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A visit to the U.N.

COMMENTARY BY
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THE MARCH 2005 UNIS-UN Conference, Global Health: Rights and Responsibilities in the 21st Century took place in the UN General Assembly. The conference saw many people of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds attend. People came from Bermuda, England, Canada, Sweden, Germany, and the UNIS school. The conference was very informative because it discussed pressing topics such as HIV/AIDS, obesity, cancer, and diabetes.

The first speaker, Morgan Spurlock probably had the best presentation. It was accompanied by his new movie, *Super Size Me "Living in a Super-Sized World"*. He proved that MacDonaldis was very bad for your health. He created an experiment in which he ate MacDonaldis for thirty days for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. He was shocked to find that people who live like this are worse off than an alcoholic in less than thirty days. You can suffer from obesity, diabetes, kid-



The Berkeley Institute, CedarBridge Academy, BHS and Sandys Middle School presented at the U.N. on Bermuda's rain catch system. ■ Youth News photo

ney stones, and respiratory problems. The movie challenges people to change their diets due and eating healthier.

Bermuda was invited to represent on the discussion panel. The Bermuda presentation was very well done. The Berkeley Institute, CedarBridge Academy, BHS and Sandys Middle School, helped put together information on Bermuda's rain catch system. Caitlin Collis gave the presentation. Questions

were asked in the question answer session about the presentation and Bermuda answered them with great facts and intelligence. In all, I think everyone was impressed with Bermuda's talented performance and educated questions.

Our team made lots of new friends. Travis Stevens and I made friends with a Russian and someone from Canada named Sam, with whom we swapped e-mail addresses.

Photo taken at The United Nations General Assembly Hall.

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HotPicks

what's kicking in fashion and technology

Technology by Ivan

FIFA Street

IT'S THE game we've been waiting for! Football hits the streets here, and you know what that means: An arsenal of awesome tricks, your favourite players, and more intense game play. If you are a soccer fan, this is the game for you.

Technology

If you look around you, you might see all sorts of technology. People have found all sorts of ways on how to improve it. It seems that technology is going to take over the world! Now don't take this the wrong way, but technology has changed a lot. But hey, it's been extremely helpful, hasn't it?

Fashion by Shawnae & Chelsea

Lipgloss & lipstick

WHEN girls wear lip gloss it makes us feel grown up and good about ourselves. Some wear it for the glimmer some wear it for the smell. I know I do, others wear it to match their outfits.

Lip gloss comes in different shapes and colours they have different flavours like cherry, watermelon, mango, grape, bubble gum, vanilla etc. Lip Gloss is good to wear but remember getting a good education is better.

Calling All Fashion Cravers. It seems lip gloss is way in. If you've got style you've got to have it. The prices vary, but the average cost is about \$2.00. Some good brands are Bonnebele and Mac. This is huge. You've got the lips, We've got the tips.



Private vs. public school debate

Which school type is better?

COMMENTARY BY
RAISA TUZO

FOR YEARS this question has been asked: "Which is the better system when it comes to education, public or private?"

I have had the experience of both and to me both have their benefits and both have their downfalls.

Public

In the public system I experienced a sense of friendship between the teachers that helped in the development of me academically and mentally because they cared about me as a person and not just about my education.

There was constant backing and encouragement from teachers who I soon looked at

as my family. Unfortunately, I also experienced the fact that I wasn't able to learn as much due to the constant interruptions of students and things going on that shouldn't in a classroom. There is hardly any structure when it comes to discipline and no way to attend to the needs of each student who are likely to be on different levels.

In a public school its more about a social scene to half of the students than it is about getting an education and if you aren't super bright you just might fall through the cracks.

However, in a private school you are separated into groups of different abilities so that your needs are met and you are kept from falling behind. There is a structure of

no nonsense and learning but in many ways you are just another student or number.

Your teachers are interested in you as a person but once they have done all they can that's it. They don't really take the time out to get to know you as person as because they are so busy with everything else to do. You could be in the school from the age of 5 to 15 and some of the teachers still not know you because you aren't a student that stands out. There is hardly any sense of friendship except for those special teachers.

To me one is better for education and futuristic purposes while the other is better for development as a person but could have bad results in the future.

The benefits of the two schools

COMMENTARY BY TRICRAY ASTWOOD

PRIVATE and public schools both have their benefits. Private schools benefit because they offer courses at the GCSE level that is generally looked at higher than the BSC.

Also private schools tend to be more extensive with their courses for instance many of them have two separate classes for English, English literature and Language Arts. Public schools just have one subject combining

the two.

On the other hand public schools can be looked at as being a microcosm of the real world. Public schools can teach more about what the real world is going to be like.

Being street smart and having common sense is something that youth lack when they enter the real world, but public schools teach this on a day to day basis. I feel both public and private schools have their pro's and con's - it is up to you to decide which one is best for you.

Congratulations to Shawnette Brangman

SHAWNETTE Brangman, a Bermudian student at Albert College is encouraging people to quit smoking and getting a lot of positive press and feedback.

"Scavenger hunting for toxic materials, making posters and staging a skit decrying the evils of smoking.

Those three tools were developed by Shawnette Brangman as methods to help



her fellow Albert College students, and staff, to break - or not start - the habit. After a week, the results were in and there were success stories on the butt-out front.

"Right now, we have three smokers who actually have stopped," said the Grade 12 post graduate student."

How school differs in Mexico

BY TIFFANI SIMONS

Tiffani Simons is a graduate of Berkeley Institute reporting from Mexico.

MY FIRST school was operated like a private school. It was called "Liceo Alberto del Canto". We wore a uniform, which was just a polo T-shirt and whatever bottoms you wanted to wear. I stayed in one class all day and my teachers came to my class. School began at 7:30 in the morning and if you were one second late, the entrance doors were locked. When this occurs, you are not allowed in until the next class begins. The same with the beginning of each class. Each classroom is closed and if you are late, the teacher can permit you to enter or not. The first class for everyone was a meditation class, which is like an advisory period in Bermuda. Then each class had their own daily schedule to follow. My first class began



at 8:00. Each class was an hour long. So I had three classes and then a 30 minute break for recess. There was a little canteen where you could buy candy or tacos but only during break time. After break, we had three more classes until school finished at 2:30pm. Typical classes for me included history, math, orientation and computers.

My current school is very different from the first. I am

glad to have changed because, now I get a chance to experience two different school environments. The name of my current school is "Instituto de Ciencias y Humanidades". It is a public school but you pay a registration fee. We have a polo shirt for our uniform as well but only wear it on special occasions. The schedule is also different. We are allowed to choose classes which means everybody's schedule differs. My schedule every other day is from 7:30 until 1:50 and on the other days it is from 9:00 until 1:50. The classes are for an hour and a half, which makes about four classes a day. Unlike the other school, we move around to our classes and there is no bell. This school is more relaxed with rules, a bit like College. You are free to do what you want because nobody is responsible for your education. You can play around but at the end of the day you are only hurting yourself.



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Don't drink

THE EASIEST way to protect yourself from alcohol is never start drinking.



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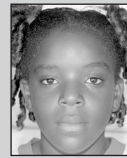
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Bermuda's Quest for Global Peace & Tolerance

► **Bermuda Simulcast Conference "Youth Health"** - Students from CedarBridge Academy, Warwick Academy, Bermuda High School, Bermuda Institute and Berkeley Institute developed prevention campaigns on Teen Pregnancy, Drug Abuse, Mental Awareness over the Two Day Conference hosted at CedarBrige. Read our next edition on March 23rd, for some of the amazing results and statistics the Youth News Team found out at the Conference.

► **The Grass Roots Junior Tennis League** - Sign up now for the next Session - April 4th through to 8th. The Grass Roots Junior Tennis League is for any beginners out their wishing to learn to play tennis in their neighborhoods. Call us on 295 5331 to sign up.

Take pride in your youth

COMMENTARY BY
ASHLEIGH PACHECO

I BELIEVE that teen pregnancy takes away the beauty of being young. It abuses the privilege of your sexuality because losing your virginity at such a special age is not as sacred as when you are married and in love. Teen pregnancies can also lead to many medical compli-

cations, poverty and detachment from friends and family. I have heard numerous times that, although the person does not regret having the child, she does regret having sex because she does not have a "teenage" life anymore. My advice is to take pride in your youth because you are a teenager for a certain period of time, and an adult for the rest of your life.

Poetry & essay winners

CONGRATULATIONS to Raisa Tuzo, Bermuda's Quest for Global Peace and Tolerance Poetry and Essay 2003 winner. The competition theme was Peace and Tolerance. Raisa recently published her poem in a book "Sowing the Seeds of Love". If you would like to purchase a copy please contact us at Youth News. Check back next edition for the poems.

Funny Stuff

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"Grandma always sends \$10 on your birthday. If you can convince Grandma that your birthday comes 300 times a year, you can go to college."

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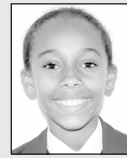
BY COURTNEY LOPES

Don't need you! Wrong. A lot of teens run this line on their parents: "I don't need you!" Well, they are wrong however teens today are becoming more independent. Independence is freedom from dependence on or control by another person, or organization. Teens are capable of feeding, clothing, and fending for themselves however there is more than that to independence. We need love, support and care from our parents to know that we have someone there for us.

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National Non-smokingWeek

BY SHAWNETTE BRANGMAN

THE ENTIRE school participated in the student run activity for the week of January 18th - 28th. The activities done during the week were to educate the student body on the affects of cigarette smoking and second hand smoking. A committee was made of ten students that were interested in planning and organizing the event. The project was entitled BUD OUT!

What was done?

► Skit was performed entitled "The Non Smoking Challenge" (see attached skit)
► A smoking survey was conducted in order to educate the student body on both the smoking habits of the student body as well as nationally (see excerpt below)

► Scavenger Hunt was conducted where students decoded ten hidden toxins found in cigarette smoke
Posters were made and put up around the school the week prior to National Non-smoking Week.

► National statistics and school statistics were announced during the week during assembly

The Non-Smoking Challenge

FATHER: sitting in the living room watching the television while smoking a cigarette. He takes a puff and coughs.

WIFE: Darling I wish you would stop that disgusting smoking. It is a bad habit (brushes away smoke) One of these days you are going to set off a fire alarm.

HUSBAND: Oh, its okay nothing is going to happen to me. It's just a little cigarette. (WIFE exists, DAUGHTER enters)

DAUGHTER: Dad, I am going to get my nails done. (picks up Father's hand and look at his nails) Looks like you need to have yours

done too. Your nails are so yellow daddy. When are you going to get them done?

FATHER: (pulls his hand away) My nails are fine. They don't need to be fixed. I am just a hard worker you know.

DAUGHTER: It's that smoking that is making your nails dirty.

(Daughter exists, SON enters bouncing a basketball)

SON: Dad can you play ball with me? We have a game tomorrow and I need to practise my shooting.

FATHER: Not now, the game is on. However, I can play with you when the game is over. Hey, you know what you can do to waste some time?

SON: (sighs) Get you a pack of cigarettes

FATHER: Exactly. (reaches into pocket and pulls out some money. Son takes money and exits)

FATHER: Yes, Yes, Yes, (stands up and shouts) Goal!

END OF SCENE 1

SCENE 2

Teacher is standing in front of the class teaching while students are sitting at their desk.

TEACHER: Okay class. Settle down. Okay class, since today is the beginning of National Non-Smoking Week we will be learning about tobacco. Does any one know the main ingredient in Tobacco?

STUDENT 1: (raises his/her hand)
TEACHER: Yes

STUDENT 1: Nicotine
TEACHER: Yes, that is correct. Who can tell me the ways that tobacco is sold?

STUDENT 2: pipes, cigars, cigarettes, snuff, spit, and chewing tobacco.

TEACHER: Very good! Well done! Can anyone tell me how many chemicals are in cigarette smoke?

STUDENT 3: 20
TEACHER: No, way more than that.

To be continued in the next edition on March 23.

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