Students Present Research on Value Added Tax; More Research To Come

Fourth year Accounting majors shared with the College community and the country the factors which gave rise to the implementation of the Value Added Tax in the Caribbean region at the first Students’ Voices Forum. The forum, held last Tuesday, attracted many members of the public, eager to learn more about the VAT which the government has said it will introduce in The Bahamas in July 2014. At the end of the presentations, State Minister for Finance Hon. Michael Halkitis commended the young researchers, while School of Business Chair Mr. Daniel Thompson said faculty will also commence comprehensive research on the VAT. A second forum on the VAT will be held next semester.

Former Premier Addresses Women’s Week Forum

The former Premier of Bermuda Dame Jennifer Smith was the special guest speaker at a National Women’s Forum, held on Nov. 27th in recognition of National Women’s Week. Dame Jennifer, spoke on the topic “Women in Governance and Leadership”, telling the audience to follow their passion, which could lead them to fulfilling roles in public service. Dame Jennifer served as Premier of Bermuda from 1998 until 2003.

Writers of Light Exhibition

“Life After 40” was the focus of this year’s Writers of Light photojournalism exhibition held at the Chapter One bookstore. The exhibition is an annual display of student talent. The photo above shows the students with faculty member Mr. Hugo Zarate.
December and January Events

Deep Blue CD Launch - Dec. 3rd
Tuesday, December 3rd - 6:30 p.m. at Government House
CDs will be on sale. Call 302-4485 for more information.

Public Lecture on Policy and Trade - Dec. 4th
The Hon. Fred Mitchell, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, will be the featured speaker at a public lecture on "The Bahamas in the World: Foreign Policy and Trade Issues" on Wednesday, 4 December, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre.

Pet Therapy Relaxation - Dec. 5th
On Thursday, December 5th, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Independence Park, you will have a chance to interact with a range of animals from the Bahamas Humane Society and get a message if you need one. And at 2:00 p.m. in the library’s auditorium, Mr. Percy Grant, from the Humane Society, will speak on pets as a means of reducing stress. The event is organized by the Office of Health and Safety, the Wellness Centre and Campus Life departments.

Arbitration & Investment Forum - Jan. 23rd
The 2nd annual Arbitration and Investment Forum will take place on Thursday, January 23rd, 2014 at the Harry C. Moore Library and Information Centre. It will focus on the topics: Mediation as a Complement to Arbitration, Becoming an International and Regional Arbitration Hub and Arbitration Clauses in Practice: Form and Substance. CPE hours will be awarded.

Int’l Journal of Bahamian Studies
The International Journal of Bahamian Studies is inviting contributions for its 20th issue, a commemorative publication for The College’s 40th anniversary. Research articles should focus on The College’s history, development and evolution. Proposals were due before December 1st, 2013. However, completed manuscripts are due before April 30th, 2014. They must be submitted to Managing Editor Ms. Virginia Ballance, Email: vballance@cob.edu.bs

"Retort" Exhibition Draws Crowd
On Friday, November 29th members from the private and public sectors along with family and friends filled the Public Treasury Building for the opening reception of ‘Retort’, the first end of year show hosted by the School of Communication and Creative Arts and the Public Treasury Art Programme (PTAP).

COB students from different fields of study including Art, Architecture, Engineering and Education came together to present a body of work that responded to social issues prevalent in Bahamian society which included themes of identity, abuse, greed, and pressure. The show will run at the Public Treasury building until April 2014 with viewing between Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m to 4:00 p.m.

Extensive Hours of Operation - Library
Beginning November 25th, 2013 and ending December 18th, 2013, the Harry C. Moore Library will have extended hours of operation for one additional hour each day as follows. The extra hour is for quiet study and no other library services will be offered.
Mon-Thurs: 8am - 10pm
Fridays: 9:30am - 7pm
Saturdays 9am - 6pm
Sundays 1-6pm

Wellness Centre - Hours of Operation
Please be advised that beginning Monday, December 9th the Wellness Centre will open daily from 6:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.