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Theta Chi petitions for re-establishment

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The Theta Chi fraternity has been given permission to petition for re-establishment as a recognized organization at Slippy Rock University.

The fraternity lost their campus recognition last year due to ill-behavior and other reasons. If approved by the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), and the Student Government Association (SGA), Theta Chi would be on probation for one year, with "check-ups" at the end of each semester.

According to Becky Hulbert, Greek affairs advisor, Theta Chi will be able to participate in all Greek affairs along with other organizational activities, while on probation. In order to get approval to petition, the fraternity had to accomplish five tasks: 1) to present a ros-

ter of members, and a QPA listing; 2) be in good standing with the national organization; 3) a strong officer training program; 4) have a strong pledge program; 5) financial books had to be in order. Having accomplished all five tasks, President Herb F. Reinhard gave them approval to petition.

Theta Chi chapter president Mark Hoffman said there will be no problem with the probationary year. "There is nothing to worry about," Hoffman said. According to Hoffman, all the Theta Chi brothers are looking forward

to participating in Greek activities. Hoffman went on to say that "within a year we will again be recognized on campus."

"During the past year, the fraternity has been working on new ways of making money-

which doesn't include the selling of beer," said Hoffman.

These methods include fundraisers, various community services, and a new idea: a marathon race which will be open to all interested runners.



Soloing -- Rodger Hicks bangs out a tune during Tuesday's Jazz/Rock Ensemble at Miller Auditorium. Story on page 2. (Photo by Kim George.)

SGA student referendum passes in landslide vote

The SGA student referendum on proposed changes in the structure of student government has passed.

Issue 1 received an 84.8 percent affirmative vote while

Issue 2 captured an 81.5 percent yes vote.

The total ballots tallied were 1344 or 21.8 percent of the campus population of 6177 students.

SRU budget request up \$4 million

Slippy Rock University's budget allocation request, which was approved at the Council of Trustees meeting last Friday, calls for an increase of over \$4 million for the 1984-85 year.

The request will be submitted to the Interim Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education in two tiers. The first calls for an 8.09 percent increase (\$17,610,314 vs. \$16,291,950) which will

allow the institution to maintain its present operation. Personnel costs are expected to rise about 6.09 percent during this period. The remaining 2 percent will go for normal cost increases such as utilities and

maintenance costs.

The Tier II request calls for a 16.7 percent increase in state allocation over 1983-84 (\$19,019,139 vs. \$16,291,950). Tier II money will go toward enhancements such as development of additional instructional computer laboratories and software acquisitions, library acquisitions, audio visual and scientific equipment purchases, replacement of outdated scientific equipment, renovation of the TV studio and equipment, retraining of teachers for science and math programs, health and safety renovation of the field house, a management and information system, and development of an on-line reference service for the library.

In his report to the Council, President Herb Reinhard reported that contrary to what other educational institutions are experiencing, a modest increase in enrollment is expected at SRU for the next few years. Reinhard also than-

ked the Council members for their nominations of him as a candidate for the State System of Higher Education Chancellor's position, despite the fact that he had asked his name to be withdrawn from consideration. Reinhard said he preferred to remain at SRU.

Reinhard further informed the trustees that he has been selected to chair a 21 member task force for creation of a new funding formula for the new Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. He also reported that Dr. Stephen Hulbert, SRU's vice president of Administrative and Fiscal Affairs, has been selected to chair a committee which will create a system-wide accounting system for all 14 state owned universities.

The Council passed two resolutions. The first honored Frank Gagliardo who served as a Council trustee for six years. The second resolution

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Snowball battle turns tragic as SRU student loses life

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A freak accident during a snowball battle near Boozel Dining Hall claimed the life of an SRU freshman late Tuesday night.

Charles Baker, 18, of Washington, PA, was pronounced dead on arrival at Grove City United Community Hospital at approximately 12:30 a.m. Wednesday. The cause of death was severe internal damage in the throat area and a skull fracture.

Baker, a Computer Science

major, was running towards Founders' Hall shortly before midnight Tuesday when he slipped, became tangled in a



Charles Baker

chain, and hit his head on the road.

Dave Cubbison, an SRU student emergency medical

technician and a member of the Slippy Rock Rescue Squad, arrived at the scene at 12:01 a.m. Cubbison said that he was impressed by the way the student body responded by covering Baker with their jackets quickly. Meanwhile, Jeff Coyne, Rock emergency medic, and Jo Anna Hogan, nurses aid, began to administer first aid.

Cubbison also praised the Slippy Rock Rescue Squad for arriving on the scene approximately five minutes after they were called, despite the bad driving conditions.