

Letters to the Editor...

Students may be exempt from tax



To the Editor:
According to the Commonwealth Association of Students, students attending Slippery Rock State College may be exempt from the local per capita tax. Tax statements have been sent to a number of students with certain sections, particularly Acts 511 and 679, of the Pennsylvania tax code. However, these same laws also provide for exemptions from the taxes.

There are different rules for each of these taxes. In general, however, if a person is a full-time student and earns less than \$3,200.00 a year, they are eligible for an exemption.

To qualify for an exemption, a student must file a form known as a Request for Exoneration of Per Capita Tax with the appropriate tax authority. Once this is done, the tax liability will be abated

and, if the proper procedure is followed, that student will not be assessed a per capita tax.

Students are not the only ones in Slippery Rock who are eligible for an exemption from these taxes. Senior citizens, disabled citizens, and low-income citizens are also eligible for these exemptions. If a student or any citizen in Slippery Rock tax district or Butler county is interested in

knowing if they qualify for this exemption, they should contact Wendy Bossoms at the CAS office, Room C-220, in the College Union, or at 794-7452.

Bossoms said that per capita tax liabilities were not established by registering to vote in Slippery Rock, and it was even possible that a citizen who was not registered to vote would have a local per capita tax liability.

Even if a citizen is not registered to vote, they are still liable for these taxes. Therefore, I would encourage all citizens to register and to vote on November 2.

George Gallion
CAS Director of Administration and Research

OX singled out as example

To the Editor:
I am writing in response to the issue of Theta Chi fraternity losing campus recognition, because I think the administrators have dealt with the fraternity unfairly. Just as farmers shoot a crow and hang it on the fence to warn other crows that their fate may be the same if they try to eat the farmer's corn. The administrators of Slippery Rock State College have singled

out the Theta Chi fraternity and are holding it up as an example to the rest of the Greeks of what fate awaits them, too, if they fail to comply with college rules and regulations.

But why pick on the Theta Chi's? Of all the parties in the Greek system, why did the shortest straw fall to them? Surely the other fraternities (and sororities?) are guilty of some, if not all, of the of-

fenses brought against the Theta Chi's. How high are the OPA's of the other fraternities?

And who is gullible enough to believe that under-age drinking does not exist at other fraternity-sponsored parties? Most of the other fraternities "get away with it" because they don't have a house -- a central location where the under-age drinking takes place -- but that

does not mean it isn't going on.

I'm not saying the Theta Chi fraternity is innocent of all that they've been charged with. I merely want to point out the injustice of holding

up the sins of one party in the Greek system, and punishing that party, while possibly turning deaf ears and blind eyes to the sins of the other parties. I thought prejudice was a sin, too.

Sincerely,
Mary C. Rudolph

Theta Chi praised for service

To the Editor:
Numerous reports have been made recently concerning the loss of college endorsement for Theta Chi Fraternity. No doubt there have been some problems but we should not overlook the good records of the fraternity.

As Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Butler County Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, I have been impressed by the

community interest and the record of service of the brothers of Theta Chi. For the past two years, the Theta Chi members have conducted the financial drive in Butler County and surrounding areas during National Diabetes Month (November) and they are planning to continue this fall. Through their hard work, funds were raised to provide help to countless diabetic persons.

Last spring at the annual meeting of the Butler County Chapter of the American Diabetes Association, Theta Chi at Slippery Rock State College was unanimously chosen for the Annual Community Service Award which will be presented in November as part of the observance of National Diabetes Month.

Let's give credit where it is due and support Theta Chi's efforts to regain college recognition.

William H.R. Willkens, Ph.D.
Chairman, Administration-Supervision and Field Services Department

Police get rapped

To the Editor:
Attention, uninvited guests of the Chateau last Saturday night: thanks for showing our guests a good time. We have found out that nobody has any rights anymore--legal age or not. The authorities are still living in the nin-

teenth century. It reminds me of a parochial school when we got our wrists slapped for being naughty. Get a grip Slippery Rock, that was totally uncalled for!

David Beals Signed,
Upset citizens of the Chateau

"All I know is what I see in the papers." - Will Rogers

Movie review questioned

To the Editor:
I feel that Kevin Dunn's review of Pink Floyd's movie *The Wall*, is less than adequate. The word review implies that something is carefully examined, a judgement is made, and the judgement is recorded. There was a judgement made on this movie and it was obviously recorded, but it most certainly lacked a careful examination.

If you, Kevin, have had any philosophy classes you should know about the word "alienation." Alienation is what this movie is all about. The aging rock star you spoke of is not sitting stoned in his hotel room. Rather, he is alienated from the outside, physical world. His violent, disappointing life has caused him to be fed and sheltered by his internal world.

If you would have watched

closely, listened carefully, and allowed your mind to be subject to an intense movie full of symbolism, you might know what the ending was all about. The movie does have a plot and it does have a story or message behind it. So, before you attempt to "review" another movie of such high caliber, I suggest that you learn how to make a review worthwhile.

Tom Mitlo

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