

- SGA Secretary of Communications campaigns in progress -

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ALICE BENISCHEK

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Staff Reporter

Alice Benischek graduated from Academy High School in Ft. Myers, Flor., in 2003 and resides in Westmoreland. She serves as a representative in the SGA and is a health care administration major.

She says that she is very detail oriented and can get issues across.

"I like working with students and I try to help them with problems they have," she said.

She also said that she is a good note taker and is capable of taking the times at the beginning of SGA meetings.

"I do best with listening and writing things down," she says. "My papers are very organized so I can always find what I'm looking for."

Benischek said that she hopes to be able to come to equitable decisions in disagreements between administrators and students.

"I'd like to take the viewpoints of the students and the faculty and let

each one compromise so it works for both sides," she said.

She also added that she hopes to increase awareness for voting regulations.

"I was in the military, so I have good organizational skills. When I set my mind to do something, it gets done," she explained.

Benischek said that SGA officers need to "get out and deal hand-in-hand with the student body" rather than just posting flyers.

Both candidates agree that the SGA needs to improve its advertising techniques.

"Some students don't take the time to look at ads," she elucidated.

Issues that she would prioritize in office would include listening to the students' concerns and maintaining the efficiency of the SGA.

"If your managers aren't very good, then the rest of the organization doesn't run smoothly," Benischek said.

The SGA elections will be held Mar. 27-28.

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SHANE BURKS

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Shane Burks is a philosophy major and a 2005 graduate of Greenbrier High School. He serves as the president of Vol State's Gay-Straight Alliance, treasurer of the College Republicans, and is also a member of the African-American Student Union and an SGA representative.

"I enjoy working in the SGA and being a part of the students' voice," Burks said. "I have experience. I've been in the SGA for a full semester and I have an understanding of how it works."

He also added that he is the only Republican running in the election.

Burks gave details about some of the ideas he would like to institute if

elected.

"I simply want to determine possible problem areas, reform those things, and report it to the student administration so they can bring it to the faculty," Burks said. "I have the ability to do what's asked of me by the president or the vice president. I can fulfill the constitutional requirements of the position."

Burks said that he wants to see more students get involved in the SGA and he says that the best way to do that is to step up the level of the association's advertising.

"[The SGA] is the [students'] voice, and I believe they should be involved," said Burks.

Burks also said that he hopes to see more open forums with the administration.

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