

Burrowes: Beyond the Classroom

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said Burrowes, associate professor of humanities and communications.

It is no surprise then that he got his master's degree in communication from Syracuse University in New York. With this degree, he went back to Liberia and got his first professor job teaching journalism.

With the fascination for freedom of the press that he noticed was highly lacking in Liberia, he attended Temple University in Philadelphia, and focused on press freedom within their doctorate program in communication.

After living in a few different states throughout his life, Burrowes said that it was important for him to take in the location's values for what they were worth because every place has something to offer, he said. When he lived in California, he noticed several homeless people, which he thought was very unfortunate. As a result, he realized how grateful he was for the things he had in life.

Burrowes has four children, ranging in age from six to 22. Three are from his previous wife and the youngest is from his current wife.

He has three boys and one girl, who he said with a smile is "daddy's little girl." His youngest got an award for being the wittiest in his class, to which the proud father responded "Yep, that's my boy!" He is very pleased with his children in this respect because they are indeed good, intelligent kids.

"I want my kids to be achieved academically but also to be well rounded people," said Burrowes. He wants them to grow up and become adults who people would not mind having around.

Among the several people that Burrowes has influenced in his life, including his own kids, are his students. In fact, some people who were his students in the past are now his peers. A lot of his ability to influence comes from his own previous teachers and professors. He had a teacher in Catholic school who really encouraged him to read.

"I would test this teacher a lot, sometimes exceeding limits, but he was never irritated by me," said Burrowes, "and I liked that," he added. It made him realize how determined this teacher was to always encourage reading upon his students. Burrowes mentioned

how this teacher would always buy books for him. And he tested him one day by asking to buy him a book pricey enough for the teacher to refuse his request. To his surprise, the teacher didn't refuse and through this, Burrowes later learned the effectiveness in the power of influence.

"This is one of the reasons I ended up teaching," he said, "I realized how much such a small action can have such a high ability to influence."

Out of all the job possibilities a person could have in this world, Burrowes said that he would pick the one he's doing now above them all. He loves the culture at Penn State Harrisburg.

The environment is very warm and welcoming, kind of like a home, family feeling. "It seemed as if people didn't mind coming in to work from day to day," said Burrowes. Even coming in for the interview last year "wooded" him, he said. After getting the job, he would call his friends on his way home to Maryland and tell them that he now has the *perfect* job. Classes he is teaching this year include Media and Society, Media and Politics,

and Media Criticism and Theory.

Besides teaching, Burrowes freelances during his spare time. He said that he lives for the summer months when he gets to do research for a book he is writing on Freedom's Journal, which was the first African-American owned newspaper to be published in the United States.

He also enjoys listening to music, jazz in particular, as one may guess from the poster in his office. Songs by lyricists like Diana Krall, who can paint a picture, pleases him the most.

Burrowes' list of favs

1. Food: Tai because its spicy
2. Drink: tea and coke, which are one of his indulgences
3. Place for future travel: Thailand
4. Animal: scorpion because of its shell protection and its stinging ability
5. Sport: soccer—team Brazil in the world cup
6. Achievement: a paper he wrote on cultural studies and functionalism communication theory because it included his own theories

Laws or programs

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school to ensure the children have activities to participate in. The program runs from 3p.m. to 8p.m. The first hour-and-a-half is homework time, followed by a home cooked dinner, then in the last segment, the children have playtime. During playtime, the children have the opportunity to "play" outside of the school. Williams Jones' nephew, who is also in the program, gets transported to a golf course and is learning how to play golf during his playtime.

This program allows Williams Jones, who works full-time, to attend evening classes at Harrisburg Area Community College. When she picks her daughter up after the program, they go home and talk about the events of their days and bond in the evening. She also volunteers in her children's schools.

"It's the parents who need to step up," Williams Jones said. "Every

parent should be able to tell you where their child is at any given moment. Stop saying you know your child and get your butt involved."

Cities usually provide programs, along with curfew laws, to encourage kids off the streets. Kim described two programs she is currently working on. Her Gun Buyback Program, launched this fall, targets younger kids who are given vouchers and gift certificates in exchange for guns. Nobody is allowed to question the kids about the guns and the police melt the guns down once they've been handed in.

Kim's second program is "still an idea" to hold a talent showcase once a month, every month over the summer giving kids the chance to work together towards something fun.

"We ought to be spending time on the juveniles of our community," said Reismiller.

Harrisburg police didn't return any phone calls regarding this story.

Budget allocations complex for all

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The SGA agreed to give \$700 to the Lion Ambassadors for this Conference. In comparison, the ASCD received \$56.23 for their needs. However, \$2000+ was given to WPSH, the campus radio station, which has been inactive for a while, in order for them to move the antennae down from the roof to improve the frequency on the 1st floor.

Reportedly this the only area where the signal from the radio station is broken up.

From a balance of close to \$30,000, to those three clubs for those specific needs \$2,756.23 has been given; this leaves \$27,243.77 to be divided up between not only the remaining clubs, but also still

the Lion Ambassadors, WPSH's and ASCD's other needs as well. And don't forget all of the other non-club related activities the SGA sponsors. There is only so much money to go around, and some clubs aren't getting the full cut of what they asked for.

Melissa Yingling, the current President of the Lion Ambassadors, said in reply to some questions sent to her: "I think that the club budget selection is a little unfair. I do not believe the SGA officers and senators are fully aware of exactly why something might be on a club's budget...[they] simply allocate money to things that they believe might be important or essential but not what the club was thinking at all. I think there are

some things that can be changed... [club] representatives are not allowed to speak, at all, under any circumstances, to fight for money and help the senators realize exactly why you want the money...for the most part, I think SGA tries to be fair. We (Lion Ambassadors) provide tours for prospective students and do a lot with alumni, who donate a lot of money to our school. We have to make a big impression on a lot of people that may make a huge influence on the school.

We also hold events, such as the Boobies Ball, that raises money for Breast Cancer Awareness and is open to the community and the student body.

We promote student involvement by getting our members to attend

different activities on campus and to spread the word. Our club also visits the Middletown Home to play Bingo and we go to the Children's Hospital around the holidays."

In essence, the Club Budget Process is simple; attend the meetings and request your budget.

However, as Ms. Yingling stated, they [the senators and SGA representatives] may not always know why the Clubs need certain funds and could even choose to ignore them.

So the complicated club budget system, which relies on club voices and a fair distribution of funds, still has some cracks to work out in the form of too many needs and never quite enough money to get it all done.

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network. The mobility network is denoted around campus network outlets with an orange dot. In the case that the wireless network goes down or becomes slow, the student can plug into the 10 Mb mobility network and continue surfing.

The academic network is the 100 Mb network in most of the classrooms (some classrooms even feature wireless and wired connections). The Housing network is the network available for students living on campus.

Brinkley would like students to be aware that when experiencing network slowdown or unavailability, they are free to switch between these networks.

The first wireless network on campus was designed in part by one of Brinkley's IST 220 classes, being revised and redesigned in recent years by the campus

Network Engineer, Dabis Camero.

The network uses ViVato access points outside and can handle up to 150 users, endure 125 mph winds and reach between 3 and 4 kilometers around campus.

However, don't expect to be able to access the PSH network off campus, the network is strictly available to PSH students and faculty.

Brinkley boasts that the campus can successfully call itself "fully wireless" and suggest that students in need of assistance logging onto the wireless network contact the HelpDesk in the basement of Olmsted or logon to the IIT website (www.hbg.psu.edu/IIT) and view the "Frequently Asked Questions" section under "W" for instructions on becoming a wireless user.

Brinkley urges students to enjoy the networks because after all, "It's all for the students, that's who helped pay for it."

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