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Student Government Association elections

Rockstar Party only one on ballot for elections

By April Aven
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Slippery Rock University's Student Government Association elections are approaching, but the results seem quite clear, as only one party has entered the running.

The Rockstar Party, headed by current SGA President Larry Brink, is the only party on the ballot for the March 25 and 26 elections.

The last time a party ran unopposed was during the 2005 election, when The Golden Ticket Party, led by Julie Hepner, took office.

There are also no independent candidates running for any position.

On the Rockstar Party's slate for the executive board is Carol Waters, vice president of student affairs; Erin Berger, vice president of financial affairs; T.J. Harlan, vice president of

administrative affairs; and Tyson Johnston, vice president of public affairs. Each of these candidates was previously either on the executive board or a member of the SGA Senate.

Harlan, a political science major and a current commuter senator, said that he wanted to step up and make a difference.

"I watched the vice president of administrative affairs this

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Pictures could lead to suspensions



FACEBOOK PHOTO SUBMITTED
Freshman communication major Tiffany Tedesco (right), who placed photos of a drinking party on Facebook, and senior mathematics major Michelle Komo participate in games while at the Good Nite Inn in San Diego.

By Amy Kelly
Rocket News Editor

Members of the SRU men's and women's track teams face suspensions after one student posted pictures on Facebook featuring several athletes at a drinking party in a hotel room at the Good Nite Inn while traveling during spring break.

The teams were competing at the Aztec Classic in San Diego on March 15.

Tiffany Tedesco, a 19-year-old freshman communication major and

a member of the SRU women's track team, acknowledged that she had posted the pictures on Facebook.

"I forgot to look at the pictures before I posted them," Tedesco said Wednesday afternoon. "It was a mistake and I'm deleting them."

Tedesco entered *The Rocket* office early Wednesday evening to inquire about *The Rocket's* intention to run a story about the photos. She suggested that since she had already deleted the photos, there

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Green Fund gains more supporters

By Jasper Hawker
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Slippery Rock University's Leave it Green organization hosted a meeting Tuesday night to inform students about the upcoming vote on the Green Fund and to encourage interested students to help campaign.

A packet of information regarding the Green Fund, which was given out during the meeting, states that two separate funds will exist.

The first, which has already been created, is a foundation account that's been set up with the SRU Foundation, which handles the university's fundraising.

This account is open to private donations.

The money from the foundation account can be used as scholarships for students who show concern for the environment and also to fund other

environmental programs.

The other fund, which students will vote on from April 7 through April 9, would create a \$5 per semester student fee.

The fee would generate about \$80,000 a year.

Both funds will be used to promote environmental programs on campus including research grants, educational programs and events.

Leave it Green co-organizers Rachel DeWolf, 20, a sophomore environmental studies major, and Dan Cannon, 22, a senior environmental studies major, are excited about the amount of student support for the Green Fund.

"The foundation account support is going really well," DeWolf said. "We just need to show that the fee has student support."

The Green Fund packet also suggested ways

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Third owners to take over the Ivy Promises of improvements to come for residents



STEVE REED/THE ROCKET
Dom Petote, a junior communication major, enjoys playing pool at the Ivy Apartments Recreation Room. The Ivy is now undergoing more changes by increasing security measures and improving maintenance response under its new owners, Apollo Property Management.

Jessica Moore
Rocket Contributor

After being open since August 2007, the Ivy Apartments are currently being bought by their third owner, giving next year's residents hopes for improvement.

Kevin Ingledue, vice president of Apollo Property Management, which is currently the owner of the complex, said that there will be many changes made regarding the Ivy's safety.

Surveys were given and both students and parents were contacted in order to see what changes needed

to be made to make the Ivy apartments a fun and safe environment, he said.

According to Ingledue, some changes have already been made.

Security precautions including the use of more security guards and better visitor monitoring were revamped on March 14, and there is now a zero-tolerance policy in effect to prevent trespassers and protect the residents, he said.

Some other improvements include increased availability of maintenance workers to better

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Campus safety brought to forefront

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After SRU sophomore Nichole Rieder was hit by a car Feb. 23 while crossing Main Street toward Kraus Hall, administrators are taking a closer look at campus safety, especially at this intersection.

Rieder broke her hip, shoulder and foot in the accident and is undergoing treatment for her injuries. Rieder is

visually impaired and the SRU office of students with disabilities has been helping her with classroom activities and homework.

John Bonando, assistant vice president of Student Services, said that the safety needs of the students are a top priority.

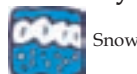
"Sometimes the student, whether they have a disability or not, cannot control the environment," Bonando said. "For example, if a driver of a vehicle does not yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, whether the individual

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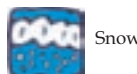
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Forecast from National Weather Service

Friday



Saturday



Sunday



High: 40; Low: 26

High: 37; Low: 19

High: 40; Low: 22

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