

Rock Calendar

Listings taken from the SRU master
Calendar of Events and other sources.
www.SRU.edu/depts/stuaff/calendar/

Today, May 2

Kaleidoscope Arts Festival
(Events continue through Saturday)
For details: www.sru.edu/pages/916.asp

Last Day of Classes

Senior Art Exhibition
(Continues through May 9
at Martha Gault Gallery)

Institute for Learning in Retirement
Cleveland Museums Trip

Saturday, May 3

3 p.m., SRU Baseball vs. Lock Haven
Tennis: NCAA Regionals at SRU, noon

Koresh Dance

8 p.m., Miller Auditorium
Tickets \$5 general; \$3, students

Monday, May 5

Finals Week Opens
(continues through Friday)

Saturday, May 10

Commencement
11 a.m., N. Kerr Thompson Stadium
(Reception follows in University Union)
9 a.m., Pre-Commencement
Continental Breakfast
Russell Wright Alumni House
9 a.m., ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
Strain Behavioral Science Building

SlipperyRock
University

Commencement

Saturday, May 10

11 a.m.

N. Kerr Thompson Stadium

(Inclement weather: Morrow Field House)

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Ceremony to include 30 Doctor of Physical Therapy Graduates — 900 to Graduate at SRU's 114th Commencement; Dr. Clarie Settlemyre Selected as Speaker

Dr. Clarie Settlemyre, Slippery Rock University professor emerita of history and respected expert on Egyptian history, will address more than 900 graduates, including 30 doctor of physical therapy degree recipients, when the University celebrates its 114th commencement at 11 a.m. May 10.

The ceremony will be held in N. Kerr Thompson Stadium. (In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to Morrow Field House.)

Interim President Smith will preside as the University awards more than 775 undergraduate diplomas. The University will present 88 master's degrees and graduation hoods will be placed on the physical therapy doctoral students by Interim Provost William F. Williams.

Settlemyre, best known on campus for her passion for Egyptology and whose classes on the subject were always filled to capacity, inspired students to continue their studies outside of class, including a summer program in 1995 to England where students studied Egyptian artifact held by the British Museum and heard from eminent Egyptologists. She retired last June after 34 years at SRU.

Twice a Fulbright seminar participant, Settlemyre was among those meeting with government officials and heads of various educational agencies, including then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

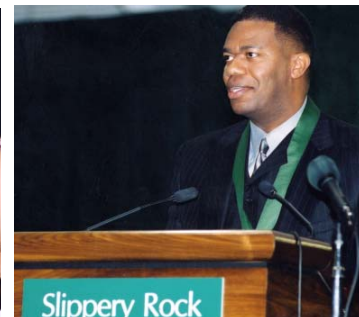
While at SRU, Dr. Settlemyre also taught "Ancient and Medieval World History," "20th-Century World History," "Europe to 1815," "History of Greece and Rome" and "History and the Bible," along with graduate courses on the "Culture of Greece" and "Ancient Near-East History." She remains active in the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities, the Biblical Archeology Society of Pittsburgh and the Society for the Study of Biblical Literature. Next fall, she will teach in SRU's Institute for Learning in Retirement, a community of mature learners.

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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

Academic excellence and scholarship were saluted last Sunday when students, their parents and friends joined in SRU's annual Academic Honors Convocation.



Honors student and senior speaker Liza Heilman-Houser, who holds a perfect 4-point grade-average on 140 credit hours, told fellow students that she decided, "Classes and schoolwork must take priority. College taught me how to balance my priorities. It also taught me how to live and work with others without losing myself." Kenneth Wilcox, a 1989 SRU communication graduate and now vice president/general manager with Frito-Lay, North America, was a co-recipient with Robert J. Stevens (1976), head of Lockheed Martin, of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Wilcox addressed the convocation saying, that he "stands on the shoulders of deans, professors and fellow students who enabled him to be here today." He urged students to be involved in "service, organizations and philanthropy." Interim President Smith's salute by naming students and staff activated in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom drew a standing ovation.

announcements

Judy Callahan, student accounts, writes to say, "A heartfelt thank you to all of my friends and co-workers at the University for the flowers, cards, kind words and moral support following the death of my father, Thomas Callahan."

The winner of the **quilt raffle** held as part of Kaleidoscope is Lori Grunick from Knox. The organizing committee sold \$766 ticket.

Information Technology reports "**McAfee Anti-Virus**" software is now available for on-campus virus protection. The new software replaces the existing "Command" software. Over the next several months, the software will be installed on individual computers as users log on at their campus workstation. The uninstall/install will take a few minutes and is designed to run with limited user interaction. Those who experience problems during the installation process and those who have questions regarding implementation, should contact the Help Desk at Ext. 4357.

Dr. Jennifer Tomal, communication, has been elected the new Teaching Learning Technology Roundtable co-convenor succeeding Dr. Jane Lasarenko, English, whose term expired.

With this issue, **rockpride** moves to its **summer bi-weekly schedule**. Items suggested for publication must be received by 4:30 p.m. the Tuesday prior to publication. **rockpride** is posted to (and old copies held on) the SRU Web site: www.SRU.edu/pages/2813.asp at the same time it is printed.

University offices will begin **summer hours** – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a half-hour lunch — May 12 (continuing through Aug. 22). Where appropriate, offices will also observe "Casual Dress Friday." Those with questions should call Ext. 2070.

sports round-up

Baseball Takes 14th PSAC West Championship

The Rock baseball team swept a doubleheader from Indiana University of Pennsylvania last Saturday to clinch its 14th Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference-Western Division championship in **Jeff Messer's** 18 seasons as SRU's head coach. The Rock also moved into the top 10 in both national polls this week as it earned a No. 7 ranking in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America poll and a No. 9 ranking by Collegiate Baseball newspaper.



This year's team is on pace to become the winningest team in school history. The Rock has a 38-8 won-lost record this spring; the school record for wins is 42 in 1989 (42-17 final record). The Rock took an 11-game win streak into Thursday night's single game vs. Mercyhurst at Jack Critchfield Park and will close out its regular-season schedule with a 5 p.m. home doubleheader Saturday against Lock Haven.

Leight Ends Softball Coaching Duties

The curtain rung down last Saturday on The Rock coaching career of softball mentor **Joanne Leight** as The Rock dropped both ends of a doubleheader at Indiana University of Pennsylvania to finish the season with a 10-26 record, giving Leight an 84-178 record in seven seasons as SRU's head coach. She had a 259-256 career record in 16 seasons that began with a nine-year stint at Westminster College.



Leight steps down as softball coach to concentrate on her assistant professor of physical education duties, as well as to complete work on her doctorate degree.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS: SRU's international students were saluted last week for their scholarship and contribution to the University community. Receiving awards at a reception sponsored by the Office of International Initiatives were, from left, Sibil Akcambazyan from Turkey, recipient of the Stan Kendziorski International Student Scholar, Nimra Joyappa from India, recipient of the International Student Recognition Award, Renato Cardoso, Brazil, recipient of the Carol Holland Scholarship, Shafraz Branudeen, Sri Lanka, named a Stan Kendziorski International Student Scholar, and Madeliene Atzeva, Bulgaria, recipient of the International Student Recognition Award. Students from more than 70 countries attend SRU bringing diversity and a blend of cultures to campus.

SRU Readies Exchange Agreement Expanding Opportunities in India

The upcoming signing of a new faculty/student exchange agreement between SRU and Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University in Udaipur, India, is set to provide SRU students added opportunities to study abroad.

A formal signing ceremony for the agreement is set for May 23 on the SRU campus. The ceremony will include Rajasthan University Chancellor Bhawani Shanker Garg and SRU Interim President Smith. The first participants are expected to undertake classes next January.

SRU currently has more than two dozen similar exchange agreements allowing students to undertake a semester or entire year of study at an international university. Agreements involve universities in China, Korea, Japan, England, Germany, France, Ireland, Scotland, Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica, Australia among others.

In detailing the agreement, Dr. Donald Kerchis, director of SRU's Office of International Initiatives, said, "This is another way Slippery Rock University students can become involved in international studies. Students from a variety of majors will be able to undertake studies at Rajasthan University and have their credits accepted by SRU. We are continually working to find exchange programs that will meet our students needs, while providing them with rock solid, study-abroad experiences. I think our students will quickly see the advantage of studying in India. The program will also allow students from Rajasthan University to study at SRU continuing to enhance the cultural diversity of our campus."

Garg will visit SRU as part of his three-week U.S. tour. On campus, he will meet with faculty, students, SRU's deans, President Smith and Interim Provost William to finalize exchange details. He will also tour the region.

Groundwork for the program was done by SRU's Dr. Kundan Bhatia, professor of sociology, anthropology and social work, retired philosophy Professor Dr. Theodore L. Kneupper.

Roundtable on Freud Sculpture Draws Faculty, Students

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette columnist Tony Norman attended last Monday's panel discussion on art and censorship, saying he was "very impressed" with the dialogue about "Prescription," a student sculpture of Sigmund Freud's bust that prompted media coverage because the artist placed a revolver in its nostril.

Norman said he never intended a "full-frontal attack on Slippery Rock University" when he wrote about the controversy in his April 25 column, "Slippery Rock, Your Freudian Slip is Showing." He said he really had the bigger issue in mind, upholding freedom of expression in all of academia.

A follow-up column was expected in today's PG. "This panel discussion is exactly how you dispel all the myths and 'booboisie' about art and its intentions," Norman said. About 50 people attended.

Most attendees opposed removing the piece, saying artistic expression is protected by the U.S. Constitution. Art need not be beautiful to inform or inspire, they said. Critics said the sculpture, crafted for Kaleidoscope by Edinboro University student Adam Tate, could provoke thoughts of suicide and violence.

Humanities Dean Dr. William McKinney, who wrote a guest column for the Harrisburg Patriot-News, said he made the decision not to remove "Prescription" because doing so would "amount to state censorship."

Nursing Chair Dr. Kathleen Kellinger said it should have been placed in an art gallery, with an explanation of its message. She said many on campus were offended.

Art Chair Tom Como countered, "Universities are a bastion of free expression."

The panelists were Como; Dr. Kurt Pitluga, assistant professor of art; Dr. Bernard Freyberg, professor of philosophy, and Dr. Thomas Flynn, professor of communication. Each opposed removing the sculpture.

Three Biology Majors Take Awards

Biology majors Evan Legenzoff of Butler, Christina Jeannerat of Erie and Ben Peffer of Slippery Rock each earned a second place award and \$50 in their respective categories for their research presentations at the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists' annual meeting held at Shippensburg University earlier this month.

Jeannerat's award was in the "Cell Biology, Evolution, and Education" category for her paper on coloration in a cichlid fish. Peffer's award was in the "Ecology and Organismal Biology" category for his paper on the metabolic response of the may apple to decreasing light. Legenzoff earned his honor in the "Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology Poster" category for his poster on crocodile Harderian glands.



ART DISCUSSION: Pittsburgh Post-Gazette columnist Tony Norman interviews nursing chair Dr. Kathleen Kellinger following Monday's "Id Has T'Ego" roundtable discussion on a student sculpture titled "Prescription."

SRU Rocket Captures 30+ National Awards

SRU'S weekly student newspaper The Rocket has captured more than 30 journalism awards in national competition, including first-place honors from the Society of Professional Journalists and the American Scholastic Press Association. In addition, it was the only student newspaper in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education recognized by the Pennsylvania News Press Association.

Except where noted, all award winners are communication majors.

The Society of Professional Journalists honored The Rocket as the top newspaper in the non-daily newspaper category and presented Liz Ellis, an art major from Mercer, and Patrick Leishman, from Castaic, Calif., first place in the photo illustration category. A second-place award went to Tracey Ferguson, from Ellwood City, in the feature photo category and Linda Trostle, from Freedom, for general news. Trostle also received the Pittsburgh Alliance for Women in Communication Matrix Award; Outstanding Student Award for her four-part series on the car industry for The Rocket and for her freelance work for the Butler Eagle and the Oil City Derrick.

In the **American Scholastic Press Association Award Program**, The Rocket took the First Place with Special Merit Award and received the Outstanding Sports Coverage Award for its winter sports preview.

The Society for Collegiate Journalists awarded 12 honors to the campus newspaper, including citing the on-line version of The Rocket as a first-place recipient, and Ed Anicka, from New Kensington, a first place in sports news photography. Second place in features honors went to Jessica Kelley, a therapeutic recreation major from Sagamore Hills, Ohio; Jason Hunsicker, from Emmaus, third place in sports features and a honorable mention in sports columns; Brett Weaver, a 2002 graduate from Tamaqua, earned second place in sports news photography; and Weaver and Ellis shared honorable mention in the graphic illustrations category. Chris Harlan, from New Castle, earned a third-place award and Ferguson earned honorable mention for photo essays, with the entire staff earning honorable mentions in the sports page design and the hard news page design categories.

The Pennsylvania News Press Association Keystone Awards were given with Ken Sines, a 2002 graduate from Pittsburgh, awarded second place in the column category, Trostle, in the public services/enterprise series category, and Anicka receiving honorable mention in the sports photo category. Ferguson scored an honorable mention in the news/feature photo category with Rachel Shearer, a 2002 graduate from York, scoring the same award in the public services/enterprise series category.

This year's **Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Awards** drew 14,404 entries from across the U.S., with The Rocket earning the Gold Medalist Certificate along with two Certificates of Merit for Harlan's story and layout on "Groundhog Day." A Broadsheet Design Feature Approach Certificate of Merit went to Ferguson and Rebekah Renshaw, a 2002 graduate from Erie, for their work on "Face to Face." The entire staff was issued a Certificate of Merit for their work on a feature headlined "Injuries Sustained."

Dr. Mark Zeltner, associate professor of communication, is the newspaper's adviser.



Photo by: Liz Ellis

HAWK CITED FOR EXCELLENCE: Chris Masi, (right), president of Pennsylvania Music Education Association's District 5 and director of bands at Union High School, New Castle, was on campus Tuesday to present Stephen Hawk, associate professor of music with the association's District 5 Citation of Excellence Award at the SRU Jazz Ensemble Concert. Every two years each PMEA district chooses one higher education faculty member to receive the distinction. District 5 includes all of the affiliated schools in Butler, Beaver, Mercer and Lawrence counties. It was an "SRU Evening" at Foster's in Oakland last Sunday when the SRU Jazz Ensemble and the SRU Faculty Jazz Quintet performed as part of the Sunday night Pittsburgh Jazz Society party. The quintet also played at the recent annual PMEA Conference in Hershey. The quintet, includes Terry Steele on sax, Steve Hawk on trumpet, Steve Snyder on piano, Jeff Mangone on bass and David Glover on drums. Their selections included a number of Steele's original jazz compositions.



Photo by: Terry Steele

Tennis Tournament this Weekend

Fans are invited to support the nationally ranked Rock women's tennis team as it hosts an NCAA Division II East Regional tournament this weekend. There is no admission fee.

The Rock — which has a 19-2 record this season, is ranked 34th in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association national poll and No. 1 in the East Region poll — will take on Bentley College of Massachusetts in a regional semifinal match at 3 p.m. today. The first semifinal, set for noon, will pit Indiana University of Pennsylvania against Queens College of New York.

The winners of today's matches will meet at noon Saturday to decide the regional champion, which earns a berth in the 16-team national tournament May 8-11 in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

The Rock is in regional competition for the fourth successive year. SRU was a regional runner up last year.

The Rock roster includes seniors Christy Michaux and Ella Reilly, juniors Kelly Anderson and Jessica Bungo, sophomores Justine Miller and Leslie Noll and freshman Ashley Michaux. The team is coached by Matt Meredith.

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She received the President's Award for Outstanding Publication in 1985 for her article "The Answers Lie Below," and in 1996, received the President's Award for Outstanding Service as part of Academic Honors Convocation.

Music will be provided by Stephen Hawk, associate professor of music, and Kathryn D. Miler, guest organist. The national anthem will be presented by a student quartet, including Michael Sypien of Rochester, N.Y., Kit Keiper of Beaver Falls, Mark Erickson of Ambridge, and Michael Semancik of Fredericktown. Graduating senior Alyssa Strouse, a music major from Frenchtown, N.J., will lead the alma mater, and the new graduates will be inducted into the SRU Alumni Association. The association will host a pre-commencement continental breakfast opening at 9 a.m. in the Russell Wright Alumni House open to graduating seniors and their guests and a post-commencement reception for all participants will follow at the University Union.

Prior to commencement, SRU's award-winning Army ROTC Program will commission nine cadets as second lieutenants at ceremonies set for 9 a.m., in Strain Behavioral Science Building Auditorium. Receiving commissions will be Michael Braden of Lock Haven, Rebecca Carnahan, Portland Mills, Joshua Christy, Mercer, Christopher Green, New Castle, James Herman, Beaver Falls, Michael Martin, West Mifflin, Frank Razzano, Wampum, Adam Renner, Waterford, and Robert Tarr, Franklin.

Koresh Dance Company To Conclude Kaleidoscope

Renowned for its powerful stage presence and high energy, Philadelphia's Koresh Dance Company will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday [May 3] in SRU's Miller Auditorium. Tickets, available at the door, are \$5; \$3 for students.

Founded in 1991 by Israeli-born choreographer Ronen Koresh, the troupe presents an exciting blend of ballet, modern and jazz molded into a style of choreography that is both eloquent and explosive.

Koresh performances feature an eclectic repertoire of work by Koresh as well as guest artists such as world-renowned choreographer Donald Byrd and Brian Sanders of Momix. In each performance, Koresh dancers strive to offer their audiences a balance of dark and intense, lighthearted, and sensual pieces.



Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 1982 Cub Cadet Model 1200 garden tractor with turf tires; 10-horsepower Kohler engine, shaft drive, electric PTO clutch, three-speed transmission. New battery and 42-inch, three-blade. Asking \$750 delivered within 30 miles of Harrisville. Call 724-735-4054.

FOR SALE: Motorcycle leather saddle bags, measure 13 inches pockets are 9 inches deep, 5 inches wide. Over-the-fender design, should not need mounting bracket. \$70. Compact windshield for HD Softail Deuce, clear. Detachable with docking hardware. \$300. Call 724-458-5309 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: Sofa, loveseat, chair and ottoman in earth tones with floral, dove pattern in velour type material. Glass top coffee table with two side step, glass top, matching end tables. Large, General Electric microwave. Whirlpool refrigerator with ice-maker. Whirlpool washer. Call 724-894-2407.

FREE FOR THE HAULING: Upright piano. Call 724-794-5388. Must bring own truck.

FOR SALE: Four adult tickets to Empire State Building. Original cost: \$11.50 each, will sell all four for \$25. Good through Jan. 9. Self-propelled lawn mower, \$50. Four, 14-inch steel wheels with center campus for Ford Ranger, \$40. Call 724-794-6083.

FOR SALE: 1987 Mercury Luix. Four door, four-speed, 72,000 miles. Inspected until 2004. Two new tires; good body and interior. Recently tuned. Available after May 6. \$750. Call 724-794-3436.

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