

## Student Leads Successful Petition for New Multicultural Classes

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Thanks to Jalon Alexander, freshman student and new Student Government President-elect, Penn State Mont Alto has added more minority history classes to their curriculum. Minority history classes, such as African-American and Hispanic history will soon be available for students as an alternative for European history.

Previously, if one were to browse the history section of MA's offered courses, there were mainly classes of the European cul-

ture, according to Alexander. "As I was applying for classes, I wanted to take an African American History class. When I went on ANGEL there weren't any or any type of minority classes, except European history".

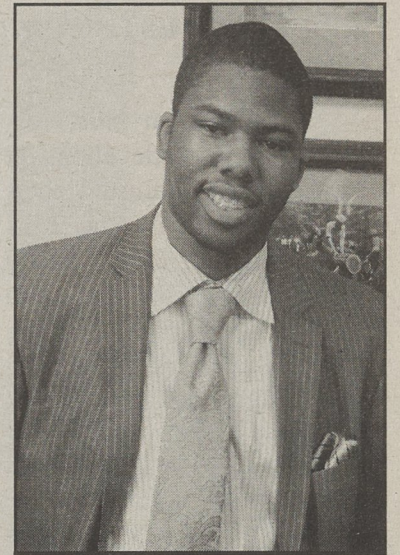
The campus also has little diversity within the professors. "You look around on campus, you see the professors," says Alexander. "I don't see one African-American professor. I don't think the school intentionally discriminates with who they pick." He explains

he understands that African-American professors are "rare in academia", but he feels that adding racially diverse professors would give student new perspectives in their education.

Alexander spoke with the Chancellor of Mont Alto, Dr. David C. Gnage about his concerns, leading to the creation of a petition for new minority history classes. Only fifteen signatures were needed from the students or faculty of Mont Alto, but Alexander received fifty-five. Penn State

Mont Alto will have three new multicultural and racial classes available to be taken in the fall of 2012.

Alexander believes the classes should be available to educate students about the struggles of minorities, such as the various Rights Movements in our country's history. When asked how this will change Mont Alto he simply replied, "It probably will not change, because only few may attend but it will be good to be available for the students who are interested in taking multicultural classes."



Jalon Alexander, who led the petition and was recently elected SGA president.

## Woodsmen Team Prepares for Competition

### CARESSA RICE

The Penn State Mont Alto's Woodsmen team will be competing in the annual woodsmen competition on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Last year they hosted the event here on campus. This year it will be held in North Carolina.

They will be competing in many different events on the college level, includ-

ing tree identification, archery, log rolling, using a compass, pole climbing, firewood splitting, axe throwing and chain saw events. This year the Woodsmen team will have their top competitor Adam Wentzel represent them in the College Stihl Timber Sports.

"Last year we placed

second, even though it rained terribly" said Craig Houghton, instructor in forest technology and Woodsmen coach.

This year they are competing against one school from Maryland, one from Pennsylvania, one from Virginia, and two from North Carolina. They have been practicing three to four days a week to hopefully pull out a great win.

## Kony 2012 Goes Viral; Not Without Criticism

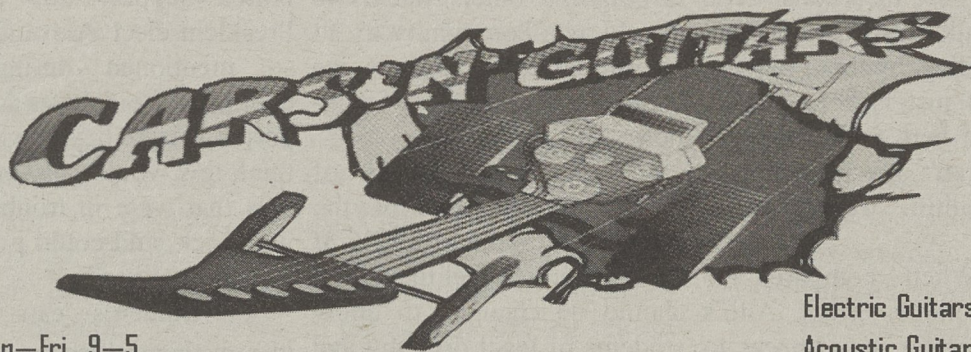
### ALEX WYPIJEWSKI

What's the most orthodox way of attacking the world's most ruthless and yet still unheard of war criminal? Make him famous. That's exactly what short film director Jason Russell aimed to do in his 30-minute film "Kony 2012." Jason Russell is the co-founder of the group "Invisible Children," a nonprofit organization that aims to bring to light the atrocities of Uganda's war criminal Joseph Kony and his army, known as the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). The LRA is comprised of children who were kidnapped at an early age and later forced to kill their parents to show loyalty to the LRA.

The "Kony 2012" campaign aims to gather twenty prominent "culture makers", and twelve head "policy makers" to create a countrywide uproar in or-

der to shine a light on Kony, and ultimately capture him and bring him to justice. Being one of the twenty "culture makers," actor George Clooney has signed on to "Kony 2012" saying, "I would like indicted war criminals to enjoy the same level of celebrity as me. That seems fair. That's our objective."

The "Kony 2012" program, isn't without fault. Recent scrutinizers of the program say that the facts that the presentation gives are exaggerated. Another fact that scrutinizers exposed, was that bill the promoted "stabilization and peace in Uganda and areas affected by the LRA," according to the Los Angeles Times. This bill would give extra power to the Ugandan president, whose security forces have a "human rights abuse record of their own."



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