COB’S Track and Field Team Sets New Record

The College’s Track and Field team returned from Miami, Florida yesterday after competing in the University of Miami Hurricane Alumni Invitational. More than 15 colleges and universities participated. COB athletes and coaches Bradley Cooper and Mark Humes are celebrating several personal bests and a new COB record in the Men’s 4x100 metre race.

Personal Bests

| Athlete           | Event           | Distance
|-------------------|-----------------|----------
| Ashley Oember     | Discus          | 40.78m   
| Gerrard Burrows   | Shot Put        | 13.85m   
| Kyle Higgs        | Discus          | 45.33m   
| Traz Nixon, Ashley Gibson, Leonardo Romer, Alonzo Austin | Men’s 4x100 metre team | 43.37s

Traz Nixon, Ashley Gibson, Leonardo Romer, Alonzo Austin (Men’s 4x100 metre team) with a time of 43.37 seconds made COB history by beating the College record of 44.10 seconds.

Juliana Duncanson threw 13.10 metres in shot put and 43.90 in the discus. This meet represented Duncanson’s last international meet for COB after a successful four-year career with COB Athletics.

PM Christie Attends Carib Spirit Week

Prime Minister of The Bahamas Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie was the featured speaker at the closing ceremony of COBUS “Carib Spirit Week” on Friday, April 12th. Prime Minister Christie, said he is “very anxious” about moving The College to university status and anticipates untold advantages that will result from the University of The Bahamas. Mr. Christie also expects professors at The University to infuse a new degree of accountability in public life [and] to be able to test economic theories and programmes.

Chris Brown Bahamas (CBB) Invitational

At the Chris Brown Bahamas (CBB) Invitational this weekend, COB’s Deneisha Bagot jumped 1.47 metres in the high jump. Additional scores from the CBB coming soon.

Parking Available At Portia M. Smith Student Services Centre

Faculty and staff are reminded that parking is available at the Portia M. Smith Student Services Centre. Parking in the area of the Keva Bethel Building remains a challenge due to the relocation of offices from the Portia Smith building to the Student Services Centre and the removal of 10 parking spaces to accommodate services at the Cashier’s Cage. Therefore faculty and staff are encouraged to use available parking near the Portia Smith building.

Internet Café Now Open 24 hours

Please be advised that effective Saturday, April 13th, 2013 and extending until Friday, May 3rd, 2013, the Internet Café at the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre will operate on a 24-hour schedule.
Marine Environment Research Trip

Students from BIOL 216 Ecology class at the Northern Bahamas Campus embarked on a glass bottom boat research trip to gain a greater appreciation of the marine environment. Led by their professor, Dr. Karen Murchie, students observed the diversity of aquatic life in near shore coastal areas. Students also investigated the behaviours of various fish species, turtles, and rays. Additionally, the class participated in numerous lectures on community and behavioural ecology.

COB On “Dem Bahamians”

Log onto www.mnn.org to listen to Dem Bahamians featuring COB faculty and staff members. It airs every Monday at 2:00p.m:

- April 22, 2013 COB Choir Musical Director Audrey Dean-Wright
- May 6, 2013 “On The Road To University Status” with the UTS
- May 27, 2013 “The College of The Bahamas Concert Choir” - Part I

Dem Bahamians is a media initiative of the Bahamian American Cultural Society, Inc., and Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN).

University Transition in Action

The University Transition Secretariat (UTS) met last week with the Nurses Association of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas to report on the work of the UTS and to engage them more firmly into the discussions about the future of the nation’s top tertiary institution. UTS Team Leader Prof. Olivia Saunders, UTS Higher Education Development and Policy Specialist Dr. Joan Vanderpool and UTS Community Relations Attache K. Quincy Parker attended the nurses association’s monthly meeting, where President Kateca Graham was adamant about the role of the institution.

Meanwhile, University Transition Secretariat (UTS) Leader Professor Olivia Saunders and UTS Legal Advisor Justice (Ret.) Rubie Nottage appeared as guests of Archbishop (Ret.) Drexel Gomez on his television show ‘Caribbean Institute for Innovation.’ They discussed university governance, the philosophy of the transition, brain drain, research opportunities and a unified university system.

Upcoming Events

Third Annual Short Film Festival
Wednesday, April 17th
12:00 p.m.
Auditorium
Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre

Colour of Harmony
Wednesday, April 17th
7:00 p.m.
Performing Arts Centre

Writers of Light
Thursday, April 18th
4:00 p.m.
Chapter One Bookstore

Walk for the University: “40” CCVWG/Alumni Society Camaraderie Walk - COB Track & Field
Wednesday, April 24
6:30 p.m.
$1 registration donation toward Alumni Society

The University Transition Secretariat Seminar:
“Middle Managers and the Transition to University”
Thursday, May 2nd, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 3rd, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (one hour lunch break)
Bahamas Tourism Training Centre (second floor)
Conference Room | Culinary and Hospitality Management Institute
RSVP to uts@cob.edu.bs or call 677-3252

Constitutional Reform Town Meetings
The Constitutional Reform Commission invites the College community to attend its series of town meetings and share ideas and recommendations:

- Monday, April 22nd, 2013, 7:00-9:00p.m.
  Bahamas, Faith Ministries, Carmichael Road

- Thursday, May 2nd, 2013, 7:00-9:00p.m.
  Performing Arts Centre, The College of The Bahamas

- Tuesday, May 14th, 2013, 7:00-9:00p.m.
  Doris Johnson High School, Prince Charles Drive

- Thursday, May 30th, 2013, 7:00-9:00p.m.
  Church of God of Prophecy Tabernacle, East Street