-life Communication Skills message. The

President

commended all students and stakeholders of Belize who participated in Baldmiration, and salutes all women in March, Women’s Month.

Silvaana accompanied by UB students, launched Baldmiration on Oapn Paki TV Show: LOVE TV the day before when they shaved their heads bald to support all women affected by cancer and who may lose their hair. The TV’s show host Rosalie T. Staines expressed her solidarity by streaking her hair with pink. Over 100 UB students and some lecturers streaked their hair with pink or with the relevant cancer-associated colour in support of family, friends or colleagues who have battled cancer.

The University of Belize wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to students and faculty and other supporters who made the first Baldmiration a success, in particular Baldmiration on Oapn Paki TV Show: LOVE TV; Baldmiration on Women at Work TV/Radio show: Krem TV, Host Virginia Eckles; and Jonzeunisexualsalon for donating the cost of the streaking to the Belize Cancer Society and all are encouraged to support cancer care and treatment, especially Kim Simplis Barrow’s special cause, the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMHM) for its Cancer fund.

Guests at the event included H.E. David Wu, Ambassador, Republic of China (Taiwan) who pledged \$3,000 to the Belize Cancer Society, his wife Mrs. Annie Wu, Mrs. Pearl Fraser, wife of the President of the University of Belize, Avon Representative, Ms. Karryn Dawson and Ms. Ivorine Bulwer, Board member of the Belize Cancer Society among others.



MAKING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH EASIER

The University of Belize Library is proud to announce yet another addition to our growing virtual library: TEEAL. The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library (TEEAL) is a full-text and searchable database of articles from 200 high-quality research journals in agriculture and related sciences spanning several years. It is a searchable, offline, digital library which contains mainly agriculturally focused reference journals updated annually by Cornell University's Mann Library



Making research easier and convenient

Through the recommendation of the Director of our Environmental Research Institute (ERI) Dr. Elma Kay, ERI Director, the University of Belize Library pursued the acquisition of TEEAL. With the funding assistance of The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) the TEEAL database was acquired in late 2011.

TEEAL brings a new method of access to information to our agricultural students, faculty and researchers, who once had access to only print copies of serials that were years, if not decades, out of date.

TEEAL now joins Ebscohost and HINARI databases as virtual resources that our faculty and students can use for their research. Look out for more databases and e-books in the future that will also become part of your virtual library.

To learn more about TEEAL, please visit <http://teal.org/> or e-mail us at reference@ub.edu.bz

UB REPRESENTED IN ICELAND



Lecturer Romaldo Lewis, second from left

The University of Belize participated in the planning of the Project Cycle Management (PCM) Course in Iceland. The University was represented by Mr. Romaldo Isaac Lewis (MBA), lecturer of the Faculty of Management and Social Sciences. Mr. Lewis will deliver the course from June 4-8, 2012 to key fisheries administrators in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in St. Lucia. The course entails the planning, design, implementation, evaluation of projects using donors' (European Union) procedures and requirements. At the meeting, the stakeholders agreed that Mr. Lewis will develop and

deliver the PCM

component using the Logical Framework Approach (LFA), as one of the key instruments which is required for targeted donors in the African Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) regions.

While in Iceland, Mr. Lewis discussed future areas of cooperation, in particular the possibility of the University of Belize and Ministry of Fisheries participation in scholarship programs, to do their Masters or PhD program in any fisheries sciences upon acceptance in any Icelandic University.

BACKGROUND

The University of Belize signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), to provide collaborative support or partnership with the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanisms (CRFM), for the development and rationalization of resources (human, material and programs) to benefit our hydro biological sources of the region.

United Nations University-Fisheries Training Program, University of Akureyri, Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism and the University of Belize are engaged in the development of hands on Project Management Cycle course to be held in late May of this year in St Lucia.

FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE



Childhood Stimulation Month is held every March, and the University of Belize Childhood Stimulation Center honored it by holding a full month of interesting activities for our young future leaders. Some of the key activities were “Church Service”, “I’m Special”, “Sports Day”, “Festival of Arts”, “Belizean Products”, “Cultural Day”, and “Fire Drill.” This year’s stimulation month was held under the theme “Early Childhood Education: Start Early - Aim High.”

SODOMY LAWS: A MORAL OR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE



The University-sponsored series “Divergent Discussions” recently hosted a debate on the “Constitutional Challenge Section 53 of the Criminal Code Sodomy Laws: A Moral or Human Rights Issue,” The forum is part of the University’s efforts to promote civil debate and civic engagement among faculty and students.

Guest speakers included representatives from the Human Rights Commission of Belize, Nyasha Laing (top right), UNIBAM, Caleb Orozco bottom left) and the Churches, Louis Wade Jr. (bottom right). President of the UB, Dr. Cary Fraser (top left) delivered the welcome remarks at the March special event.

MANAGING BELIZE'S NATURAL RESOURCES

Scientists from the University of Belize (UB) and Belize as well as natural resources managers and students of the university along with regional and international counterparts converged at UB in March and charted a path to the sustainable management of natural resources in Belize.

The theme of the two-day symposium was ***“Conservation through Cooperation: Practical Approaches for the Management of Natural Resources in Belize.”*** It was designed to bring together researchers, managers, students, government agencies, and NGOs engaged in natural resource management in Belize, to share their findings and evaluate the status of resource management in the country.

Keynote speaker, UB’s scientist, Dr. Elma Kay of the Environmental Research Institute (ERI) led-off with

a presentation on ‘Partnerships for Conservation and Sound Natural Resources Management in Belize: The ERI Experience.’ ERI, the premier environmental research institute in Belize provides sound science and creates a culture of evidence-based decision-making in areas relevant to Belize’s sustainable development.



UB: Leadership in research and management of resources

Other topics of critical significance were also discussed. The event ended with closing remarks by UB Lecturer Mr. Santos Chicas, President of the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation.

The University of Belize through ERI hosted the 6th NRM Symposium. Other coordinators of the event included the Mesoamerican Society for Biology and Conservation (MSBC), and Belize Wildlife Conservation Network.

WOMEN'S MONTH ACTIVITIES



The University of Belize in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) hosted a Breakfast Symposium on Gender Studies at the UB Faculty of Management & Social Sciences (FMSS) campus on March 30, in Belize City. The symposium was one of the activities that formed part of the National Women's Month Calendar,

which was celebrated under the theme *“Connecting Girls & Women - Inspiring Futures, Empowering the Nation.”*

Participants at the symposium discussed strategies for integrating gender and gender concepts into the curriculum, across disciplines and educational levels. This is one of the initiatives that UB will undertake, along with other strategic partners in order to facilitate and propel the achievement of MDG 3-Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women. The symposium also included a summary report of the May 2011 meeting by the National Women's Commission (NWC) where it was proposed that UB develop a gender studies program. Dr Vincent Palacio, Dean of FMSS, presented an update on the UB Gender Studies Program, which was followed by a discussion of opportunities for collaboration among the University of the West Indies, Galen University, NWC, University of Belize and other organizations.

Participants agreed that UB would be the focal point for the development and integration of gender studies into the curriculum; thus FMSS will develop a concept paper in collaboration with partner organizations and the Government of Belize (GOB) to guide the process.

Participants represented a broad cross section of educational institutions, public/private sector agencies, and Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The symposium and other Women's Month Activities was coordinated by Sylvia Cattouse of the President's Office in collaboration with Dr. Abigail McKay, Dean of the Faculty of Nursing Allied Health and Social Work.



AFRICAN PRESENCE IN MEXICO



Professor Wilkins speaking to attentive students

Professor Ron Wilkins was the featured guest in presenting on "The African Presence in Mexico" in the Jaguar Auditorium, Central Campus, Belmopan

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Ms. Riveroll (top second left), and Mr. Steve Burn, HR Representative (top right) pose along with secretaries

The Human Resource Office of the University held a “Minute Taking Session” for secretaries to further improve their skills for delivery of efficient and effective services to the University. The facilitator of the session was Ms. Roxanne Riveroll from the Belize Institute of Management (BIM).

SPORTS UPDATE

Black Jaguars clinch 2nd place in La Ruta Maya River Challenge
Congrats to our Black Jaguars paddling into second place in the Intramural Division and also for placing 16 overall in the 170 grueling miles of intense competition. To the brave and courageous paddlers, the UB Community and Family say a BIG thank you! The three paddlers were Benedicto Yatz, George Ortega, and Hector Vejerano.

We also thank UB Environmental Club for spreading conservation messages by leading the river bank cleanup at Banana Bank and beyond.



Kudos to the males for winning the UB Annual Relathon 2012 in a record breaking time of seven hours and ten minutes on their 70 mile run from San Ignacio to Belize City, and the females on their 50 miles run Belmopan to Belize City in seven hours and thirty-three minutes.

Best time for males was Garrett Bermudez who ran a mile in 4:49 and Kaina Martinez, best female time, did it in 7:13

The Engineering Department hosted the championship finals of its 2nd Annual Intramural Football Competition (AIFC) on Tuesday, 27th March 2012.

The competition featured three teams from the Engineering Department and one from The Faculty of Management and Social Sciences (FMSS). After three weeks of regular competition the finals was between the 2011 champions Mechanical/Electrical team and the FMSS team. The FMSS team emerged as the 2012 The Engineering Department AIFC Champions with a 1-0 victory.

UB Black Jaguars traveled to Mango Creek to play in the ATLIB Football National Tournament in March.

Black Jaguars' first game was against Corozal Junior College (CJC) who they started to lead 1-0 but then CJC tied the game. Unfortunately lost in the penalty kicks 7-6.

Black Jaguars won Centro Escolar Mexico Junior College 4-1 to secure third place in the tournament.

