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Penn State Mont Alto: Dry Campus?

ANGELIC SINOVA highlights two types of alcohol consumption: on campus and off campus. Though both have different rules and repercussions, on campus drinking is more frowned upon. On campus alcohol consumption is defined in many different ways. The purchase, consumption, possession, or transportation, or the attempt to purchase, consume, possess, or transport any beverage containing alcohol, anywhere on the premises of the University, will find you in trouble with the Office of Student Conduct. Even if a person is of legal age (21), this does not mean alcohol consumption is allowed. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all Penn State on-campus undergraduate residence hall buildings, including University Park's Nittany Apartments and Eastview Terrace, regardless of the age of the individual.

University rules and procedures regarding student alcohol violations are specifically established to provide the following: Therapeutic or medical support interventions for students, community expectations for student conduct behaviors, and an orderly and safe environment for community members. The Alcohol Policy

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One weekend where the Alcohol Policy regularly comes into play is Penn States "State Patty's Day," traditionally held in March.

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Jalon Alexander Elected New Student Government President

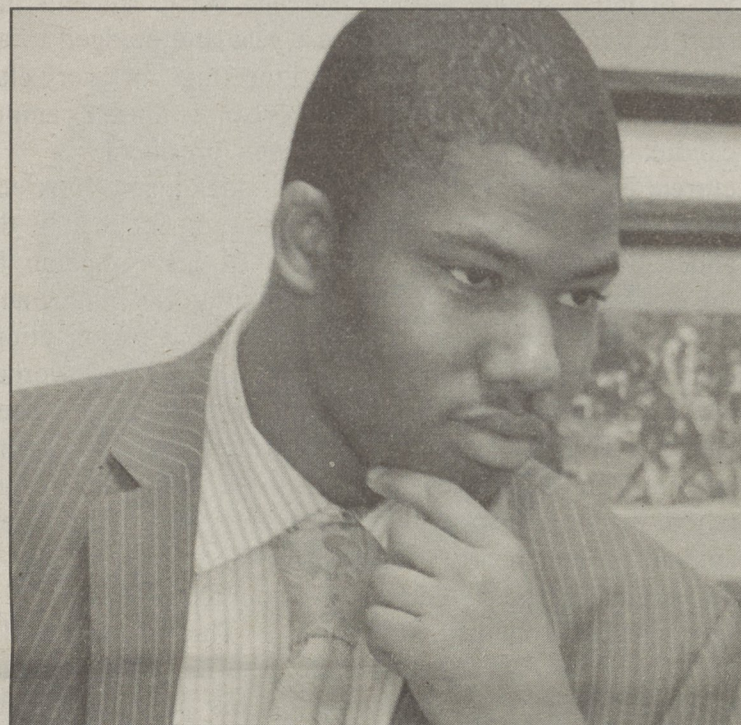
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Between March 27 and March 29, 342 Penn State Mont Alto students voted to elect a new Student Government Association president. In the end, the election score was 177 to 165 and the percentage of the vote count was 51% to 49%. At 8 a.m. on Friday March 30, Jalon Alexander received the news via text message that he had won the election by 12 votes.

"I received a text message from my Vice President Kevin Faust," Alexander says. "At the time I was just trying to sleep... but after that I proceeded to do a private victory dance and couldn't lie back down due to excitement."

Alexander had assumed that with the amount of votes cast, the candidate would win by a landslide and states, "To know that the election was decided by 12 votes just made me a lot more thankful for the supporters I had as well as those on my campaign team like Ross, Fabulous, Alleyssa, Cassius, Greta, Kevin and others. Strong willed individuals such as Meranda Kholenberg from HDFS, Xavier, Murray, Amir, Jean, Ken and other individuals I talked to really helped shift the balance."

Now that the election is over, Alexander has been taking some time to



rest after being busy with the campaign process. On April 24 and 25, he will be attending the Commonwealth Student Governments meeting in University Park to "learn how things work."

"I really am trying to reach out to the groups I talked to during the campaign process to see how they want issues they find relevant to be tackled," Alexander explains. "We have a tough road ahead of us, and a lot of things talked about during the campaign to be tackled but if we join together, if we fight together, if we communicate and talk with one another, if we are organized, we will overcome. I will do the best I can to fight and get what you have all desired and asked about."

Alexander thanks everyone for their support, including his friends, the HDFS Group, the Forestry students, the Environmental Club, Adult learners and everyone that watched the debate.

John Shaffer, who ran against Alexander, learned the results of the election the morning of March 30 as well. Although he lost the election, Shaffer plans to run for SGA Treasurer and continue "serving the student body."

"After everything, Jalon was ultimately the victor," says Shaffer. "To quote John Wayne, 'I didn't vote for him, but he's my president and I hope he does a good job.'"