

Eye on Campus

Big Promises Made by Candidates in Upcoming SGA Elections

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Spring is not the only season that has sprung, because so has the campaigning for the SGA elections. As our current President Brittney Walker leaves office after serving SGA for 2 years, three parties throw their hat in the race for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The parties that have entered the race to become the new Executive Board of SGA are the Pride Party, 2013 Party, and the Melting Pot Party.

According to Section B, article II of the SGA Constitution, any student is eligible to apply for his or her desired positions as long as he or she is "a full-time or part-time student, maintains the minimum cumulative grade point average for his or her major, does not violate any University policy that leads to expulsion, and has taken at least 12 credits at the time of election." Their duties, once attaining office, require good leadership skills and the ability to represent the Brandywine Campus student body effectively.

Jerry Fokas, a freshman, Undecided major at Penn State Brandywine, and the Presidential candidate for the Pride Party states, "We, the Pride Party, plan on accomplishing the following on our campus: improve school spirit, increase involvement of students and faculty, create a desire to stay on campus, maintain an environmentally friendly campus, continue to raise and set the bar for diversity, increase communication between SGA and student body, enduring our term and making PSU Brandywine a more known and valuable campus amongst the common wealth."

The running mates of the Pride party are as follows: Bobbi Caprice, freshman, HDFS major, is the candidate for Vice president, Steph Tracy, junior, HDFS major, is the candidate for Secretary, and Vinny Gallo, junior, Corporate Communications major, is the candidate for Treasurer.

Kelly-Ann Woods, a junior, HDFS major at Penn State Brandywine, and the Presidential candidate for the Melting Pot Party states, "The Melting Pot Party will strive to serve and represent the student body ideas, opinion, and concerns accordingly but we will also work hard to make the students and faculty more involved, engaging, and active in the campus daily activities. In doing these tasks The Melting Pot hopes that the students and faculties would value and encourage each other to make the students college years more memorable and proactive."

The running mates of the Melting Pot party are as follows: Shellby Wilkins, freshman, Business major, is the candidate for Vice President, Robert Ewing, junior, is the candidate for Secretary, and Sundus Abou-Hatab, freshman, Pre-Med major, is the candidate for Treasurer.

Kenny Peifer, a freshman, Business Administration Management major, is the Presidential candidate for the 2013 Party. His goals include creating a game room somewhere on campus, increasing the number of 16 late drop credits, and benefitting the wallet by lowering the price of meals on campus.

The running mates of the 2013 Party are as follows: Marius Staschen, freshman, Finance major, is the candidate for Vice President, David Vesley, Finance major, is the candidate for Treasurer, and Per-c Van Dunk, sophomore, Pre-Med major, is the candidate for Secretary.

When asked about what she expects from the new SGA Executive Board, Alexandra Morson, sophomore, Corporate Communications major states, "I expect many interesting guest speakers and events to keep us students active, educated, and entertained." Asked the same question, Dave Sen, freshman, Business major states, "I would like the student government to produce inspirational shows for example poetry shows, or open mics as a way for students to express themselves openly."

Debates between the SGA elects will be open to the student body April 12th at Common Hour; however, the location is TBA, so look for notices around campus. Online elections will proceed the next day until the 15th. April 16th 2010 Penn State Brandywine's new SGA Executive Board and Committee Chairs will be announced. The new Executive Board will be inducted at the Leadership Awards Ceremony on April 21st at 5pm in the Tomezsko Lounge.

Flyers will be posted around campus to help the student body make a decision. So take your pick of who will be Penn State Brandywine's next Student Government Association!

Penn State Brandywine Campus Construction Update

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Noisy construction crews, outdoor restrooms, and a stairwell completely closed off?—your wait is not in vain Brandywine! The Lion's Eye reported last semester that the anticipated construction would include the removal of asbestos and new additions to the campus. While some are nearly completed, for others you might have to wait a little longer.

According to Director of Business Services at Penn State Brandywine, Lisa Yerges, Main 101 is expected to be fully finished by April 2nd. While some inspection delays slowed the process, the originally anticipated completion date was December 23, 2009, they did not stifle any theater/music professors' dreams! The new Main 101 is equipped with a new sound system, lighting, "stage" curtain, whiteboard, and projection screen. The Student Facilities Fee covered \$75,000 of this classroom reconstruction. Brandywine students can look forward to the new look and feel of Main 101 as something different from the rest of the campus classrooms.

While students and professors might have to wait until next semester for their offices and restrooms to be restored, they have yet another addition coming to them in the Main Building. Rooms 306 and 307 will house a new Physics lab and Earth Sciences classroom. The funding for this project comes from the University Commission on Instructional Facilities. The proposal for this renovation was submitted last August and updates include: asbestos abatement, demolition of two walls, air conditioning, tile flooring, lab benches, and white

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boards. The rough, total project cost according to Yerges is about \$150,000 with \$89,000 central University funds. Don't worry about your morning classes getting interrupted; demolition will be overnight starting the third week of April.

As if getting new and improved classrooms wasn't already enough for Brandywine students, now they also have a more stylish place to study and relax between classes. The Tomezsko Classroom Building will be gaining new lounge furniture courtesy of the Student Facilities Fee, and the exterior will be getting a makeover as well! Patio furniture at the Tomezsko Building and about 30 new benches around campus will be contributing to campus beautification over the summer months. Along with these additions, Commons will be getting some new perks. New, much needed, athletic lockers will be installed sometime over the summer months. Also, for those who rely on SEPTA, solar bus shelters—which will be heated in the winter months—are also on their way and expected during the summertime.

But we can't forget about the cafeteria! It's the most popular place on campus—next to the library. A feasibility study starting on July 1st will begin to consider new designs for the place where students socialize and get nourishment between classes. It seems like Penn State Brandywine will be looking good and studying hard in 2010.