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SRU Student victim of car chase

By Nicole Duhon
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A Slippery Rock University student was injured Friday evening when a vehicle she was traveling in was struck by an oncoming car involved in a high-speed police chase on Interstate-79 near the Route 422 exit in Muddy Creek Township.

Rebecca Gibson, 20, a sophomore accounting major, was one of two passengers in the car. She was listed in fair condition at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh with multiple trauma injuries, a spokeswoman said.

The driver of the car Gibson was traveling in, Mary Anna McCormack, 68, of Wilkinsburg, was pronounced dead at the scene from chest injuries by Butler County Coroner William F. Young Jr.

McCormack was Gibson's grandmother.

The other passenger in the car, Jacob Schade, 8, of Boyce Park Drive, Pittsburgh, was taken to Butler Memorial Hospital, then transferred to Forbes Regional Medical Center in Monroeville. A spokeswoman reported he was "doing fine."

State Police will charge the driver of the fleeing car, Paul Wolfe, 46, Coraopolis, with homicide by vehicle. He was listed in fair condition at Allegheny General Hospital.

The driver of the third car, Martin Tressler, 49, of Lowber, Westmoreland County, was taken to the trauma unit of Allegheny General Hospital and listed in serious condition.

Wolfe was stopped for a traffic violation at 5:45 p.m. about two miles south of Interstate 80. Wolfe presented his license and registration card to the

police officer. He then proceeded to flee north when the trooper returned to his car.

Police reported Wolfe continued to travel north until he came to Interstate-80, when he went through the exit ramp and headed back south on Interstate-79.

Police continued to pursue Wolfe until he reached the Portersville exit, where he turned around and headed north on the southbound lanes. While continuing north, Tressler's car ran into a State Police cruiser three times.

The chase concluded when Wolfe's vehicle struck Gibson's, continued north about 100 feet, then hit Tressler's car.

The severely injured persons were taken to Allegheny General by Life Flight and Angel I helicopters.

Greeks outraged

Theta Chi suspended from campus

By Moussa Moussa
News Editor

The chapter of Zeta Alpha of Theta Chi was suspended for four years by the Slippery Rock University administration, for violating the university alcohol policy, according to Theta Chi President, Ken Tuohey.

Trouble began for the fraternity, according to Tuohey, when they were placed on probation for one year this past October, when two girls confirmed that they had been drinking at a social gathering at the fraternity house on Normal Avenue.

A week later, the fraternity received a university police citation charging them with furnishing alcohol to minors, and having minors present at a gathering where alcohol was being served, Tuohey said.

He added that the university administration reviewed the situation and placed the fraternity on probation for one year until January, 1990.

Then, on April 8, a member of the fraternity, who was under the influence of alcohol, was walking back to his residence hall on campus, when he was

approached by his residence coordinator and taken to the McLachlan Health Center for apparent treatment, according to Tuohey.

Tuohey said that the member had stayed the night at the health center and walked back to his room the next morning, without being charged for alcohol consumption.

"Apparently, the health center must have contacted the university police the night that our brother had been admitted at the health center," Tuohey said.

He added that the SRU police contacted the university administration who reviewed the situation and contacted Theta Chi officials for a meeting with Sharon Johnson, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Tuohey said that Johnson met with the fraternity officials and decided to suspend their chapter for four years.

Tuohey added that the fraternity has appealed in writing to President Robert Aebersold to be reinstated. The president's decision will be announced in the next two weeks.

Johnson said that she realizes that the disciplinary action was stiff but declined to comment any further.

Lynn Swisher, Greek Advisor, said that the decision to suspend the fraternity was made by Johnson, Aebersold, John Bonando, Director of the University Union and Student Activities, and herself.

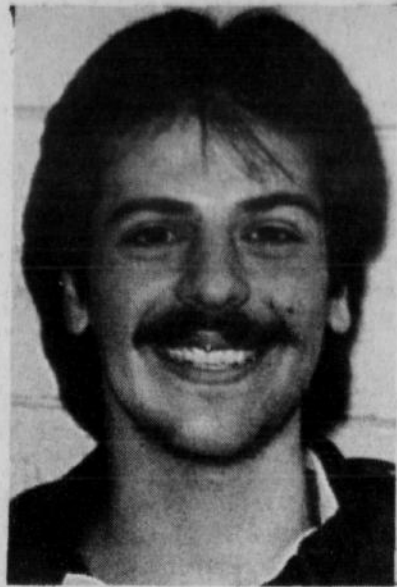
Swisher said that she does not believe the decision to suspend the fraternity for four years is too harsh because of "... the number of times that they (Theta Chi) had violated the alcohol policy."



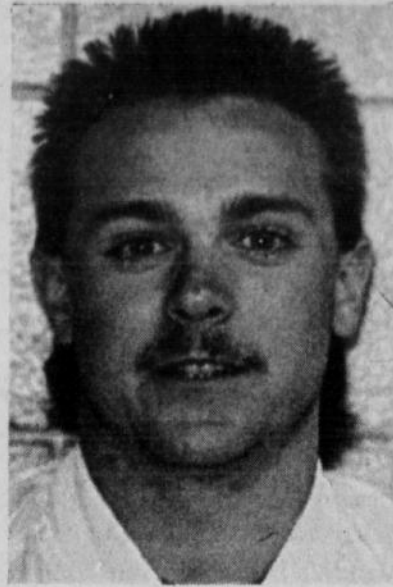
Photo by Joy Glasgow

The Theta Chi house on Normal avenue. The Theta Chi fraternity was suspended for four years.

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WSRU executive staff appointed

By Mark Fissore
Rocket Staff Writer

Slippery Rock University's FM radio station, 90.1 WSRU, has named its executive staff for the fall semester.

Faculty advisor William Barnett announced the staff after two weeks of interviewing the applicants.

Current station manager Bob Karaska will resume his duties for the fall term.

Karaska, from Toms River, N.J., has been an active staff member for the past three years and is excited for new staff. "I feel the new staff has

a lot of enthusiasm, which will ultimately lead to a better sounding station," Karaska said.

Former sports director Mimmo Conti, from Boyers, Pa., is currently doing an internship with Lanny Frattare and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

He feels that working with a professional organization will help WSRU sound more professional. "Working day in and day out with KDKA and the Pirates, allows me to

bring a professional attitude to WSRU," Conti said.

Malcolm Rogers will hold the position of news director. Rogers, from Butler has worked closely with the news department for the past two semesters.

While no major changes are planned, he does want to localize the newscasts. "We do an efficient job of covering national and state news, but I want my staff to work with various local authorities to help bring more Slippery Rock community happenings and events to the broadcasts," Rogers said.

Lloyd Fait will be sports director.

Fait, from Somerset, Pa., has worked on football, basketball, and baseball broadcasts for 90.1 FM.

The production department will be headed by Joe Belak. Belak from Irwin, Pa., has worked in production for the past two semesters and will also direct campus and public service announcements.

Dave Veltre, will be traffic director.

Veltre has been working

with current traffic director Dawn Sampson and has an edge to his position. "My responsibilities are preparing logs, scheduling public service announcements, and checking transmitter readings to assure that we are broadcasting at FCC regulations," Veltre said.

The public relations department will be headed by Nicole Duhon.

Duhon, who also serves as news editor for the *Rocket*, is from the North Hills.

She said that she would like to increase awareness of WSRU on campus and throughout the community. "My staff and I are planning a full fledged campaign, and I am hoping to change the public's view of WSRU through community events," Duhon added.

Current music director Karen Lintleman will resume her position for the fall semester.

Lintleman, from North Hills, has been working with recording companies to better supply WSRU music library.

"Being a non-commercial station, our budget is relatively small. Sending play lists and music logs to companies often results in the recording companies helping supply the college stations," Lintleman said.

Scott Greiner will hold the position of business manager. Greiner's responsibilities will include budgeting and directing the under writing program for the station.

"College stations are not permitted to advertise, but we are permitted to receive underwriting funds, in exchange for the name, address, phone number, and hours of the business," Griener said.

Barnett has also appointed assistants to various positions on the staff.

Serving as assistants are Sean Fogarty-programming, Andy Rich-news, Ron Ladely-production, Patty Jacob-public relations, Janine Larsen-business.

The new executive staff will formally take over their positions on May 4, the last general staff meeting before ending the semester.

Theta Chi

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Tuohey said, "We believe that Dr. Johnson is a true seeker of justice, but we feel that the punishment does not fit the crime, because destroying an organization will do little or nothing to control underage alcohol abuse."

Dean Ferai, Theta Chi Fire Marshall, said that by working with the administration on underage drinking, "...we can work together to combat the problem on campus."

One of the suggestions that Ferai and Tuohey offered is that there will be non-alcoholic functions in the future.

Other Greek organizations were outraged by the suspension.

Amy Double, Delta Zeta President, said that, "there is too much emphasis placed on the negative aspects of the Greek system and not enough on its positive side."

Double added that her sorority wrote a letter to Aebersold to make sure that he looks at all the good things that Theta Chi has done for the university and community.

Cathy Giannini, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority and Panhellenic representative, said that the punishment was too strong.

She added that the fraternity has done many things for the community such as shoveling snow and raking leaves in the surrounding area.

Ferai also said, "It's a shame that the university had to place such a harsh punishment on an organization which celebrates its 25th anniversary on this campus in July."

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