'CREATIVE ACTIVITIES IMPROVE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE'

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Developing a student's talents and creativity is reflected positively on his academic performance and whole educational process, said Polytechnic Communication Specialist Mohammed Bastaki. Speaking to *DT*, he added that the 'Poly's got talent,' hosted by Bahrain Polytechnic, was aimed at developing the talents of the students.

"Creativity that comes out of students is one of the most important points which can be used in improving academic performance" Mr. Bastaki added. "The Web Media students of the university worked on a project where they had to handle a live recording event using tools such as cameras, microphones and other shooting equipment. This project is a part of the educational process for them in Polytechnic," he stated.

"Many performers showcased their talents as more than 500 students and staff members enjoyed their presentation. The performance included playing instrument, singing, beat-boxing and magic tricks where 20 performers gave their best to win prizes" he informed.

Mr. Bastaki stated that the event was organised by 12 students and their tutor, with assistance from the Polytechnic Student Council (PSC). They not only earned credits for their inventive assignments, but also proved ability to host such an event at the end of every semes-

One of the participants performing in the event.

ter, he noted.

"We told our Web Media students to come up with a project, which should involve organising and recording a live event. In the meantime, we developed the proposal to host this talent show. Collaborating with the PSC, they managed to set up the entire platform from scratch, including lighting, sound, video cameras and catering," said Web Media tutor of Polytechnic Owen Gallagher.

"This just shows how cre-ative our students can be. Using social media platforms such as *Instagram, Twitter, Facebook* and *YouTube*, they promoted it even outside the Polytechnic. We train and encourage our students to think out of the box and come up with these cre-ative ideas and I am very proud of them," he added.

Guitarist and singer Hameed Al Saeed won the first prize. Second place was bagged by rapper duo Dhahi and Abdulrasool and third place was grabbed by beat-boxer Bader Jamal. The first, second and third place winners received cash prizes of BD150, BD100 and BD50 respectively. The videos of the competition can be viewed on the Web Media student's YouTube chan-nel, 'PolysGotTalent'.

Vandals attack three schools

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Three schools in the Kingdom were targeted by vandals yesterday, raising the total number of attacks against educational establishments to 199 since the beginning of the current academic year 2012-2013, sources said.

In yesterday's attack, vandals targeted Al-Dheya Primary Boys' School, Al-Wadi Primary Boys' School and Al-Jazira Primary Boys' School. At Al-Jazira Primary Boys' School, the main building was attacked with Molotov cocktails. On the other hand, vandals damaged windows of Al-Dheya Primary Boys' School and Al-Wadi Primary Boys' School, causing a huge loss.