

# *I am* The ROCK

## **Herb Carlson**

**Job:** Assistant vice president for construction, design and management, as well as campus sustainability officer.

**Joined SRU:** October 1990.

**Background:** I was born in Vermont and moved around the states until I eventually landed in Frankfurt, Germany, where I attended junior and senior high school. After the Air Force, I attended Bowie State College and the University of Maryland where I completed degrees in urban studies, urban planning and architecture. My first job out of school was in a land development firm in the Washington, D.C., area. I then accepted a position with the University of Maryland and was responsible for capital budget development and programming the uses of new and renovated buildings. In 1990, I moved to Slippery Rock and took the position of director of facilities and planning.

**Interests:** My favorite things are reading historic novels and mysteries, exploring the country and imagining its history and golfing.

**Person(s) I would most like to have dinner with:** My wife and friends. They all have a strong appreciation of life's ironies.

**Why I work at The Rock:** I always wanted to live in a rural area but have the advantages of urban living. Slippery Rock offered that opportunity. It is also fulfilling to be able to apply your passion to your work life. Over the past 21 years, Slippery Rock University has seen dramatic physical changes to the built environment. I am very proud to have played a role in this transformation.

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