

Four new SGA senators take office



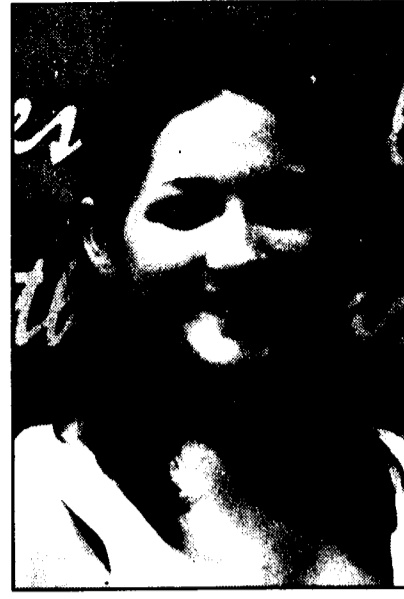
Name: Almedina Alicusic
Position: Upperclassman Senator
Semester: 7th
Major: English Literature



Name: Timmy Donovan
Position: Upperclassman Senator
Semester: 3rd
Major: Education



Name: Krissy Cole
Position: Upperclassman Senator
Semester: 5th
Major: Communication



Name: Lacy Smiesko
Position: Freshman Senator
Semester: 1st
Major: Mechanical Engineering

In-house elections planned to fill six vacancies

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editor-in-chief

Penn State Behrend Student Government Association (SGA) welcomed four new members to its ranks this week.

Krissy Cole (junior - communication), Timmy Donovan (sophomore - education), and Almedina Alicusic (senior - English literature) were elected to upperclassman senator positions.

Lacy Smiesko (freshman - mechanical engineering) was the only student who ran for a position as a freshman senator.

There will be four senate seats open for freshmen.

Adding in the two spots opened from a removal and a resignation last week, that makes six spots to be filled by in-house elections during the Oct. 20 meeting of SGA.

That type of election does not require a campaign, says SGA President Stephen Burger. Instead, candidates simply go to the SGA meeting - preferably after declaring their intent to the SGA executive board - and speak briefly to the Senate.

"Each candidate will give a little information to the Senate, basically, a platform," says Burger. "After that, Senators can ask them any questions they have after hearing their platform."

After all candidates have given their platforms, they will leave the room while SGA votes.

Basic expectations for a Senator include attending the weekly meeting, serving on two committees, and holding two office hours a week.

Tour the Tower

Smith Chapel plans tours of belltower to follow concert

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The Smith Chapel is hosting tours to one of the most hidden and exclusive places on campus: the belltower of the Floyd and Juanita Smith Carrilon.

The belltower, which is closed to students except by appointment, will be open after a free organ recital on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Ian McGinnity, Coordinator of Community Service and The Smith Chapel, says seeing the belltower is a unique experience.

"It's unique because it's one of the highest points on campus," he says. "We'll be showing the carrilon and showing

how it works."

That, in itself, should be interesting enough - the belltower tours follow an organ concert at 12:15.

"When you watch someone play it, it's not like watching someone play guitar or piano," he says. "It's really something."

A hatch separates the actual bells from the audience. McGinnity says he'll make sure the hatch is taken care of

- if not, the noise would be "deafening."

The belltower tours will be led by Dr. Dan Frankforter, Professor of History, at 1:15. Refreshments will be available to those who want to take tours. A video feed will also be available in the lobby for those who don't wish to climb up into the tower.

The tours will follow a free organ recital by award-winning musician Kevin Dill.

Student government association

At this week's meeting:

We welcomed our new senators onto the senate Almedina Alicusic, Timmy Donovan, and Krissy Cole as upperclassman senators and Lacy Smiesko as a freshman senator. We approved a reallocation for the SAE supermileage club and currently the cycling club constitution is tabled to be voted on at next week's meeting. We also announced that in house elections will be taking place at the October 20th meeting for 2 upperclassman senate seats and 4 freshman senate seats (see full article above).

At this week's meeting:

The executive board is evaluating the current SGA elections process, including re hauling the Fall Elections and hopefully expanding the qualified candidates for the Spring elections.

A new ad-hoc committee has been established to address the smoking policy on campus; be on the look out for surveys and questionnaires regarding this topic.



Important dates:

The deadline for SGA budget request is today at 5PM. All requests must be submitted at the RUB desk by 5 p.m.

In house elections will be taking place on Oct. 20.

The Presidents' roundtable will be on October 19th at noon in McGarvey Commons; all club Presidents are invited to attend.



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