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Attempts to increase business

Chamber of commerce to be renamed

By **Mark Fissore**
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The Slippery Rock Chamber of Commerce is going under a revitalization stage in hopes of bringing more business to the community.

According to attorney Joseph Brydon, temporary president, the major change is to rename the commerce from Slippery Rock to Slippery Rock Area.

"The name change is to increase the membership from the area as well as in the borough," Brydon said.

Last year, several members of the executive staff took employment outside the area or resigned, leaving Brydon, then vice-president, as the only officer.

Earlier this year, Brydon was approached by several representatives from the community about revitalizing the commerce.

The representatives, Sue Baron and Keith Warcup of First National Bank, Tim Papley of Lenz Travel, and Jim Mailey of the Exchange Bank, agreed that a change was in order.

According to Brydon, the representatives meet every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Exchange Bank.

"We are meeting to discuss administrative policies and bi-laws that need to be reawakened," Brydon said.

The temporary committee was appointed Feb. 15 at a general meeting.

Ann Westbrook serves as secretary, Sue Baron is treasurer, while Tim Papley serves as the head of the membership committee.

Brydon states that these positions are temporary and when the administrative work is completed, a public election of a new board will be held.

In addition to the area businesses, the chamber would like to work more closely with the university and their resources.

"Instead of trying to overshadow each other, we would like to work together to attract new businesses to the community," Brydon said.

Some suggestions offered by Brydon included a possible internship with the business department.

"An internship program would enable the students to work with the chamber and provide it with student interest as well as business," stated Brydon.

So as the chamber revitalizes, growth and development of this small community will be expanded.

Student injured in auto crash

By **Moussa Moussa**
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A Slippery Rock University student was seriously injured in a car accident, while traveling westbound on Route 422 in the Kittanning area Thursday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 P.M.

Jay Kammerdiener, 21, of Petrolia, P.A. is listed in critical but stable condition in the intensive care unit at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

According to Lisa Barber, Kammerdiener's girlfriend, Kammerdiener's car struck an embankment. He was thrown from the car which landed on him.

He was found by a passing Kittanning doctor and taken to nearby Kittanning hospital.

From there, Barber said that Kimmerdiener was flown by life-flight helicopter to Allegheny General Hospital and admitted to the shock trauma unit and listed in critical condition.

Barber said that doctors operated on him soon after arrival, with the surgery lasting an approximate 5 hours.

Kammerdiener, senior and a member of the Theta Chi fraternity at S.R.U., was student teaching at Chicora elementary school in Butler county.

All-American athletes honored during halftime of the SRU/Clarion basketball game on Wednesday night.

Photo by Rob Dunne

Cager fractures ankle in dorm accident

Robert McConnell, a freshman substitute guard for the Slippery Rock University mens basketball team, broke his ankle after a basketball game on Saturday night.

McConnell suffered a mild fracture after apparently jumping from a third floor room of Rhoads Hall where McConnell is a resident.

According to McConnell's mother, McConnell suffered the fracture from the fall. This was also confirmed by assistant basketball coach Robert Rhoads.

Rhoads stated that McConnell will be out for the rest of the season and will miss the playoffs.

Rhoads also stated that McConnell was a team player who would be greatly missed during the playoffs.

McConnell however insisted that the injury occurred on his father's farm on Sunday morning

He stated that he went to The Grove City Hospital on Sunday morning and had a cast placed on his ankle in Greenville on Monday.

S.R.U. Police chief Eric

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