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YOUR WEATHER

82°F
Variable cloudiness with a couple of showers

SUNRISE: 6:32 a.m.
SUNSET: 7:51 p.m.
HIGH TIDE: 2:39 a.m. - 3:07 p.m.
LOW TIDE: 9:03 a.m. - 9:12 p.m.
WINDS: N at 8 mph

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HAWKSBILL HALL OFFICIALLY OPENS

UB North's first student residential facility to accommodate 80

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The official opening and plaque unveiling for Hawksbill Hall, the first residential facility at the University of The Bahamas (UB) North, took place yesterday – Monday, May 7 – on the university's campus.

Hawksbill Hall is the first residential facility at the UB Northern campus and it was named in honour of the Hawksbill Creek Agreement, which established a free trade zone as economic stimulus for Grand Bahama.

The student residential facility accommodates approximately 80 students and includes a variety of amenities – a cafeteria and meal plans, laundry facility, student lounge, 24-hour security Wi-Fi access, gym and computer laboratory.

Dr. Ian Strachan, vice president of UB North in welcoming guests, noted that Hawksbill Hall will add an unprecedented vitality and momentum to campus life.

"Students who live here will find that they will be adopted by the staff of UB North," he said.

Dr. Rodney Smith, UB's president added that the Hall will help to transform UB North from a commuting campus to a residential one.

"The cafeteria will bring much needed food services to the campus and indeed the area. The campus' living and learning environment will help to significantly improve student life on campus," he said.

He noted that there will eventually be the development of thriving sports programs and the

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RIBBON CUTTING – K. Peter Turnquest, Deputy Prime Minister; Sarah St. George, vice chairman of the GB Port Authority; Dr. Rodney Smith, president of the University of The Bahamas cut the ribbon to official open the Hawksbill Hall student residence dormitory, as officials look on.

(PHOTOS: JENNEVA RUSSELL)



DR. RODNEY SMITH
UB, President



SARAH ST. GEORGE
GBPA, Vice Chairman



DR. IAN STRACHAN
UB, North Vice President

\$100,000 YMTA refurbishment complete

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Central Grand Bahama Member of Parliament Iram Lewis and the Hunter's community are feverishly preparing for the re-launching of the Young Men's Training Association (YMTA) on Saturday, May 12.

Flanked by Local Government officials Simon Lewis and Jackie Russell during a press briefing yesterday, Lewis announced, "It is a joy for me to be here today; when I was elected to office one year ago I was immediately attracted to the Young Men's Training Association (YMTA), which is a major part of the Central Grand Bahama constituency that I represent, as it is the prime location and the possibilities it

has to help grow the community through sports, education and other avenues.

"Quickly I inquired and found out that the facility was in a state of disrepair since the last hurricane and that the organization, which I note is a private non-profit grouping that had no funding to restore the facility and that even the bulk of their members had some challenges repairing their own personal dwellings.

"Well I teamed up with the organization with my contact person Local Government Representative Simon Lewis and today, we are looking at what some say is a new and expanded facility.

"Hence I am pleased to announce the re-launching of the YMTA set for this coming Saturday, which has been planned as an All-Day Fun Day for residents in

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EVENT PLANS – Member of Parliament for Central Grand Bahama, Iram Lewis held a press conference to announce the grand celebration planned for the opening of the YMTA Community Centre, Hunters that is set for this weekend. Pictured from left are Lewis, M.P.; Simon Lewis and Jackie Russell, Local Government representatives.

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