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At the *white* time



Slippery Rock University students "whited-out" the Indiana University of Pennsylvania basketball teams Wednesday at Morrow Field House. From left, Valerie Spang, a sophomore education major, Corey Stowitzky, a sophomore communication major and Tyler Saklad, a sophomore criminology major, help support the men's and women's basketball teams by sporting their white SRU shirts.

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Community concerned about rental houses

By Jessica Moore
Rocket Contributor

The Slippery Rock community is concerned with an overabundance of rental houses for students, and as a result, the borough has established an exploratory study committee to try to resolve the issue.

Slippery Rock Mayor Ken Harris said that rental houses are necessary for students and the community.

"The university clearly does not have enough housing for all of the students," Harris said.

Community members have not yet been surveyed for their opinions about rental houses for students, but the borough has just established an exploratory study committee to start talking about these issues, Harris said.

Harris said that one issue of concern to the committee is making a plan for dealing with surplus rental houses.

Paul Dickey, a Slippery Rock township supervisor, said that the only real concern the community has with rental houses for students is the abundance of them.

"I think there is a general concern for how many have been constructed in the recent past," Dickey said.

But Dickey also said the community is generally pleased with the location of the rental houses.

"Most of the rental houses have been in a general vicinity to campus, which the community feels is a good location," Dickey said. "The closer to campus, the better."

John Hines, another Slippery Rock township supervisor, said that local residents have not commented on rental houses for students.

Most of the feedback comes from another source, he said.

"The biggest controversy on the issue comes

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Legal downloading program being considered by campus committee

By Jasper Hawker
Rocket Contributor

Technology Advisory Committee members discussed during their meeting on Feb. 12 the possibility of bringing a server-based, music-downloading network such as Ruckus or Napster to campus.

According to SRU's Web site, the

Technology Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the university on key strategic technology issues, directions, policies, plans and priorities.

Dean Lindey, the director of information technology for SRU, said that the university has been contacted about students being in violation of Recording Industry

Association of America because of illegal music downloads.

The RIAA, according to its Web site, is a trade group representing the U.S. recording industry that supports and promotes legal recording.

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SGA approves referendum regarding Green Fund

Leave It Green members speak out about goals

By April Aven
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association voted 23-0 on Thursday in favor of a referendum, allowing a student body vote to gauge the support for a \$5 increase in tuition that would be used toward a Green Fund.

The Green Fund is a monetary account run by Leave It Green, SRU's student-run environmental group.

Dan Cannon, a Green Fund officer and senior environmental science major, explained the short- and long-term goals of the organization and why a student-body vote is needed.

"For the short term, we want to go through the steps to establish a foundation account," Cannon said.

"Eventually, we want to help enforce a \$5 increase in tuition per semester if the student body supports it."

The \$5 per-student, per-semester fee, which would generate around \$80,000 per academic

year, would go to an account used for campus greening projects.

By approving this referendum, SGA agreed to help conduct the vote while not necessarily endorsing the project.

Cannon explained that even if the entire student body shows support, the Green Fund would still have to go through the process of sending it through the board of directors of the university and eventually to Harrisburg for final approval.

"We have over 650 signatures now supporting the Green Fund initiative, and if we can show more student support, the Green Fund will be closer to implementing the long-term goal," Cannon said.

As of now, the Green Fund is solely supported through donations.

The student body vote is expected to be held during the SGA elections or sometime thereafter.

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SGA President Larry Brink swears in Tyler Heckathorn, a junior pre-law and political science major, to the spot of Kraus Hall senator, and Luke Chamberlain, a political science and history major, to the freshman senator position during Thursday's meeting.

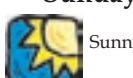
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