Dr. Williams appointed provost, vice president of academic affairs

President Smith has appointed Dr. William F. Williams as provost and vice president of academic affairs after a national search that brought six candidates to campus for extensive interviews.

“Dr. Williams stood out as the person in the best position to lead us through the challenges we will face immediately as well as in the coming years to assure our continued growth in academic quality,” Smith said. “He is highly committed to student-faculty scholarship and learning, and to public higher education.

“I am excited and delighted to have the position,” Dr. William Williams said upon his appointment as provost. “I feel I can contribute to the on-going success of Slippery Rock University.”

“Dr. Williams is a tenacious advocate for quality, and a forceful supporter for the interests of our students and our faculty,” Smith said.

The provost serves as the University’s chief academic officer. The position is responsible for evaluating curriculum, chairing the University budget committee and making recommendations for staffing and academic programs.

A specialist in literary criticism, Williams has been a faculty member of the University since 1982, starting as an English instructor and rising to the rank of full professor. Williams has been serving SRU as interim provost and vice president of academic affairs since December 2002. He also served eight years as head of the SRU chapter of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties.

Williams received undergraduate and master’s degrees in English from Youngstown State University and a doctorate in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He also took doctorate courses in English at Kent State University.

A destination site for the arts

SRU is becoming more and more of a destination site for the arts. The Pittsburgh Symphony Chamber Orchestra, one of the most traveled ensembles in the region, recently played at Miller Auditorium, attracting 600 listeners.

Other recent performers included pianist Joanne Rogers, wife of the late Fred Rogers of Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood, and a July 4 weekend concert by the U.S. Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors that “sold out” in two weeks.

Kaleidoscope, the University’s annual arts festival, drew far more people this year, including some 500 children.

The coming year brings composer Marvin Hamlisch, Rockapella and Capitol Steps to campus, among others, as part of the new ING Performing Arts Series (see page 34).

Violinist and teacher Andres Cardenes met with SRU music students to give them practice and performance pointers before he conducted the Pittsburgh Symphony Chamber Orchestra in Miller Auditorium.

1920s

Marjorie M. Cook, ’24, turned 100 on May 27. Mrs. Cook lives in Bridgeton, N.J. She is a retired teacher who graduated with a degree in elementary education.

1940s

Betty Jane Robertson, ’42, remains active in her community, especially the Ben Avon Area Historical Association. She recently met NASA astronaut Lt. Col. Mike Fincke.

Fincke and Robertson

Edwin Brennan, ’46, wrote to let us know that his classmate Norman Russell, ’46, was included in the publication of “Forty-three of the World’s Best Poems,” collected by the noted critic and author Camille Paglia. Russell, who also holds a doctorate in botany from the University of Minnesota, “is arguably among the most prolific poets ever to graduate from Slippery Rock University,” according to Brennan. Russell has been published in more than 500 magazines; appeared in more than 50 anthologies and been translated and printed in at least 10 languages. He is also the author of many scientific articles in addition to poetry. Russell is a retired faculty member and administrator from the University of Oklahoma.

Florence (Mitzi) Kmieciak Lewis, ’48, and John Lewis, ’48, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary June 7. The couple lives in Southern Pines, N.C.

1950s

Jim Balogh, ’50, a four-time Purple Heart recipient, was featured in the Johnstown Tribune Democrat for his efforts as a soldier and in his community. He and his wife, Margaret, have seven children and 11 grandchildren. The Balogh family resides in Richland Township.

Harry Brownfield, ’50, and his wife, Marty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 21 with a reception hosted by their family in Uniontown.
SRU dance major wins national award

For her research paper on how the media and dance education affect dancers’ development of body image, Slippery Rock University dance major Melinda Planey has received the 2005 Student Literary Award from the National Dance Association.

“I am truly honored,” Planey, of Austintown, Ohio, said. “I hope my research will assist in bringing attention to some important issues in dance education.”

The association’s review committee, comprised of dance faculty from around the U.S., selected Planey’s “A Dancer’s Body: Instrument or Enemy” at the association’s recent convention in Chicago. The Student Literary Award recognizes quality scholarship and writing on dance education by college students.

An edited version of her paper is scheduled to appear in Gold Rush Magazine, a new dance magazine, said Colleen Hearn, dean, program coordinator for the National Dance Association. The agency also plans to post her paper on its Web site.

Planey found that media and societal influences, along with certain aspects of the dance classroom environment, negatively impact the body image of both male and female dancers. “I also found that with appropriate knowledge, awareness and compassion, dance teachers have the power to create an atmosphere that fosters positive body image in their dancers,” she said.

Planey transferred to SRU from Youngstown State University three years ago. She has performed with SRU Dance Theater, experimented with dance technology and created the original choreography “Ethereal Innocence,” performed by another dance student at SRU’s Senior Synthesis Concert. Planey plans on pursuing a career in arts management.

Project among largest in nation — SRU residence hall replacement project under way

The Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., recently broke ground on SRU’s $110-million Residence Hall Replacement Project at an outdoor site near Founders Hall. The project is among the largest college/university residence hall construction programs in the U.S.

Phase one of the 2,197-bed housing complex will be completed by fall 2006, with phase two set for completion by fall 2008. The replacement project will offer students individual bedrooms with a small-group common area for on-campus living.

The project is being undertaken as student demand for individual bedroom/apartment-style living quarters increases. As part of the program the SRU Council of Trustees earlier endorsed a fast-track schedule for the program. The project will replace six campus halls built between 1958 and 1973 under a program that leases the land to the foundation.

Participating in the groundbreaking were members of the Association of Residence Hall Students, Student Government Association as well as representatives from the foundation, local government and University administration.

SRU’s $110-million residence hall construction plans make news: WKBN TV in Youngstown sent a reporter to the groundbreaking, where he interviewed SRU’s Dr. Edward Bucha, executive director of University Advancement.
Outgoing education secretary, SRU graduate, gives commencement address

Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Dr. Francis V. Barnes, a 1971 SRU graduate, gave the spring commencement address before 1,100 SRU graduates, including 30 recipients of the doctor of physical therapy degree.

Said Barnes, “Hopefully, your education has taught you to be tough enough to fight back, yet tender enough to cry; human enough to make mistakes; humble enough to admit them; strong enough to absorb the pain and resilient enough to bounce back and keep moving.”

The ceremony included the presentation of 900 undergraduate degrees and 137 master’s degrees.

Barnes, who earned his bachelor of science degree in education from SRU, was named to lead the state’s education program in 2004 by Gov. Edward Rendell. He recently resigned and returns this fall to his superintendent’s job for a school district in the Philadelphia area.

Forensic anthropologist, founder of ‘Body Farm’ lectures on campus

Founder of the University of Tennessee’s “Body Farm” and among the best-known forensic scientists in the nation, Dr. Bill Bass detailed how science works to solve criminal investigations when he lectured spring semester at SRU.

More than 200 students, residents and law enforcement professionals attended. The department of sociology, anthropology and social work sponsored the lecture.

Bass says bodies speak the “language of the dead” with various stages of decomposition providing exact clues. Author of “Death’s Acre: Inside the Body Farm,” Bass has also written and co-authored some 200 other scientific publications.

“Body Farm” was taken from police slang for the UT’s three-acre Anthropology Research Facility that Bass created in 1972 as an outdoor laboratory that now serves as home of hundreds of skeletons enabling students and professional forensic anthropologists to learn more about the human-decomposition process.

Sixty-five May graduates and eight August graduates received the SRU medallion, which means they graduated summa cum laude with a grade-point-average of 3.8 or better.

Class Notes

Thomas F. Horne, ’69, was promoted to professor and chief, instructional division, in the department of physical education at the United States Military Academy.

1970s


Kathy Madeja Wescoat, ’70, retired after 35 years as a physical education teacher in the New Kensington-Arnold School District. She and her husband, Kim, are looking forward to new adventures. Wescoat says, “I have wonderful memories of The Rock... I wish the other retirees of the 1970s the best of luck.”

Sharon Brown Lea, ’71, has taught in the Naples, Fla. area for 20 years. Lea is one of 100 teachers nationwide who participates in the NASA Explorer School Program, that encompasses extensive interactive learning, videoconferences with NASA scientists and simulation flights. She is excited about teaching after 25 years in the profession, and would be happy to assist any student or alumni looking to teach in the southwestern Florida area.

Kathleen Tiernan, ’71, took some time off from the University of Texas Medical Branch to travel around the world.

Dr. Barbara Divins Guerriero, ’72, finished a one-year term as president of the Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Guerriero is a professor of education and director of adult education programs at Franklin College.

Tom and Cathy Foley Bluemling, ’72, have retired from teaching and moved to The Villages in Florida.
Students grow through international travel, study

The art department emphasizes the importance of experiencing the actual work discussed in class. Eighteen students in “Art 335 Renaissance Traditions” recently accomplished far more than that by visiting the Italian cities of Rome, Florence, Milan, Siena, and Orvieto.

The museums, churches, art, and architecture of these cities gave students insight into classical, renaissance, and baroque styles. In Rome, they saw the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter’s Basilica, the Coliseum, and the Imperial Forum.

“These cities house some of the greatest masterpieces of western art,” Tom Como, art department chair, said. “They learn so much from seeing these works first-hand, and they experience another culture, hopefully giving them a curiosity about travel and learning that will last a lifetime.” Como and Jon Shumway, assistant professor of art, led the trip to Italy.
Performing Arts Series launched

Popular composer Marvin Hamlisch, the vocal group Rockapella, choreography by the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company and political satire by the trendy Capitol Steps are the four subscription shows that will premier the ING Performing Arts Series at SRU fall semester.

“ING’s financial commitment to underwrite the series enables Slippery Rock University to offer this series to the community at a much lower price than otherwise would be possible,” says President Smith. “ING is bringing us a very exciting season in what we hope will be the first in an annual series, and in the future, one that will be presented in a new performing arts center on campus.”

“At ING, we believe in fostering educational and community initiatives while at the same time helping those in the education community plan for retirement,” explains Leslie Ogden, Pennsylvania district manager for ING. “Developing an appreciation for the performing arts is an important, but sometimes overlooked component of a solid education. We are pleased to be able to assist SRU in serving the region as a center for the cultural arts.”

ING is a provider for the Alternative Retirement Plan available to faculty and staff in all 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities. ING offers full financial planning as complimentary service to all employees of the PSSHE through a network of licensed financial planners with ING Financial Advisers, LLC. This fall, ING will be offering financial seminars at Slippery Rock University and other Pennsylvania campuses that are open to all.
Class Notes


Michele Lochman Hellman, '88, and Clark R. Heliman, '85, relocated to Wake Forest, N.C., in 2003 with their three children, Connor, Bailey and Cameron. Hellman is working as the regional sales manager for Steel and Wire Products, Co., Inc., and his wife has taken a career break to stay at home with their children.

Chris Olesnevich, '88, is the ground safety manager at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. His office was selected as the top ground safety office in the entire U.S. Air Force in 2004.

William T. Sprague III, '88, started Cyclone Swimming, a non-profit, competitive swim team in Hilton Head, S.C. It is the fastest growing team in the state and has produced four national swimmers. Sprague was named S.C. Age Group Coach-of-the-Year two years in a row, and says, "I would like to thank Slippery Rock University for providing me with the foundation to be the coach I am today. I will be forever grateful for the education that I received and the guidance that Dr. William Hotchkiss and Dr. Richard Hunkler provided for me."

Drew Eckland, '89, joined the A.G. Edwards Greensburg office as a financial consultant and asset management specialist. He and his wife had a baby girl, Chloe Marie, April 10.

Robert "Boomer" Mancini, '89, was promoted to senior deputy district attorney in Bucks County. His office is in charge of narcotics prosecution and major felonies. In 2004, Mancini tried his first capital homicide jury trial. He is also an adjunct professor at Bucks County Community College. He earned a master's degree in political science in 1996 and a juris doctorate in 1999. He keeps in touch with several Sigma Pi fraternity brothers and has fond memories of The Rock.

1990s

David Anthony Domanski, '96 (M), was awarded a master of divinity degree and certified for ministry by Concordia Theological Seminary. He now serves as a minister at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oswego, Kan.

Kathy Cameron, '97, was selected to perform with the National Flute Association's Professional Flute Choir at the annual convention in San Diego. Cameron works as a youth ministry coordinator for Resurrection Church in Dubuque, Iowa, and teaches flute at Clarke College.

Erin Martin, '98, graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a master of arts degree in professional writing.

Amanda Gordon, '99, is a television news anchor and conducts investigative reporting with KFDA News Channel 10 in Amarillo, Texas.

David Hendrix, '99, is completing a master's degree in communication and mass media at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. He is also active with the Albany County (Wyo.) Tourism Board.

2000s

Ryan Carmen, '02, was selected to have his golf game made over on a Fox Sports Net Pittsburgh golf reality television show. FSN Pittsburgh, the region's only all-sports network, featured a six-week golf makeover at Quicksilver Golf Club and South Hills Country Club.

Nora Ambrosio, (F), professor in the SRU dance department, reports that a number of Rock graduates are making their New York City debut as choreographers and dancers. Tara Madsen, '04, of New Jersey, performed a solo at Public School 122. Bekki Hillerby, '04, of Quakertown, and Mary "Francie" Lloyd, '04, of Monongahela performed a duet choreographed by Club Deep. Lloyd will perform her solo "Lady of the Lake," at the New York International Dance Festival. Madsen and Lloyd will also perform a duet, choreographed by Madsen, at the Monterey Bay Dance Festival in California.

Andrea Romo, '05, is a teaching assistant in the Organization Professional Communication Development graduate program at Ball State University.

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Students honor trustee chair Robert Marcus

At the most recent Council of Trustees meeting, Student Government Association honored Dr. Robert Marcus with an SRU desk clock, pen and penholder. Senior Angele Waugaman, trustee secretary, presented the gifts. Marcus, a 1961 Rock graduate, was named SRU’s Outstanding Alumnus for 2005 at Academic Honors Convocation.

The trustee council elected another SRU graduate, Dr. Dennis Murray, now superintendent of the Altoona Area School district, as Marcus’ replacement. Murray, who graduated from SRU in 1963, has served as a trustee since 1997. Other council leaders elected include Suzanne Vessella, of Ellwood City and an operations auditor for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as vice chair; and Waugaman, a senior from Kittanning, pursuing majors in accounting and marketing, as secretary. The council has one trustee who is a student, and Waugaman is the first to serve as one of the SRU council’s officers.

And on a related note, Dr. Orvan “Van” B. Peterson, an SRU trustee since 1995, including terms as chair and vice chair, has been elected secretary of the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Trustees, an organization serving trustees of the 14 universities that make up the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. He previously served as vice president and president on the organization’s executive board.

The association provides professional development opportunities through workshops and conferences that provide insight into their work on campus. PACT also works with the Office of the Chancellor of PASSHE to improve and support the state system.

Golden Memories

Alumni Weekend 2005 – Class of 1955

In Memory

Mary Black Kohl ’21
Evelyn (Evie) M. Conklin ’21
Geraldine Adams Slater ’25
Mary Glenn Fecke ’27
Bertha Hinchberger ’27
Christine Snavely ’27
M. Elizabeth Toand Haynes ’28
Vida Moore Stevens ’28
Zilla Griffin Flower ’29
Mary Hooks Beatty ’30
Bess Cohen Strum ’30
Olga Fleming Anderson ’31
Lenora Garrett ’31
Gladys Eddie Richardson ’31
Catherine Munro Struck ’31
Mary Zahner ’31
Alice Ebersole Riedel ’32
Robert Naugle Schwartz ’32
Margaret Gilkey Hunter ’33
Martha Swisher Lawton ’33
Pauline Morrison ’33
Leona VanTassel Smith ’33
Norma Miller Whitbeck ’33
June Thompson Woods ’33
Gilbert Bacon ’34
Frank Gajer ’34
Genevieve Hillard Haggerty ’34
Margaretta Eisenberg Hanford ’34
Rebecca Cunningham Palmer ’34
Mary Peglow Zeber ’34
Bruce Pringle ’35
Eleanor Simons Seibert ’35
Grace Hildebrand Allen ’35
Ruth Jones Iorns ’37
Mary Cratty Jones ’37
Rose Sowa ’37
Grace Kildare Kent ’38
Edward Candiotto ’39
Walter Corbett ’39
Jayne Baker Jobe ’39
John Chellman ’40
James Lytle ’40
Helen Clarke Raulerson ’41
Margaret Wilson Emory ’41
Frank Bartley ’42
John O’Brien ’42
Isabelle Gettman Hendren ’43
Eleanor Bauer Libell ’43
Gladys Pierce Nix ’45
Charles Fitzgibbons ’49
William Glenn ’49
Daniel Medvid ’49
Harry Taylor ’50
George Black ’52
Arthur Ferguson ’52
Jack Sittman ’52
Gerald Halen ’53
Paul Ludwig ’53
Nyla Loutsenhizer Metcalf ’53
Harold Umbarger ’53
Kathleen Worstell Barnes ’54
Francis Campbell ’54
Sally Craig Kaufman ’54
Loey Vines ’55

(M) — Denotes master’s degree (F) — Denotes faculty member (FR) — Denotes friend of the University
ATTENTION GOLFERS! THE SRU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

The Slippery Rock University Alumni Association will host its first-ever Fall Classic Golf Outing on Friday, October 14, 2005 (Homecoming Weekend), at Oakview Golf Club (formerly Armco Country Club) in Slippery Rock, PA. The Fall Classic at Slippery Rock University was organized to raise funds for the Alumni Association’s student scholarship funds and the Russell Wright Alumni House Expansion Project. Proceeds from this event go directly to students who receive academic scholarships from the SRU Alumni Association. They will also benefit the house expansion project to create a state-of-the-art alumni and conference facility on the Slippery Rock University campus. Please join us for this worthwhile event by playing a round of golf or supporting us as a sponsor. Get your foursome together today! Beginners and expert golfers welcome.

SRU ‘way ahead of many in the state’ with new emergency air horn

SRU recently installed and tested a severe weather emergency air horn that gives students and the community advance warning of a tornado or other crisis, increasing their safety.

“Emergency preparation and training are extremely important for maintaining an environment that does as much as possible to keep our community safe,” said Ross Feltz, director of university public relations. “Bill Rudloff, our university director of environmental health and safety, has provided very knowledgeable leadership to bring us into the National Incidence Management System form of planning. We are ahead of many in the state in this regard.”

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

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For more information, contact Office of Alumni Relations 1 Morrow Way Slippery Rock, PA 16057 Phone: 1-800-GET-ROCK Fax: 724-739-4784 E-mail: alumni@sru.edu

Register online at: http://rockalumnicafe.com/fallclassic
Computer competency to be part of every SRU academic degree

With computers used daily in nearly every profession on earth, Slippery Rock University is among the first Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education members to implement a computer competency requirement for all entering students.

“When he was provost, President Smith began implementation of this important initiative which is now overseen by the current provost Dr. William Williams. We realized every graduate - in fact, every student - needs basic computer skills. Employers say nearly every entry-level position requires computer and technology understanding. They have said college graduates clearly need to bring technology skills with them,” says Dr. Amanda Yale, associate provost for enrollment services, adding, beginning this fall, new SRU students will have until the end of their sophomore year to complete SRU’s computer literacy requirement.

“When a student graduates from SRU, they will be guaranteed to have a minimum level of computer literacy,” says Dr. Sam Thangiah, professor of computer science and a member of the computer science department’s team developing and implementing the program. “The computer literacy competency notation that will appear in the students’ transcript, will give an edge to SRU students stepping into the workforce. Prospective employers will see SRU graduates bring with them a strong technology knowledge base.”

“A computer literacy test called ‘Excalibur’ will test students over a Web browser. Just to take the test will require some computer understanding and abilities,” Thangiah adds, pointing out students will have multiple chances to pass the test and noting study materials will be available on-line. Excalibur was developed and implemented in-house by Thangiah and computer science graduates Dilsara Piyumal Pathirana 2003, from Piscataway, N.J., and Bryan Wilson, 2004, of Sharon.

Both worked on the project as undergraduates. Those taking the 50-minute test will demonstrate their computer competency through examination of five content areas, including computer hardware; operating systems, file management and system software; application software; technology, the Web and social impact; and networks. The test, time-monitored by the computer, will be corrected at the session’s conclusion, with passing scores automatically recorded on the student’s permanent academic record.

“Students who bring with them skills from high school computer classes, or even those who have worked with computers, will have to spend time preparing for the exam. Those passing the exam will not need to enroll in basic computer course work. For students with little or no exposure to computers, we will offer the choice of ‘Computer Concepts’ or ‘Introduction to Information Systems’ which will give them the necessary knowledge to pass the test,” Yale explains. The option of independent study through on-line copies of the text “Technology in Action” will also be available.

Under the new requirement, part of freshman orientation week will be devoted to detailing the requirement and offering opportunities to take the test.

Walwick lectures opens with discussion of ‘State of Free Expression’

SRU’s first Walwick Lectures, named in honor of Dr. Theodore Walwik, professor emeritus of communication at SRU, offered a public lecture and forum addressing “The State of Free Expression in the United States: 2005” spring semester.

The public form was made possible by a philanthropic gift from Walwik, who taught communication at SRU from 1971 through 1997, including service as chair of the communication department.

“The College of Business, Information and Social Sciences is very pleased that Dr. Walwik elected to support and sponsor this exciting lecture series. His deep interest in furthering SRU’s communication program is truly appreciated,” said Dr. Bruce Russell, dean of the college. “Dr. Walwik led our communication department for a number of years, including those that allowed The Rocket, the weekly student newspaper, to grow and expand as a communication force on campus. His department leadership kept SRU among the best in the state and allowed for expansion into areas of electronic journalism built on a solid foundation. He taught ‘Communication Law’ and undertook considerable research in first amendment rights. The important topic of ‘Free Expression’ certainly provides areas of discussion that were welcome across campus and across disciplines. Dr. Walwik is to be congratulated for helping keep this important topic at the forefront on our campus.”

Speakers for the program were Dr. Susan Drucker, professor of journalism and mass media studies at Hofstra University, Dr. Gary Gumpert, professor emeritus of communication arts and sciences at Queens College, City University of New York and a partner in the consulting firm of Communication Landscapers, and Dr. Sandra Sarkela, department chair and professor of communication in the department of English and communication at SUNY Potsdam.
IT’S THE LAW: School administrators, superintendents and educators from western Pennsylvania gathered on campus and at the Regional Learning Alliance facility in Wexford for a series of “School Law Workshops” featuring Bernard Hoffman, legal consultant to the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the only superintendent emeritus in the commonwealth. Hoffman, joined here by Dr. Jay Hertzog, dean of SRU’s College of Education, and two local school administrators, led the administrators through a variety of scenarios ranging from school dress codes — and enforcement — through establishing school policy, recordkeeping, identifying “at risk” students, bullying, discrimination, job descriptions and hazing. The school law scholar detailed the latest in federal court rulings and pointed out a primary duty of school administrators is to “do no harm to the student.” The sessions were sponsored by SRU and the Midwestern Pennsylvania Academy of Educational Leadership.

WILL IT FLOAT: Dr. Robert Snyder, assistant professor of elementary education/early childhood, teaches third and fourth graders from nearby Farrell and Sharon city schools about the density of liquids as part of SRU’s “The Cool Program” offered each summer under the direction of education professor Dr. Pamela Soeder. The two-fold program gives SRU students the chance to try out newly learned teaching skills as part of their summer education methods classwork. “Our students get teaching experience working with real children in the math and science disciplines as well as the chance to work with a diverse population of children, and the children get the opportunity to see that both math and science can be fun,” says Snyder adding that they also get their first exposure to college “hopefully planting the seed of furthering their education with a college degree.”

HISTORY IN THE MAKING: Sometimes learning history is best done at the source, says Dr. Mark Mraz, assistant professor of secondary education, seen here conducting his “History and Philosophy of American Education” in the Hickory Corner Schoolhouse located outside McKay Education Building. As part of the class, student are exposed to “the way things were,” says Mraz explaining that by teaching class at the former one-room schoolhouse, students are firsthand how students studied in the 1800 and early 1900s. “They get to see the good and bad points of such schools. On the good side are the facts that older children taught younger, thus reinforcing the learning, and they see that students often had pictures from various countries to help them learn about the world. On the downside, there was the ‘hickory switch’ and the lack of teaching materials.” As an example of school history, Mraz points to a game called “Annie, Annie Overhead” in which a ball was bounced over the schoolhouse roof to be caught by the opposing team. “Today’s students are amazed to find the game had no rules for determining a winner. Today’s students believe every game must have a winner - and simply playing for the fun of playing is not enough,” Mraz explains. SRU’s one-room schoolhouse, which celebrates the University’s teacher-preparation roots, was a 1988 gift from Joseph McCandless and his sister Sara McCandless to honor their father, Dr. G. W. McCandless.

UP THE TREE: A great way to learn leadership and trust is to work the “Ropes Course” at SRU and that is just what 37 Pittsburgh High School juniors did as part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education R. Benjamin Wiley Partnership Program. Led by Dr. Pamela Soeder, professor of elementary education/early childhood, the Pittsburgh students spent two weeks on campus this summer learning about college and building leadership skills.
SRU, Clarion and Edinboro universities form minority-nursing scholarship in honor of Pittsburgh nursing pioneer

Many students who graduated from the Pittsburgh Public School District might not recognize Hattie Turk’s name, but they owe a lot to the leadership she exerted when she led the district’s health services. And now her inspired leadership, in multiple settings, is being acknowledged by the creation of a scholarship in her name.

The Hattie Turk Scholarship for Advanced Practice Nursing Students is the brainchild of the Minority Mentoring Committee of the Clarion, Edinboro and Slippery Rock Universities Master of Science in Nursing Program.

The committee consists of six African-American family nurse practitioners who graduated from the program and share an interest in enabling other African-American nurses to continue their educations at the master’s degree level and a desire to recognize Turk.

The project was initiated with $380,000 in donations, including substantial gifts from the late Ethel Carruth of Houston, Texas, her daughter, Dr. Carolyn Carruth Rizza, and son-in-law Dr. Paul Rizza, both retired SRU faculty.

Not just another summer camp
Camp SportsVision fosters growth, life-skills

Camp SportsVision at SRU, a creative program that provides athletic opportunities for children with blindness or visual impairment, is emerging as a model of excellence in the world of adapted sports.

The event was held by SportsVision, a Pittsburgh non-profit organization, SRU and the Adapted Physical Activity Program. Children ages 6 to 18 participated.
SRU’s reputation for dance brings ‘American Idol’ spin-off “So You Think You Can Dance” to campus for auditions

Los Angeles-based producer Nicola Gaha said a tip from the University of Pittsburgh prompted her to hold dance auditions at SRU for “So You Think You Can Dance,” Fox TV’s new elimination-competition show that debuted this summer.

A Pitt professor told her, “you better go to Slippery Rock” when she asked where to find talented dancers for auditions, Gaha recalled.

About half of SRU’s 91 dance majors auditioned, as did a few recent graduates and others from the region. The producer invited 10 SRU dancers to second auditions in New York and Chicago. Andrea Savelli, ’04, advanced to the third round in Hollywood, where she became one of 25 finalists, before getting cut.

“So You Think You Can Dance” began traveling the U.S. on the hunt for the next Gregory Hines or Janet Jackson this spring.

Producers extended an open casting call to dancers ages 18 to 30, pitting the best undiscovered talent against one another in a 12-week competition to become America’s No. 1 dancer.

“Fox wanted to tape in Pittsburgh,” SRU’s Nora Ambrosio, dance department chair, added. “When they called Pitt, somebody there said, ‘If you want really good dancers, you need to go to Slippery Rock. They have some of the best hip-hop dancers in the country.’”

Popularity of U.S. Army Jazz Band’s Concert at SRU results in ‘sell out’ at Miller

Two weeks is all it took for SRU to distribute 1,200 complimentary tickets to the recent concert by the U.S. Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors, such was the interest in the event. An SRU Color Guard added to the pageantry of the concert, at Miller Auditorium.

The 19-member band performed patriotic, big band, swing, contemporary jazz and Dixieland selections, conducted by U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Laird. Sergeant 1st Class Marva Lewis was the featured vocalist at the July 4 weekend & Company, Inc., is available ($35) at SRU’s Student Government Association Bookstore, from Barnes and Noble, Borders Books as well as online at www.amazon.com from the publisher.

SRU’s Warner Film Festival draws 75 entries; winners announced with awards

Top honors in the recent Harry M. Warner Festival of Short Film and Video, hosted by SRU’s Harry M. Warner Film Institute, went to Adetoro Makinde of Hollywood for the 19-minute presentation “In Time.” Second place honors went to “The Passage of Mrs. Calabash,” directed by Scott Tuft of Los Angeles, and third place to “Twitch,” directed by Leah Meyerhoff of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Two philosophy students garner academic honors

For his essay on German philosopher Immanuel Kant, SRU senior Brian Skibo of Hermitage received the $125 first prize at the 18th Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference, held recently at Mansfield University.

Mary A. “Molly” McGuigan of Franklin Park, an SRU philosophy minor, drew a paper on comedy in philosophy that was accepted for the highly competitive Goucher College Undergraduate Philosophy Conference.
2005 YOUNG ALUMNI AWARDS

The Young Alumni Award was created in 2005 by the Slippery Rock University Alumni Association to recognize alumni from each of the four colleges – Education; Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts; Health, Environment and Science; Business, Information, and Social Sciences. Winners are recognized at a special awards ceremony. Criteria for the awards are that the alumni must have graduated within the past 20 years from SRU; demonstrated a commitment to success in his/her personal and professional life; and excellence in his/her career since graduation. Alumni are nominated by faculty and staff of each of the four colleges then submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations. This award was designed to recognize the talents of more recent alumni.

The 2005 inductees are:

Andrew D. Wozniak, '98
College of Health, Environment and Science
Pittsburgh
Occupation: Actuary

Ursula Payne, ’92
College of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts
New Castle
Occupation: Associate Professor of Dance

Wozniak received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics with a minor in economics in 1998. Among his numerous activities and honors he was a resident adviser, president of the math club and a Presidential Scholar. Wozniak graduated with a 3.9 grade point average, summa cum laude. He works at Mellon Human Resources and Investor Solutions in Pittsburgh as a consultant and retirement/investment actuary. Among his professional accomplishments: American Academy of Actuaries; passed Level II of the CFA Program; CFA Level III candidate; associate of the Society of Actuaries, 2002; Course 8 - Investments Candidate. He considers himself a lifelong learner with a strong work ethic who is always determined to find a better, more efficient way. He considers himself team-oriented, contagiously energetic with an acknowledged ability to communicate technical concepts to a non-technical audience.

Payne received her bachelor of arts degree in dance in 1992. As a student, she was a member of the Marching Rockets. Received her master's of fine arts degree at The Ohio State University in 1995 with an emphasis in direction for the labanotation score and performance; received CMA certification from the Laban Institute of Movement Studies, 1997. Professionally she has won numerous honors and awards; among them: artistic director of Soul Deep Creations; two choreographic fellowships from the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts in 2000 and 2002; her solo choreography has been presented nationally and internationally in venues such as Lincoln Center Out of Doors, Jacob’s Pillow Inside Out series, Tribeca Performing Arts Center, Joyce Soho, The Dance Place, Veracruz, Mexico, Monaco Danses Dances Forum, Monte Carlo; her ensemble work has been commissioned for the National Taiwan University Dance Festival in Taipei, Taiwan; has danced with Dianne McIntyre at BAM, National Black Arts Festival in Atlanta, and in the film "The Beloved"; was co-artistic director of Mills and Payne Dance based in New York 1995-2000; has taught/performed as a guest artist at schools throughout the United States and abroad; awarded several SRU university research and travel grants; tenured, associate professor of dance at SRU; Inspiration for Payne's choreographic and performance explorations come from her studies in Laban Movement Analysis/Bartenieff Fundamentals, Movement Science, dance notation, women's studies and spirituality.
Michele Shatto, ’98
College of Education
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Occupation: Account Executive

Shatto graduated with a bachelor of science degree in sports management with a concentration in business in 1998. As a student, she was a member of the women’s volleyball team and active in the Institute for Community, Service-Learning and Non-Profit Leadership. She is a vice president of event management with All Access Sports & Event Marketing, a sports marketing and event management company specializing in professional and corporate golf events. Shatto is responsible for the coordination of select corporate and professional events that include “made-for-TV” tournaments, hospitality programs, client entertainment programs and other marketing/promotional programs. Shatto has been with All Access since 2001, where she started as an event manager. She also worked at Executive Sports International, a division of the Nicklaus Companies where she was tournament coordinator for several Tour events. At All Access, Shatto has been tournament manager of the Michael Jordan Celebrity Invitational since its inception in 2001, and the 100th U.S. Open Championships of Polo. In addition, she was in charge of directing corporate efforts for many All Access clients including ACME, Best Western, Deutsche Bank and Heineken. She also managed several made-for-television golf events including the 2004 People vs. the Pros and Michael Douglas and Friends. She resides in North Palm Beach, Fla., with her husband, Alan.

Norman Gottschalk, III, ’88
College of Business, Information and Social Sciences
Cranberry Township
Occupation: Management Information Systems

Norman E. Gottschalk III serves as vice president of information technology for Fiserv’s General American Corporation business unit. Known by industry insiders as the “Father of Vendor Management Software,” Gottschalk was the architect of GATORS, a successful program used throughout the title and appraisal industry. He was also instrumental in assisting Freddie Mac, a government-supported entity, with a major system upgrade. Through his leadership, Gottschalk directed the creation of GAC’s initial order-tracking software; the product has evolved from an internal production management system into a successful commercial software application known as GATORS (General American Tracking and Order Reporting System). GATORSystems, the software development division of GAC, provides comprehensive technology solutions used by 45 vendor management companies, including GAC competitors. The product has been a profitable endeavor for GAC and is the gold-standard software in the title and appraisal industry. At GAC, the software processed over five million applications last year.

Gottschalk was also instrumental in assisting Freddie Mac in implementing the GATORS technology in a Value Added Network. Gottschalk was also responsible for GAC being the first in its industry to offer title services on the Internet back in 1995. In addition to his day-to-day duties managing GAC’s information technology department, he is responsible for all GATORSystems operations.

Prior to joining GAC, he was employed by Turner Construction Co., as a systems engineer and network administrator. While managing the Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Columbus, Lake Erie Group, and Houston offices, he was twice selected as Turner’s “Employee of the Year.”

A 1988 graduate of Slippery Rock University, he holds a bachelor of science degree in computer science. He is a supporter of SRLU, crediting the school with providing the necessary foundation for his success. The institution, he emphasizes, was responsible for instilling a disciplined, personal dedication to the field of computer science.

The Cranberry Township resident is the father of Ashley and Norman IV. An avid outdoorsman, Gottschalk enjoys spending weekends with his children on his 100-plus acre Armstrong County farm. His brother, Charles, is a 1990 SRU graduate was also awarded a lifetime giving pin from President Smith.

Anyone interested in nominating someone to receive a Young Alumni Award in the future, please contact the alumni office at 1-800-GET-ROCK or alumni@sru.edu. We welcome all nominations.
Communication Student Alumni Networking Event:
More than 35 alumni, faculty, and students attended a networking event during "Communications Week" in April. Students displayed research and portfolios to alumni from the western Pennsylvania area.

Las Vegas:
More than 45 alumni turned out for the annual Rock alumni gathering in Las Vegas at the Gordon Biersch Brewery. Pictured are (from left): Julie Kasper, '83, Susan Sizer, '72, and Nicole Sionaker, '02. SRU has more than 180 alumni teaching in the Clark County School District in Nevada. Next year marks the 10th anniversary of the education department sending student teachers to Nevada.

Rising Star Award Winners:
The Student Alumni Relations Board was one of the student groups that won a Rising Star Award for Leadership. Pictured with President Smith are SRU students (from left): Katelyn Palmer, Katie Platte, Jenny Craig, Courtney Stiles, Nicole Kindle, Molly O'Neill, and Kathryn Krivoniak.

Philadelphia:
Robert Taylor, '78, hosted 30 alumni at the Union League. President Smith gave Lifetime Giving pins to Dean Camp, '80, Marvin Wilenzik, Nancy Wilenzik, '65, Kevin Kopp, Alicia Stackhouse-Kopp, '86 and Robert Marcus, '81.

Alaska:
Pat Fulton (L) and Dr. JoAnne McKeag, '55 pose for a photograph in Haines, Alaska with their SRU pennant.

Alaska:
Lysle Frew, '51, and Ellie Boyer, wears his SRU shirt proudly at the base of the great pyramid in Egypt.
2005 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP AND
AWARD RECIPIENTS

Ashley Borchilo  
2005 Eisaman Scholarship Winner

Kate Krivoniak  
2005 McKay-Smiley Scholarship Winner

Sarah Arafa  
2005 Farnen-Stoops Scholarship Winner

Sue Greaves, ’80  
2005 Past President’s Service Award

Aysa Bachman  
2005 McKay-Smiley Scholarship Winner

Lauren Preziosi  
2005 McKay-Smiley Scholarship Winner

Julie Hepner  
2005 McKay-Smiley Scholarship Winner

Nicole Kindle  
2005 McKay-Smiley Scholarship Winner

Courtney Stiles  
2005 McKay-Smiley Scholarship Winner

Valerie Williams and family  
2005 Outstanding Senior Woman

Emily Watson  
Hallie Dugan Scholarship Winner and Laughner Scholarship Winner

Steve Barron and family  
2005 Outstanding Senior Man

Peter Nuttall and family  
2005 Watson Scholarship Winner
JOIN YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TODAY!

Did you know that the Slippery Rock University Alumni Association supports students with more than $20,000 worth of scholarships each year? The Alumni Association also hosts alumni events such as homecoming, alumni weekend and gatherings. Why not take a moment to be part of an organization that is run by Rock alumni for Rock alumni? Simply fill out the form below and mail to: Office of Alumni Relations, 1 Morrow Way, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA 16057. Fax: 724-738-4784.

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___ 65 and Older, Join Annual $20
___ Individual Life $300
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___ Associate Joint Life $400

Spouse Name (if SRU graduate)________________________________________________________________________

Graduation Year______________ Major__________________________________________

You can also register online at http://rockalumnicafe.com. Questions? Call 1-800-GET-ROCK. Please make checks payable to “SRUAA.”
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE COVERS VISION CAMP

“Sporting Chance” headlined the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in a two-page article about Camp SportsVision for blind or visually impaired children, hosted this summer by SRU.

The north edition published five photographs, and the story noted the camp gives children a chance to try their hand at horseback riding, gymnastics, dance, swimming and a form of baseball that uses a beeping ball.

There were 39 athletes ranging from 6 to 18. The athletes put out a great effort, as did all the volunteers,” said SRU’s Wendy Fagan, camp director. “There were over 20 SRU students who volunteered at the camp and kept things running smoothly. They represented the University with pride and were the key to the successes of the camp.”

“SRU POLE VAULT CAMP AMONG THE BEST”

High school pole-vaulters this summer learned the up and over from a former Olympic coach from down under, prompting the Butler Eagle to publish a profile on the Australian coach with a story headlined “SRU pole vault camp among the best.”

Alan Launder, an Australian pole-vaulting instructor who coached 2000 Olympic silver medallist Tatyana Gregorieva and 1984 gold medallist Glynis Nunn, offered tips at the SRU Pole-Vaulting Camp for high school girls.

Launder and SRU’s Mark Hannay, assistant pole-vaulting coach and camp director, organized Launder’s stay so both coaches could share techniques used with their own athletes. Launder learned of the camp through an Internet search.

“This is the best pole vaulting camp in the U.S.,” said Launder, Australia’s national pole-vaulting coach. “I was at UCLA last year. This one was better organized, far better run and far better coached.”

RESIDENCE HALL GROUNDBREAKING COVERED

The Allied News published a 78-inch story on the $110-million Residence Hall Replacement Project. The Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., recently broke ground on the project, among the largest college/university residence hall construction programs in the U.S.

Phase one of the 2,197-bed housing complex will be completed by fall 2006, with phase two set for completion by fall 2008. The replacement project will offer students individual bedrooms with a small-group common area for on-campus living.

SRU EVENTS FEATURED IN NEW “TV WEEK” INSERT

The Butler Eagle’s new “TV Week,” which features stories about community events gave SRU cover stories on the launch of the Harry Warner Film Institute, the Kaleidoscope arts festival and an appearance by the U.S. Army Field Band Jazz Ambassadors. TV Week also published stories, helping to increase sales for the new ING Performing Arts Series at SRU.

NEW CASTLE NEWS PUBLISHES FRONT-PAGE STORIES ON FILM INSTITUTE

The spring launch of the Harry M. Warner Film Institute netted two front-page stories by the New Castle News. The newspaper took particular interest in the project because the historic Warner Theater in New Castle was recently re-opened.

Warner, the Ohio film magnate who co-founded Warner Brothers Studies with his brothers, opened their first theater in New Castle. Harry Warner’s granddaughter Cass Warner visited campus to promote her book about her ancestors.

SRU PROFESSOR SHEDS LIGHT ON REGION’S COLONIAL HISTORY

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette used SRU history professor David Dixon as an expert source for a story exploring western Pennsylvania’s largely unknown role in colonial history.

“It’s hard to get students to understand the crucial role Pennsylvania played in that era,” Dixon told reporter Len Barcousky for a Sunday story.

Although his academic training concentrated on the Civil War, has taught Pennsylvania history when he joined the faculty in 1989, Dixon’s latest book “Never Come to Peace Again” examines the causes and results of Pontiac’s War, the Native American rebellion that followed the French and Indian War.

PIANISTS JOANNE ROGERS AND PARTNER PERFORM AT SRU

Classically trained pianist Joanne Rogers and performing partner Jeannine Morrison appeared at Slippery Rock University’s nine-day Kaleidoscope arts festival with a concert at Swope Music Hall. Afterward, Rogers signed copies of her new book “Life’s Journeys According to Mister Rogers.”

The Butler Eagle advanced the concert with two stories, while the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette published a story focusing on Rogers.

It is Rogers’ second book in a three-part series on Fred Rogers, the public television children’s show host who died in 2003.
Student-athletes continue to do the job in classroom

At a time when the NCAA is sharpening its focus on the academic side of the student-athlete experience, The Rock proudly reports that its student-athletes continue to do the job in the classroom as well as in athletic competition.

A record-high number of 159 SRU student-athletes received Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference “Scholar-Athlete” honors in early July. Those honors were awarded to student-athletes with at least a 3.25 quality point average (QPA) in the classroom.

Most of the student-athletes named to PSAC Scholar-Athlete honors were also named to the Spring Semester 2005 Director of Athletics Honor Roll. An impressive group of 121 student-athletes achieved that honor when they recorded a QPA of 3.5 or higher during the semester.

This year’s group of PSAC Scholar-Athletes represents an increase of 49 over the number of Rock student-athletes honored one year earlier and shattered the school record of 111 honored during the 2000-01 academic year.

The Rock’s PSAC Scholar-Athletes represent approximately 33 percent of the 492 student-athletes who competed at The Rock during the 2004-05 academic year.

Included in the group of Rock student-athletes honored are 12 student-athletes who have compiled a perfect 4.0 QPA, 24 who are dual-sport athletes, 103 female student-athletes and 56 male student-athletes.

At least two student-athletes from each of The Rock’s 23 intercollegiate varsity sports are included in the group of honorees.

The Rock's PSAC Scholar-Athletes and women's swimming standout Jen Zuzack headlined the list of Rock student-athletes who earned Scholar-Athlete and Director of Athletics Honor Roll status.

Gibbs, a sophomore from Hermitage and graduate of Hickory High School, was selected as a “PSAC Top Ten Award” winner in both the winter and spring seasons in voting by the conference’s sports information directors. He earned that distinction through the combination of academic (3.7 QPA as a business major) and athletic (three-event PSAC champion) prowess.

Zuzack, a junior sprint specialist from Latrobe and Greater Latrobe High School, earned second-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America College Division “At Large” honors this spring in balloting by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A three-event honorable mention All-America performer in 2003-04, Zuzack has a perfect 4.0 QPA as an exercise science major. She was a finalist in four events at the 2005 PSAC Championships and set the SRU school record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.04.

Zuzack was the first Rock woman swimmer since 1989 to win a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship when she won the 50-yard freestyle title in 2004.

A third Rock student-athlete also earned a significant honor this spring. Sophomore third baseman Carrie Casoni was named to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 2 College Division third-team softball honors by CoSIDA.
Recognition Award. That staff included head coach BOB DISPIRITO and assistant coaches PAUL BRUNO, DOUG CLINGER, STAN KENDZIORSKI, ROD OBERLIN and MIKE PARISEAU.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the University Union on the SRU campus and will start at 3:30 p.m. with a social hour, followed by a 4:30 p.m. dinner and induction ceremonies after dinner. The Class of 2005 will also be recognized at halftime of the home football game kicking off at 7 p.m.

Banquet tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting the SRU Athletic Department in Morrow Field House at 724-738-2021. The $30 ticket also includes reserved admission to the SRU home football game that evening.

The induction of the Class of 2005 will increase to 144 the number of former student-athletes, coaches, administrators or supporters who have been inducted into the SRU Athletic Hall of Fame since its inception in 1984.

Thumbnail profiles of the members of the SRU Athletic Hall of Fame’s Class of 2005 can be found by clicking the “Hall of Fame” link on the SRU athletic web site, www.rockathletics.com.

Trio of All-Americans headline Hall of Fame Class of 2005

Three All-America performers will headline a group of seven inductees who will comprise the Class of 2005 in the SRU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Induction ceremonies for the 22nd group of honorees will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, as part of The Rock’s home football game against Shepherd (W. Va.) University.

The latest group of inductees includes All-America performers JOAN ANDERSON (SRU Class of 1995; cross country, track and field), GREG HOPKINS (SRU Class of 1995; football, wrestling, track and field) and JAY WAGNER (SRU Class of 1970/1973; football).

The Class of 2005 also includes BILL KELLY (SRU Class of 1965; football), BILL MILLER (SRU Class of 1964/1972; swimming) and former Rock coaches STEVE BANJAK (men’s gymnastics) and DR. AL SCHMITTLEIN (golf).

In addition to the seven inductees, The Rock’s 1972-74 football coaching staff will be spotlighted for a Special Recognition Award. That staff included head coach BOB DISPIRITO and assistant coaches PAUL BRUNO, DOUG CLINGER, STAN KENDZIORSKI, ROD OBERLIN and MIKE PARISEAU.

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Tony Carr set the pace as he earned All-America status at the NCAA Division II Men’s and Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Carr recorded a best effort of 199 feet, 4 inches to place seventh in the men’s javelin throw in Abilene, Texas.

The All-America honor was the second earned by Carr in three seasons. He placed eighth in the national competition in 2003.

Carr, a redshirted sophomore who hails from Pittsburgh (Woodland Hills H.S.), was one of four Rock track and field student-athletes who earned berths in the national competition.

Calista Shoaff, a junior from New Brighton, earned her third successive trip to nationals in the women’s javelin throw. She placed 14th in this year’s competition.

Bill Jordan, a senior from Grove City, placed 13th in the men’s decathlon competition, while Kristen Jones, a senior from West Fairview (Bible Baptist H.S.), had the 15th fastest time in the preliminary heats of the women’s 100-meter dash.

Paced by individual first-place finishes by Jordan and sophomore Preston Gibbs (Hermitage/Hickory H.S.) in the decathlon and triple jump, respectively, The Rock men’s track and field team finished second in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships.

The Rock women’s track and field team was denied a “threepeat” after title-winning efforts in 2003 and 2004 and finished fourth at this year’s PSAC Championships. Jones garnered a pair of second-place finishes to lead The Rock effort.

Other highlights from the spring sport season included:

- Ashley Michaux, a junior from Jeannette (Penn Trafford H.S.), was selected as the PSAC women’s tennis “Athlete of the Year” and earned a third successive first-team All-PSAC honor;
- SRU head coach Matt Meredith was named by his peers as the PSAC men’s tennis “Coach of the Year” after leading his team to a conference playoff berth;
- The baseball team won a share of the PSAC-Western Division title and earned a berth in the NCAA Division II North Atlantic Regional tournament. The conference title was the 15th won by The Rock in head coach Jeff Messer’s 20 seasons at the helm;
- The men’s tennis team earned a berth in the PSAC playoffs for the first time since 2001, when the conference’s postseason field was trimmed to only four teams;
- Jeff Messer recorded his 600th career win on the opening day of the season as SRU swept a doubleheader from Stonehill (Mass.) on March 4 at Terry Park in Fort Myers, Fla.;
- Abby McKissick, a freshman from Volant (Wilmington Area H.S.), set a new school record in the women’s pole vault with an effort of 11 feet, 6 inches;
- The softball team, under the direction of second-year head coach Vashion Johnson, set the school record for most wins in a season with its final won-lost mark of 24-19.

For the latest news and results on Rock athletics, call The Rock Sports Hotline at (724) 738-2962 or go to www.rockathletics.com.

"Can’t tell the players without a program"

The proverbial chant of the program seller at professional sporting events also became applicable this summer for The Rock athletic department.

Steve Roach assumed the role of Assistant to the Athletic Director in late July after Jeff Michaels left The Rock after five years to become associate director of athletics at Shippensburg University.
Roach, who will serve on an interim basis, was the athletic department graduate assistant during the 2004-05 academic year. He will coordinate NCAA compliance and facility management for Rock athletics.

Jamal Palmer was named in late July as the new assistant men’s basketball coach. He replaced Jeromy Yetter, who left SRU after one season to become an assistant coach at Tusculum University.

Palmer joined The Rock staff after serving two seasons as an assistant coach at Shippensburg. As a player at Millersville University, he earned three first-team All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference-Eastern Division honors and was the PSAC-East “Player of the Year” in 1997-98 before playing professionally overseas.

Jim Yeamans, The Rock’s men’s and women’s water polo coach since 1998, has taken on added responsibilities and will coach the men’s and women’s swimming teams this winter. Yeamans assumes the swimming reins from Andy Waeger, who accepted a job in late July as head women’s swimming coach at Lock Haven University.

Kolczak inducted into CWPA Hall of Fame

Former Rock women’s standout Sue Bow Kolczak was inducted in April into the Collegiate Water Polo Association’s Hall of Fame.

Kolczak was the fourth individual with ties to The Rock to be inducted into the Hall in as many induction classes.


Kolczak was a four-time All-America selection while at SRU, three times at Indoor Nationals and once at Outdoor Nationals, and represented the United States as a member of the women’s national water polo team in 1977.

She was also a member of the swim team for three years, played junior varsity basketball her freshman year and served as an assistant coach for The Rock men’s team during her final year as a player.

She graduated cum laude from SRU in 1977 after her undergraduate studies and went on to earn her masters degree from The Rock in 1982.

Kolczak is a physical education teacher and lives in Valparaiso, Ind.

In related news:

Former Rock men’s player Alan Huckins led the Hartwick University women’s water polo team to a fifth successive CWPA Northern Championship, a runner-up finish at the ECAC Championship and a third-place finish in the CWPA Eastern Championships.

Dedication ceremonies for the new women’s soccer and softball office and locker room facility, located adjacent to the SRU softball field on Harmony Road, were held April 2, 2005. In the (top) photo, women’s soccer head coach Noreen Herlihy (front left) and softball coach Vashion Johnson (front right) join members of their team on the step of the facility following the ceremonies. The (middle) photo shows the interior of the women’s soccer locker room, while the (bottom) photo provides an exterior view of the facility.
A Culture of Giving Started the Normal School Developed into Slippery Rock University

Early settlers of the Slippery Rock area believed that family, church, and school were the most important in the lives of their children. By 1887 area citizens wanted to establish an advanced school beyond the elementary grades.

On February 6, 1888, a committee of 10 men was appointed to solicit subscriptions to build and to maintain a normal school with a goal set at $15,000. Centreville women joined the effort and established the Ladies Normal School Fund. The men and women of the area persevered and through such events as the "double up" meeting (at which many subscribers doubled their original subscriptions) sufficient funds were raised to establish a permanent organization, the Slippery Rock State Normal School Association.

Young ladies of the community raised money for the proposed school. They young ladies pledged $1,500 and then proceeded to earn the money to pay their pledge.

One of the most popular activities was conducting ice cream parlors -- two or three nights a week in any available store.

It was announced on May 3, 1888, that $17,325 was subscribed for the normal school. And the community went about the task of building. Towns people assisted in the building as time permitted. One resident gave an entire summer to help with construction. Another donated stone and built an access road to the site of the building.

The Ladies Normal School Fund continued its activities and sewed carpets and made bedding for dormitory rooms. Groups of young women donated the pulpit Bible for the chapel.

With the construction and furnishing completed, the community set about the task of proving to the State that Slippery Rock wanted and deserved a Normal School.

Governor James Addams Beaver accepted the recommendation of the inspection committee and responded in writing, “not so much for what the buildings are but on account of the supreme faith of the people that they were doing something worthy of acceptance.”

In a remarkably short period of time, the citizens of the Slippery Rock had created for the young people of the region a normal school. By their own generosity and efforts they had acquired the land, erected buildings, appointed an administrator, and approved a faculty. The Slippery Rock State Normal School was born — the foundation upon which the future development of the school would proceed.

THE CULTURE OF GIVING CONTINUES

By Robert J. Mollenhauer Vice President for University Advancement

The culture of giving that created the Slippery Rock State Normal School today continues to enhance Slippery Rock University by changing the landscape of the campus, strengthening its ability to attract and to retain deserving and talented students, and building the foundation for an even brighter future. Through The Campaign for Slippery Rock University, numerous individuals, companies, groups, and organizations have stepped up to ensure that the culture of giving continues at Slippery Rock University.

For example, many would earmark Mrs. Ethel Carruth's $2.5 million commitment in 2000 to renovate West Hall and name it for her daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Paul Rizza as the landmark event that best represents the culture of giving among University constituents. Another cultural milestone was reached in 2002, when Fortune 500 Company Mine Safety Appliances made a gift of land valued at $2.2 million. This gift is the largest corporate gift ever received by the University and the largest gift ever made by MSA, one of the nation's leading corporations. The MSA gift made possible the development of the Regional Learning Alliance, the innovative alliance of educational and corporate partners developed by Slippery Rock University in the Cranberry Township area.
Historically, cultural growth is a gradual process and the establishment of a culture of giving at SRU has not come about through those two gifts alone. The N. Kerr Thompson Scholarship Fund, established by a group of former players loyal to Coach Thompson is an example of honoring their mentor and of recognizing the life-changing experiences Coach Thompson made possible for them. Many other significant gifts to the University came from alumni who wanted to say thanks to former mentors, teachers, and coaches who provided inspiration to them. Donors such as Thor Olson’39, Al Barnes’38, and Dr. Russell Wright’23 became as heroic as the people they emulated.

Students have long held a belief that the Commonwealth will always provide for their educational needs at Slippery Rock University and the other state-owned universities within the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Today, the Commonwealth provides for 32 percent of operating budgets for Slippery Rock University and for the other 13 state system institutions. They are learning to rely more heavily on private support.

This has produced an increase in tuition rates for sure, but also recognition among alumni that every gift helps make a Slippery Rock University education more affordable. In fact, one of the most popular venues for donors is to establish named scholarship programs. Individuals, companies, groups, and organizations have named scholarship – for themselves or to honor or recognize others.

Endowed scholarships established by donors like Nate and Irene Maruca, Nile and Ruth’52 Coon, Carolyn and Paul Rizza, provide financial aid to students in perpetuity. Currently there are a total of 185 named endowed scholarships benefiting Slippery Rock University students. Others have created named annual scholarship funds through annual gifts of $1,000 or more. There are 117 named annual scholarships at Slippery Rock University. Alicia Stackhouse Kopp’86, Tony Francis’88, Ken Wilcox’62, are among the first to establish named annual scholarship programs.

During each of the last three years, scholarships totaling more than $1.2 million have been awarded to Slippery Rock University students.

Faculty and staff have helped the culture of giving evolve at Slippery Rock University. Established in the early 1970’s, the University Academic Scholarship program was created to help students by those who work at the University. To help attract students to their respective academic disciplines, faculty of the departments of English, mathematics, music, biology, and physics have created scholarship funds that also reward excellence. Also, members of the clerical staff have established a scholarship to help deserving students.

Donors have proven their commitments to their special cause. Dr. Jack Critchfield’55, a former Rock baseball player and considered to be the person most responsible for bringing major league baseball to the Tampa Bay area, directed his gift for the development of a new baseball stadium – beautiful Jack Critchfield Park. It is the single largest gift ever from an alumnus. Recognizing a need for improved training facilities for varsity athletes, Dr. Jerry Bejbl’63 funded an athletic training center at N. Kerr Thompson Stadium.

Each of these gifts is fueling a philanthropic spirit among alumni and friends of SRU. Another phenomenon is generating excitement in the SRU philanthropic community. Supporting projects is becoming a popular way for donors to pool their resources. The Football Locker Room of Champions is a project that is supported by more than 75 alumni who have contributed $1,500 to name a locker. The fund, augmented by a significant donation from Dr. Bejbl, has enabled the University to renovate the home team football locker room. Quentin Currie’62, Dr. George Mihalik’74, and John Brown’54 not only contributed to the project, they also encouraged others to contribute. Class gifts are used to build an alumni pavilion, create an endowed scholarship program, and to name rooms at the Alumni House.

The culture of giving was further exemplified when alumni and friends recognized that they could not only help the University with their gifts, they could also improve their estate plans. John’35 and Helen Williams, Budd and Margaret’40 Headland, Stan and Marilyn Kraus, established charitable gift annuities that significantly benefit SRU as well as providing tax benefits to the donors and their families.

As alumni have become more comfortable and more familiar with charitable giving, their gifts have become more creative. Jack Hanrahan presented his wife, Lisa ’68, with a birthday gift of a named endowed scholarship. Howard Meyer, Stan and Marilyn Kraus, Ed and Sophie Vincent, and Anne Vincent Carney contributed real estate and buildings. Connie and G. Warren Smith have donated scientific journals, Nicolai Billy’56 contributed a painting, and Grant McKnight contributed an innovative infield dirt mixture for Critchfield Park and for the women’s softball field.

It is difficult to measure whether these gifts have created a culture of giving at SRU or whether the philanthropic spirit on campus encouraged donors to select SRU as their charity of choice. Slippery Rock University is a place where one person can make a difference. Dating back to the creation of the Slippery Rock State Normal School in 1888, Slippery Rock University is dramatically changed by individual acts of kindness and generosity. Each charitable gift makes a difference in the lives of students and each donor adds to the culture of giving that is blooming at Slippery Rock University.
Gifts from alumni and friends through The Campaign for Slippery Rock University have helped to surge the fiscal strength of the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. During the initial five years of the 10-year Campaign, Foundation income totaled nearly $25.5 million while the

University Foundation, Inc. Foundation provided $21.3 million for the benefit of Slippery Rock University. (See charts on page ___ for details.)

Assets maintained within the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. have surpassed the $18 million mark for the first time in its 35-year history. The Foundation completed fiscal year 2004-2005 on June 30 with assets totaling $18,704,045 – its highest-ever asset total.

The June 30, 2005 balance sheet confirms every aspect of the Foundation’s fiscal activity this past year followed an upward curve. Income totaled an all-time annual high of $6.5 million, a 13.6 percent increase above last year’s $5.8 million revenue total. For the second consecutive year, the Foundation provided in excess of $5.1 million for the benefit of Slippery Rock University. Financial support for students continues as the single largest line item in the expense column. Scholarships accounted for 22 percent (or $1,204,452) of the Foundation’s expenditures during the past fiscal year. It was the third consecutive year that scholarships for students surpassed the $1.1 million mark.

Another responsibility of the Foundation is stewarding the funds it receives. At the close of 2004-2005 fiscal year, the Foundation’s investment portfolio reached its highest ever level and totaled $15.2 million. Since its inception in 1995, the Foundation’s investment portfolio has provided an annual rate of return of nearly 11 percent.

A $579,000 gift of real estate from Ann Vincent Carney and her brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Sophie Vincent, will provide the location for Slippery Rock Technology Park and a new main entrance to Slippery Rock University.

The 38.1-acre parcel of land transferred to the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. is located on Route 108 (also known as Franklin Street) in Slippery Rock Township adjacent to the University campus.

The Foundation is partnering with the Butler County Community Development Corporation to create the Slippery Rock Technology Park that has attracted a $1.5 million grant from Governor Rendell’s Capital Headland 5 Excite Alumni Weekend Gathering with $50,000 Gift

Alumni Weekend traditionally is an event for alumni to catch up on the latest news about Slippery Rock University and about their former classmates.

Howard L. “Budd” and Margaret “Maggie” Rehm of Greenville added a little excitement this June when they presented President Smith with a check for $50,000 at the Annual Alumni Weekend Luncheon.

“During recent years Budd and Maggie have been extremely generous to Slippery Rock University,” said President Smith. “I was not surprised by their continuing support, but the amount of this generous gift certainly took me by surprise. It is obvious that Budd and Maggie have made Slippery Rock University a priority for the choices they make about their philanthropic decisions. We are fortunate to have Budd and Maggie among our most loyal supporters.”

With this most recent gift, the Headlands have contributed more than $160,000 to Slippery Rock University.

University Foundation, Inc.

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Redevelopment Assistance Program. The development of a building and infrastructure for a business incubator is the initial phase of the park. The business incubator will provide flexible space for individuals and groups to start business ventures.

The new entrance will provide SRU with a better belway around campus while relieving traffic congestion in Slippery Rock Township and Slippery Rock Borough.

“I am very grateful for this outstanding gift from Ann and Ed and Sophie,” said President Smith. “The new entrance will add tremendous aesthetic and functional value to Slippery Rock University and to the community, and the business incubator will significantly enhance the economy of the region.”

Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. Five-Year Financial Summary

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* Total assets including student housing project are $99,630,609.

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TWO AREA BUSINESS LEADERS ELECTED TO SRU FOUNDATION

Two area business leaders have been elected to three-year terms on the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors.

Elected recently by the Board of Directors are: Georgia Berner, president and CEO of Berner International Corporation, New Castle, and John H. Cummings, Jr., Esq., principal with Yanni & Company Investment Advisors, Pittsburgh.

BERNER IS PRESIDENT AND CEO

Berner is president and CEO of Berner International Corporation, a New Castle-based manufacturer of air doors, air curtains, and related equipment. Also, the company recently initiated the production of energy recovery systems. Berner was named by Ernst and Young as the Entrepreneur of the Year in 2004 and, in 2003, Berner International Corporation was named Manufacturer of the Year by the Pittsburgh Business Times. The company’s generosity initiated the Berner International Child Development Center at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry Township, a University-initiated workforce development facility.

CUMMINGS IS A 1984 GRADUATE

Cummings is a 1984 graduate of Slippery Rock and is a partner with Yanni & Company Investment Advisors, an employee-owned firm based in Pittsburgh that provides comprehensive customized investment counseling for its clients. Also, he serves as the company’s chief legal counsel and compliance officer. An advocate of higher education, Cummings has taught financial planning courses and seminars at Slippery Rock University, and has been a featured lecturer at School of Business programs. Also, he teaches at Duquesne University and at Waynesburg College. Cummings earned the Chartered Financial Consultant title in 2002.

CAMPAIGN STIMULATES SIGNIFICANT ANNUAL SUPPORT

Energized through The Campaign for Slippery Rock University, a 10-year effort to generate $33 million, charitable gifts received annually have surpassed the $3 million level during four of the last five years. Contributions during those five years total $16,362,370, and marks the most significant period of generosity by constituents in the University’s 115-year history.

“I appreciate the tremendous display of support from our constituencies,” said President Smith. “Many of those who are contributing have told me that they believe in the vision of Slippery Rock University, and that their contributions can make a difference in helping the University reach that vision.

The Campaign for Slippery Rock University began as an effort to generate $11 million during a five-year period. The goal of the Campaign was increased to $33 million within 10-years due to the overwhelming response that surpassed the $11 million goal in just the first 18 months. To date, $19,518,355 has been contributed and committed.

Individuals have accounted for more than $12.3 million, representing 64 percent of the total realized to date. Friends of Slippery Rock University have gifted and committed $7.2 million – 37 percent of current total. Gifts and commitments from alumni total nearly $5.3 million or 27 percent of the total.

In addition, the corporate community has provided a total of $6.0 million or 31 percent of the campaign total. And some 5.7 percent of the total, $1.1 million, was gifted by foundations and other organizations.

LILIES OF THE ROCK

Five women who met as freshmen at Slippery Rock University in the early 1970’s recently established a scholarship to commemorate their lifelong friendship. They decided to name the scholarship, “Lilies of the Rock” the name of their intramural team, and designate that the award be made to a varsity women athlete at SRU. All of the women played a varsity sport including field hockey and basketball. They recalled the outstanding role models of faculty and coaches at SRU – especially Pat Zimmerman and Anne Griffith – and the tremendous influence that these women had on their lives.

The “Lilies” have a rock solid friendship that has celebrated over 30 years of life passages through weddings, births, partners, advanced degrees, career changes and diverse interests. Four of the five live in Maine and they continue to “work on” the lone Pennsylvania resident, Jocelyn Beck and her husband Jeff. They attribute their ability to stay together to Jocelyn “the hub” and Barb Kimball “the organizer” and according to Barb Wood have been referred to as “a cult” because of their closeness and involvement in each other’s lives.

The women have diverse interests that include sheep farmer and weaver; world traveler, painter and sailor. The group’s career interests are: manager for LLBean; corporate manager (Fed Ex) and entrepreneur; biology professor at the University of Maine, human resource manager in health care and manager in professional sports.

That a friendship started in 1971 at Slippery Rock University and enduring 35 years later is not a surprise to the “lilies.” Their recent trip to Alaska is a continuation of a lifetime of vacations and holidays spent together.
Welcome to the Donor Report

Charitable gift support to Slippery Rock University is acknowledged publicly in this annual Donor Report included as part of The Rock Magazine. The listing includes the names of donors who contributed $200 or more between July 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005. Charitable support is greatly appreciated and is used to help fund scholarships, equipment, student and faculty travel to conferences and educational activities, along with a host of other programs and activities that keep Slippery Rock University at the forefront of higher education. The entire University community appreciates and benefits from the leadership and commitment of its donors. Each donor is listed individually when possible.

| $300,000+ |
| **Anonymous** (1) |
| **Bonnie A. (Gangone) McElhaney** ‘63 |
| **Janet L. (Westervick) Sargert** ’63 |
| **Laurice F. Sargert** |

| $100,000+ |
| **Grace Hildebrand Allen** ’35** |
| **First National Bank of Pennsylvania** |
| **Carolyn C. Rizza** |
| **Paul F. Rizza** |

| $50,000+ |
| **Alfred John Barnes** ‘38** |
| **Jerome F. Bejbl** ’63 |
| **Kathleen T. Bejbl** ’63 |
| **Berner International Corporation** |
| **Georgia Berner** |
| **Sheila I. Drohan** ’74 |
| **Howard L. Headland** |
| **Margaret Rehm Headland** ’40 |
| **Brenda C. Loube** |

| $25,000+ |
| **ING, Inc.** |
| **Lockheed Martin Corporation** |
| **Pepsi-Cola Company** |
| **The Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust** |

| $20,000+ |
| **Butler County Bar Association** |

| $10,000+ |
| **Nicholas Billy** ’56 |
| **Susan Jean Changnon** ’85 |
| **Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation** |
| **John W. Conway** |
| **Kathryn Conway** |
| **John K. Gehret** ’80 |
| **Betty Hess** |
| **Darrell James Hess** ’54 |
| **Donald E. Phillips** ’51 |
| **Therese (Hudacek) Phillips** ’52 |
| **PPG Industries Foundation** |
| **The Procter & Gamble Fund** |
| **SRU Student Government Association, Inc.** |
| **Roger Vincent** |
| **Karen J. (McKeag) Watson** ’73 |

| $5,000+ |
| **Robert J. Watson** ’70 |

| $2,000,000 |
| **Butler County Bar Association** |

| $1,500,000 |
| **ING, Inc.** |
| **Lockheed Martin Corporation** |
| **Pepsi-Cola Company** |
| **The Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust** |

| $1,000,000 |
| **Butler County Bar Association** |

| $500,000 |
| **ING, Inc.** |
| **Lockheed Martin Corporation** |

| $250,000 |
| **Butler County Bar Association** |

| $200,000 |
| **Butler County Bar Association** |

| $150,000 |
| **Butler County Bar Association** |

| $100,000 |
| **Butler County Bar Association** |

| $100,000+ |
| **ING, Inc.** |
| **Lockheed Martin Corporation** |
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| $50,000 |
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| $25,000 |
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| $10,000+ |
| **ING, Inc.** |
At Slippery Rock University, freshmen arrive with enthusiasm for learning, eager to expand their horizons and their knowledge base, but, most would admit, are still rough in their understanding of the world. Four new granite stones located along the newly created Pedestrian Corridor linking the east and west sections of campus provide a multi-part sculpture showing that just as granite can be lathe polished to a brilliant gloss, students can be equally polished in the classroom. The stones represent each of the student’s years at SRU - freshman, sophomore, junior and senior/graduate. The starting stone, located just outside the entrance to Weisenfluh Dining Hall, was taken from campus during construction projects. The three spheres in the sculpture were imported from India where a quarry specializes in turning out large, round polished stones. The sculpture, which weighs more than eight ton, was a concept of President Smith and is complete with a final, highly polished granite sphere outside the Jack C. Dinger Special Education Building entrance.
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**Recognizing gifts received July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.**

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Anthony Daniels ’63
Vernon L. Dietrich ’64
Cynthia Ann Dillon ’66
Robert G. DiSpirito Sr.
David D. Dixon ’76
Joshua E. Dunkle ’01
Kelly Renee (Weiss)
Dunkle ’00
James Robert Eckbreth ’76
Tom Eddy ’71
Twila J. (Stewart) Eddy ’72
William M. Elliott
ELTECH Systems Corporation
Elizabeth C. Farr
Robert E. Fidoten
Food Services Management Associates
George T. Force
Ford Business Machines, Inc.
Pamela Jane (Seibcl) Frigot ’79
John B. Fullen ’63
David L. Geesey ’56
Christopher George ’01
Louise J. (Liotta) George ’39
Larry Vincent Giusti ’75
Charles A. Gottschalk ’90
Elise M. Grabner
Gary C. Grabner
Martha A. (Turner) Green ’73
Mark H. Gubash ’91
Connie Halturen
William R. Halturen ’50
Delphine Oehms Hamilton
Susan E. Hannam
Glenn Allen Hart ’79
Andrea Hawkins
James S. Hawkins ’71
Georgia A. Heid
Hewitt Associates
Karen Rita Hickok ’99
James C. Hughes
Scott Jackson ’88
Patricia Jargiello Jarrett
Brent Peter Johnson ’73
Julie Partners L.P.
Kathleen Kellinger
KEY Group
David Bruce Kingsbury ’83
Knotts Interiors
Kevin W. Krepinevich ’76
Karen A. Krepinevich-Wicke ’81
James B. Kubalic
Lambda Tau Nursing Honor Society
Paul Lanich
Genevieve Lescsak ’43
Lincoln Square
Anthony C. Linnan
Michael R. Lintelman ’79
Nancy Kay (Marsh) Lintelman ’80
John F. Lisco
Donna Lowry ’60
Robert A. Lowry ’48
Ben Lucken
Luigi’s Restaurant
Andrew C. Major ’88
Sherry (Schoeder) Major ’89
Matthew David Maritz ’98
Markel & Sons Landscaping
Nancy L. (Rutkowski) Markel ’61
Ronald G. Markel ’61
John F. Marki ’80
Marvin F. Baker
Susanne L. (Lyons) Maxey ’57
Michael A. McDonald
James P. McFarland
Janie M. McFarland
Thomas McGarity ’81
Carl Thomas McGary ’83
Sharon A. (Weidl) McKnight ’73
Barbara M. McNeal
Joseph Merhaut ’89
Rhonda J. (Reese) Merhaut ’89
Elaine Mess
George J. Mihalik ’74
Laura Lee (Lanich) Mihalik ’76
Christin Suzanne (Cunningham) Miller ’96
David K. Miller
Lynn Williamson Miller ’76
Michael S. Miller ’75
Carol L. Moss ’86
Dennis E. Murray ’63
Geraldine L. (Susa) Murray ’62
Janet Mushar
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
Raymond Melvin Newman Jr. ’78
Malynda J. (Ullman) Nichols ’92
Randall Allen Nichols ’90
Jane Kathryn Spotts Norris
Peter Christopher North ’81
Roger L. Oberlin
Gerald O’Brien
William S. O’Donnell ’78
Peter J. Oesterling ’78
Daniel Robert Parr ’75
Mary Alice Paul
Daniel Perkins
Karen (Taylor) Perry ’79
Thomas H. Perry Jr. ’02
Orvan B. Peterson
John Phillips ’69
Patricia A. Pierce ’86
Fred B. Powell
Janet E. Powell ’95
Prudential Securities, Inc.
Ruth Purcell
Louis Razzano
Herb, F. Reinhard
Rotary Club of Butler
Bruce W. Russell ’72
Sue Ellen (Dickert) Russell ’93
Robert J. Salmen ’83
Michael Peter Saraka ’89
Duncan M. Sargent
Jill M. Segraves ’81
Philip H. Sheridan ’55
Sue A. Shuttleworth
Jeffery C. Siemianowski ’74
Patrick D. Slagle ’80
Slippery Rock Family Medicine Center
Slippery Rock Giant Eagle #606
Slippery Rock Lawn & Garden
John F. Snyder
SRU Federal Credit Union
Mack J. Steel
Stacey G. Steele
Terry S. Steele
Cori L. Stephens
K. James Strickland
Kathleen M. Strickland
John Rea Stroup ’80
Milan V. Tatala ’35
Taw Trucking, Inc.
The Climbing Wall, Inc.
Genevieve M. Vredik
Matthew James Veltk ’81
Hubert C. Voltz ’54
Ed J. Walsh
Frances H. Walsh
Jean S. Wanchick
Philip J. Wanchick ’67
Westfield Construction Corporation
Stephen T. Wicke ’82
William F. Young, Jr.
Funeral Home, Inc.
Daniel J. Williams ’70
Kenneth C. Wilson ’87
Darren S. Winnie ’88
Amanda A. Yale
James Yager ’70
James V. Yeamans ’83
Robert Quentin Yeckley ’74
Thomas Lester Yohe ’74
Michael Scott Zema ’90
Patricia A. Zimmerman
Samuel Zyroll Jr. ’78

$500+

Anonymous (2)
Mary R. Adair
American Express Financial Advisors
American Home Products Corporation
American Society of Safety Engineers
Lauren Anderson-Carty
Ronald Francis Antonelli ’78
John L. Badgett
M. Rebecca (Gabrys) Badgett ’74
Linda N. Banko
Richard D. Barclay ’46
John Joseph Barker ’89
Kelly Ann (Vogan) Barker ’83
Robert L. Barnes
Kenneth B. Blair
Carolyn Eberly Blaney
Craig Bouslough ’85
Patrice (Mizerak) Braun ’88
Timothy Jay Braun ’74
Diane E. Breidenstein ’81
Glen W. Brunken
Butler County Symphony Association, Inc.
Vernice P. Cain
Joseph Cali
Dean Vansant Camp ’80
Timothy D. Carney
John R. Carpenter ’75
Juliana Carpenter ’86
Hannah Kay Case
Joan B. Titus Chew ’51
Jerry G. Chmielewski
Madelin G. (Booth) Clements ’56
Joan C. Condravy
Natalie N. (Nunes) Conway ’88
Marjorie A. (Henderson) Corona ’51
Rudolph Corona ’56
Cornelius Cosgrove
Edwin B. Cottrell ’43
Mildred Louise (Weed) Cottrell ’43
Nancy L. Cruikshank
CSEM, Inc.
Charles T. Curry
Eugenia L. Curry

$200+

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Marjorie Marie (Winrick) Abbott ’77
Bruce Leroy Adams ’43
Tswyla H. (Holben) Adams ’44
Benjamin L. Addison ’87
Alcoa Foundation
Jean Alexander
Alpha Omicron Pi (Sigma Rho Chapter)
Austin Ray Anderson ’69
Linda (Gajarsky) Anderson ’71
William R. Anderson ’76
Pamela A. Arnhold
Robert W. Arnhold Jr.
Richard H. Arthur
Ascent Technology Consulting, Inc.
Association of Pa. State, College & Univ. Faculty
Maria A. (DeMarino) Arthur ’80
Michael Kelly Bachuchin ’76
F. Gerard Baglieri ’83
Carol Jean (Joseph) Balcer ’71
“Fantastic Voyage - ROCK Around the World”
Homecoming 2005

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2005

Noon  The Fall Classic at Slippery Rock Golf Scramble, Oakview Golf Course, Slippery Rock, Noon Shotgun Start. All alumni and friends are welcome. Go to http://rockalumnicafe.com to register.

6:00 p.m.  Pep Rally.

8:00 p.m.  Fireworks.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005

8:00 a.m.  Former Student Leaders’ Breakfast, Russell Wright Alumni House, Hosted by the SRU Alumni Association Board of Directors, 8 a.m. All former SGA, UPB, Community/Resident Assistants, BAS, Scholarship Winners, Student Trustees and past Board members are invited to attend. All participants will receive VIP Seating for the annual homecoming parade.

10:00 a.m.  Annual Homecoming Parade: An annual tradition dating back to the beginning of the last century. Join the fun as the Slippery Rock University community celebrates diverse cultures and our beloved alma mater. Downtown on Main Street. Arrive early to get a good seat! S.R. businesses will be open with specials and services for visitors.

11:30 a.m.  Annual Pre-Game Alumni "FIESTA" Tailgate: Join fellow Rock alumni and families at the tent across from the N. Kerr Thompson Stadium beginning at 11:30 a.m. Festive food, decoration, games, prizes and giveaways, Pinatas, and much, much more planned. Pre-registration required.

2:00 p.m.  Annual Homecoming Football Game: The Rock takes on cross-state rival Millersville University in exciting gridiron action, at 2 p.m., at Bob DiSpirito Field.

5:00 p.m.  Post Game Alumni Event at Ginger Hill Restaurant and Tavern

To pre-register for these events, go to http://rockalumnicafe.com; Click on “Events.”

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