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Board of Trustees will consider fees increase

By T.P. SHEPPECK
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A recommendation for cost-of-living increases in Slippy Rock State College's auxiliary services will be brought before the Board of Trustees March 10, said Dr. Robert Dawson, assistant to the president.

These services; housing, the infirmary, and meals need to be run on a "breakeven basis" due to state regulations, said Dawson. Thus, when the costs go up then there is a need to raise the charges accordingly, he added.

Although no figures were released, Dr. Al Matthews, vice president of student affairs, said that these increases would be minimal. Dawson and Matthews agreed that it would be premature to announce the

figures at this time since they have not been presented to board of trustee members.

This news followed a decision by the state earlier in the month not to increase tuition.

Governor Thornburgh, in his new budget proposal, granted an overall two percent increase to the 14 state-owned colleges and universities.

This increase, according to a Feb. 10 *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* article, is minimal. The article went on to speculate that it would force "room and board increases and austerity cuts," at these institutions.

David Kirkpatrick, APSCUF legislative liaison, said that these services, such as housing and the infirmary, are separate from tuition, since not everyone lives in a dorm or eats in the cafeteria.

Theta Chi taking steps towards regaining SRSC recognition

By JIM ARONSON
Of the Rocket Staff

The fraternity Theta Chi has made improvements which may enable them to regain their recognition here at SRSC, according to professors, administrators, and the members themselves. These improvements deal with social events, community service, and educational standing.

According to Mark Hoffmann, president of the Theta Chi Chapter at SR, the trouble that was caused by an excessive number of parties has now been corrected. According to Hoffmann, parties are now strictly controlled, with no exchange of money, and a guest list is used for added control.

It is important to note that Theta Chi is recognized as a fraternity by their national organization, but are not as one by the SR administration. According to Dr. Baroutsis, a SR professor and member of the alumni probation committee who are reviewing the fraternity, Theta Chi is eligible

to reapply, but hasn't as of yet. As for the parties, Al Matthews, vice-president of Student Affairs, says it doesn't matter how many parties they now have, while on probation. "We have no jurisdiction, and they have no rights," he mentioned. But, according to Matthews, there have been no problems since December.

Hoffmann feels that reapplying to the college is a three step process. Step one was for all the members to reapply, and participate in a test of character. "This included revising the pledge program, and creating a more educational atmosphere," added Hoffmann. According to the president, the fraternity had interviews which enabled them to "screen out" the pledges who were not acceptable. "Some of the former members were cut, but if they get their QPA up, they can reapply."

Low QPA's were one reason for Theta Chi's probation. But according to Baroutsis, the fraternity's QPA's are up

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Renewed effort made to reduce alcohol abuse

By ANDY HEINTZELMAN
Of the Rocket Staff

It may be impossible to stop drinking on the Slippy Rock campus, but there is an effort to have students use alcohol responsibly.

Dr. Alan Rusnak, director of the student counseling center, said most students have had adequate awareness to the potential problems of alcohol usage, so now there is an effort by the SRSC Alcohol Awareness Committee to have the dangers of alcohol abuse and irresponsibility made public.

Mrs. Claire Schmieler, director of Student Health Services and head of the Alcohol Awareness Committee, said that the committee decided in a recent meeting that alcohol awareness on campus has declined and that they would like to present more information through the media to students in a non-offensive way.

Dr. Rusnak, also a member of the committee, and Mrs. Schmieler, both stressed that they would like students to know that if they are concerned about an alcohol problem they or a friend may have, that the people in the student health and student counseling agencies are more than happy to help.

Rusnak, a clinical psychologist, said information,

guidance, and referrals on alcohol or any other problem are easily available, but few of the referred students are willing to seek assistance.

Along with becoming responsible drinkers comes the responsibility of the "party-throwers" to be aware of homeowners liability. Dr. Rusnak said borough and state police, plus the Liquor Control Board have stressed the liability problem recently. This is another step towards teaching college students, who are to be responsible adults, how to use alcohol responsibly.

Both Mrs. Schmieler and Dr. Rusnak agree that drinking is a part of the social structure of this and many other college campuses. Therefore, concerned people and agencies must focus on the problems occurring from alcohol use and abuse and convince students of the dangers present when it occurs as a social activity, they said.

The Alcohol Awareness Committee reported that thus far in the 1982-83 school year, 22 SRSC students have required medical attention due to alcohol abuse, one has been unable to return to school due to an alcohol related problem, and two students have died in alcohol related accidents.

Mrs. Schmieler said that for these reasons and for the

fact the SRSC has lost a student to alcohol abuse for a continued number of semesters, concern and awareness are necessary.

Dr. Rusnak's office is located in the Student Counseling Center in Maltby. Mrs. Schmieler's office is located in the MacLahan Health Center in North Hall.



President Reinhard coaches team members at Wednesday night's American Cancer Society benefit basketball game. Slippy Rock's team, with members from Phi Sigma Epsilon and SR faculty, won 40-39 against WPXI's team. (Photo by Kim George.)

Rehabilitation near completion at SR

By MATT VERALLI
Of the Rocket Staff

The recent construction done on the SRSC campus to make it more accessible to the handicapped is near completion, according to Jack Weller, maintenance superintendent.

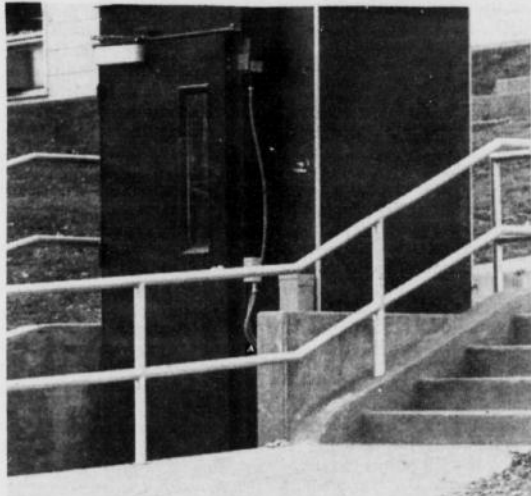
The college will soon be in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Phase I will be completed with the installation of an elevator in Morrow Field House and the widening of doors to make them more operable for wheelchair-bound persons.

Phase I was scheduled for completion by December,

1982 but a 28 day strike of iron workers and other trades delayed the start of the project.

Some minor interior work such as painting and floor repairs will be completed in the next few weeks, according to Weller. This summer, the SRSC maintenance staff will make additional curb cuts and install 400 feet of sidewalk and ramp to make Founders Hall more accessible.

The total cost of the work is \$337,219 which was received from capital funds. A capital funds request for \$317,000 has been submitted for the implementation of Phase 2 of the plan for accessibility of the campus by the handicapped, Weller said.



Phase I of the rehabilitation program on the SRSC campus will be complete with the installation of an elevator in Morrow Field House. (Photo by Kim George.)

Theta Chi

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significantly, and are some of the best in the Greek system. (Hoffmann claims it is a 2.4.)

Hoffmann claims one of the reasons for their probation last semester, was that the fraternity didn't participate in any college or community service activities. Since then, he claims they have participated in such activities as a diabetes fund-raiser, a food collection for Thanksgiving, and parking cars for the high school.

George Kilavos is the Theta Chi national president and a former brother himself. Kilavos states that he is very pleased with Theta Chi of Slippery Rock, and thinks they are back on the right track. Last semester, rumors were flying that the fraternity might have their charter pulled. Without a charter, there could be no Theta Chi chapter at SR. According to Kilavos, "the easiest thing to do was to pull their charter, but the hardest thing to do was for them to rehabilitate themselves."

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Calendar of Events

Friday, Feb. 25

Film: *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., SWC Aud.

Saturday, Feb. 26

Film: *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., SWC Aud.

Admissions/Saturday morning visitation, 9 a.m., CU.

Christian Coffee House "Set Free," 8:30 p.m., CU-Hitching Post.

Planetarium Show, "Last Question," 7:15 p.m., VSH Rocket room.

Quads "Dance," 8 p.m., CU-MPR.

Sunday, Feb. 27

Film: *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., SWC Aud.

Senior Recital, J. Hatton, J. Baker, 4 p.m., SMB Recital Hall.

Monday, Feb. 28
Black History Week, Sisters Inc./Museum Exhibit, 9 a.m., CU-Culture Center.

Tuesday, March 1

Planetarium Show, "Last Question," 7:15 p.m., VSH Rocket room.

Career Development & Placement Mock Interviews, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2

Academic Honors Council, "Dean's List Tea," 8 p.m., CU-MPR.

FBI interviewing all areas for Special Agents, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Maltby.

Job search techniques workshop, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Maltby.

Hitching Post Series "Aaron & Joel Marcus," 8 p.m., CU-Hitching Post.

Student Recital, 8 p.m., SMB Recital Hall.

Thursday, March 3

Artist/Lecture, "Russ Burgess/Esp & Hypnotism," 8:30 p.m., CU-MPR.

Common Hour, "Bill Thomas," 11:30 a.m., CU-Lobby.

Film: *Gallipoli*, 8 p.m., SWC Aud.

Scholars Month

March is academic scholars month. Throughout the month The Dollars for Student Scholars Committee will be hosting a lecture series. These will include Tues., Thurs. common hour lectures and evening lectures on Mon., Tues., and Thurs. nights.

Dr. Robert Aebersold will start the series on Tues., the first with a lecture on "The Challenge of Excellence." The lecture will be held in SMB recital hall.

"Academics, Eating Ice Cream and other Perverse Pleasures," will be the lecture given by Ms. Nancy Mickle at 7 p.m., 111 ECB.

Another common hour lecture, "Pac-Man: Insatiable Thirst to Conquer" will be given by Dr. Anne Griffiths on Thurs. in 111 SWC.

Hoagie Sale

Do you think you might get a little hungry during that final Mash episode? Well, fret no more because Alpha Epsilon Rho will have a hoagie sale Monday, Feb. 28 at 10 p.m. to feed those hunger

pains. Cost is \$1.25. Remember you can still join AERho, if you are a Communication major emphasizing in broadcasting. The meetings are held during common hour every Thursday in room 222 ECB.

ATTENTION:

All Candidates for
SGA Positions

Election Ballot Positions
will be chosen

All Election Petitions must be
returned during the meeting.

Election Pictures will be taken.

Monday 6:00 p.m.
Rm. 206 College Union

American Heart
DANCEMARATHON
March 18 & 19
East Gym

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