UPCOMING EVENTS

❖ The Alumni Association…
The Association is seeking committed individuals to fill positions on its Executive Board. Elections for the 2008-2010 Executive Board of the Alumni take place on Thursday, 24th April, 2008 in the Portia Smith Student Services Building.

❖ Graduation Meeting…
Persons who are participating in the May graduation ceremony are asked to attend an important graduation meeting on Tuesday, 29th April, 2008 at 6:00p.m. in the SUB.

❖ Registration for Fall 2008…
The Office of The Registrar wishes to advise that Online Registration for the Fall Semester for all current students is now taking place. Please visit The College’s website at www.cob.edu.bs

❖ Late Registration for Summer 2008…
Late Registration for the Summer Session will also be online and will take place on Thursday, 15th and Friday, 16th May, 2008. Please visit The College’s website at www.cob.edu.bs

❖ Update on Site Preparation for HCM Library…
Carl G. Treco Construction is making steady progress securing the construction site for the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre. Contrary to what we advised last week, the eastern boundary of the secured site takes in all off the parking lot in front of the Student Union Building and the B Block. Parking for Sbarros patrons has been designated in the lot closest to the B Clock in the new parking lot. Parking for faculty and staff has been designated in the new lot behind the T Block. The college solicits your patience during this construction period.
Graduation Keynote Speaker named…
Mrs. Arlene Nash-Ferguson has been named as the keynote speaker for the 31st Commencement Exercise at the Nassau Campus. Mrs. Nash-Ferguson, a former council member, is the Co-founder and Director of Educulture Bahamas Limited.

Centre for Continuing Education and Extension Services…
Through its outreach programmes, the Centre for Continuing Education and Extension Services (CEES) offers courses in personal and professional development and academic upgrading. For courses and additional information please contact 325-5714 or 302-4300.

The Bahamas Concert Orchestra & Chorus…
The Bahamas Concert Orchestra and Chorus will host a gala fundraising concert on Saturday, 3rd May, 2008 at the Coral Towers, Atlantis, Paradise Island, beginning at 7:30p.m. The cost of the tickets is $75.00. Members of the orchestra include COB’s faculty, alumni, and students. For additional information or group arrangements please call 466-8094.

Zonta Club’s 25th Anniversary Luncheon…
President Hodder was the keynote speaker at the Zonta Club’s gala luncheon on Sunday, 13th April, 2008 at Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort & Spa. At the luncheon twenty-five Bahamian women were honoured who have contributed to the national development of The Bahamas. Among them were Assistant Professor, Audrey Dean-Wright; President Emerita, Dr. Keva Bethel; former council member, Rev. Angela Palacious and former Assistant Director of Student Activities, Cynthia Pratt, MP.

Ministry of Education’s Summer Sports Programme…
This programme will be held Monday, 14th July – Friday, 8th August, 2008 at the Kendal G. L. Isaacs Gymnasium. The Ministry is seeking COB students to work as instructors, supervisors or coordinators for the summer sports programme. For additional information students may call 502-0175.

Updates from Council…
Northern Bahamas Campus
Three bids are being considered for the completion of this campus. Jackson Burnside & Associates is the project manager.

Auditorium
Due to an electrical issue, the anticipated date of completion is expected to be mid-June.

Financial Report
The College is on track in its spending at the mid-year point and government grants are being received in a timely manner.
Graduate School of Business
This facility will provide for classrooms and offices. The building will be fully wired with the latest technology available for distance education. The target date for classes to commence is Fall 2009.

Graduation Activities 2008
Nassau Campus:
- Nurses Pinning Ceremony
  Monday, 19th May – 7:00pm – Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomat Centre
- Honours Convocation
  Tuesday, 20th May – 7:00p.m - Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomat Centre
- Graduation Rehearsal
  Thursday, 22nd May, 2008 – 7:00pm Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomat Centre
- Baccalaureate Service
  Tuesday, 27th May, 2008 -7:00pm – St. Francis Xavier Cathedral (West Street)
- Graduates Breakfast & Awards Ceremony
  Wednesday, 28th May, 2008- 8:00am – Wyndham Nassau Resort & Crystal Palace Casino
- 31st Commencement Exercise –
  Thursday, 29th May, 2008 – 10:00am Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomat Centre
- President’s Reception
  Thursday, 29th May, 2008 (Immediately following the Commencement Exercise) Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomat Centre

Northern Bahamas Campus
- Graduation Rehearsal
  Wednesday, 28th May, 2008 -7:00p.m. , NBC Foyer
- Baccalaureate Service
  Wednesday, 4th June, 2008 – 7:00p.m, Church of God Temple, Peach Tree Street
- Graduates’ Awards Breakfast/Honours Convocation
  Thursday, 5th June, 2008 – 8:00am, Foster Pestaña Centre
- Commencement Exercise
  Thursday, 5th June, 2008- 5:00pm Convention Center, Our Lucaya
Petit Brothers Art Exhibition…
The Ladder Gallery at New Providence Community Centre will feature new works by Jackson and Bernard Petit until Monday, 28th April, 2008. Bernard is a 2nd year student at The College. The Ladder Gallery, Blake Road, is open Monday – Saturday, 8:00a.m. - 9:00p.m.

Atlantic Medical’s 10th Annual Fun Walk…
The popular fun run and walk will be held on Saturday, 19th April, 2008, beginning at 6:30a.m. from Montagu Beach foreshore. For additional information please contact Alana at 326-5915.

Macbeth by Bahamas On Stage…
The Bahamas On Stage You Theatre will feature Macbeth by Shakespeare. The play takes place on Tuesday, April 15th, 2008 at the National Centre for the Performing Arts, Shirley Street. For additional information please call 323-5589.

Open Casting Call…
Open casting calls for the movie “Duplicity” starring Julia Roberts and Clive Owen will take place at Mangos Restaurant, Caves Village on Tuesday, 15th and Wednesday 16th, April, 2008, beginning at 4:30p.m. The movie will be filmed at Atlantis, Paradise Island.

The Planning Office…
The Planning Office invites teaching faculty to participate in the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE) 2008. This is a very important survey for The College as it allows faculty to indicate the engagement levels of their students. The information will be used to inform our discussions on how we can enhance the student experience at The College. Please check your College email for details and get involved before examinations.

Safety Tip for the Week:
Don’t take your safety for granted: be alert, aware and cautious. Trust your instincts, use your best judgment and avoid potentially dangerous situations.

Health Tip for the Week:
According to researchers, when you start an exercise programme you should start slowly and then gradually increase the intensity and duration of your workout. But the good news is that once people get into the exercise habit, they naturally gravitate toward longer, more strenuous workouts.

The Office of Communication (OC) will issue a weekly bulletin providing The College with updates and announcements. If you have information that is pertinent to The College community, particularly those that require mass mailing, please email paulettemcphee@cob.edu.bs