

# I am The **ROCK**

## **Karen Perry**

**Job:** Assistant director of campus recreation.

**Joined University:** July 1999.

**Background:** Almost 30 years experience in the recreation profession. I started my career after receiving my bachelor's degree in 1979 and then serving as an intramural graduate assistant at SRU. I received my master's degree in 1980. I worked in civilian employment at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, in Giessen, West Germany and in community recreation in Kansas before returning to The Rock for the last 10 wonderful years.

**Interests:** Golf (my new passion although I won't quit my day job.) I am avid New York Yankees fan. I collect baseball memorabilia. I read a lot and am a Snoopy fan and collector. I am passionate about personal health and fitness and volunteer in the community.

**Last book read:** 'The Duke of Flatbush' by Duke Snider with Bill Gilbert.

**Why I work at The Rock:** Slippery Rock University has always held a special place in my heart, and it was always a dream of mine to return to The Rock. With the opening of the ARC and formation of campus recreation, I have the privilege of working in my dream job. Being part of a brand new department/staff on campus has been very rewarding and given me the opportunity to share my skills and knowledge of the recreation profession with students and the campus community and to convey the benefits and values of participation in lifetime fitness/wellness activities.

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