



BHS Bathrooms: Whose Fault it is Anyway?

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At Bartow High School, there is a problem that has been brewing for quite a while, a problem some students feel administration ignores and one that administration finds difficult to solve. Student restrooms at BHS are in such bad shape, most students will wait until they get home to use the facilities.

The administration was concerned this year about the school's outer appearance, resulting in painting before school began, but why aren't they concerned about how the bathrooms look?

What few realize is that BHS is on a 5 year rotation to be painted by the

county, and while it was our turn to be painted last summer, due to budget cuts, it will be 7 years before the exterior is painted again. The interior of the building was painted a year or two ago and Coach Murvin and student leaders came in before school start and did what they could to help the situation by painting bathrooms.

In a recent student



body poll, which also netted the responses of a few teachers, most students do not think it is the custodians fault for a lack of thorough cleaning. They place the blame on the students themselves who are trashing the toilets and the stalls.

John Schuler, an IB senior says the smells of the bathrooms are "unbearable" and make an "undying resemblance to feces and wine."

Some students agree that yes it is the students' fault, but state that the custodians are paid to clean the school, which includes the bathrooms, and keeping them clean isn't happening. Painting the stalls and the walls black is not going to keep students from writing crude humor and insults there; all it does is make the restrooms even more uninviting.

Students think that the supplies for the bathrooms should be kept up to date and repeatedly checked to see if a stall needs another roll of toilet paper or a paper towel dispenser requires refilling. These were issues raised by student government before school began, and while Administration has tried to im-
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Stop! That's Not For You

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Ever been denied access to a certain website at school? Ever been on a

computer at school searching sites for an important paper due in class soon and you keep getting blocked from useful information? Well, this happens on a daily basis to students on campus.

Media center specialist Sherry Maberry states, "Even though I feel website blocking at school is necessary towards students' safety, it aggravates me when a student tries to do a legitimate search, such as breast cancer, and the sites are unavailable."

However, Ms. Maberry does feel that, "some of the social network-

ing sites, such as MySpace are not a safe environment for teens and young adults. Other sites that are blocked may have pornographic information that is inappropriate for students." This is the reason sites are blocked.

At high school level, children should be astute in the choices they make, and know how to use privileges responsibly. How do BHS students feel about this situation?

Junior Demiya Curtis stated, "I don't really feel the need for the sites currently blocked to be under restriction anyway. I just believe students should be mature enough to use internet wisely."

In agreement with Carter, classmate Rantesha Frazier said she doesn't "feel the need for restricted sites at school. It's a shame that important causes, like

drug & alcohol awareness, may need research [that is] being blocked and limits my answers from finding information that is helpful toward me and others."

How can this problem be fixed? How can students come together as one and prove to administrators that these blocking restrictions can be stopped and will be handled in a mature way? Or will this ever stop?

Ms. Maberry believes that "in the future, I see less sites being blocked instead of more. As students learn responsible behavior on the web, more Internet privileges will be available."

All there is to do is wait and see how the digital world will be and hope that it changes for the better for the next generation of Yellow Jackets.

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