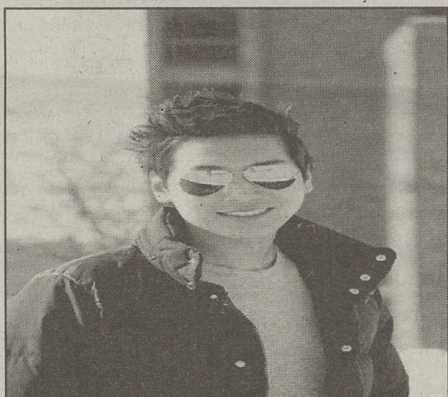


Students Campaign Fiercely for Executive positions on SGA

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There comes a time every spring semester at the Penn State Mont Alto campus when students begin running and campaigning for the position they want in the Student Government Association. People run for numerous reasons such as wishing to make a change in the lives of the students or leaving an impression on the campus.

Whatever the reason may be, the competition this semester seems to be fierce as Freshmen Michael Chang, Alyssa Lee Politi, and Adriana Santamaria can be seen campaigning in the Commuter Parking Lot for a position on the SGA.



Michael Chang



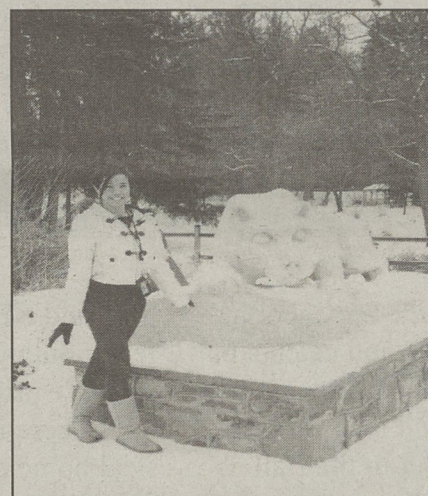
Timothy Stroman

Almost everyone who is running for a position has used Facebook in order to spread the news about the election by mak-

ing an event or group. Students this semester are finding new ways to promote themselves to the student body in order to gain a positive image or influence.

Some of Freshman Timothy Stroman's voters have taken the initiative by putting a flyer on their door asking to vote for Stroman who is running for president. Michael Chang shows a different campaign strategy by putting up his signs in the hallways of the residential buildings.

Stroman says he wants to be a part of the SGA because he "can promote better student life and more interaction between student, the faculty and staff and the community." He comments



Adriana Santamaria

that the current SGA is "doing fine. [Michael] Francis, [current SGA President], will be going up to University Park and someone needs to take over and I can't be him but I can definitely try to take his spot."

Freshman Adriana Santamaria, who is running for Communications Coordinator and is currently a senator, says she thinks, "it would be a good idea for us to actually pay attention to what people say about events and to maybe incorporate the ones they like for next year. Also, we could create new ones that peo-

ple would be interested in to make Mont Alto more proficient." Adriana had commented on her competitor, Freshman Alyssa Lee Politi, stating "she



Alyssa Lee Politi

has been great since the start of the campaign. She's been really into it and has put in a lot of effort. I think she has a lot to offer to the SGA and for everyone."

Alyssa states that she "can't come up with any good response for the current SGA because they haven't impacted the lives of its



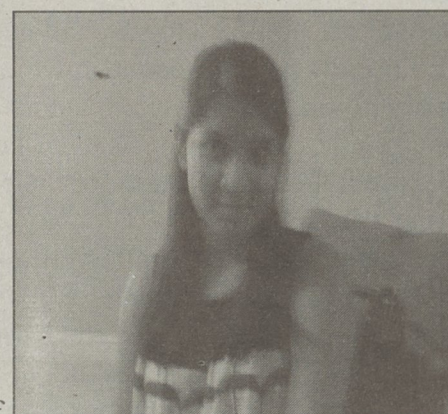
Shonna Graham

students so far which tells me it needs drastic reformation." She states that if she gets elected into the position of Communications Coordinator, she would use her voting power "to best represent what the student population wants."

Four of the six prospective applicants to the SGA have been spreading the news about the

election by putting or giving away flyers, through word of mouth or online means.

Freshman Shonna Graham, who is running for C.A.M.P. chair, states that she "wishes to make great campus activities that are not only educational but also fun. I wish to be part of the ex-



perience and hopefully, I will see Mont Alto grow to be a better community." She feels that the current SGA "has been doing their part and I feel that it shows regarding what goes on campus. I think our president is doing a great job and I hear that he is very active. I know we're going to have a new president and I'm really excited and hopefully, I'll be part of the changes in Mont Alto."

Freshman Ashka Patel, who is running for Treasurer and is currently a senator, says that she wants "to be part of the SGA Executive Board because it's a leadership position and through the experience, I wish to sharpen the attributes that a good leader possesses. I hope that I have all of your support because I'm a well equipped SGA Treasurer if you allow me to be."

Whoever gets elected into the SGA for next year will go beyond the call of duty to best represent the student body and to promote communication between them and the faculty and staff.