

Akbeezie – Straight Trippin’

CoB economics professor Akbar Marvasti has a fan club, and it has set up [a page](#) on the popular website **facebook** for others to view, and perhaps join. The screen below captures information about Marvasti’s fan club on **facebook**.



As the screen above indicates, some of Marvasti’s former Pomona College students form the nucleus of the fan club known as “Akbar Marvasti is Straight Trippin’!” That group currently has 10 members, including three officers. In their description, the club members write:

“Do you love Akbar Marvasti? Well we do and the group is dedicated to our love for his bright shirts, pastel ties, penny loafers, baggy pants, and lack of use of articles. Laugh all you want at Akbeezie, but you’ll always remember his unique teaching style, amazing regression papers, superior intellect, and classic Hooters story. So join and show your love for Akbar!”

The group’s officers are Adam Henry, Laura Pinzur and Benjamin Kraus, and they joy in referring to “Akbar” as “Akbeezie.” The page has a discussion board

with three topics. On one Edmund posted “Gotta love the Marvasti,” while in another he referred to Marvasti’s exam as “fun.” The third message comes from Adam, who nominates one of Edmund’s classroom questions for the “question of the year” award:



Post #1

Adam wrote on November 30, 2005 at 5:45pm

OK, semester's not quite over yet, but I'm gonna make my nomination for Question of the Semester. Who? Edmund. What'd he say? Something to the effect of: "What about jobs where womens' weight is a big factor in production...like at Hooters?"

(correct me if I'm wrong Edmund)

It is here that we are reminded that Marvasti (or Akbeezie?) told a story to his Pomona College class about Hooters. This is all reminiscent of past reports here at USMNEWS.net about former CoB dean Harold Doty’s adventures in a [Toronto Hooters](#) while supposedly attending an AACSB conference on teaching. That story is covered in [Harold @ Hooters](#) and other reports at USMNEWS.net. Finally, one can also easily see how this story might relate to [stories](#) about ECO’s 2007-08 [hiring efforts](#), which sources say were led by Marvasti.