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Rhymes Rumours

Busta Rhymes to Join Administrative Team: Is It Legit?

by Kolly Maplan

The Harpeth Hall School has been in chaos for the past week as word got out that a new administrative position has been created for rap star Busta Rhymes. Just released yesterday was a bulletin stating that Rhymes will begin next year in an as yet unspecified position.

It is unclear how Rhymes has been chosen for the murky post, but many speculate that Head of School Leah Rhys's long time association with Busta had something to do with it.

While Rhymes has admitted to having absolutely no experience as a leader in a

school, he is quick to mention that he was in a rap group called *Leaders of the New School*. "Case of the P.T.A." and "Teachers, Don't Teach Us Nonsense" are just two of the songs on *Leaders of the New School's* first album. Coincidence? Many people in the Harpeth Hall community think not.

At an emergency Board meeting last night, Rhymes arrived in a limousine. "What's the dilly, Yo?" was the rapper's opening statement.

He then went on to discuss his plans for the upcoming school year.

"Busta Rhymes wants to represent," Rhymes articulated.

Rhymes remained poised even during the most heated moments of the evening. After being grilled with questions from Board members, Rhymes responded, "Woo-ha, got you all in check."

Many parents wanted to know how well Rhys and other members of the faculty and administration knew Rhymes.

"Several members of the English department and I were hanging out with him way back when," Rhys said.

"I left the group because Busta and I had a bit of a falling out. It turns out he directly copied my hairstyle and wardrobe. I told him, 'Busta, it's a Rhys thing, not a Rhymes thing.' He went on biting my style, so I had to jet. We made up a couple of months later. It's all good now and he's still got the hair thing goin' on."

By the end of the meeting, Rhymes had won over all of the Board members. Stuart Rich, longtime Trustee, was quoted as saying, "Busta is the man. He's got his mind on the school's money and the

school's money on his mind."

For the moment it seems as if Rhymes's charm has taken the focus away from the controversy. Many community members privately say that the hip-hop star shows great potential as an educational visionary.

Rhymes says it best by asserting that "The dilly is Busta Rhymes loves the children. Busta Rhymes wants the children of the school to have a bright and beautiful future. Busta Rhymes will do all he can to make this happen." Spoken like a true leader.

A Few More Things about Parking

by Tay-Ray Berlin

Hey girls, I just wanted to remind all of you who have not gotten your parking tags yet that if you do not have them by April 10, you will no longer be allowed to park on the Harpeth Hall campus. All cars without the beautiful mirror-hang-tag will be towed off of the campus to the Tow-A-Way parking company's lot downtown.

Mr. Chapman is adamant that everyone, including your parents, must have some form of Harpeth Hall identification on their cars. Please have your parents purchase HH window or bumper stickers from the bookstore that can serve as their HH vehicle identification.

Visitors must park in the designated visitor spaces or

they also will be towed. If there is no available visitor parking, the visitor must return at another time or park down in front of the track. Parking will no longer be allowed along the grey stone wall in front of the junior and senior parking lots. This has been considered a fire hazard by the Tennessee fire department and even leaving your car there for a few minutes to run into the building can not be allowed as it is a hazard to all of our safety.

The golf cart squad of the Harpeth Hall police will be patrolling the whole campus for misparked vehicles. Parking tickets with a thirty dollar fine will be given before the car is towed. That money goes to fund the new electrical entry gates that will be placed at the entrances to all of the parking

lots so that only those who are given the password to that lot will be able to park there. You will be informed of those codes as the gates go up. Eventually, surveillance cameras will be placed in all of the parking lots to protect you from car thieves and prankster shoepolishers.

Thank goodness our campus will now be safe from parking hazards and mistakes. I appreciate all of the student support and cooperation in this matter. One final thing: to promote school spirit, only cars in the hunter green and grey colors will be allowed on campus. So, if you want that new Pathfinder, and you want to be able to drive to school, it is now part of the rules and regulations to get it in one of these colors. Thank you!



Harpeth Hall's solution to its parking problems removes a car that lacks its proper tags along with the car's angry owner.

Let's Have Some Uniformity

by Cristine Trainer

Face it. Our "uniform" is by no means a uniform at all. For one, we have way too many options. I thought that the point (or at least one of the points) of a uniform is for all students to look alike. But WE DON'T! I cannot even remember the last time I saw two students wearing the exact same thing. I do remember that it was pointed out ("Oh my gosh! We're 'twinkies'"). Yes, folks, our attire here is so varied that we bother to take note of look-alikes.

Besides the fact that our uniform is not one, it is tacky. Now, I know I am not the queen of What's Hot, but I can tell when something is utterly atrocious. Fortunately, the tops are not that bad (with the exception of some Oxford button-downs when you have to tuck them in and they are too stiff so they pooch out and make you look like a stuffed penguin). I admit that the soft knit polo shirts are cute; had I not been a senior at the start of this year, I probably would have purchased one. The turtle-necks are convenient and comfortable, especially in the winter, though the neck gets on my nerves. And the Oxford overblouses are fine (once broken in) now that we do not have to tuck them in.

But the bottoms! My gosh! Where can I begin? The culottes are see-through. And what's up with those little flaps? The plaid does not fashionably match any of the shirts except for the white penguin ones. In addition to fashion *faux pas*, there could be offensive meanings in the kilts and skirts. After consulting the Scottish history guru of Wallace Wing, I was astonished to learn about the implications lurking in the squares and stripes. For one, we are cross-dressers when we wear the kilts. I personally do not mind this, but I think some could

be offended.

And another thing: the plaid design represents the Campbell clan. So what? Well, the guru told me all about the feuds between the Mac Donald and Campbell families. The Campbells were a belligerent group looked down upon by many Scottish people. Are we Scottish? That's not the point, though some of us may be; I think we should take everything into account that might offend people if not at this school then in our community. And you don't have to be Scottish to be offended. But I digress.

The green wooly skirt is my personal favorite, but it is quite warm and can be itchy. We won't go into style here.

So what are we going to do? I hope that by now I have convinced you of the pointlessness of uniforms. Now I need to impart to you the benefits of our new plan--nudity. You might be thinking that this is too drastic, but stop and think for just a minute. We should all be comfortable with our bodies. Though we will still not be uniform (all our bodies are different), this would be a wonderful way for everyone to instill in themselves a sense of self esteem.

And what about the faculty issue? "I think we should *all* be naked because it's important for people to see a wide variety of the human condition," said physics teacher Christine Carpenter. And we would be much better prepared for college when we are faced with roommates and communal bathrooms and showers (co-ed or not). I would like to end this article with a wonderful quote from an anonymous faculty member who supports the idea (with some reservations): "Education is *about* the truth. Nudity *is* the truth."

by Jally Sackson

Attention All Students! The Super-Duper Schedule Board is VERY excited about THIS announcement! We are changing your schedule next year. We plan to take away all free time and give you EVEN LESS time to get to your locker and back, in hopes that we can hurt your backs and generate a larger income for Harpeth Hall parents who are chiropractors! Not only that, but we plan to offer THREE PERIOD long math LABS! We are also going to make it so that there are NO areas where students can mingle inside school or place their bookbags! Remember we, make these changes in hopes to better accommodate our students' needs.

Baby Baby!

by Babe Sitter

Despite a petition by MBA students, we will not be opening next year as a daycare.

Once we got a hold of the petition itself, it was difficult to read the signatures. It must have been going around at milk and cookie time because chocolate was smudged all over the page. Also, it was difficult to read what the crayon writing said. It was cute, however, how they used the colors in the order of the rainbow.

Though the petition asked for it, our schedules won't be any less stressful next year. Daily activities would have been very similar to those of MBA, some even identical, like milk and cookies, nap time, and early dismissal on any day there is a sporting event.

Apparently, the petition began circulating because the boys were tired of being the only daycare in town and hoped that the Honeybear Daycare could join to make a brother/sister daycare group.

For those looking for a daycare, inquiries about the Male Babies Academy can be made by calling 1-800-MBA-BABY.

Not so "Pretty in Pink"

by Saren Kweeney

The pink slip/detention system appears to be the central issue of the complicated legal battle currently engrossing the Harpeth Hall community.

Public record reveals that wealthy businessman Knip Eromon is suing the school for personal damages of an undisclosed, but rumored to be large, amount of money. Eromon received injuries in an early February incident when the potential benefactor was receiving Harpeth Hall's VIP tour. While passing through the upper school, Eromon was struck violently by an overfilled pink-slip board which fell from the wall. Though he was not critically injured, Eromon will protest in court that Harpeth Hall should compensate him for all physical and mental injuries associated with the pink slip board's fall.

Since the incident, Harpeth Hall has become entangled in a web of accusations over who deserves blame for the accident.

Generally accepted is the fact that Eromon's accident's occurrence was due to the unacceptably large number of

pink slips given recently.

Many members of the administration and faculty insist that rebellious students are responsible for the pink slip flux. An administrative source that wishes to remain unnamed believes that many girls, resentful over never having a snow day, purposely place their bookbags in undesignated areas, "forget" to tuck in their shirts, and loiter in the hallways as deliberate acts of defiance.

"It's all a conspiracy by the girls," says the source. "They want to get us so exhausted from writing up pink slip after pink slip that we will be forced to close school for a day of recovery."

Students maintain a very different view. They, too, believe that a conspiracy is involved but insist that it is an administrative/faculty one. Rumors have long flourished that monetary bonuses are being offered to teachers for giving many pink slips. Much evidence, such as tally sheets confiscated from a faculty lounge, points directly to a structured competition between departments to give the most pink slips.

"No one really knows

what goes on in faculty meetings," said a sophomore. "I think that they are where the departments meet to make strategies to give the most detentions."

One bitter junior suggested an alternate view for the problem. "It's because they all LOVE giving pink slips. It makes them feel useful and powerful to see us suffer. I've earned twelve pink slips in the last four days—I know," she said.

Parents, also eager to be involved in the controversy, have been bombarding the school office with telephone calls. Though many parents don't seem to have a stand on whose fault the issue is, the school has found it necessary to add a separate line to accommodate the pink-slip-controversy related calls.

Accusations have become so embittered that the administration is currently focusing on an effort to bring peace to the school. "We will have several town meetings to help us deal with the problems, and these should help us see eye-to-eye," said our source. "Until then, why can't we all just get along?"

HH's In-Your-Dreams Team

by Sathleen Kerck

Harpeth Hall is known for their dedication in track through any kind of weather. All this has changed since the track meet before Spring Break was canceled for bad weather. Mrs. Russ has gone a little overboard and is canceling practices left and right. Today's practice is canceled for none other than a sunny day. For the few days where track is not canceled, Mrs. Russ, Jan, and Dr. Henderson have come up with some alternative workouts. These workouts include the Seniors driving the team to SATCO, having a bonding session with Karaoke, and having relaxation and massaging time. Spring Fever has taken over. When the April showers and May flowers come, you won't see the track team much. They'll be sitting in front of TVs watching the sweat and pain of athletes on *Sports Center* while stuffing their faces with potato chips.