Today in History: 1947: "Meet the Press" makes network TV debut on NBC.

TODAY

H1N1 VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS: SRU’s Student Health Services will offer free H1N1 (swine flu) vaccinations to students with ID from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the University Union. The vaccine will be delivered as a shot in the upper arm. (Clothing that allows quick access to the upper arm must be worn.) No nasal vaccinations will be available. Those receiving the vaccination will be required to wait in the union’s Multi-Purpose Room for 15 minutes after being vaccinated to ensure against any reaction. Only students who are in good health may receive the H1N1 shot. Those who are ill will be turned away. Before arriving read the vaccine information statement from the Centers for Disease Control available at: http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vis/downloads/vis-inact-h1n1.pdf. Registration/consent forms will be available at the University Union and must be completed before the shot can be administered.

Faculty, staff and auxiliary personnel will receive inoculations at a yet-to-be-determined clinic.

A limited number of seasonal flu vaccinations will also be available. The two flu vaccinations may be administered at the same time, but, if not given at the same time, it is advised there be a two-week period between vaccinations.

Due to the high demand on health services staff in offering the vaccination clinic, the McLachlan Health Center in Rhoads Hall today, only urgent care cases will be handled.

SISTERS UNITE: The Sisters in Healthcare Project, organized by SRU’s John Bavaro, associate professor of professional studies, displayed in the Martha Gault Art Gallery closes today. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. The project consists of a traveling exhibit featuring stories, photos, documents, artifacts and historical clothing that showcase the significant contributions made by 16 orders of Roman Catholic sisters to the healthcare history of western Pennsylvania from 1847-1969.

FUN FOR ALL: The SRU women’s lacrosse team will host a “Kid’s Fun Night” from 6-9:30 p.m. today at Morrow Field House. Children between the ages of 5-12 are welcome. Events include a movie, various sports activities and other non-athletic activities. Cost is $15 for the first child, $10 for siblings who pre-register and $20 for walk-in registrations. The event will be chaperoned by the SRU women’s lacrosse coaching staff and student athletes. For more information or to pre-register contact Mariah Casserly, assistant women’s lacrosse coach, at 724.738.4219.

POWER DOWN: Electrical power to both Spotts World Culture Building and Eisenberg Classroom Building will be off from 7-11 a.m. Saturday for the installation of new electric meters. Contact Scott Albert, director of facilities, at 724.738.4342, with questions.

CLIMBING THE WALL: The Robert N. Aebersold Student Recreation Center will host a “Climbing for Kids” session teaching basic indoor rock climbing and knot tying skills from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday. The program is open to those in first grade through senior in high school. ARC members are admitted free: non-members pay $5. Call 724.738.2883 for additional information.
MUSIC BENEFIT: SRU music therapy students will present a concert at 2 p.m. Sunday in Swope Recital Hall. The concert is free, but donations to assist students attend an upcoming conference will be accepted.

AMERICAN CELEBRATION: In honor of Veteran's Day, the Slippery Rock University Brass Ensemble will present a program of music about America written by American composers at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in Swope Music Hall. The program includes works by John Williams, Charles Ives, James Curnow, Morton Gould and Pittsburgh-area composers Robert Bernat and Drew Fennell. The ensemble is directed by Brian Meixner, assistant professor of music.

MEN’S BASKETBALL hosts Bloomsburg, 3 p.m., Saturday, Morrow Field House. The University will recognize former player Myron Brown.

SAVIN’ OF THE GREEN: Print e-mails only when necessary. Save paper and toner. GO GREEN!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
TOTALLY RESTORED: The Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculty’s last yoga class is at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday in the Pearl K. Stoner Instructional Complex, East Gym. The session will be a total restorative class, and participants are asked to bring three blankets, a pillow, a block and a strap. Those who have attended 75 percent of the classes are eligible for 25 points on their Healthy U health insurance plan. The project was funded through a Wellness Grant from the APSCUF Welfare Fund.

PROJECT ELF: The Institute for Community Service Learning is hosting the 20th annual Project Christmas Elf. Departments can “adopt” one of 75 local children that need presents for the holiday season. Presents are due Dec. 7. Cost is $100 per child. For information contact: Charlotte Naas at cgn4577@sru.edu or at 724.738.6346.

ON THE HORIZON:
POWER UP: The annual University and community “Light Up Night” celebration, titled “Miracles on Main Street,” will be at 6 p.m. Monday starting at 107 Franklin Ave. A downtown walk will be followed by refreshments and entertainment at the Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center.

STRINGS AND ALL: The Slippery Rock Symphony Orchestra performs under the direction of Warren Davidson, instructor, at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Swope Music Hall. Admission: $3 general public: SRU students, free.

SUCCESS STARTS HERE: Joe Finney, a 1986 Slippery Rock University graduate and president and chief executive officer of Tire Centers LLC, will highlight his personal path to success when he joins Slippery Rock University’s “Success Starts Here” speaker series at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Advanced Technology and Science Hall. The free, ongoing series spotlights successful western Pennsylvania business leaders as a way of showing students and others opportunities for businesses in the region.

PASS THE TURKEY: Slippery Rock University will close Thursday through Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There are no classes Wednesday. Classes resume at 8 a.m. Nov. 30.

LOTS OF JAZZ: The SRU Jazz Combo, directed by Jason Kush, music instructor, performs at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 in Swope Music Hall. Admission is $3 general public: SRU students, free.

COMPASS RECEPTION: The Fyrst Seminar Compass Reception will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 2 in the University Union.

SPORTS:
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL hosts Urbana, 6 p.m., Nov. 30, Morrow Field House.

MEN’S BASKETBALL hosts Seton Hill, 8 p.m., Nov. 30, Morrow Field House.
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL hosts Penn State, Beaver, 7 p.m., Dec. 2, in Morrow Field House.

ON GOING:
RESEARCH WANTED: Submissions to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s newly formed Keystone Journal of Undergraduate Research may be made at any time before the May 1 deadline. Manuscripts included in the inaugural issue will be published in October 2010. Those considering submissions to the journal that will showcase outstanding undergraduate scholarship research are urged to review information found on the KJUR Web site: http://www.lhup.edu/journal. Manuscripts submitted to the KJUR should reflect student work developed as part of faculty-mentored undergraduate research activities. A team of discipline specific faculty editors has been assembled from across the university system along with groups of faculty reviewers. The journal is still accepting reviewers. Geraldine Jenny, assistant professor of elementary education/early childhood, is the campus editor at SRU.

GO COMMERCIAL: The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is seeking system faculty members interested in commercializing their existing intellectual property, including demonstrated technology, inventions and creations. Examples include: research summaries, reports, demos and prototypes. Intellectual property involving software will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Funding is available through a Keystone Innovation Grant to support faculty in their commercialization efforts through June 30, 2010. Typical support will range from $2,500 to $10,000 for projects. Preference will be given projects that involve a corporate partner. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 4. For more information, contact the SRU Grants Office at 724.738.2045, or visit: http://www.sru.edu/pages/4958.asp to view the complete RFP.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH: The Faculty Professional Development Council of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education has released a Request for Proposals to provide funding to faculty members for professional growth. Proposals are sought for projects in the following categories: Joint Faculty-Student Basic or Applied Research; Scholarly Research: Basic or Applied; Joint Faculty-Student Public Service; Creative and Performing Arts; Individual Faculty Projects in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Group Projects (two or more faculty) in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Academic Department Projects in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; and, Individual Career Enhancement in Off-Site Settings. The maximum amount of the request is $8,000. The deadline to submit proposals is 4 p.m., Jan. 25. For more information, contact the SRU Grants Office at 724.738.2045 or visit http://www.sru.edu/pages/4958.asp to view the complete RFP.

NO PARKING: The campus is reminded that no overnight parking (2 a.m. to 5:30 a.m.) is permitted from Nov. 1 to April 1 in the Russell Wright Alumni House and Conference Center Commuter Parking Lot, the staff and commuter McKay Education Building parking lots, the University Union Commuter Parking Lot, Founders Hall Lower Commuter Parking Lot, the Swope Music Building Commuter Parking Lot or the Physical Therapy Building staff and commuter parking lots to allow for snow removal.

HOLIDAY LEAVE: Slippery Rock University will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The day after Thanksgiving is designated as a “floating” minor holiday for AFSCME represented employees only. AFSCME employees will not be charged annual or personal leave for this day if absent from work, however, they must complete a leave slip indicating “H” for holiday. AFSCME employees who work Nov. 27 must take a day off within 90 calendar days. All other employees must use available personal or annual leave for the day after Thanksgiving. Employees planning to work Nov. 27 must make prior arrangements with their supervisor so work assignments may be made.

The University will be closed Dec. 25-Jan. 1, with employees using major and minor holiday leave earned during 2009. Employees are reminded that because the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was celebrated as a major holiday, employees must submit a leave request or request leave without pay for Dec. 28.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Institute for Community, Service-Learning and Nonprofit Leadership is seeking volunteers to work with children at its I Care House in New Castle as part of its Fabulous Fridays program. Call the institute at 724.738.2273 for details.
SIGN UP: Spring class registration is open.

SAVE THE DATE: The President’s Scholarship Gala, presented by the Slippery Rock University Foundation Inc., will be May 15 in North Hall. For more information call 724.738.2004.

REGALIA SALE: The SGA Bookstore, located in the University Union, is offering Oak Hall Cap and Gown regalia at a 10 percent discount through Nov. 30. Faculty and staff may receive the discount on regalia purchases. The advantages of owning commencement regalia include no longer having to order and return items, custom tailoring service and tax deductions for the purchase price.

APPLICATIONS GONE GREEN: The application process to become a community assistant in the Office of Residence Life for the 2010-2011 academic year has moved online. Applications may be accessed via the MYHOUSING portal on the Residence Life Web page at http://www.sru.edu/pages/5877.asp. The application process ends at 4 p.m. Dec. 4. Applicants must upload their resume and provide the name and e-mail addresses for two references. Questions may be directed to Justin Kleemook, assistant director of Residence Life Staffing and Summer School, at 724.738.4237.

MASS E-MAILS: The campus is reminded that all mass e-mails (sent to faculty, staff or students) must be processed by University Public Relations. Requests for such mailings must be made as far in advance as possible to avoid multiple e-mails. Emergency requests should be immediately followed up by a telephone call to 724.738.2199, and because of vacation and days off to 724.738.2091. All requests should be e-mailed to karl.schwab@sru.edu. Attachments and photos may not be included, but should be posted on the appropriate Web site and then linked within the e-mail.

IN THE KNOW: In the event of an emergency, natural or man-made, the campus will be notified as soon as possible via the SRU emergency alert system, e2Campus. Those not registered for e2Campus should do so immediately by clicking on the emergency alert icon found at: http://www.sru.edu and following the simple instructions. Emergency information is also posted on the SRU homepage, sent via campus e-mail and shared with the regional media.

FRAUDULENT E-MAIL: The Slippery Rock University campus community is reminded to be vigilant about ongoing fraudulent e-mails. Anyone receiving a suspect e-mail should immediately delete it. No further action is necessary. Do not respond to the e-mail. All Slippery Rock University approved mass e-mails have “SRU Communication” or “Office of the President” as the sender. E-mail users will never be asked to provide passwords or other personal information via e-mail response. The same applies to banks, credit card accounts, utilities and every other legitimate e-mail user. Caution should always prevail when being asked to provide passwords or PINs to outside sources via e-mail.

TOP OF THE ROCK SUBMISSIONS: Those with briefs related to upcoming campus events, programs and activities may submit items for consideration via e-mail to: toptopoftherock@sru.edu. All submissions must be received by noon the day prior to distribution and must include what the event is, who is sponsoring it, where it will take place, when it will take place and a contact number for additional information.