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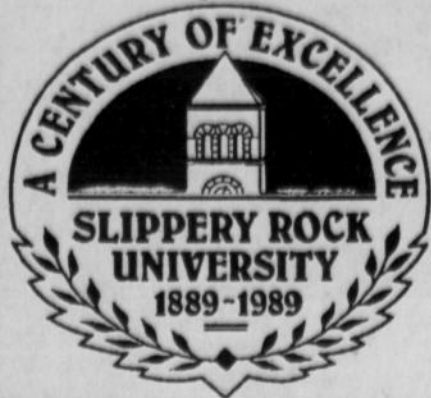
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WEEKEND WEATHER OUTLOOK

FRIDAY	Partly cloudy and cool Low 41		High 69
SATURDAY	Partly cloudy Low 46		High 73
SUNDAY	Mostly sunny and breezy Low 52		High 74

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The former Theta Chi fraternity house, located on Normal Avenue, has been condemned due to vandalism which occurred this summer.

Vandalism investigated

Fraternity house condemned

By Nicole Duhon
Rocket News Editor

Theta Chi National Headquarters has asked Slippery Rock Borough Police to investigate reports of vandalism at the former Theta Chi house located on Normal Avenue.

Steve Leist, Theta Chi's national director of chapter services, said he was notified by the Office of Student Life about the condition of the house two days after the incident occurred on Aug. 5.

Charles Mershimer, Slippery Rock zoning officer, said vandals took a power saw and demolished built-in bunk beds and two interior doors, smashed

plaster walls, destroyed electrical fixtures and broke four windows.

Leist said he has not yet been in contact with any Theta Chi brothers because the incident is still being investigated.

"We are going along with policy proceedings," said Leist.

Chris Larsen, Theta Chi brother who resided in the house throughout the summer, said no one was living in the house when the incident occurred.

"Everyone (Theta Chi brothers) was living in the house without a lease during the summer," said Larsen.

"Our representative was aware of this," he added.

According to Leist, the national headquarters wanted to lease to someone other than the former Alpha Zeta Chapter of Theta Chi because of its charter revocation for alcohol-related incidents from the university last spring.

Kappa Delta Rho (KDR) national headquarters were in the process of discussing a temporary lease from the national headquarters of Theta Chi when the vandalism occurred, according to Donald Stohl, national executive director of KDR.

"There was to be a rediscussion with Theta Chi

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State police conduct sobriety checkpoints

By Moussa Moussa
Rocket News Editor

Butler County state police conducted a highway sobriety checkpoint on Route 173, south of Slippery Rock, in Slippery Rock Township, Sept. 30 during homecoming celebrations.

"It is a good way to take drunk drivers off the highways," according to state police Corporal, Paul K. Montag.

Montag said approximately 250-300 vehicles were stopped and drivers were monitored to detect alcohol usage, resulting in one DUI arrest.

"We stop vehicles and explain to the drivers why they are being stopped. We begin a little conversation and if we detect alcohol use through odors, we pull them off the road for field sobriety tests. If they pass the test, they drive on," Montag said.

However, if motorists fail the field sobriety test, they will be arrested and taken to either the police barracks in Butler for breath tests or to the nearest hospital for blood tests. If their blood alcohol concentration test registers at or above .10 percent, they are considered

legally drunk.

Montag said that police have just begun to conduct sobriety checkpoints following the state Supreme Court's decision which gave all Pennsylvania police departments the authority to conduct checkpoints as long as they are done systematically by using empirical data.

The checkpoints are conducted in high risk areas where driving under the influence and alcohol related accidents are common, Montag said.

"The supervisor of the checkpoints determines the pattern of conducting the operation, which could be the stopping of every first, second or third vehicle, etc..., before we leave the barracks," Montag added.

According to a position paper provided by Gayle Shiner, president of the Butler County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, MADD, surveys in a number of states, including Delaware, Maryland, Missouri, Washington and Virginia as well as the District of Columbia, have shown strong support for these checkpoints.

While concern has been expressed about the efficiency of the checkpoints as a method to apprehend drunk drivers, actual experience in Delaware, Virginia, and the district has shown that police officers make as many or more arrests per hour at checkpoints as they do in the more traditional role of patrolling the streets, according to Shiner's paper.

The paper also stated that many federal and state courts support the constitutionality of the principle of sobriety checkpoints, and as of September 1988, at least 19 appellate or higher state courts had ruled in support of the checkpoints.

Montag said that they received a great deal of positive feedback from motorists who were stopped, saying that "they supported what we were doing because they have family members and friends on the highways and want drunk drivers off the highways as much as we do."

He also said the checkpoints will be conducted more often, since police in Pennsylvania now have the authority to stop motorists.

Clarion fraternity charged with party-goer's death

By Moussa Moussa
Rocket News Editor

The Alumni Corporation of Epsilon XI Chapter of Theta Chi fraternity, at Clarion University, was charged Friday with selling or furnishing liquor, malt or brewed beverages to minors, and with unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt or brewed beverages and licenses, following the accidental death of a student, according to Shipperville

state police.

Police said, Samuel Joseph Briggs, 19, of Pittsburgh, fell to his death from a railroad trestle in Beaver Township on July 10.

Through police investigation, it was learned that Briggs was at the fraternity house prior to the accident and was served beer there.

A summons will be sent to the fraternity to answer these charges, which was filed at

the office of Magistrate Alta L. Hamilton in Clarion.

According to Ron Wilshire, director of public relations at Clarion University, Theta Chi is under review by the Student Conduct Board.

He said that if the fraternity is convicted of these criminal charges, the university will follow with significant disciplinary action, such as removal of the organization's chapter.

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'Trial of Socrates' discussed by panel

By Gene Ney
Rocket Staff Writer

A Panel Discussion sponsored by CIRUNA, Council for International Relations and United Nations Affairs, featuring a critical analysis of the book, "The Trial of Socrates," was held Monday at 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the University Union.

The discussion was moderated by Charles A. Zuzak, dean, college of arts and sciences, and the analytical panel was composed of Clara Settlemire, professor of history, Jerome O'Malley, professor of English, William Oman, professor of philosophy and Allan Larsen, professor of philosophy.

Socrates, the Athenian philosopher was born around the year 469 B.C. After

working for a brief period of time as a sculptor, he developed an interest in teaching.

With the outbreak of the Peloponnesian War, Socrates enlisted as a soldier, and fought in several battles where he is credited with saving the lives of his students, Alcibiades and Xenophon.

Later in his life, he was tried on charges of impiety and corruption, and sentenced to death by drinking poisonous hemlock in the year 399 B.C.

Isidor Feinstein Stone, author of "The Trial of Socrates," written in 1988, presents an argument which depicts Athens as a city committed to democracy, and Socrates' trial and execution as a fault of his own. Settlemire began the

discussion on "The Trial of Socrates" with the presentation of her paper "A Historical Perspective of Socrates' Athens."

In her presentation, Settlemire described the political and social climate of Athens at the time of Socrates. She went on to suggest that Stone failed to understand the political and social climate which led to Socrates' demise.

O'Malley followed with the presentation of his paper "Stone's Misunderstanding of Plato." O'Malley suggested that Stone's interpretation of Socrates was based on thinking of the 1980's. He theorized that an analysis of an ancient event using modern standards would lead to inaccuracy. O'Malley cited Stone's religious illiteracy as his single greatest weakness.

Following O'Malley, Oman spoke from his paper "Philosophy and Rhetoric." Issues raised by Oman

included Stone's hasty generalizations, inconsistencies and his belief that Stone analyzed Socrates'

trial in reverse.

In closing remarks, Larsen discussed his paper entitled

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Photo by Joy Glasgow

Allan Larsen, William Oman, Charles A. Zuzak, Jerome O'Malley and Clara Settlemire discuss "The Trial of Socrates" before a crowd in the University Union's multi-purpose room Monday night.

Council approves Halloween hours

By Pamela Mazurkewicz and Patrick McCombe
Special to the Rocket

The Slippery Rock Borough council approved Trick-or-Treat hours at the monthly meeting Oct. 2, and also approved the removal of parking spaces from downtown near the new McDonald's restaurant on Main Street.

Trick-or-Treat hours in Slippery Rock Borough have been set for 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. immediately following the 6

p.m. fireman's Halloween parade downtown, Oct. 30.

In preparation for the coming of McDonald's to Slippery Rock, four buildings have been demolished and some parking spaces on Main Street will be removed. Further matters regarding parking in town will be turned over to the street committee in hopes of some resolution.

Thomas Hannon, a concerned citizen, shared his concerns with a petition signed by 42 residents regarding speeding on Normal Avenue. Hannon commented that a 4-way stop sign might be considered for East Cooper Street and Normal Avenue. Hannon said he has seen incidents when a non-skid surface on that part of the road might have been beneficial. These concerns were directed to the street committee for further examination.

The Director of the Sewer

and Water Authorities, William Deemer, reported on the current capacities of the water supply and sewer facilities and said that things were in "good shape" for Slippery Rock's anticipated expansion.

Slippery Rock's Volunteer Rescue Squad has been recognized with an award from the McLachlan Student Health Center at the university. The award, given by the Student Advisory Board, is given in praise of the work done by this organization.

Slippery Rock Mayor, Linda Lenz, proclaimed that Slippery Rock Borough will acknowledge National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week from Oct. 12-19.

Lenz requested that \$500 be set aside for emergency management to upgrade the borough building so it could be better equipped, and utilized, if an emergency should occur.

Dean Piccirillo, Slippery Rock University Student Government president, announced that ground-breaking for the racquetball courts at the university will be Sept. 29. Construction on the courts will begin in January and be an addition to the existing Morrow Field House. They will be student-funded.

Proposals from police Chief Larry Thompson were approved to send two officers to training on the prevention of sexual assault.

Lenz also presented a report on borough police activities for September.

According to the report, 87 criminal incidents were reported, 117 alcohol related arrests and 91 Slippery Rock University students arrests.

As well, there were 17 theft incidents reported with a stolen property value estimated at \$4251.

Gene Ney contributed to this story

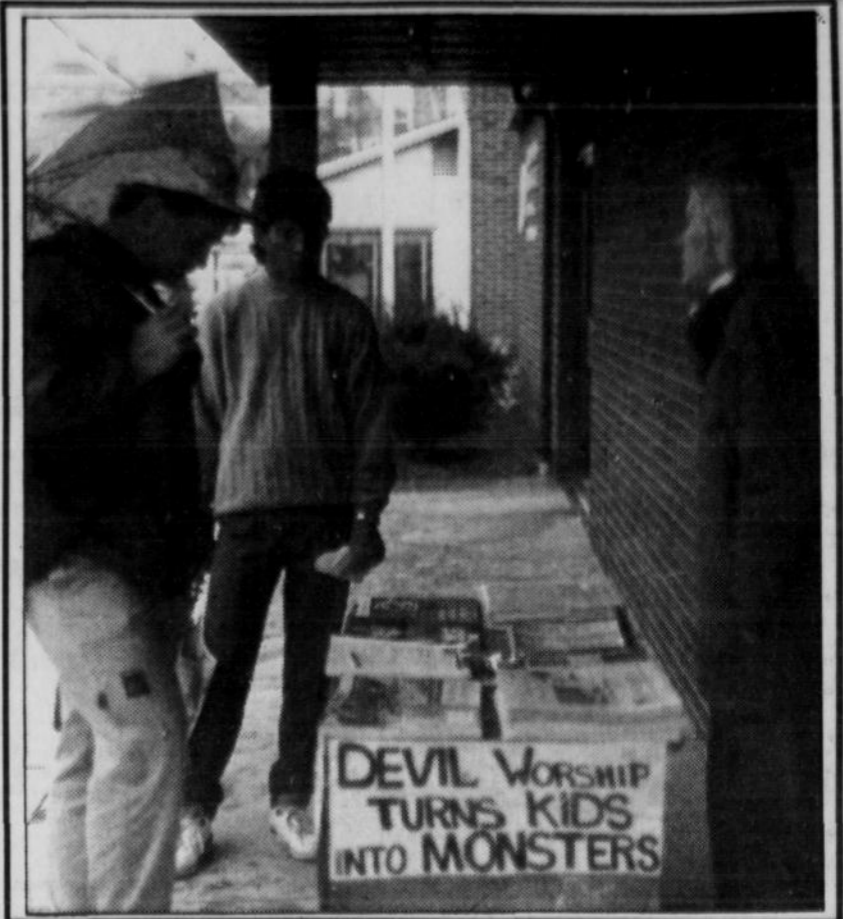


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Melanie Morris, right, of the National Democratic Policy Committee, speaks with Bill Toth and Shailendra Ram about the ideas of Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr., a political prisoner, in front of Slippery Rock post office, Oct. 10.

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"Socrates!?" His remarks included an understanding that Stone's text is not philosophical in a clear analytical sense, it lacks an accurate historical perspective, and is by no means a fine literary work of art.

Larsen continued by mentioning that Stone's poor understanding of ancient Athens had a significant impact on his interpretation on "The Trial of Socrates."

Following the discussion, a brief question and answer period was allocated. The overall consensus of the panel was, although "The Trial of Socrates" may be well written, it does not present an accurate account of Socrates and the circumstances behind his trial and execution.

Fraternity house vandalism investigated

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after three years regarding a prolonged lease," said Stohl.

According to Stohl, KDR nationals were processing paperwork and waiting for a contractor to review the house before finalizing the plans.

Kevin Joyce, KDR vice president also in charge of housing, was responsible for gathering prospective

tenants in order to obtain the house for his fraternity.

Joyce said he was in constant contact with KDR nationals, as well as being in charge of getting support from the KDR alumni corporation; a process which took three weeks to complete.

Joyce, along with the KDR executive board, was in Virginia at a KDR National

Convention when they received a phone call from fraternity members in Slippery Rock.

According to Joyce, the brothers saw the house being sectioned off by the zoning authorities.

Immediately after the vandalism occurred, KDR undergraduates notified Stohl about the house's condition.

Following the vandalism, KDRs were unable to move into the house.

"We all had to go through a whole process of finding a place to live," said Joyce, "I lived out of my car for six weeks."

The house currently remains unoccupied.

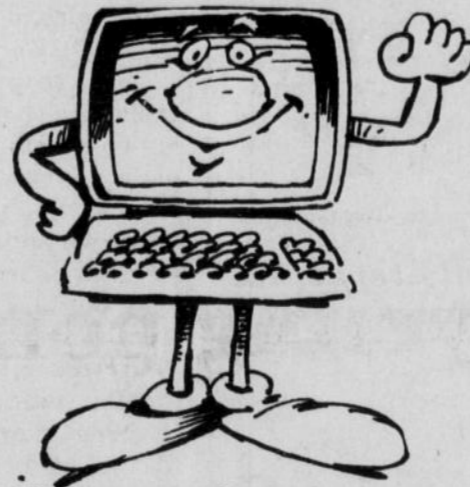
Clarion

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Slippery Rock University's Alpha Zeta Chapter of Theta Chi was placed on probation this past October and later suspended for violating the university alcohol policy.

Lynn Swisher, SRU Greek advisor, said her advice to the Greek organizations on campus is, "Don't furnish alcohol whatsoever."

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Notes

WSRU TV

WSRU TV channel 6 will be holding its first organizational meeting Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the campus TV station. Everyone is welcome.

Salzburg, Austria meeting

Students interested in studying in Salzburg, Austria during the winter semester as part of the SRU/Salzburg program must attend a meeting Oct. 19 at 11:30 a.m. in room 117 ECB.

Study in China or Japan

Students interested in studying in China at Shanghai International Studies University or in Japan at Kansai University, as part of the SRU International Exchanges, must apply before Oct. 21. If accepted, students pay only SRU tuition fees, room and board plus airfare. Any financial aid received from SRU can be applied to the cost of the program. Applications are available from the Office of International Studies, room 110 ECB.

Comprehensive recycling plan

Any staff person, faculty member, administrator and student wishing to help implement a comprehensive recycling plan in any building on campus, is encouraged to meet Oct. 12 from 6-7 p.m. in room 206 in the University Union. For more information, please contact Janet Cunningham on 794-4975.

Kappa Gamma

Kappa Gamma, communication honorary, will hold its meeting Oct. 18 at 3:30 p.m. in room 202 ECB. Sweatshirts will be ordered at this meeting, so all interested members must attend to place their order. Any interested communication major with an overall QPA of 2.5 and a communication QPA of 3.0 is welcome to attend the meeting. For additional information, please contact Rachael Hixenbaugh or Danielle Lamari.

Soviet Glasnost Film Festival

The Russian Club announces the "Soviet Glasnost Film Festival," a premier showing of four contemporary Soviet Documentaries, filmed in the Soviet Union by the Moscow and Leningrad Documentary studios. "The Temple"-Russian Orthodox priests, monks and nuns talk about their faith, will be shown Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. "The Limit"-A portrayal of alcoholic mothers and the fate of their children; "Are you going to the Ball?"-Young athletes and the price they have to pay to become record-breaking athletes, and "Dialogues"-Profiles of celebrated Soviet pop groups, will be shown Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. All films will be shown in the Spotts World Culture building auditorium. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Gamma Theta Upsilon

Gamma Theta Upsilon, the geography honorary, will have a slide presentation and talk on "A view of Northern Mexico," given by Carole Prorok, Oct. 24 at 11:30 a.m. in room 113 Spotts World Culture. Everyone is welcome.

Black Action Society meeting

The Black Action Society will hold a general body meeting, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in room 207 University Union. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Carl B. Madison on 794-7411 ext. 5411.

International Dinner

Tickets to the International Dinner, to be held Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. in Boozel Dining Hall, are now available. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Only a limited number of tickets are available and can only be purchased from the Office of International Studies, room 110 ECB.

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta, history honorary, will hold a meeting Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in room 315 SWC.

Black Action Society

The Parent's Day talent show will take place Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the University Union's multi-purpose room. The show will be co-sponsored by BAS and the Union Programming Board. If you have any questions, please contact Carl B. Madison at 794-7411, ext. 5411.

ROCK NOTES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER NOON ON MONDAYS. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE TYPED. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!

Gospel Choir

A general choir practice will be held Oct. 15 at 7 m. Please be on time. Note: Dues are due before you leave for Thanksgiving break. If you have any questions, please contact Carl B. Madison on 794-7411 ext. 5411.

Social Work Club

The Social Work Club is sponsoring a drive to aid the victims of hurricane Hugo. You may drop your donations of cash, canned goods, disposable diapers, baby food and toiletries at the SASW department office in the basement of Spotts World Culture building during business hours. The Social Work Club would also like to extend an invitation to all social majors and minors to attend the next club meeting, which will be held Oct. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in room 317 SWC. Regular meetings will be held every other Tuesday during Common Hour. If you have any questions, please contact Yanessa Dumrauf on (412) 458-9330, ext. 308.

The Slippery Rock Ranger Society

The Slippery Rock Park Ranger Society will hold its meeting, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in room 006 ECB. Everyone is welcome. The fall fund-raiser will be a leaf-raking service and anyone needing leaves to be raked, please call 794-7503. Club members will be available and payment is by donation. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Walton at 794-2771.

Society for Collegiate Journalists

SCJ will be holding a meeting Oct. 17 at 4:30 p.m. in room 217. Applications for membership should be turned in to Nicole Duhon in room 220 ECB and are due Oct. 19.

Kappa Delta

Slippery Rock area Kappa Deltas will commemorate the 92nd anniversary of the sorority's founding, as well as their 26th anniversary of the chartering of the Gamma Omega Chapter at Slippery Rock University. The Gamma Omega Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority was installed at SRU Oct. 26, 1963.

American Marketing Association

The American Marketing Association will hold a meeting Oct. 19 during Common Hour in room 206 of the University Union. A short movie, "The Many Faces of Marketing: Changing American Lifestyles and Social Trends," will be shown. "Bring your own beverages and we'll provide munchies!"

Psychic Awareness Club

Experienced Deja-vu? Feeling a little psychic today? Come on down to the Psychic Awareness Club meeting Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in room 117 SWC.

Ski Club

The SRU Ski Club is sponsoring a ski trip to Snowshoe Resort in West Virginia from March 11-16. Included in the \$270.50 price is: motorcoach transportation, room, four persons per room, five day lift ticket and a breakfast and dinner daily. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by Oct. 27. Registration is limited to one motorcoach, 46 people. More information is available by writing Paul Bruno, BSB 006, or by calling 794-7765, ext. 5765 or 794-3095 at home.

Exploration in Aesthetics

"The Joy of Fish: The Aesthetics of Chuang-Tzu" will be the topic of a lecture by professor Yang An-Lun of China. Chuang-Tzu has had a profound influence on Chinese culture, especially its art and philosophy. Yang, professor of aesthetics and director of China's National Aesthetics Association, is one of modern China's noted scholars and author of "Exploration in Aesthetics." The lecture, sponsored by the departments of art and philosophy of Slippery Rock University, will take place Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Spotts World Culture Building's auditorium. Admission is free and open to everyone.

Lecture on East Germany

The first lecture in the anniversary lecture series on the 40th anniversaries of West and East Germany, will take place Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Swope Music Building's auditorium. Reinald Walkemeyer, assistant to the East German ambassador at the Embassy of GDR, will speak in English on the subject, "40 Years of the German Democratic Republic: Retrospect and Prospect." A question and answer period will follow the lecture and admission is free. All are welcome. For further information contact Stephen Glinsky on 794-7312 or 794-3094.