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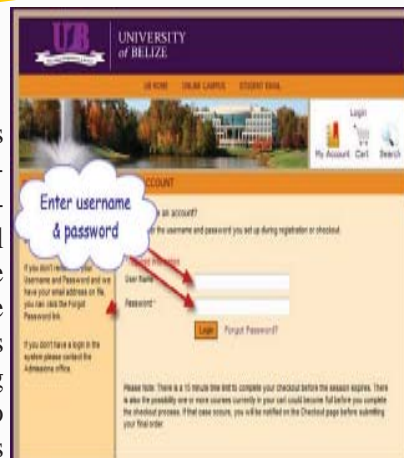
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## Online Registration Pilot

During the April 2010 early registration period, UB piloted its online registration process. At that time, only students in programs offered at the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work (FNAHSW) were able to register online, while all other students followed the regular procedures. Students in the other three faculties will be able to register online during the registration period in August 2010. UB emphasizes that this is only a pilot project and therefore any bugs that occurred during the pilot are being worked upon. Student users were asked to send comments to [xensupport@ub.edu.bz](mailto:xensupport@ub.edu.bz) or to the Registrar's Office at 822-3680 ext. 208.



## UB Launches Student Corps

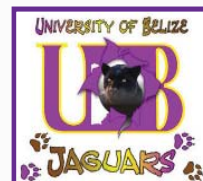


Front row middle: Hon Carlos Perdomo, Minister of National Security and President Santos Mahung surrounded by police officers and UB Student Corps members

Safety and security is on everyone's mind these days and the University of Belize feels no differently. On April 14 inside the Jaguar Auditorium, UB launched its Student Corps with the objective of enhancing public safety and security on campus grounds. Guest speaker was Hon. Carlos Perdomo, Minister of National Security. One of the primary functions of the **UB Student Corps** is to disseminate information to the student body on the issue of security. Additional functions include the gathering of information on campus of security threats, criminal activities, and gang or drug activities that may pose a threat to the university community. Monitoring of vandalism to university property and assisting with the university's escort service for night time students are also functions of the Corps. The UB Student Corps is organized by Mr. **Michael Gutierrez**, Director of Public Safety, in conjunction with the UB Association of Student Governments. Members are currently enrolled UB students who receive basic training.



**SILVER FOR UB BLACK JAGUARS B-BALL; FOOTBALL'S FIRST VENTURE DOES UB AND BELIZE PROUD; STUDENT ATHLETES WIN GOLD IN CENTRAL AMERICA!**



See full story on page 4.

# 5th WELLNESS FAIR a Huge Success!



**His Lordship Simeon Lopez, Mayor of Belmopan at UB's Wellness Fair**

UB's Department of Student Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Agriculture held its 5th Annual Wellness Fair on May 5 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the UB Belmopan campus. Kudos to Coordinator **Sharon Palacio** and her team, which this year included two ministries, health and agriculture! The theme for this year's fair was "For Health and Strength-Aal a wi da wan." FREE Services at the WELLNESS FAIR included a range of tests from the Ministry of Health (glucose, blood pressure, voluntary counseling and testing for HIV, TB test, flu shot, pap smear) information on parasites control, dental health, vector control, mental health, public health Food Handlers Certificate Program, and more). Also on campus were representatives from PAHO providing Body Mass Index and information on organic foods, the Ministry of Agriculture, UB's Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work, the National Blood Transfusion Service conducting its blood drive, Courts Belize Ltd. showcasing fitness equipment, the Christian Fellowship Club & others! Also in attendance was **His Excellency Sir Colville Young, President Dr. Mahung & Provost Dr. Hoare.**



**Dr. Martin Cuellar, Guest Speaker**



**L: Osh Mul Kah Women's Group** of San Antonio, Cayo had healthy food, along with several other health food booths. **C: UB's Giovanni Pinelo** gets pressure checked **R: Lecturer Lily Mahung** tries Courts' equip.



During Wellness Fair, the UB Black Jaguars were recognized for their outstanding performance at the Central American University Games. Gold winning UB athletics students of the Central America Games held in Panama, students Tricia Flores and Kaina Martinez, were also recognized. (See full story on pg 4.)



**Above: Kudos to ASG Senator of Advocacy Windell Lemoth** for his leading role in honoring UB student athletes during the May 5 Wellness fair.

## ASG President Visits UB-Toledo



**Above: Members of the Toledo SG** meet with President Stephen Sho.

On March 24, the President of the UB Association of Student Governments (ASG), Stephen Sho, visited UB's Toledo Campus to meet with the SG members and students of that campus. The focus of the visit was part of the SG's recruitment campaign for the new UB Student Corp (See story on page 1). During the visit, on behalf of the Belmopan Student Government, Sho also handed over 6 standing fans and 2 footballs, which were received by Osvaldo Pau, Sec. of Sport, UB-Toledo.

**Right: The ASG president, Stephen Sho,** is also a member of the Black Jaguars football team that did so well in Tegucigalpa. To the right, he is holding the purple and yellow-gold UB flag at the games.



Upcoming: Student Government Elections & the Annual Mr. & Ms. UB pageant- Results of the SG election and the winners of the pageant will be posted in the August *UB Bulletin*.

UB and partners in tourism launched a **GREEN BUSINESS COMPETITION** at the **EARTH DAY FAIR!** Contact [egarcia@ub.edu.bz](mailto:egarcia@ub.edu.bz)

## EARTH DAY 2010: FST and EARTH DAY Student Committee



“Promoting a Green Today for a Greener Tomorrow.” That was the theme of Earth Day 2010. UB’s Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) held the annual EARTH DAY FAIR on April 22 at the Belmopan Campus. The day’s events included a Green Outfit Competition, made from recycled material, and a Poster Competition for primary, secondary, and tertiary students. At the fair UB took the opportunity to launch a **Green Business Competition** in cooperation with BTB, BTIA, and BHA. Winners will be announced at the June BETEX expo, and interested businesses can contact Eden Garcia at [egarcia@ub.edu.bz](mailto:egarcia@ub.edu.bz). UB thanks the many organizations who were at its EARTH DAY FAIR 2010, including surrounding schools, UB’s Environmental Club, Belize Audubon Society, the Forestry Department, PACT and others who all promoted managing and protecting our Belizean natural resources! Of note was that a Paper Recycling Program was promoted. BIG Kudos to the FST, the **Earth Day 2010 student committee**, the **UB Environmental Club** and surrounding schools! Kudos to Chair Juliane Passos, Jair Valladarez, Eden Garcia, Cecy Castillo, Betty Cheng and all!



## UB Choir: Mother’s Day Concert

On May 5 the Jaguar Auditorium came alive as the UB Choir raised voices in melodious singing for *A Mother’s Day Concert*. Big kudos to Choir Director, UB’s **Dr. Leopold Perriott**, Manager, UB’s **Dr. Jean Perriott**, and **Catherine DeRenzi**es for musical accompaniment. The choir, which was formed in 2008, has already made appearances at universities in Mexico and in Belize. The Choir meets Wednesdays for rehearsals but also meets in sections as often as possible. It is currently preparing for UB’s June 2010 graduation.

## UB Facilitates Regional Fisheries Workshop

Members of UB’s Faculty of Management and Social Sciences (FMSS) were the lead presenters at a regional workshop hosted by the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) entitled “Leadership Training Workshop for Heads of Fisheries Department/Divisions in CARICOM” held April 25-30 at the Princess Hotel in Belize City. The overall development goal of this capacity building, interactive workshop was to enhance the contribution of fisheries to socio-economic development and achieve a better quality and standard of life for fisher folk and coastal communities through sustainable development, management and conservation of the fisheries resources. Heads of the national fisheries authorities of the CRFM member states were equipped with the knowledge and skills to provide high quality leadership in their organizations. Participants represented 19 nations. Presenters from UB were **Bernard Watler**, **Dr Vincent Palacio**, **Sharette Yearwood**, **Melanie Simmons**, **Dr Jean Perriott**, **Eda Arzu**, **Sylvia Cattouse**, and **LeRoy Almendarez**. Presentations covered a range of leadership topics: Leading organizational change, change management, social responsibility and stakeholders analysis, leading cross functional teams, goals/performance, cooperation/networking, coaching, building excellence, leading versus managing, motivation, and personality and personality traits. In the words of one participant, “The presentations by UB were excellent examples of the importance of looking within the region for expertise. We need to utilize more the expertise that we have at UWI, UB and other regional institutions”(CRFM representative, Eastern Caribbean). UB’s involvement in this collaboration started in 2009 when UB’s **Bernard Watler** and CRFM’s deputy director Milton Houghton visited counterparts in Iceland. UB subsequently signed an MOU with the partners (CRFM Secretariat, United Nations University–Fisheries Training Program (UNU-FTP), and the University of Akuyneri, Iceland (UA); UWI Cave Hill Campus) The workshop was done through a grant awarded to CRFM by the Island Growth Initiative Fund of Iceland.



**Above L– R:** Admissions Coordinator **Andrea Middleton** and Assistant Provost **Dr. Cynthia Thompson** proudly showcase delicious UB-Central Farm honey at UB’s booth! UBAA and Black Jaguars players also were at the booth (see page 4)



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

### SILVER for UB Black Jaguars B-Ball; Football's First Venture Does UB and Belize Proud!



UB Black Jaguars - Final Scores: Basketball captured SILVER at April 29's games against the University of the Dominican Republic. UB went down in a score of 101-79. The UB Black Jaguars b-ball team was defending its GOLD win in Costa Rica/2007. UB is proud of its Black Jaguars and congratulates managers, coaches and team members! The UB Black Jaguars Football team also did UB and Belize Proud, capturing a place in the medals playoffs on April 29. UB lost 5 – 0 against the University of Costa Rica. The UB Black Jaguars football team, a relatively new sport segment of UB's Sports and Recreation Department formed in mid-2008, has been preparing



over the past 2 years for its first big entrance on the world stage at this 2010 Central American University games. Considering the team was up against Central American universities, in countries known for being BIG on football, the UB Black Jaguars football team's placement in the semifinals for a shot at the bronze is big time news! Congratulations team! UB welcomes back its Black Jaguars teams! **CONGRATULATIONS!** To get to the semifinals: On April 24, the UB Black Jaguars football team won 2 – 1 against Honduras. On Sunday, April 25, the UB team drew against Costa Rica. Monday, April 26, UB's football team won 3 - 2 against Universidad Nacional Agraria de Nicaragua. UB also won the **JUEGOS LIMPIOS** trophy! On April 25, the UB Black Jaguars basketball team won 88 – 50 against Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica. On April 26, the team won again, this time 89 - 28, against Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras. On April 27, UB Basketball lost by 1 point (61-62) against the Dominican Republic.



TekRep Intl. assisted Kaina. Ministry of Sports assisted Tricia and Mark.



**L-R: Tricia Flores, Kaina Martinez, Mark Anderson.** UB's female athletics students brought back gold from the Central America Games/Panama. Mark placed well. **Congrats!**



**L-R:** Media personality Armin Arana interviewing B-Ball Coach Kevin Siroki and Darren Bovell at UB's booth at the Agric Show



**L-R:** Football's Coach Paul Morgan and Manager Ian Sangster at the UB Award Presentation Ceremony



UB's President **Dr. Santos Mahung** addressing the athletes at UB's Wellness Fair. Dr. Mahung congratulated UB's sports crew for keeping UB on the regional sporting map.

UB Black Jaguars Basketball Coach is Kevin Siroki & Asst. Coach is Darren Bovell. B-Ball Players are the following students: Farron Louriano, Stephen Williams, Travis Lennan, Tyrone Castillo, Winston Pratt, Ryan Zuniga, Leroy Louriano, Daniel Nolberto, Jorett Jones, Juslyn Castillo and Lindbergh Graham. The UB Black Jaguars Football Manager - Ian Sangster; Coach – Paul Morgan. Players are the following: Shane Armstrong, Marco Ayala, David Borland, Modesto Cal, Lisbey Castillo, Lance Jacobs, Philip Lewis, Danilo Marcillio, Collin Moody, Normon Elington, Zebedee Moore, Daniel Padilla, James N. Petillo, Duane Sampson, Benedicto Yatz, Kaylon Young, Garreth Bermudez and goal keeper Franklin Polonio. ASG President Stephen Sho accompanied the team as well. **GO UB BLACK JAGUARS GO!**

### ATLIB Softball Nationals

In the ATLIB softball 2010 tournament held on April 24, the UB boys lost to SJC boys 8 runs to 4, thus placing second. The UB female team **WON** by most runs in the last inning against Ecumenical Junior College, breaking the 6 to 6 tie! **Go UB Go!**

## Faculty and Departmental News



Dr. Ismael Hoare, Provost

### New Provost Appointed

Dr. Ismael Hoare is UB's new Provost. He is the former UB Dean of the Faculty of Nursing, Allied Health and Social Work and brings years of educational and administrative experience to the position. Dr. Hoare holds a Ph.D. in Public Health from the University of South Florida, where on March 30 of this year he was a presenter at that university's College of Public Health Dean's Lecture Series. Dr. Hoare's dissertation research was on motor vehicle crashes in Belize and the attitudinal factors related to this.

### Academic Council Meeting #14

The Provost chaired the 14th meeting of Academic Council held on April 28. As usual, deans and academic department heads were in attendance and provided updates on faculty activities. In particular, ACM#14 addressed the following matters: the status of the revised manual for Promotions and Tenure and of the Faculty and Staff Handbook; quality assurance matters, especially with the General Education Core and upcoming syllabus writing workshops; the establishment of a protocol for accessing research funds; the timeframe for upcoming program reviews; UB's new course numbering system, and other matters. The "Decisions Made" bulletin based on ACM#14's draft minutes, will be circulated via deans/ heads to all faculty before the next meeting, scheduled for May 26.



L-R: Pprovost Hoare, Dr. Thippi Thiagarajan, FST's Dean and Rose Modera, RLC's Director



Hertha Gentle, HR Director

### Welcome to Human Resources Director

UB welcomes its new Human Resources Director, **Hertha Gentle**. Ms. Gentle holds a Master's degree in Labor Economics with Human Resource Management. She took up office on May 3; before joining UB, Ms. Gentle worked with the Ministry of Labor. Additionally, she has taught on a part-time basis at the tertiary level in the areas of Labor Law and Human Resources. Ms. Gentle is married, with two sons.

### Acting Director of Physical Plant

Ulric Usher, former Physical Plant supervisor at the Bz City campus, has taken up appointment as the Acting Physical Plant Director, based in Belmopan. He is in charge of infrastructure maintenance at all UB campuses, and works with a team of supervisors and crew. His office is located at Room 141, RLC. Building, Belmopan campus.



Ulric Usher

### EDULINK Update

EDULINK is an EU funded initiative of which UB is a partner along with UWI and 8 other universities of African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries. It is still in the process of full implementation; thus far, discussions with UB have centered on the following:

- ♦ marine research
- ♦ graduate program development in marine studies
- ♦ terrestrial studies

The UB contact for EDULINK is **Sylvia Cattouse**, and she can be contacted at [scattouse@ub.edu.bz](mailto:scattouse@ub.edu.bz)

**EDULINK: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION SEMINARS...coming soon!** These will be for faculty and staff interested in applying for research and funding grants. Soon, too, a link will be created on the UB Website to facilitate this.

**UB will be showcasing its NEW undergraduate graduation gown at its June 2010 graduation! It is expected that full use of the new gown will be at the June 2011 graduation. (See April's *UB Bulletin* for design winners.) The August 2010 *UB BULLETIN* will showcase the June 2010 graduation and gown sample.**

## BOOK WEEK



**L-R: Publishers Montserrat Casademunt of Belize and Ian Randall of Jamaica**



**Dean of UB's Faculty of Education & Arts, Dr. Wilma Wright (in yellow and black), was guest speaker at the Bmp ceremony.**

Once again this year, UB joined the team working with the newly formed Belize Book Industry Association (BBIA) to take part in BOOK WEEK activities from April 21- 24. The lead UB offices in this regard were the UB Library and the UB Bookstore. Highlights of the week included the Image Factory's exhibition on "The History of Publishing in Belize," a publishers' display, sessions from IAN RANDALL (IRP) publishers and others, Panel discussion on Belize's copyright law, and panel discussion on "The Future of Books." This session looked at the future of the printed book as it is displaced by new technologies. During the week UB's Chief Librarian moderated, as did lecturer Amado Chan who also presented; other speakers were Yasser Musa and Ian Randle of IRP, Jamaica. Panelists at other sessions were Nyasha Laing (moderator), BELIPO representative, writer and journalist Adele Ramos, Dr. Jaime Awe. Cubola/RRO, and Belize's Chief Librarian Joy Ysaguirre. In Bz City, following another official ceremony for Book Week at the Bliss Institute, the launch of two books and a literary evening occurred. On April 23 from 1:00 - 7 :00p.m. and on April 24 a TEXTBOOK WRITING WORKSHOP was held. NICH generously contributed \$3000 towards workshop fees and so the participant cost was able to be kept to \$100. The workshop looked at the process of textbook writing and publishing and focused on skills development. A book fair on Saturday and outdoor family fun outside the Bliss Institute featured Pantempters, book exchanges (bring one and take one!) and much more!



**L-R: Amado Chan, Dolores Lin, Provost Dr. Ismael Hoare, David Ruiz Puga, Carmen Carillo, and Ludwig Palacio. Maraichi members are in the background. La Voz Latina's purpose is to promote and celebrate the rich Latin music, writings and other aspects of the Latin culture in Belize.**

### La Voz Latina

UB's Jaguar Auditorium came alive with the 4th *La Voz Latina de Belice* on April 21st. The guest speaker was Provost Dr. Ismael Hoare. In his address Dr. Hoare said that our culture can be strong not weak; consistent not varied; it can facilitate institutional development and effectiveness, not inhibit it. He went on to say that that our University culture ought to be the fabric that binds us together in our goal to improve the economic, social, educational, cultural and political life in our country. The audience enjoyed an afternoon of poetry, music and short stories. Guests participants were: Ludwig Palacio, Osmer Balam (our colleague at RLC), Carmen Carrillo, Leo Obando, Dolores Lin, Mariachi Los Halcones, David Ruiz Puga and UB lecturer **Amado Chan**. Amado was the key organizer and UB says kudos to him!

# NURSING Dept. HOLDS first 3rd Yr. Student Nurses' Conference

[Full story in the next UB Bulletin]

The United Nations has declared 2010 as the YEAR OF THE NURSE! To celebrate this, UB's 3rd Year Nursing students held a conference on current issues at UB's Jaguar Auditorium on May 10.

The purpose of the conference was to provide a platform for practicing nurses and student nurses to

## Pediatric Nurses on the Move Too!



Above: Ms. Isabel Bennett and the UB-NURS 111 Pediatric Nursing class.

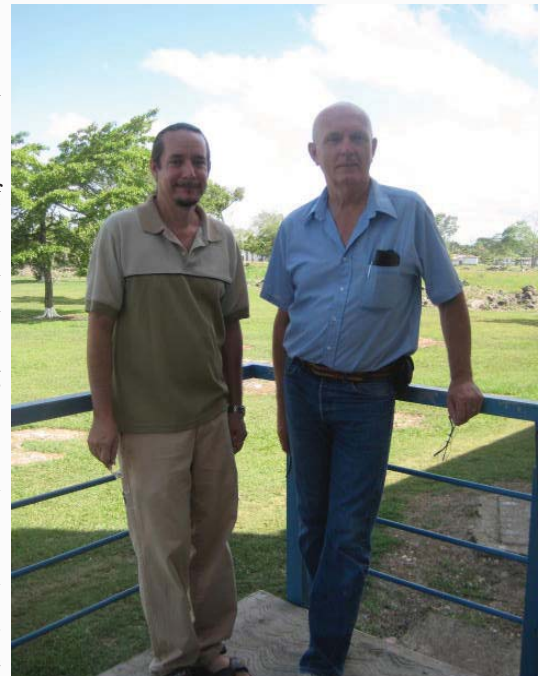
share and communicate on ethical issues impacting the nursing profession in Belize and to promote nursing networking through education. Current issues discussed were the following: Ethical principles, practices related to technology, health changes and challenges, enabling patient empowerment, practices related to patient staff determination, and issues regarding politics, socioeconomics, the law, gender and transcultural and scholarship issues. Participants earned 4 hours continuing education accredited by N.M.C.B.

It is also noted that the Pediatric Nursing Class (NURS 111) contributed to March's Child Stimulation Month. As part of the celebration lecturer **Isabel Bennett** and a class of 23 practical nurses visited UB's Early Childhood Education Stimulation Center in appreciating the child as a holistic individual, observing the growth and development of the specific age group and understanding the importance of play when caring for a healthy or sick child. Pediatric nursing requires knowledge of normal psychomotor, psychosocial, and cognitive growth and development, as well as of the health problems and needs of children, ages 0 to 17 yrs.

Preventive care and anticipatory guidance are integral to the practice of pediatric nursing. Students are looking forward to fostering and developing their support to the UB Early Childhood Education Stimulation Center!

## History & Anthropology Dept. Holds Maya Glyphs Workshop

Kudos to Coordinator **Cesar Ross** and the UB History and Anthropology team of the Faculty of Education and Arts for organizing and executing a successful lecture May 6 on Maya Glyphs. There was a turn out of approximately 120 UB students and guests from NICH, Institute of Social and Cultural Research and the Maya Institute of Belize attending the workshop on "Reading Maya Glyphs and the Ancient Calendar." It was presented by Dr. Bruce Love in conjunction with UB's History and Anthropology Program. Dr. Bruce Love is an anthropologist who got his training at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). Dr Love came with a wealth of knowledge, having been a Director of the Archaeological Research Unit of the Department of Anthropology at UCLA followed by University of California, Riverside. He also spent many years as president of an archaeological and historical consulting firm in Southern California, CRM TECH. His visit to UB's campus followed workshops in Guatemala and Mexico for an NGO – 'Friends of the Mayas.' Students got an opportunity to see and read Maya glyphs and also to understand the 2012 "phenomenon" through reading of the Ancient Calendar using the Long Count system.



L-R: Cesar Ross & Dr. Bruce Love



David C. Benton, CEO of the Intl' Council of Nurses, sent greetings.



# Calendar of Events

## May 2010

Sun	Mon	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1- UB Booth @Agric Fair
2 - UB Booth at Agric Fair	3	4 -	5 - 5th annual WELLNESS FAIR, Bmp campus, 9-4	6 - Maya Glyphs Workshop, Jaguar, 9-11 a.m.	7 -	8
9	10 -3rd Yr. Student Nurses' conference, Jaguar, 9-2 and Nurses' Portraits -Bmp SG elections	11 -UB Toledo; Ethics panel	12 - UB's Early Childhood display to mark Education Week, Bmp -Bz City FMSS campus: Social Work & partners; HIV testing	13-Stress Management Activities, Bmp campus -Early Childhood Display continues	14-Last class day, Semes. 2 -Last day to resign from UB	15 -Mr. & Ms. UB Student Pageant
16	17Exams	18 Exams	19Exams	20Exams	21Exams	22Exams
23	24 - Holiday	25 - Last day of exams	26 - Students: Summer vacation begins	27	28	29UBAA Annual General Meeting
30	31Deans turn in grades to Registrar's Office					

## June 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Grade reports available to students in the Registrar's Office	8	9	10	11	12
13	14-	15-	16	17	18	19 Graduation: for Bmp, CF, and Bz City, 10 a.m., at UB's Gym
20 Graduation, Toledo	21Faculty vacation begins	22	23 -Graduation: UB's Early Childhood Ctr's	June 23—27: BETEX (tourism expo): Winner/s of UB's GREEN BUSINESS COMPETION will be judged during this expo.		
27	28 -	29-	30			



### 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.

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