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HRL Will Submit Posters To College Complaints prompt new review policy

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Harvard Right to Life (HRL), known for its controversial campus publicity efforts, agreed Wednesday to submit its posters for review prior to hanging them around campus.

Harvard's Office of Sexual Assault Prevention and Response will now check HRL posters after students complained at a Wednesday night meeting that a recent poster mentioning sexual assault caused emotional harm.

The poster in question is entitled "Women Deserve Better," and shows "Candice," a rape victim, expressing regret for having chosen abortion.

Anne M. Morris '04 said she found the poster offensive and—along with 31 other students—sent an e-mail to HRL requesting a meeting.

The concerned students especially took issue with the opening line, "I was raped," arguing that it would have a traumatic effect on rape survivors. According to the e-mail sent to HRL, the Office for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response received several complaints about the posters citing "revictimization," which incites emotions nearly as intense as those invoked by the original incident.

Roughly 20 to 25 percent of college women will be assaulted before they receive their diplomas, the e-mail read.

The signers of the e-mail wrote that they hoped to understand who HRL was trying to reach with its posters, what reaction HRL sought and what statement the posters intended to make.

HRL, which cycles its posters in a weekly rotation, has made news recently after its posters and one of its exhibits were defaced. But the Wednesday meeting focused solely on the HRL poster which mentioned rape.

HRL Vice President Laura E. Openshaw '04 said the "censorship issue was mentioned in passing," but that it was not the "appropriate forum" for such discussion.

Until Openshaw was approached by Morris at a Coalition Against Sexual Violence meeting, she said she had received only "generic concerns on the issue."

"It wasn't until pretty late in the campaign that people had specific concerns," Openshaw said.

When Morris expressed her worry, Openshaw said she was "shocked."

"Of course we never would have wanted to affect anyone in this way," she said. "We were horrified."

By the time of the complaint, the poster had reached its expiration date, and members of the group were instructed to either replace or tape over the controversial posters with new ones.

The signers of the e-mail said they did not think that HRL meant to offend people with the posters.

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A MOMENT OF PRAYER



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MINNIE QUACH '03 (front right), a recent convert to Islam, attends a Ramadan inter-faith prayer session in Ticknor Lounge yesterday. The Harvard Islamic Society will host these sessions daily through the end of Ramadan, which ends on Nov. 26.

SPH Lecturer Apologizes For Online Degree

Buenos Aires-based university offered e-mail-order Ph.D.

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An adjunct lecturer at the Harvard School of Public Health (SPH) apologized Wednesday for his "naïve and foolish" conduct in passing off as legitimate a mail-order, few-questions-asked doctoral degree.

Ralph Timperi, head of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's infectious disease lab, represented himself as a Ph.D., citing a degree from Trinity Southern University (TSU).

According to its website, TSU does not require a dissertation and rewards diplomas based on prior classes taken at other institutions.

"I briefly used the PhD designation not to mislead, but because I thought I had earned it based on experience and accomplishment," Ralph Timperi wrote in an e-mail to colleagues.

Timperi says he received information about Trinity Southern University (TSU) via e-mail, and subsequently submitted an application for a doctoral degree, for which he was approved. The charge to Timperi was \$499.

TSU's website—which does not contain any contact information—advertises "No classes to attend, no tests to take!"

The site goes on to note, however, that their doctorate has some limitations.

"A Trinity Southern degree works for 95% of its graduates, however, it is not appropriate for people in the public education field, government or those who wish to use the degree to attend a traditional graduate program," the site reads.



Courtesy of SPH

RALPH TIMPERI

Though diplomas claim a Dallas, Texas origin, they are mailed from TSU's offices in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Timperi, who has been an adjunct lecturer at Harvard for the past three years

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Moseley Braun Draws Less Student Interest

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Almost 1,600 clamored for Sen. John F. Kerry. Nearly 1,300 vied for Sen. John D. Edwards. But for U.N. Ambassador Carol E. Moseley Braun, who will take her turn at the JFK Jr. Forum Monday, a mere 546 threw their names in the hat.

Out of the five lotteries held so far tickets to "Hardball: Battle for the White House," a Harvard-based series of presidential candidate interviews aired this fall on MSNBC, Moseley Braun has attracted the lowest number of participants.

Though Moseley Braun's 546 exceeds the 450 seats available through the lottery, students and representatives of the Institute of Politics (IOP) say there is less interest in Moseley Braun's visit

because of her lower-profile status and her unimpressive polling numbers.

"The fact of the matter is Carol Moseley Braun is not viewed in the political circle as likely to be the nominee for president," said IOP Director Daniel R. Glickman, who served as secretary of agriculture from 1995 to 2001.

"It's not a hidden fact that Carol Moseley Braun is not as big a draw of a name, she is not as well known of a candidate," said Harvard College Democrats President R. Gerard McGeary Jr. '04.

McGeary noted that Kerry is a poll-leader and a local favorite and that the Rev. Al Sharpton—who garnered 1,038 lottery hopefuls—is a "great orator."

Some students also said they are most inter-

ested in hearing from the candidates that are more likely to be their next commander-in-chief.

"It will be really good to hear [leading candidates'] views and see how they respond to the questions because they are going to be in the national spotlight more than someone like Moseley Braun," said Morgan S. Brown '06, who has lotteried for every single event so far.

Still others said the low turnout for Moseley Braun might reflect that students are beginning to suffer from "Hardball" fatigue.

Sloan J. Eddleston '04, who co-chairs a committee charged with bringing speakers to Kirkland House, pointed out that Moseley Braun is the 5th candidate to visit Harvard this semester, detracting from the novelty.

But leader of "Students for Moseley Braun" Ryan P. McAuliffe '03 said yesterday he believes the lower interest level is the result of an even bigger problem.

"People are not respecting Moseley Braun's presidential candidacy and giving it the time and the respect that it certainly deserves," he said.

McAuliffe said he is concerned about Moseley Braun's profile here on campus.

"There isn't as much hype...and that's what students are trying to change," he said. "It is a matter of making people wake up and see her campaign as a legitimate campaign for presidency."

McAuliffe also said he thinks gender may be

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Website Offers Free Food, 'Freshman 15'

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There's no dough in this pizza—at least not the green kind.

Knowing full well that food and free things are the way to college students' hearts, campusfood.com is offering free cheese pizzas or buffalo wings to students who order either of those items through its website. The site boasts the motto, "Freshman fifteen. Faster," and offers students an online platform to order takeout food from local merchants.

"I ordered a small cheese pizza from Dial-A-Pizza and it really was free," said Thea A. Daniels '05. "I just

paid a \$2 tip to the delivery man."

Dial-A-Pizza's 10-inch cheese pie normally costs \$6.04, with tax.

Daniels is co-captain of the Crimson Dance Team, which is partnering with campusfood.com to promote the two-week-long giveaway.

"I have no idea how they learned about us but they e-mailed me," she said. "Essentially they gave us a big box with flyers and t-shirts. Fifty cents of every order goes to us."

Campusfood.com Marketing Coordinator Ismael Archbold said that 100 to 150 orders were placed from

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From Bartley's to Britain

BBC interviews undergrads on transatlantic relations

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In between bites of his "Tony Blair" burger, British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) senior correspondent Matt Frei discussed British-American relations with six Harvard undergraduates yesterday.

Frei interviewed students as the BBC crew furtively maneuvered around perturbed waiters at Bartley's Burger House to cast a spotlight on his subjects. Will Walden, chief news producer of the BBC, organized the event with the help of the Center for European Studies (CES).

"The reason we came here is to look at both sides of the Atlantic, how Britains perceive Americans and vice-versa," said

Walden in a thick British accent. "We chose Boston in particular because it has a lot of connotations...the Boston tea party, New England, the imagery."

Amidst the carnivorous consumption of their peers, vegetarian Alex R. Stokes '07 sipped on his strawberry frappe while Alexis J. Pozen '07 nibbled on her meatless "Dixie Chicks."

Chosen by the CES, the students gave the BBC crew a short tour of Harvard Yard before proceeding to lunch at the Cambridge landmark and all-American hamburger restaurant.

Naomi Grimley, a producer of the show, said that Bartley's was chosen simply because she "heard about it from a friend."

According to Stokes, the BBC told them to try to have "a normal, everyday conversation, just six student talking politics over hamburgers at Bartley's."

Stokes said that one of the questions the BBC asked was "if it was surprising that in a recent poll, 55 percent of Britains said that America, along with North Korea and Iran, are among the most dangerous threats to world peace."

"None of us expressed any shock, especially after the war on Iraq," said Stokes.

Allison I. Rogers '04 said that most of the students agreed that the U.S. benefits more than Britain from the alliance

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After conquering American life and war, an acclaimed alum turns East.

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ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

TODAY: Partly sunny and windy. Highs in the 40s.

TOMORROW: Sunny and breezy. Highs in the 40s.



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Malpractice Plan Would Skip Courts

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The School of Public Health (SPH) and the administration of Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney are developing a plan to keep malpractice cases from going to court, sending them instead before a tribunal of judges.

Advocates of the proposed system said it will curtail medical malpractice costs, which have contributed to a 77 percent rise in Massachusetts malpractice insurance premiums in the last five years.

A team from SPH—consisting of Professor of Law and Public Health Troyen A. Brennan, Assistant Professors David M. Studdert and Assistant Professor Michelle M. Mello—collaborated with Robert Pozen '68, Romney's chief economic adviser, to construct the proposal, which has been in the works for several months.

"It was Bob Pozen's initiative," Mello said. "He asked Dr. Brennan to consult on the plan because he [Brennan] had done previous academic work on this subject."

Under the current system, a malpractice complaint must first pass a tribunal of judges, after which it may go to trial and lead to verdicts of potentially unlimited size.

The SPH plan, if implemented, would limit awards in malpractice cases according to the severity and type of the alleged patient injury.

On the other hand, under the plan, the plaintiff would have to satisfy a lesser standard of proof in order to receive compensation.

Rather than having to demonstrate doctors' negligence, the plaintiff must only show that the harm suffered was "avoidable." Thus the proposal may increase awards for many complaints.

"We want to have a different system where we have more people getting awards in smaller amounts," Pozen told The Boston Globe. "We want to reduce administrative delay and costs, while increasing medical safety and having people learn from their mistakes."

Mello added that under the new

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MAP QUEST



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Graduate student STELLA C. BOEVA examines the map-based artwork of BILL J. RANKIN at the opening of his 'Radical Cartography' exhibit in the Adams Arts Space yesterday.