

EDITORIAL

This is the first volume of the College of The Bahamas Research Journal to appear under its new name, which replaces "College Forum", the name used since the first publication of the journal in 1979. The new name gives it a clearer identity and prevents confusion with the local radio programme, College Forum.

This volume has been the responsibility of an Editorial Board which was reconstituted in January 2000 with six members. Three other members have been added recently, giving the Board improved contact with a wide range of disciplines. Effective assistance has been given by the reviewers, some of whom are external and others located within the College. Both they and the Editorial Board have insisted on high standards and, although we were not able to go to press before the end of 2000 as we had hoped, I believe the finished product we now present has been worth waiting for.

The first article in the volume is a thought-provoking essay by K.V. Pankhurst on the links between educational processes and the world of work. The second article, by Rosalyn Themistocleous, is based on archival research on an aspect of Bahamian politics in the nineteenth century. The third and fourth articles are Freddy Chachagua's study of the theme of cultural identity in the development of Latin American literature, and an advocacy paper by Marjorie St. Rose on an aspect of language teaching. At the end of the volume we publish, with the authors' permission, a collection of abstracts of recent doctoral research on Bahamian topics, compiled by Patricia Rorick, as part of our effort to promote the exchange of knowledge in the national research community.

Lastly, I wish to record that the late Archdeacon William Thompson did valuable work for the journal as an External Reviewer before his tragic and untimely death. His example will, I believe, inspire other scholars and educators in The Bahamas to greater efforts.

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