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Mae rocks the Rock

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Group helps disadvantaged children



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Feminists, loud and proud



Associate professor of counseling and development Julaine Field speaks in the quad Thursday to fellow colleagues and students about the importance of feminism.

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15 track members suspended from Maryland event

By Amy Kelly
Rocket News Editor

and

Caleb Pardick
Rocket Editor-in-Chief

Fifteen members of the SRU men's and women's outdoor track teams, along with two student trainers, have been suspended from tomorrow's meet as punishment after a student athlete posted Facebook photos of a drinking party.

The party took place in a hotel room during the team's spring break trip to the Aztec Classic in San Diego.

The photos were posted by 19-year-old freshman communication major Tiffany Tedesco, one of the student athletes suspended from the Maryland Invitational in College Park, Md.

The 15 athletes include freshman David Allen; sophomore Collin Anderson; senior Corey Corbett; junior Gabriel Fortunato; sophomore Brian Juda; junior Mike Rose; senior Tim Tray; sophomore Ben Whitten; freshman Kelly Bruder; senior Michelle Komo; junior Sarah Reppermund; sophomore Jessica Sackin; freshman Allison Smith; freshman Jayme Stanek; and Tedesco.

"Those involved were also given a strike," SRU Athletic Director Paul Lueken said. "We looked at the six pictures and identified ones that weren't originally identified."

Two student trainers who were also involved, Valerie Nightingale and Kelley Riegner, also received disciplinary action from the university, including being suspended from tomorrow's meet.

"It was a stupid mistake and they should have known better," Lueken said. "This week coaches sat down with their athletes with a copy of *The Rocket* and went over the social networking and travel policy. It was a learning experience."

SRU Track Head Coach John Papa said that the decision to suspend the athletes was made jointly by Lueken and him.

"This will not only help the athletes involved, but also, other athletes and students realize that if you put something up on the Internet someone eventually could use it to hurt you," Papa said.

Papa said that they are putting the event behind them and are striving to do things better in the future.

A significant portion of *The Rocket's* 3,000 newspaper copies were removed from news bins around campus shortly after being delivered last Friday morning.

A *Rocket* contributor spotted a female student coming out of West Gym early Friday morning carrying armfuls of newspapers.

It was also later discovered that dozens of newspapers had been taken out of the news bin at the entrance to Boozel Dining Hall and dumped into a recycling receptacle beside the bin.

Student Government Association elections



Votes are in for 2008-09

By April Aven

Rocket Assistant News Editor

The entire Rockstar Party, the only group that ran for positions for Student Government Association, was voted onto the 2008-09 SGA as only 220 total votes were cast, the fewest in the past nine years.

The 2008-09 SGA executive board will consist of: Larry Brink, president, who received 201 votes; Carol Waters,

vice president of student affairs, who received 190 votes; Erin Berger, vice president of financial affairs, who received 188 votes; T.J. Harlan, vice president of administrative affairs, who received 196 votes; and Tyson Johnston, vice president of public relations, who received 199 votes.

A record 1,608 votes were cast during last year's SGA elections, while 1,248 students voted in 2006. The 2005 SGA election was the last to feature

just one party. In that election, 373 students voted.

The commuter senators for 2008-09 will be Allie Bernstein, Bridget Kelly, Carly Hockenberry, Jess Hickey, Jessica Cosme, Kristin Fulwylie, La-Shawn Stewart, Lisa Palermo, Megan Wislie, Nicole Yale, Nick Iesue, Alex McNeill, Alicia Heinbaugh, Jaime

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PASSHE looks to increase internship involvement

\$250 to \$1,000 to be given in stipends to eligible students

By Jasper Hawker
Rocket Contributor

Slippery Rock University has received a \$30,000 grant from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to increase student involvement in undergraduate internship programs.

Anthony Linnan, associate director of career services, said SRU will use half of the money for administrative expenses, including personal expenses, promotion of internships fairs and Web site development and maintenance.

The other half will be used to provide

students with stipends to offset the cost of internship programs taken for university credit this summer.

Linnan said that to be eligible for the

program, students must be taking the internships for university credit, must fill out a 2007-08 Free Application for Federal Student Aid form and must apply for a stipend

through the university's Office of Career Services with a brief description of the internship responsibilities.

The deadline for the application is April 1. The internship stipend application form can be found on SRU's career services Web page.

Students will be eligible to receive between \$250 and \$1,000 based on the amount of financial aid they receive from the FAFSA and the number of credit hours being completed through the internship.

According to the application, students who demonstrate financial need and those

“I think that \$250 to \$1000 isn't going to help anybody”

- Michael Weaver, an 18-year-old freshman sport management major

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WEATHER

Forecast from National Weather Service

Friday



Rain

Saturday



Mostly Sunny

Sunday



Mostly Sunny

High: 43; Low: 28 | High: 46; Low: 26 | High: 47; Low: 22

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