

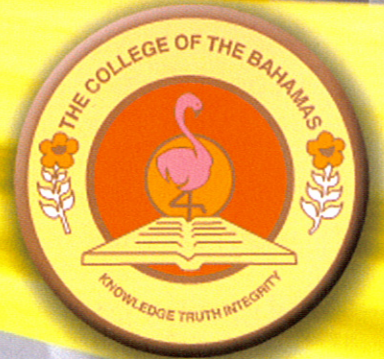
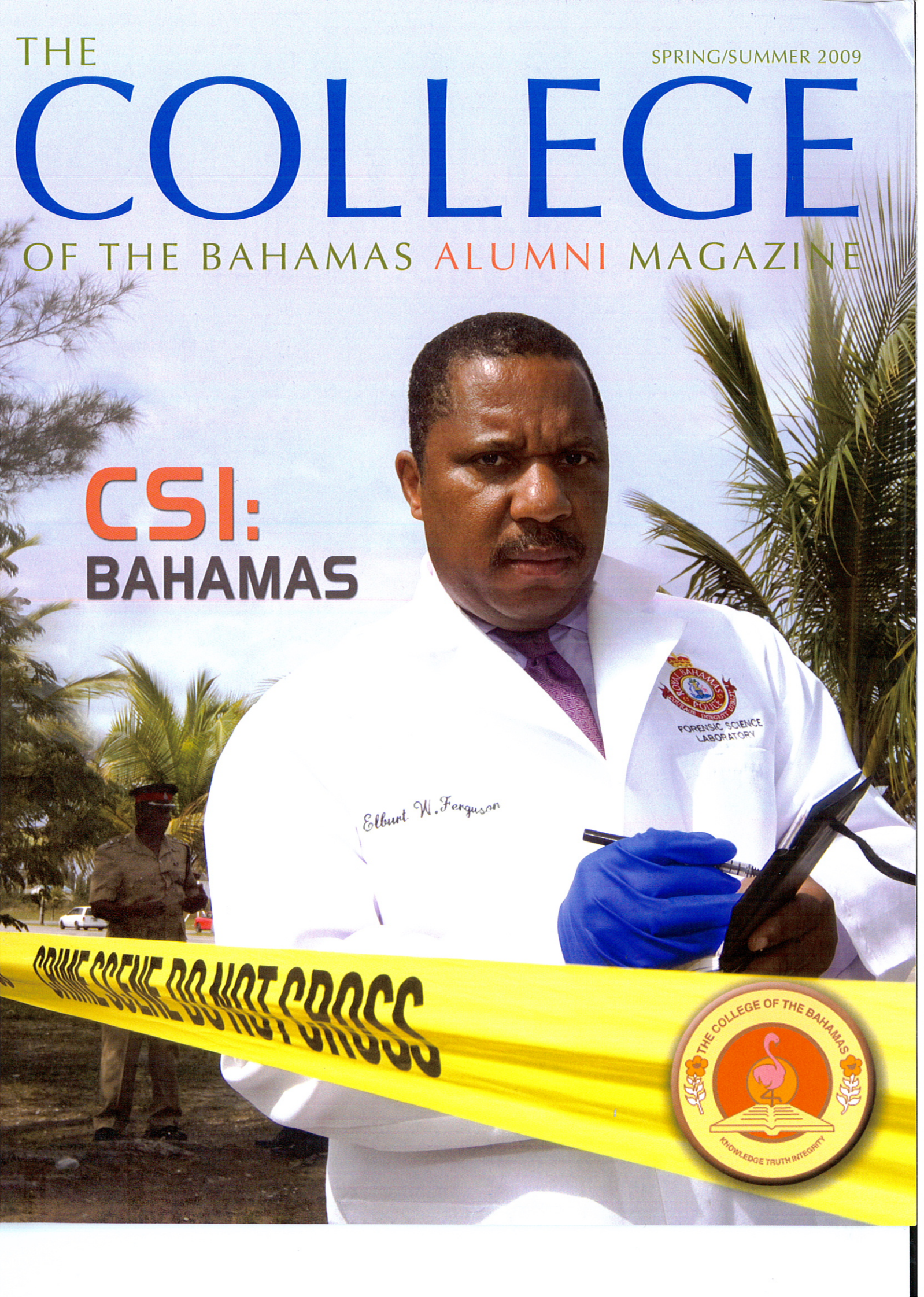
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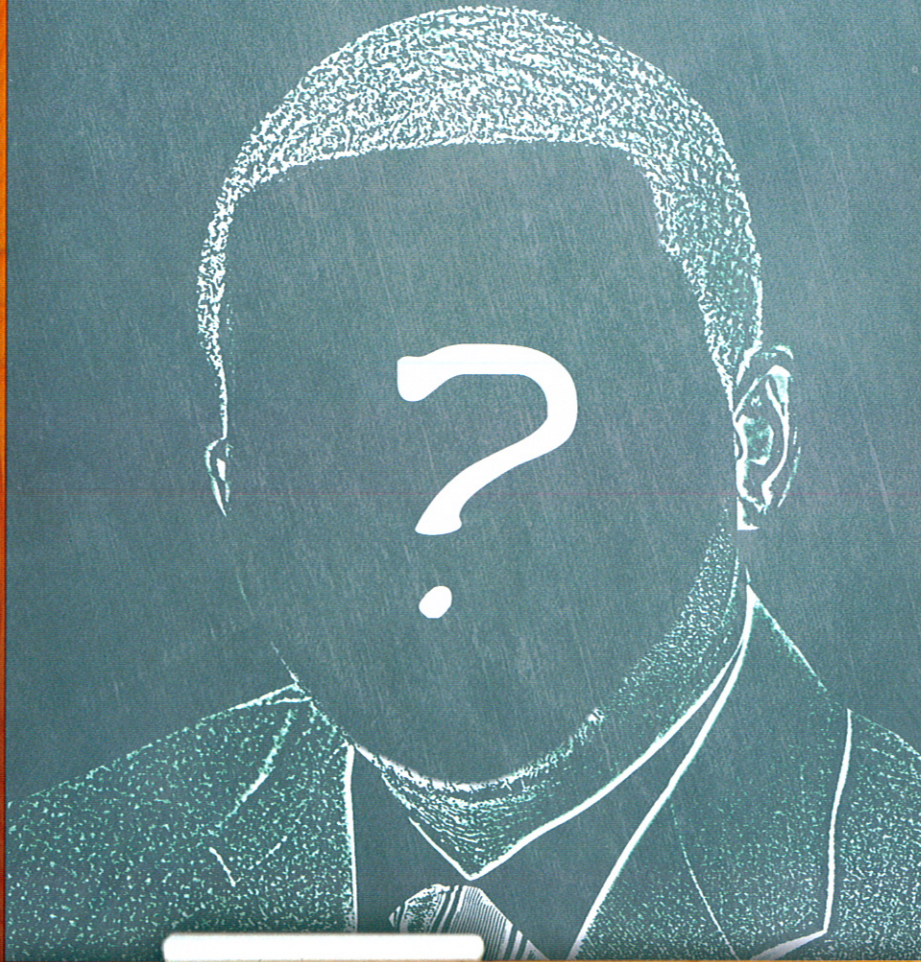
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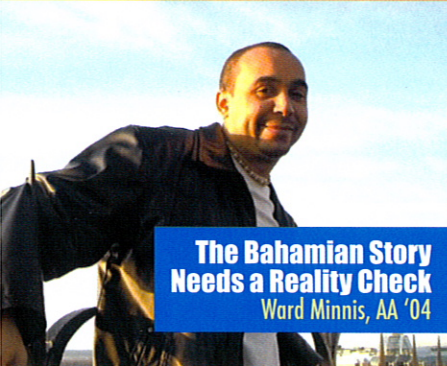
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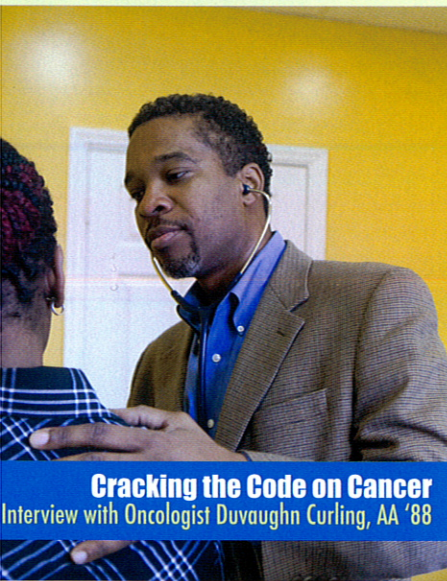
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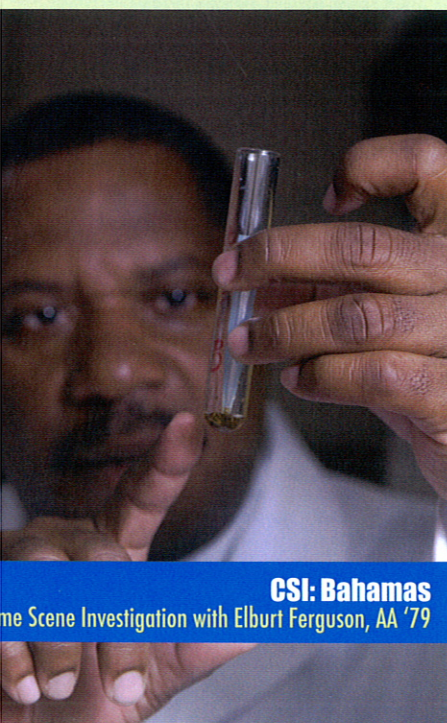
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*Dear Alumni  
and friends*  
of The College of The Bahamas,



**President of The College of The Bahamas,  
Janyne M. Hodder**

**I**n this fourth issue of the Alumni Magazine, we showcase the many and very varied talents and careers of alumni who are building their lives at home. We hope you will find their stories as interesting as I do. In reading their stories, I was struck by the diversity of their choices and about how important to national development is the work that each does.

Our mission at The College is “to support and drive national development through education, research & innovation and service”. One could hardly have a stronger mission. The work we do will shape The Bahamas of tomorrow. If we do it well, we will chart the course of national history on a path of peace, prosperity and social justice. A mission statement has to be more than a slogan; it has to be tested against reality. To do this, we are asking ourselves the question: how does each of our programmes support and drive national development?

Asking this question forces us to go beyond the traditional disciplinary structures of academic institutions, to think 'out of the box' about what our degrees should look like if we want our graduates to be prepared to build a country. It requires us to make the connection between education and the world around us and to develop high quality degree programmes that work in new areas of need, interest and opportunity.

In our last issue, we wrote about our new Small Island Sustainability degrees, supported by a \$10M donation from the Freedom Foundation and designed to educate Bahamians who can make a difference in public policy, in entrepreneurship, in tourism, in food production, in environmental management and much more. But the country faces other issues as well. We want to better leverage the presence of tourists to generate a wider range of economic activity. We want to address issues of crime and social cohesion, public health, culture and identity, migration patterns, sports and fitness among others. We want to be the place of reference for high quality relevant education and effective research and innovation.

So today, we are looking at how we can build on the strength of our history and our capacity for delivering excellence in the classroom to expand our programme offerings and make The University of The Bahamas the first choice for talented students and for engaged faculty to work together to build the nation.

This is an exciting time for us and I am happy to share some of this excitement through the stories in this issue of the Alumni Magazine. I invite you to stay connected for more to come and to remember that The College really belongs to you, our alumni and our friends.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janyne M. Hodder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.