

PREFACE

The Editorial Board wishes to stress the importance of research as an integral and indispensable part of the intellectual and cultural development of mankind. By applying the objective criteria embodied in the empirical method, we can reliably broaden the horizon of knowledge by distinguishing between what is true or false, acceptable or unacceptable. Through this kind of exercise and deliberation, researchers obtain information from which some general principles are derived which, in turn, eventually lead to the formulation of relevant theories that have predictive, explanatory, and applied value. The College Forum is intended to meet this kind of need; it is the focal point in the Bahamian community for the crystalization and dissemination of knowledge hitherto unknown or unexplained.

Since the first publication of the College Forum, we have been receiving notable contributions from the band of scholars at the College of The Bahamas and from the community at large. We are most grateful to all past contributors, and we are looking forward to receiving many more equally interesting and scholarly contributions in the years ahead.

The Editorial Board is also very grateful to members of the Research and Publications Committee for their ardent support and encouragement for the achievement of academic excellence through creative search for knowledge. This Committee is most determined to nurture the idea of scholarly research from the embryonic stage to full academic maturity.