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Thomas McDougall's Ford Falcon, lies in the ditch along Route 108, shortly after the fatal accident Monday night. (Photo by Shanda Georg)

Head-on crash kills 3 on Rt. 108

By T.P. Sheppeck
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On their way back to Founders Hall Monday, William James Snyder and four other SRSC students never expected to see a car heading towards them in their lane. But they did.

The cars collided head-on, leaving Snyder and two others dead and injuring Snyder's four passengers.

Both Snyder and Thomas C. McDougall Jr., 19, of RD 4 Slippery Rock, the driver of the other car, were pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Coroner, John Look.

Also killed in the McDougall auto was passenger Wayne Beachem, 18, of RD 4 Slippery Rock. Beachem was dead on arrival at the United Community Hospital in Grove City.

According to William Young, Butler County Coroner, all three died of head and multiple injuries.

The four others injured were: juniors, Dwight Allen Johnson, 20; Melody Uhler, 21; and sophomores, Kathy Claus, 19; and Gregory Drescher, 18.

"We had just come over the crest of the hill when I saw this car with its back wheels spinning on the shoulder and front tires in our lane moving toward us," said Drescher, a

passenger in the Snyder auto.

Before this, said Drescher, Uhler was turned in the front seat talking to Claus and Johnson yelled something at Snyder about the car approaching them.

Claus agreed, saying she heard someone say something about that car, and when she looked forward she was thrown into the windshield.

Johnson said the car came up so quickly that there wasn't enough time for him to duck.

"I glanced over at Bill, then ducked, but I didn't get clear down before I saw the windshield shatter," added Johnson.

The next thing Johnson remembers is lying under the other car after being thrown out of the one he was traveling in.

Both Drescher and Claus said that there was no drinking in Snyder's car.

"We were carrying beer back from the plaza, but it was all in the trunk," added Drescher.

Butler State Police said that the accident occurred at approximately 7:25 p.m. when Snyder heading east on Route 108 swerved into the westbound lane to avoid the McDougall auto, which at

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Theta Chi frat loses its SR campus recognition

By Jim Aronson
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Slippery Rock's Chapter of Theta Chi fraternity has lost its status as a campus organization due to a large number of incidents and low academic status, said Dr. Alfred Matthews vice president of student affairs.

Matthews said that Theta Chi did not show enough commitment to the Greek system, to academic standards, and to the operating rules and policies of the college and Commonwealth.

According to Matthews, the fraternity was constantly being visited by campus police, was disorderly, and participated in under-age drinking. Matthews said he received only the worst reports, but received six or seven in the last semester. Matthews said he received two in the last two weekends.

An officer of the fraternity said that Theta Chi did not lose its charter, it's just not being recognized. The national organization of Theta Chi is still backing the fraternity, the officer said.

Dr. Matthews started taking action last fall. In a conversation with National President Howard Alter, the two talked about the fraternity's conduct and grades. When Matthews asked the fraternity for a written report about their intentions for improvement, he said Theta Chi never filed one. In early May, they were put on probation by Becky Hulbert, Greek Affairs Advisor. While on probation, Theta Chi is not allowed to participate in Rush Week or other activities as a group.

In order to get back in good standing, Theta Chi must follow certain

procedures, said Matthews. They must get their QPA up and they must 'clean up' their reputation. Also, if reactivated, they must participate more often in Greek affairs. Matthews said he believes that the suspension of Theta Chi is helping out the Greek system.

To these charges, The Brotherhood of Theta Chi has issued this statement: "We still exist. We have not disappeared. We have been in full contact with the national chapter and they are backing us up. We are in the process of making improvements and are planning to participate in community services, and have charity drives in mind. We have a strong national organization, a strong chapter on campus, and we plan to reapply and rejoin the Greek system. We will not give up, and soon we hope to be recognized once again."

SGA fills positions

The Student Government Association held an organizational meeting Sunday in which they filled positions and organized committees, along with announcing freshmen elections.

President Wendy Wanser swore in senators Dave Bell, Linda Breitbach, Todd Johnson, and Mike Buchanan. Wanser then asked senators to volunteer in order to staff the government's nine vacant committees. Several of these include Rules, Public Relations, Legal Awareness, and Scholastic Services. The

Executive Board said they invite all interested students to help staff these committees as well. Wanser asks interested students to stop by the SGA office, room 216 in the College Union.

In other areas, the body decided to hold freshmen elections on September 27 and 28 for the eight open senate seats. The body also added Sue Decker to the Co-op board and elected Jeff Mullaly to the Senator-at-large position. This position represents the senate body during

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