No sooner had we welcomed our new and returning students and begun classes then we began preparations to close all COB campuses in anticipation of Hurricane Irene. The safety of our students, faculty and staff is always our top priority.

Special thanks to Talmadge Bethel, Wellington Francis and the COB Security Department who stayed on campus and at the student residence halls throughout the storm. Their dedication minimized damage as they ensured that the campus was battened down and secured. We are indeed fortunate that our students, faculty and staff are safe and that it was not any worse than it was.

The Office of Information Technology team (formerly MIS) skillfully managed our multiple systems and has restored COB Internet and webpage. Although student email remains down, it is being addressed and should be restored shortly.

As the Oakes Field Campus is built on a former lake bed, standing water can be a problem. To control for mosquitoes, the main campus and CHMI were scheduled for fogging yesterday.

Many people have asked how they can help The College recover. The College community can assist by reporting issues to the Physical Plant Department or to Information Technology Helpdesks. The College would welcome student groups and service organizations that wish to replenish vegetation, plant gardens, restore the pond, etc.

Thank you students, colleagues and friends of COB for your patience and flexibility as we recover from Hurricane Irene.

President Betsy V. Boze
President Boze invites all faculty and staff members celebrating their birthdays in September to attend Cake and Conversation.

September 15th, at 2:00 p.m. in the A-Block Boardroom. Please call or e-mail Antoinette Seymour to confirm your attendance. 302-4324 or e-mail aseymour@cob.edu.bs.

After a hurricane the mosquito population increases due to standing water. Continue to be vigilant to protect yourself from dengue fever. Remember, Aedes mosquitoes usually bite during the day; therefore, special precautions should be taken during early morning hours before day break and in the late afternoon before dark.

The Bahamas Red Cross Society is presently organizing disaster relief supplies for the Family Islands severely affected by Hurricane Irene last week. Those wishing to donate canned goods and water may take these non perishable items to the Red Cross’ headquarters on John F. Kennedy Drive. For more information, you may contact Ms. Elma Storr, Secretary to the Director General at 323-7370 or 323-7373.

Student Ambassadors Needed!

Love speaking with others on the phone? If so, apply to become a Phonathon Ambassador!

Ambassadors help reconnect alumni and raise donations for the COB Annual Fund which supports scholarships and academic departments. Ambassadors receive an hourly wage for their training and work time with the programme.

If you are interested, collect an application form from the Office of Alumni Relations & Development (upstairs in the A-Block Building next to the President’s Office; 302-4357/4359). Deadline for receipt is September 9, 2011.

Academic Senate Meetings

Below is a listing of meetings for the month of August to further discuss the Academic Senate Constitution.

Today, August 29th  12:00-2:00 p.m    A Block Boardroom
Tuesday, August 30th  8:00-10:00 a.m.  A Block Boardroom

All information to be considered for placement in the Bulletin should be sent to the address below NO LATER THAN 12 noon on Fridays.

ATHLETICS TEAM TRYOUTS

Women’s Volleyball Team
Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6pm
COB Courts

For more information, contact:
Ms. Jenny Isaacs-Dotson – Women’s Volleyball Head Coach
422-2196
jdotson@cob.edu.bs

Women’s Basketball Team
Interest Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 1 @ 2:30 p.m.
Wellness Centre

For more information, contact:
Mrs. Kimberley Rolle – Women’s Basketball Assistant Coach
302-4521
krolle@cob.edu.bs

Men’s Basketball Team
Interest Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 1 @ 2:30 p.m.
Room D-2

For more information, contact:
Mr. Sean Bastian – Men’s Basketball Head Coach
302-4591
sbastian@cob.edu.bs

Men’s & Women’s Track & Field Teams
Interest Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 1 @ 2:30 p.m.
Wellness Centre

For more information, contact:
Mr. Bradley Cooper - Men’s Track & Field Head Coach
302-4592 / bcooper@cob.edu.bs

Mr. Mark Humes – Women’s Track & Field Head Coach
302-4208 / markhumes@cob.edu.bs

Men & Women’s Soccer Teams
Tryouts

Women’s: Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-12noon;
Fridays 2pm-4pm, Soccer Field

Men’s: Mondays & Wednesdays 3pm-5pm;
Fridays, 5pm-7pm, Soccer Field

For more information, contact:
Mr. Vandyke Bethel – Men’s & Women’s Soccer Coach
454-6613
vandykebethel@coralwave.com