

# Rock Calendar

Listings taken from the SRU master  
Calendar of Events and other sources.  
[www.SRU.edu/depts/stuaff/calendar/](http://www.SRU.edu/depts/stuaff/calendar/)

## Today, Dec. 6

Biology Seminar Series:  
"Harderian Glands: Factor of Fiction,"  
Susan Rehorek and Evan Legenzoff,  
both of SRU,  
4:30 p.m., Room 204, Vincent Science Hall

6 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Kutztown

8 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Kutztown

Swimming vs. IUP  
(Through Sunday)

Percussion Ensemble  
8 p.m., Swope Recital Hall

Old Stone House  
Candlelight Christmas Tour and Craft Show  
5 to 9 p.m. (Also Saturday and Sunday)

SRU Senior Exhibitions  
Martha Gault Gallery  
Hours: 5-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays;  
3 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays

## Saturday, Dec. 7

1 p.m., Women's Basketball vs. Cheyney

3 p.m., Men's Basketball vs. Cheyney

Children's Saturday  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Joe's Foster Home in Verona  
Institute for Community,  
Service-Learning and Nonprofit Leadership

SRU Dance Theater Concert  
3 and 8 p.m., Swope Recital Hall  
Admission: \$2  
(Also 3 p.m. Sunday)

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## Trustees to Meet Today

Slippery Rock University's Council of Trustees will hold its regular quarterly meeting at 1:30 p.m. today in the third-floor Conference Room of Old Main.

Details of actions taken at the meeting will be posted on the SRU homepage shortly after the meeting's conclusion.

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## Five Years of Transformation in Academic Quality

### *Continuous Improvement Report Issued by University*

Slippery Rock University's Council of Trustees will be presented a University continuous improvement report: Five Years of Transformation in Academic Quality, today at its regular quarterly meeting (see box at left).

University accomplishments highlighted in the report include: a six-fold increase in the number of Honors Program students, seven academic programs receiving first-time accreditations and 10 earning re-accreditations, advanced technology improvements, pioneering work in academic assessment, numerous initiatives to support student learning, improved retention and graduation rates, unprecedented scholarship support secured through the University's capital campaign, along with other academic quality milestones.

The complete report will be e-mailed to all faculty later today and will be available from the SRU homepage at: [www.SRU.edu](http://www.SRU.edu).

The report is a comprehensive look at the significant progress made through the efforts of our faculty—in particular—but, also addresses academic quality advances in the state of the University over a five-year period.

## State Sen. White to be Commencement Speaker As SRU Grants 500 Diplomas at Dec. 14 Ceremony

Slippery Rock University has selected one of the region's most distinguished leaders Pennsylvania State Sen. Mary Jo White to be the speaker for its Dec. 14 commencement at which some 500 students will be presented degrees.

The 1:30 p.m. ceremony will be held in Morrow Field House. Tickets are not required; doors open at 11:30 a.m.

White, a Fortune 500 executive, an environmental advocate, an energy expert, public servant, economic development leader, and a wife, mother and grandmother, was first elected in 1996. She hails from Franklin, serving the 21st district, which consists of Clarion Forest and Venango counties and portions of Butler, Erie and Warren counties.

In May, she joined local community leaders in welcoming Gov. Mark Schweiker to Slippery Rock as he presented a \$2 million grant to "The Village of Slippery Rock" for downtown revitalization. Sen. White was instrumental in securing critical support for the project, which promises to greatly enhance the environment for SRU students as well as for Slippery Rock residents.

"The Slippery Rock project was the poster child for how to galvanize community support for an initiative," she wrote in a recent constituent newsletter. "The strong committed leadership of the University, the business community, local government and some special people made the project a joy to promote."

White has been a tireless ambassador for improving local telephone service in the district and for providing greater access to affordable Internet broadband. She spearheaded legislation to prevent price gouging during times of disaster emergencies. She was the prime sponsor of the state's Growing Greener program for restoring and protecting watersheds. She introduced legislation, signed into law, to require accreditation for laboratories testing to measure compliance with state environmental statutes. Recently, Gov. Schweiker congratulated her leadership in passing the landmark Water Resources Planning Act, the first successful effort on water planning in 20 years. She also has been instrumental in developing medical malpractice lawsuit reform.

Prior to becoming a full-time public servant, White was vice president for environmental/

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# announcements

Dr. Gerard Love's "Introduction to Community Counseling" class is accepting gently-worn clothes for the **Butler County Job Closet** as part of an on-going service-learning project. The project will provide clothes appropriate for low-income individual seeking employment in the Butler County area. The drive ends today, and those with items for pickup are asked to call Ext. 2987.

**Becky Cratty**, athletics, and family extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the prayers, kind words, thoughts and lovely flowers received during the illness and subsequent death of her husband and their father, Jim Cratty. They write, "Your thoughtfulness was so very much appreciated; during times such as this we realize how much our friends mean to us." Guy Surrena, facilities and planning, adds his thanks for everyone's prayers, concerns and kindness following the death of his brother-in-law.

In another show of the caring nature of Slippery Rock University, students in the **School of Business** collected an estimated 150 pounds of food for delivery to the Feed My Sheep Food Shelter in Slippery Rock. Faculty also lent a hand with the project. The contribution nearly doubled the amount of food on hand at the cupboard.



Dr. Leise Patton, distance-education specialist and Collegis staff expert on the use of Blackboard, will present **workshops on the use of "Blackboard"** Tuesday [Dec. 10] open to all Teaching-Learning Technology Roundtable members and the campus community. "Intro to Blackboard: Content Management" will be offered at 10 a.m., followed by "Tech Talk: Advanced Blackboard Topics" at 12:30 p.m. in McKay Education Building. Patton will be available for individual consultation on issues related to distance education and the use of Blackboard through Thursday [Dec. 12]. For details call Tim Kirk at Ext. 4856.

Norm Swiger, operations manager for the Staples, Moraine Point Plaza, and a business management major from New Castle, will demonstrate the latest, high-tech holiday gifts at the next **Teaching-Learning Technology Roundtable meeting** set for 4 p.m. Tuesday [Dec. 10] in the Special Collections Room of Bailey Library. New products will include PDA's, laptops, digital cameras and special photo printers. Shawn Meyers, a technology assistant at Staples and an information technology major from Grove City, will discuss how to set-up a wireless home network. Following their demonstration, Bailey Library's Susan Ferrandiz will demonstrate her Web-based thesis "McIntyre, Pennsylvania, the Everyday Life of a Coal Mining Town, 1910-1947." TLTR meetings are open to all members of the campus community.

The art work of three graduating seniors, **Beverly Bevington** of Beaver, **Bill Stiles** of Springfield, Va., and **Tara Eury** of Butler, will be displayed from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday [Dec. 7] at the Lenz Gallery, 140 S. Main St., Slippery Rock, as part of the community's "Christmas in the Village" celebration. The works will remain on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays through Jan. 31.

rockpride readers are reminded that current and past issues of the newsletter are posted on **SRU's Web site** at: [www.sru.edu/pages/2814.asp](http://www.sru.edu/pages/2814.asp) (then click on appropriate issue). The *Rock Magazine* is also posted on the Web.

## 'World Dance' Students to Join in — Work of 8 Student Choreographers To be Showcased at Weekend Concerts

The top eight dance pieces developed by student choreographers in SRU's dance program will be showcased in the department's annual "Fall Concert" set for this weekend. The program includes three eastern Indian works by students in the "World Dance" course.

The concert is scheduled for 3 and 8 p.m., Saturday [Dec. 7] and 3 p.m. Sunday [Dec. 8] in Swope Recital Hall. Tickets are \$2. The program is coordinated by Jennifer Keller, assistant professor of dance and recipient of the first Charles Zuzak Award and Pittsburgh Magazine's Harry Schwalb Excellence in the Arts Award.

Students in guest faculty member Jaya Mani's "World Dance" course will present the Indian works, including the style known as "bharatha natyam." SRU's dance



World Dance students perform.

program includes 91 dance majors and 50 dance minors. Keller explains that more than 20 student pieces are developed over an academic year with eight selected by audition for the fall performance.

Choreographers include Krista Harvey of Wilcox, Francie Lloyd of Monongahela, Nicole McCandless, West Sunbury, Felicia Petro and Jennifer Roe both of New Castle, Anita Reda, Pittsburgh, and Rosie Trump of New Stanton. Their themes will cover new terrain with gender and identity issues, the union of dance and video, liturgical dance, abstract group designs, and womens' strength and physicality.

Mani's students recently performed at the Sri Venkateswara Temple in Pittsburgh as part of the silver jubilee celebrations.

Musical selections cross genres from pop artist Tori Amos to on-stage vocalizations as well as selections by the Blue Man Group.

## Butler, Mercer, Lawrence County Flutists To Join SRU Flute Choir for Concert

Twenty regional high school flutists will join SRU students and alumni flutists for the University's final fall semester concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday [Dec. 10] in Swope Recital Hall.

The free program will feature the Slippery Rock University High School Flute Choir made up of 20 students from Butler, Mercer and Lawrence county high schools. Joining them will be the Slippery Rock University Post Bacc. Pipers, a group composed of alumni flutists as well as flute teachers and performers from western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio area.

The concert, under the direction of Stacey Steele, assistant professor of music, will offer 16<sup>th</sup> -century through contemporary compositions, ending with a sampling of holiday music ranging from "The Nutcracker" to "Silent Night."

## Booksale Continues at Bailey Library

The Friends of Bailey Library at SRU continue to host their "Annual Book Sale" to provide funds for purchase of best sellers, books on tape and other popular materials for library patrons through Sunday.

The sale, being held in the first-floor Reference Room, runs 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., today; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 11 p.m. Sunday.

## Commencement Speaker (Continued from page 1)

government affairs at Quaker State Corp., which was founded and headquartered in Oil City, until its relocation to Texas. The effect of that loss on Oil City increased her desire to drive regional economic development. A cum laude political science graduate of Quincy University, White earned her jurist doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She was in general practice with Dale and Woodard law firm in Franklin from 1972 to 1976, during which time she also served Venango County as a public defender. She serves on numerous committees in the Pennsylvania House.

Wilma Cavill, assistant professor of allied health, will again serve as commencement grand marshal and is urging all faculty and staff to participate in the ceremony.

President Smith will preside and confer the bachelor and master's degrees, and Dr. Robert M. Smith, provost, will present the candidates. Phil Wanchick, a 1967 SRU graduate and president of the SRU Alumni Association will induct the graduates as new association members.

The day will open with a 9 a.m. Army ROTC commissioning ceremony for three, second lieutenants in Strain Behavioral Science Building Auditorium. The SRU Alumni Association will hold a breakfast reception from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Russell Wright Alumni House where those earning high academic honors will have a group photograph taken at 11:30 a.m.

A reception for graduates and their guests will be held in Weisenfluh Dining Hall immediately following the ceremony.

### CONGRATULATIONS:

Bradley Hinchberger of Butler was one of 13 in the joint SRU/Project for Freedom "Help Desk Training Program" to graduate at ceremonies held recently at SRU's North Hill Site at Waterfront Corporate Park, Wexford. Here, he receives congratulations from W. David Huddleston, executive director of Project for Freedom, Ty Alexander, of Highmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield and a member of the project's board of directors, and SRU's Dr. James T. Kushner, project coordinator and dean of the Division of Lifelong Learning. The 10-week program, open to those with disabilities, provides training in Microsoft computer programs teaching participants how to be help desk technicians able to provide answers to company employees about Microsoft computer programs.



## Campus Unit Receives Third MacArthur Award — Nation-leading ROTC Program is Solid Basis for SRU's Minor in Leadership

When Slippery Rock University created its leadership minor, the only one in the state, it was building on the solid strength of its Army ROTC Program.

The latest evidence of the quality of the campus Reserve Office Training Corps came in the form of the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Award proclaiming the unit as the "Best Small School" in the region. Some 270 similar programs across the U.S. competed for the honor which is presented to the top school in each

of the nation's three regions. The MacArthur Award recognizes exemplary performance in training Army officers.



For the third time in nine years, the MacArthur plaque was presented to the SRU program at Orlando, Fla., ceremonies. Accepting the honor was Lt. Col. Steven Stevens, military science department chair. "This award gives tremendous recognition for the hard work of our cadets and the entire cadre, especially those enrolled in our leadership minor," he explained. The SRU program also earned the MacArthur Award in 1993 and 1995.

The annual award is given jointly by the MacArthur Foundation and the U.S. Army Cadet Command to the top programs in each of the Army's Cadet Command's three regions. The SRU unit was named the best unit for 2002 in the First Region, headquartered at Ft. Bragg, N.C. The award is named for the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur who commanded forces in the Pacific during World War II and headed the occupation force in Japan following the war. He also served as UN commander during the Korean War. It is presented to ROTC units exceeding established evaluation standards and exceeding yearly commissioning goals. The SRU unit had a goal of commissioning seven, second lieutenants and exceeded its goal by three. Criteria for the award also include overall academic and leadership performance.

"This honor is certainly befitting the quality of our ROTC program," said Dr. Bruce Russell, dean of the College of Business, Information and Social Sciences. "We are proud of their hard work and the quality of leadership created by our military science faculty. I congratulate both the faculty and the students for their diligence and perseverance in developing leadership skills and for expanding the leadership minor."

SRU created its leadership minor within the ROTC Program two years ago as a way of instilling multiple leadership traits in cadets. The program requires 25 credit-hours focused on Army ROTC courses such as "Principles of Leadership" and "Leadership Dimensions and Concepts." In addition, it focuses on leadership through a number of hands-on laboratories where cadets are given responsibilities, mission goals, objectives and tasks with the chance to put their classroom leadership work into practice.

# INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

## Policy

The University and its off-campus locations will remain open in all but the most extreme circumstances. On occasion, due to severe inclement weather or a lack of ability to provide essential services, the University may find it necessary to cancel classes. **Cancellation of classes does not imply that the University is closed.** Any class cancellations will apply to all University locations unless otherwise specified. Faculty members will be required to make up time for canceled classes.

During hazardous weather conditions, students, faculty and staff are urged to use their discretion in deciding whether they can safely commute to work or classes. Any University employee unable to reach campus is required to report off work and request leave, using established procedures. Faculty should not penalize students who miss class because of severe weather conditions. Students should discuss their absence with their professors.

## Notification Procedures

Any change to normal University operation will be announced as early as possible through the media. The following radio and television stations will be notified:

### Radio Stations

WKST	1280	AM	New Castle
	92.1	FM	New Castle
WBZY	1200	AM	New Castle
KDKA	1020	AM	Pittsburgh
WISR	680	AM	Butler
WBUT-LER	97.7	FM	Butler
WPIC/Y103	103	FM	Sharon/Youngstown
WRSK	88.1	FM	Slippery Rock University
WTAE	1250	AM	Pittsburgh
WVTY	Variety 96	FM	Pittsburgh

### Television Stations

KDKA	Pittsburgh
WTAE	Pittsburgh
WPXI	Pittsburgh
WFMJ	Youngstown
WKBN	Youngstown
Channel 6	Slippery Rock University

A voice mail will be distributed to all University telephones and a recorded message will be placed on 724-738-2998. Information also will be posted on our Web site, [www.SRU.edu](http://www.SRU.edu), and **Rock Talk**.

The staff at the University's main number, 724-738-9000, will be notified so they can respond to inquiries. The main number greeting will inform callers of class cancellations when that number is not staffed.

Should the University be officially closed, essential functions must be maintained and certain personnel may be required to report to work. Provisions will be made to keep the following operations open to provide services for students:

Bailey Library	Recreation Center
Dining Halls	Residence Halls
Health Services	Switchboard
Morrow Field House	University Police

University Union

*For purpose of interpretation, the following statement which may be provided to the media pertains to cancellation of classes only. "Classes are canceled. All offices are open." - All support staff will be expected to report to work.*

*The University will be closed when the governor declares a statewide State of Emergency. The University will abide by that directive and further instructions will be provided at that time.*

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### Sunday, Dec. 8

Benefit for Officer Chris Messina  
1 to 6 p.m., Hindman Hall, Butler. Tickets \$3

Christmas Concert: Musicians' Concert Band  
4 p.m., Miller Auditorium

Christmas Concert: SRU Gospel Choir  
5 p.m., University Union

### Monday, Dec. 9

Finals week opens

### Wednesday, Dec. 11

High School Academic Games Competition  
University Union (Also Friday)

Outdoor Adventures:  
Free Kayak Technique and Roll Clinic

### Saturday, Dec. 14

Commencement: 1:30 p.m.  
Morrow Field House

ROTC Commissioning: 9 a.m.

Graduate Breakfast: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Russell Wright Alumni House

## Classified Ads

**FOR RENT:** Nice one-bedroom apartment with deck in Harrisville. All appliances, including dishwasher. Central air; low utilities. \$400 per month, plus utilities. Security deposit required. Call 724-735-2362.

**FOR SALE:** Solid oak roll-top computer desk. \$350. Call 724-794-4795.

**FOR SALE:** 1994 Plymouth Acclaim. Clean, good condition, four-cylinder, with 92,000+ miles. Well maintained and runs well. New radiator, front brakes and tires. Asking \$2,100. Call 724-496-3898.

**FOR SALE:** Steel gun safe, 24-inches-by-24-inches-by-60-inches. Can be used either horizontal or vertical. Good shape. \$250; Remington Model 870, 12-gauge, full-choke, pump, good shape, \$215; Remington Model 10, 12-gauge, full-choke, pump, good shape, \$165. Call 724-794-3473 after 6 p.m.

**FREE:** Great dog. White Lab, free to good home. Wonderful with kids. Must have room to run. Call 724-450-1099.

**FOR SALE:** Grain fed whole beef hamburger. Also truck cap, 40-inches, fits full-sized pickup with eight-foot bed. Insulated and like-new condition. Make offer. Corn planter, make offer. 2001 Ford F-150 pick up truck. 3,800 miles, \$16,000 or best offer. Call 724-894-2407.

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