



Just My Views



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OK!! So let me begin by telling you about a guy who took his blonde girlfriend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied with glee, "especially the tight pants and all those big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents". Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?" "Well, they flipped a coin, one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' I'm like...Helloooooo? It's only 25 cents guys!!!!

Yes! I went to school with him. I also played soccer a couple of times with **Bob Marley** when he came to Toronto, to perform at one of his sold out shows. But that's another story.

The kid I went to school with, as I remember it, had lots of freckles on his face back then. His khaki uniform always looked neat and tidy. I can't remember him using a cuss word, nor can I remember him being angry. He was a quiet kid, smart, and had a special smile he rarely showed, only when something very important happened in his favour. When he turned that smile on, it was usually a good time to ask him for a favour. Now today, I wouldn't advise anyone to ask a favour of him whenever he smiles, because remember I said that special smile only occurred occasionally, and if you don't know him well, you won't recognize it. I haven't seen him in person for quite a few years, but I bet he still shows that smile occasionally... like the day last year when he was sworn in as Prime Minister of Jamaica.



Georgian Prime Minister Hon Bruce Golding & Family with ICJS Alumnae at 150th Anniversary celebratory Mass at the Cathedral on Jan13, 2008

It's interesting to note that his mom and dad were both teachers, and his dad **Tacius** was headmaster of Macca Tree Clarendon Primary School for many years, and was elected Member of Parliament for South-West St. Catherine back in '49.

As a child, **Orette Bruce Golding** was very close to his dad Tacius. He was quite intrigued with his father's involvement in politics, so much so that on many occasions, he would hide in the back of his father's Hillman Hunter car and wait till his father almost arrived at his political meetings before revealing himself. Because of the distance away from home, his dad sometimes had no alternative but to take him into the meetings, which eventually became a ritual for young **Bruce**.

From age 10-12, he eventually worked in his father's constituency office during school holidays. Bruce grew up in a political environment during his youth, and eventually became well known and respected from way back in the 60's by his dad's political peers and constituents.

He spent five years at St George's College, successfully sitting the Senior Cambridge examinations in 1962, before reaching the age of 15. He received a Grade II certificate with distinctions in Math and English. In my view, the high academic and social skills he received from the learned fathers at StGC, eventually became the hard drive of his success.

Now that said, many Jamaica College Old Boys will totally disagree, as in '63, he attended JC and successfully sat the A level examinations in Economics, History and Religious Knowledge, and even became Head Boy for a year. In my view, JC also benefited from the skills Bruce learned at StGC. However, JC Old Boys will swear up and down that it was the teachings of their school that made him the success that he is today.

RIGHTTTT GUYS!! Keep on thinking that way. That and a quattie will buy you a cup of coffee at MacDonald's anywhere in the world today. But I kid around with this. Seriously, it is the rock that will really benefit from the teachings that Bruce received from two of the finest schools in Jamaica. "The price of greatness is responsibility." Manage it well, Bruce, and may God be with you throughout your tenure.

Hey!! Did I mention that when hunting season began last fall here in Ontario, I walked into a hunting shop to buy some camouflage trousers and had to leave quickly, because I couldn't find any.

In my view, these three brothers are real lucky, because their dad is still on this earth with them today, and is looking as solid as ever. Flanking **G.C. Bitter** in the photo is **Peter** to his right, **Paul** to his left and **Brian** to Paul's left. Pa Bits is sporting a Knight of St. George ribbon and badge, given to him by Paul to commemorate being 90 years of age. Pa Bits is now touted as the 2nd oldest living StGC old boy today. The first is his brother **Frank**, who is reported to be 93 years old. Shoot!! I wonder if when Peter and Paul (twins) become 90 years of age, which of them will look older??



The Bitters: Peter, GC (centre) Hon. Knight of St. George, Paul & Brian

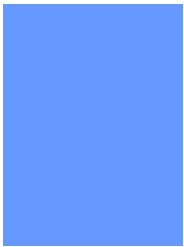
The last guy I spoke to said he didn't know what happiness really was until he got married, and by then it was too late.

This is an election year for the Old Boys chapter here in Toronto. Yes, the AGM is taking place on March 9th - Sunday, 1:30 p.m., at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 3501 Finch Ave E, in Scarborough. There will be a couple positions open on the executive committee, and the positions will need to be filled. So come on out and throw your hat in the ring. There is a special feeling you get when you do good for others, and believe me, as a member of the executive, you will experience that feeling many times over. If you can't run for office for whatever reason, then at least come to the meeting and show that you really care for the good work that the Association has been doing. I hope to see you there

OK! Here is a quick one before I go. A man awakes from a coma after being in a really bad accident. "Doctor!! Doctor!!" He shouted. "I can't feel my legs." "I know," said the doctor. "I am sorry son, but I had to amputate your arms."

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