Office of Research, Graduate Programmes and International Relations (ORGPIR)…

Visiting Professors, Dr. Christian R. Lacroix and Mr. Denis Barabé from the University of Prince Edward Island, along with Dr. Linda Davis, will be guests on Island FM’s Sunday Conversations on Sunday, 11th May, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Sunday Conversations is a two-hour radio show hosted by Patty Roker. Tune in!

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding…

The College of The Bahamas and The Inter-American Investment Corporation (IIC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding this morning. The Memorandum outlines the bases of cooperation between both institutions to implement the FINPYME program in The Bahamas. FINPYME is the Spanish acronym for Innovative Financing for Small and Medium-size Enterprises (SME). As a result The College will act as the IIC’s FINPYME agent in The Bahamas.

Collection of Transcripts for Spring Semester 2008…

The College is pleased to announce that Spring 2008 grades will be available for viewing and printing from any computer connected to the internet. Online grade viewing and printing has begun and ends Wednesday, 14th May, at midnight. Please visit The College’s website at www.cob.edu.bs for details. Students with missing grades can view them beginning Thursday, 8th May, and ending Wednesday, 14th May.
Two Weeks Free Access to The College’s Wellness Centre…
Faculty and staff are invited to a two-week free access to the Wellness Centre beginning Monday, 5th May. ID cards must be produced to access the facility. Come out and jumpstart your fitness regimen.

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. The Personal Development courses for the summer begin on Monday, 5th May. Interested persons may view the personal development course offerings online. For further information please call Ms. Antona Curry at 328-0093.

E.Clement Bethel National Arts Festival…
The Ministry of Youth and Sports showcases a nation-wide cultural festival that continues through to June. The festival includes music, drama, dance and Junkanoo performed by different schools, groups, choirs and dance troupes. For further information please contact the Ministry at 326-0154.

Balcony House Museum…
This quaint 18th century building is named for its overhanging balcony and is thought to be the oldest wooden house of its kind in The Bahamas. The Central Bank of The Bahamas purchased the building in 1985 and restored it to its original state with period furnishing. The house is open for tours Monday to Thursday 9:30am-1:00pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

The Cancer Society of The Bahamas’ Annual Ball…
This annual fundraiser for the Cancer Society is held under the patronage of the Governor General and will be held at the Wyndham Nassau Resort and Crystal Place Casino on Saturday, 10th May, beginning at 7:15p.m. The Ball is the main fundraiser for the Cancer Society’s charitable works and outreach programmes and the Cancer Caring Center in Nassau. For ticket information please call 323-4482.

Whit Monday a Public Holiday…
This holiday, observed on Monday, 12th May, marks the beginning of public witness of the Christian Church and is the Monday after Whit Sunday, The Feast of Pentecost, which comes fifty days after Easter.
The Annual Rotary Club of East Nassau’s Charity Golf Tournament…
This tournament will be at the Ocean Club, Paradise Island on Monday, 19th May. For further information please call David Slatter at 393-2052.

David Nicholls Doctoral Scholarship in Caribbean Studies…
The David Nicholls Memorial Trust and the University of Warwick are jointly offering a three year scholarship to undertake research for a MPhil/PhD in the general field of Caribbean Studies beginning October 2008. For further information please write to Jocasta Gardner, Graduate School, University of Warwick CV4 7AL or email J.H.Garder@warwick.ac.uk. The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 6th June, 2008.

Graduation Activities 2008
Nassau Campus:

Nurses’ Pinning Ceremony
Monday, 19th May, 2008 – 7:00pm – Bahamas Faith Ministries Diplomat Centre

Honours Convocation
Tuesday, 20th May, 2008 – 7:00pm - 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 - 7:00pm, NBC Foyer

Baccalaureate Service
Wednesday, 4th June, 2008 – 7:00pm, Church of God Temple, Peach Tree Street
Graduates’ Awards Breakfast/Honours Convocation
Thursday, 5th June, 2008 – 8:00am, Foster Pestaina Centre

Commencement Exercise
Thursday, 5th June, 2008 – 5:00pm Convention Center, Our Lucaya

Condolences…
Condolences are extended to Ms. Bernadette Robins, Associate Professor, on the passing of her father, Mr. John Alphonzo Robins. Let us remember this family in our prayers.

Health Tip for the Week
Smoking affects the body in many ways. Cigarette smoke contains cancer-causing substances. Many of the nearly 4000 chemicals in cigarette smoke are harmful to people. Some harmful substances are carbon monoxide, nicotine and tar.

Safety Tip for the Week
Carry your keys in your hand while walking to your car in the parking lot. If you hear a noise while headed to your car or see a suspicious action, simply press the alarm button for your car. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Chances are you will attract the attention of others to your car and scare off the would be perpetrator.

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