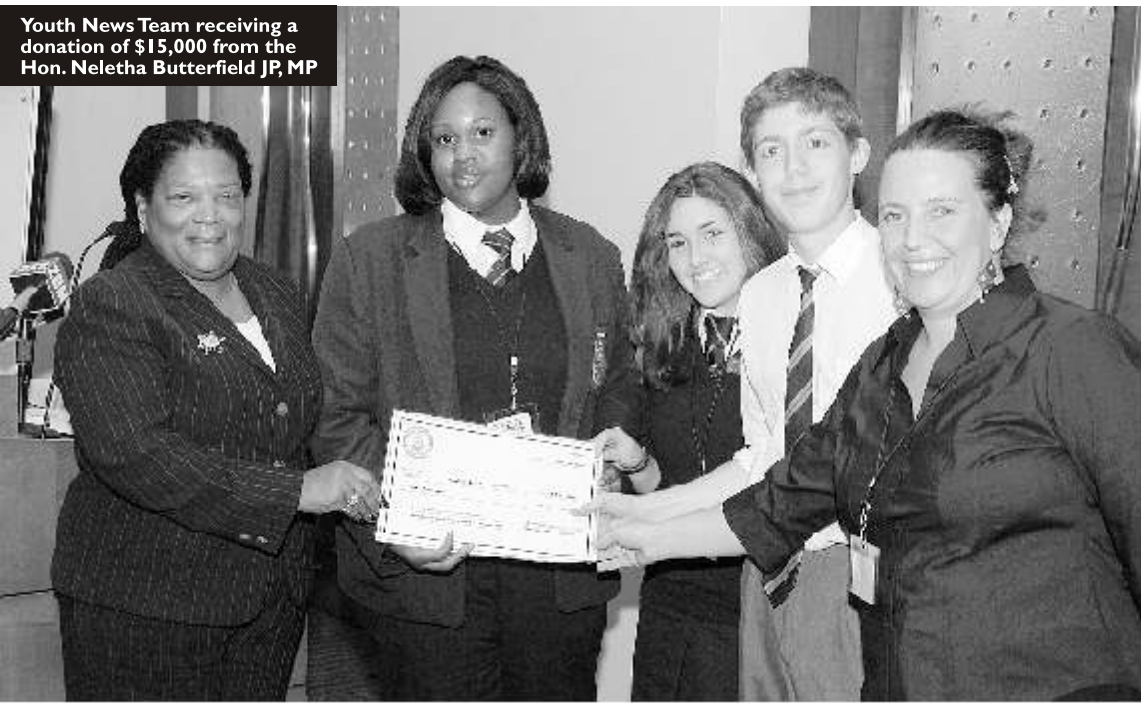


Youth News Team receiving a donation of \$15,000 from the Hon. Neletha Butterfield JP, MP



3rd Annual Bermuda Youth Conference

March 20th and 21st

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"UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY" in conference

The Youth Conference on March 20th and 21st, was a challenge of mind, wit and skill in many different aspects. The conference was this: A company (created for the purpose of competition, not real) called the BDA Corporation had offered \$100,000 towards six different charities. These charities would be created and organised by about 60 students of all different ages and schools. The themes included Environment, Health, Africa, Youth, Education, and Culture.

These students came prepared to work, and the seriousness could be picked up from the attentiveness of all involved. However, they would not be divided into groups within their schools, but rather put into groups of all ages and schools. This made students of different uniforms put aside any rivalries they may have had, to join their new team-mates. This turned out better than many would have imagined, as it seemed the Youth did in two days, what could have taken other full organizations weeks or months to accomplish. This is likely accounted to the diversity of the groups, as each student had something to contribute, be it writing ability, artistic flair, speech making, research or an interesting opinion on the goal.

This conference of the minds went to show what the youth can really do when given the proper chance. It is hoped by many that similar programs will be made so other students will be able to do the same.

WINNING TEAM "ENVIRONMENT"



"ENVIRONMENT" Team working on their radio script



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