Dear Members of The COB Alumni Association:

We, the Executive Board of the Association, are so very proud to introduce to you “THE ALUMNUS”; the first newsletter of a series of newsletters geared towards re-connecting the alumni, not just with The College, but with each other! We will endeavor, via “THE ALUMNUS”, to keep you up to date with all the Association news, reviews, and events.

We are also so very proud to reintroduce to you all the 2008/9 COB Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee, Mr. I. Chester Cooper. For those Alumni who were not aware of the Induction, Mr. Cooper was selected by a panel of independent judges as the Alumni who is making a significant contribution to the development of The Bahamas. Mr. Cooper joins the prestigious list of former honourees including Bishop Neil C. Ellis, Larry Gibson, Laura Pratt-Charlton…….continue on pg 2

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MR. I. CHESTER COOPER

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* New Ed. of the ALUMNI MAGAZINE coming soon.

* Give a donation to the ALUMNI ANNUAL FUND.

* Job Opportunity (IDB Assistant Researcher).

* Update your ALUMNUS CONTACT info. online (www.my.cob.edu.bs).

COB ALUMNI MIX & MINGLE ‘08-09

Last year’s ’08 Summer Mix & Mingle was the ultimate Alumni re-connection event. The Association partnered with The Bahamas Chamber of Commerce in celebrating “Chamber Week 2008”.

This year the Association will be hosting a ‘09 Back to COB Christmas Mix & Mingle. Plans are under way, so expect an email very soon with more details on this Alumni event.
Mr. Cooper was officially inducted at the 2009 Hall of Fame Induction Cocktail Reception on Thursday, April 30th, 2009 at the British Colonial Hilton. It was truly a star studded memorable event! Prominent alumni from all sectors of the Bahamian Society were in attendance to congratulate Mr. Cooper; even the College’s Chairman, Mr. T. Baswell Donaldson and President Janyne Hodder were present on this momentous occasion.

Mr. Cooper heads the financial and insurance giant, British American Financial, where he currently serves as President, CEO & Director. In Knowledge—Truth—Integrity 2007, he was awarded the coveted “Business Person of the Year Award” by the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce. He was an investment Banker in The Bahamas, Dublin and Luxembourg. After completing his primary and secondary education in Exuma, he traveled to Nassau to further his education. He also studied in Canada, USA & the United Kingdom. His first degree, an Associate of Arts Degree in Economics, was obtained at the prestigious College of The Bahamas. He then went on to receive a BA in Economics & Finance, and MBA (with distinction).

Mr. Cooper serves as a Director of various companies, he is a Rotarian, a Distinguished Toastmaster, former TV Host, and Author.

The College (soon to be the University) of The Bahamas.

The COB AA Consultative Forum is the 'brainchild' of the Association’s President, Mr. Randol Dorsett. Mr. Dorsett explains that The Consultative Forum was an idea born of a need to tap in to the vast and distinguished pool of intellectual & experienced alumni of The College of The Bahamas.

It will be the goal of The Consultative Forum to be utilized by the Bahamas Government or Private Entities to assist with information gathering and policy decision making.

The Association is in the process on finalizing the launch of this Forum and plans are underway to install the first panel of Alumni Consultants before the end of the year. Stay tuned for more updates.