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Ten juniors are recipients of the \$350 Maree McKay Alumni Scholarships, awarded on outstanding academic achievement, community involvement and three recommendations from faculty members. The scholarship will go towards their senior year tuition. The awardees are (l-r), Seeme Baqai, Julie Morrow, Michelle Brown, Mary Jo Merritt, Darlene Stefanak; second row (l-r), Jayne Beatty, Joe Defranciscis, Prem Patel, Matthew Himmelstein and Thomas Halfast.

Lower phone fees possible at SRU

The possibilities of cheaper phone installation fees, charging calls, and bringing privately owned phones are being considered at SRU.

According to Lee Marzano, the Association of Residence Hall Students, Shippensburg University pays only \$9 for their dormitory phone installation, while here it costs \$37. Yet both schools are under United Telephone Systems (UTS). ARHS is working to lower the cost to \$9.

Marzano said students may be allowed to charge their toll calls back to their dorm room using a calling card. This would end the problem of not having enough change for the pay phones.

She also said students with phones in their rooms will be allowed to use privately owned phones instead of having to pay the \$1.17 monthly rental charge.

In the future, the school is looking for a centrex system board which will cost approximately \$300,000, according to Marzano. The school also wants a device that would allow students to call into the school's computer terminal.

The administration and ARHS realize the problem of our present phone system, and are working hard to change it. Marzano said, hopefully these three renovations will be in effect by next fall.

Theta Chi regains

By JIM ARONSON

Theta Chi is once again recognized as a fraternity at Slippery Rock University and has taken steps to improve its image.

Dennis Angeline, a brother for three years, was elected as the new Theta Chi president last semester. He said the fraternity regained its recogni-

tion last Wednesday after getting notification from President Reinhard. Angeline said his goals for the brothers are to become more involved in campus events, continue to participate in community projects, and have the enthusiasm of the entire Greek system carried over to the general campus.

Angeline said although he

thinks his fraternity was used as a scapegoat for all fraternities, he is not bitter. "The administration did what they thought was right and this ordeal will be beneficial to all fraternities when they look what we've gone through."

Changes have been made in the fraternity, Angeline said. "There is an entire new

brotherhood, and more stress on academics," he said. "The unity was always there, but now we're going to stop being just a brotherhood, and become a real fraternity," he added. The average QPA has gone up to a 2.4 and academics are more important than the time of Theta Chi's probation, Angeline said.

As for partying, Angeline said, "the fraternity has gotten away from open partying. Our parties are usually with other Greeks, but we sometimes invite some of the non-Greek population. Parties are strictly invitational, and there is no longer any charging," Angeline said, adding that "not just anyone can get in anymore."

SR grad begins career

By TODD LENTZ
Rocket Managing Editor

Half of the nation's 17,700 mass communications and journalism graduates in 1983 found media work, according to a Dow Jones Newspaper Fund/Gallup report released last month.

The report further showed that daily newspapers continue to hire more college journalism graduates than any other media-related field, with public relations work coming in second as a popular choice.

Although the figures in last month's Dow Jones/Gallup study indicate encouraging prospects, the unemployment rate for last year's graduates was slightly more than 13 per-

cent. Roughly translated, that's about 2,300 communications grads unemployed or not looking for work.

One such "statistic," although not a 1983 graduate, knows what it's like to be among the 13 percent. Karen Jean Bilotta, a 1982 SRSC graduate, finally found employment with a Pittsburgh-based public relations and communications firm after a two-year search and an interim position with a small weekly paper.

Bilotta, who graduated with a B.A. in Communications, said that between 1982 and 1984 she sent over 300 resumes and seriously considered moving to California before being accepted at

Leland J. Balber Associates as an Account Executive. Her new duties include writing press releases, organizing public relations campaigns and researching product lines for industrial clients.

"A degree in Communications is a definite advantage," said Bilotta, commenting on her struggle to find gainful employment. More importantly, according to the 24-year-old native of Brighton Heights, is a diet of well-balanced courses. "I took some PR and advertising courses, in addition to journalism classes, but one of the biggest helps was a communications research course taught by Dr. (Timothy) Walters.

SG elections set

The Student Government elections are being held April 3 and 4.

The Presidential Candidate's Debate is this Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Spotts World Culture Building Auditorium.

This debate will be open to all students and will provide an opportunity to learn how each presidential candidate stands on various issues.

A panel of querists will pose questions to the candidates. On the panel will be the *Rocket* Editor, General Managers of WRCK and WSRU and the President of Student Government.

After they have asked questions, members of the audience shall have a chance to pose questions to the candidates. The evening will be interesting and informative, be sure to attend.

Also, any students interested in helping to sit at the polls to supervise elections, should leave their name and phone number in the SGA Office, on the second floor of the University Union.

European program offered for SRU students

By PAT FISCHER
Rocket Staff Writer

SRU students as well as graduates have the opportunity to spend four or six weeks in Europe this summer as part of the 13th Annual Salzburg Study Program.

The Pennsylvania Consortium for International Education (PCIE), in cooperation with the Cultural Studies Academy, is offering 14 courses this summer at the University of Salzburg in Austria.

This year, for the first time, SRU will be represented with a course in the communication field. Assistant Professor of Communication, Barbara Blackstone, will teach Intercultural Communication.

The Intercultural Communication course is designed to create a greater understanding of communication patterns and breakdowns which occur as members of one culture group interact with those of

another, according to the PCIE brochure.

"The program is going to consist of a multifaceted group of students in an entirely different culture, which blends itself naturally to intercultural communication," said Blackstone.

Students will live in private Austrian homes during their stay in Salzburg. Blackstone, who will be living with a German family, said she thinks that living with the family is one of the best parts of the whole program.

Blackstone, who has been a host for the International Visitor program in Pittsburgh for about 20 years, has had many international students at her home over the years.

"It is important to look at the American culture and value system," said Blackstone. "You almost have to get out of it to really examine it!" she added.

Students may earn three to six credit hours for the PCIE courses, which also include Photography, Religion, Music of Mozart, Art History and Economics.

The professors, all faculty members of the PCIE institutions, will instruct the courses

Society needs technology says philosophy prof

By JAMES WILKIE
Rocket Staff Writer

Technology should be concerned with the betterment of society along with the efficiency of production for the masses, said Tim Casey, professor of philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg.

Casey spoke to about 90 people in Room 206 of the University Union Thursday night about Plato's theories on technology.

According to Casey, Plato saw technology, or "techné" as Plato called it, as having two purposes that should be striven

in English.

The price for the program is \$1,850 and includes: transportation, room and board, tuition, sightseeing tours, and other cultural events.

"The program broadens the intellectual curiosity of the students and gives them the

chance to grow culturally," said Dr. Henry Lenz, of curriculum/instruction at SRU, who has directed the program for the past 12 years.

Another tentative meeting is scheduled March 29 at SWC auditorium during Common Hour.

for equally. One purpose is the actual production mode of technology where efficiency is striven for no matter of the costs. The other is the good it will do for society.

In today's world Casey sees the first purpose, that of production efficiency, being concentrated on while the betterment of society ideal is being ignored. In this country such beliefs as "producing more goods for the cheapest price" is a "perverted" view of technology, according to Casey. The only way technology can be useful is if it betters society for the good and goes beyond the

mere means of consumption by the masses, said Casey.

Casey told the audience that a balance between efficiency and the betterment of society should be striven for as an ideal. This ideal, however, is almost impossible to achieve. Casey said that the ancient Greeks came closest to the ideal when they intertwined town and city into a composite that featured the ideas of both urban rural life. Although this ideal is almost impossible to achieve, Casey said he believes that today's society should at least try to come closer to the ideal than it already has.

Fraternity council elected

The Inter Fraternity Council elected new officers on March 19.

Elected were: Al Calabrese, junior Management major from Alpha Sigma Phi, president; Jeff Keefer, junior Health Science major from Sigma Pi, vice president; Jim Dirienzo, junior Management major from Lambda Chi Alpha, secretary;

and Brian Saul, sophomore undeclared major from Theta Chi, treasurer.

To Jill Lobo and Art Politano: We regret the inconvenience and embarrassment caused by our carelessness in last week's Rocket.

Sincerely,
The Rocket Staff

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