

Rock Calendar

Listings taken from the
SRU Master Calendar of Events.

Today, Feb. 8

SRU hosts Indoor Track and Field Invitational
Morrow Field House (all day)

UPB: Slam Poets, 6 p.m., Rocky's Grille

SGA movie: American Gangster
7 p.m., McKay Education Building

Fete de Mardi Gras
Camera Dance and Drum Ensemble
7:30 p.m., Carruth Razza Hall

SRU Performing Arts Series: Philadanco
7:30 p.m., Miller Auditorium (Sold out)

The Vagina Monologues
8 p.m. Swope Music Hall
(Also at 8 p.m., Saturday)

Saturday, Feb. 9

SRU Athletics hosts
Girls and Women in Sports Workshops
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Morrow Field House

SRU Chinese New Year Celebration
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Newman Center

SRU women's basketball vs. Lock Haven
1 p.m., Morrow Field House

SRU men's basketball vs. Lock Haven
3 p.m., Morrow Field House

Monday, Feb. 11

Michael Moore's "Sicko"
7 p.m., Advanced Technology and Science Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 12

UPB event: Adult Variety Circus
8 p.m., University Union

Wednesday, Feb. 13

SGA movie: American Gangster
8 p.m., McKay Education Building
Pan African Film Festival
7:30 p.m., Eisenberg Classroom Building

Thursday, Feb. 14

UPB event: Make a Heart, Save a Heart
11 a.m., University Union

Friday, Feb. 15

PMEA District 5 Jazz Festival
Swope Music Hall
(Continues Saturday with 2 p.m. public concert)
SGA movie: Enchanted
7 p.m., McKay Education Building

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It's too darned hot, unless steam lines break

So you think you get steamed. Just try walking in Scott Albert's shoes as he tries to deal with the warm, sauna-like fog surrounding the sidewalk and a 12-inch, makeshift smokestack at the end of the walkway leading to North Hall.

Both areas are fenced off to warn passersby, and "both steam leaks are signs of the aging steam pipe distribution system set for replacement this spring and summer," said Albert, director of facilities and planning.

The University will spend nearly \$2 million to provide new steam distribution lines to a number of buildings on the west end of campus – North Hall, Weisenfluh Dining Hall, the Pearl K. Stoner Instructional Complex and Strain Behavioral Science Building.

Keep fingers crossed

"We are keeping our fingers crossed the old lines hold out until spring weather breaks," Albert said.

"We have had the project on the drawing board for some time. Last year, we noted a steam line break outside North Hall and had to make temporary repairs utilizing a stack vent to avoid interior building damage. Since then, other breaks along the line have opened. It is just a matter of time before a major break causes major problems," Albert said.

The steam lines provide heat, generated at the boiler plant, to all campus buildings. In many cases, the steam is also used to generate hot water in campus buildings. Some portions of the west end distribution system are at least 70 years old, Albert said. The lines operate at two pressures, 50- and 120-pounds-per-square-inch.

Because it takes several days to bleed the pressure and the heat, Albert said he is hoping for good weather over spring break in early-March will allow the lines outside North Hall

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Professional Development Day features liberal arts expert Michael Bérubé

Michael Bérubé, the Paterno Family Professor in Literature at Pennsylvania State University, will discuss "What's Liberal About the Liberal Arts?" to open Slippery Rock University's Professional Development Day Feb. 19.



Bérubé

The 9 a.m. address in the Advanced Technology and Science Hall will explore the humanities' challenge to educate and prepare students for the pre-professional and/or technical job markets of the 21st century. Bérubé will also discuss "Is There Political Bias in the Classroom?" at 10:30 a.m.

Bérubé is the author of six books, including "Marginal Forces/Cultural Centers: Tolson, Pynchon, and the Politics of the Canon," "Public Access: Literary Theory and American Cultural Politics," "Life As We Know It: A Father, A Family, and an Exceptional Child," "The Employment of English: Theory, Jobs, and the Future of Literary Studies," "What's Liberal About the Liberal Arts?: Classroom Politics and 'Bias' in Higher Education" and "Rhetorical Occasions: Essays on Humans and the Humanities."

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PMEA District Jazz Festival brings 41 high school jazz musicians to two-day event in Swope

Forty-one talented high school jazz musicians from Butler, Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer counties will be at Slippery Rock University Feb. 15-16 participating in the annual Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 5 Jazz Festival.

The festival includes a 2 p.m. Feb. 16 public concert in Swope Music Hall. Tickets are \$5 for the general public; free for students.

Stephen Hawk, SRU associate professor of music, and David Fodor, a music teacher at Evanston Township High School in Evanston, Ill., are coordinating the festival. Fodor will serve as guest conductor and clinician.

Fodor, the former director of bands at Western Illinois University, is a past member of the board of director for the Illinois Music Educators Association and vice president of the Secondary General Music Division. He is a past president



Fodor

of the International Association of Jazz Educators, Illinois Unit, and a current reviewer of new jazz music and materials for Instrumentalist Magazine. He earned his doctorate in music education from Northwestern University and is an active performer in the Chicago area.

Participating high school students will spend time in workshops and rehearsal as part of the festival. The SRU Jazz Ensemble will play for the students at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 15.

"The students were selected from 75 who auditioned," Hawk said. "We see this annual program as a great opportunity for high school jazz musicians to both see and hear the talents of others in their peer group as well as a chance to learn from outstanding jazz musicians. It is also an opportunity to showcase Slippery Rock University's facilities and music department offerings, including our jazz studies program."

Hawk, a member of the faculty since 1989, is well-known throughout the region for his work as a jazz trumpeter.

Four SRU records fall at Akron Open event

Four Slippery Rock University sports records fell last Saturday during the Akron Open indoor track and field competition in Ohio to highlight this week's Rock sports roundup.

Lacey Cochran, from Freeport, participating in the 400-meter dash and Jennifer Hansen, from Charleston, W. Va., competing in pole vault each set a record in women's competition, while Jeren DeBardelan, from Pittsburgh, who ran the 60m dash and Pat Reagan, from Masontown, in the 5,000m run set new men's marks.

In the process of setting the records, all four student athletes also enhanced their chances for competing in the national championship event in March.

In other Rock sports news:

- Terrece Draper, from Nuttingham, in the triple jump and Nate Shadeck, from Frenchville, in the 400m dash claimed first places last Saturday in the State Farm Games hosted by West Virginia University.
- The men's basketball team was denied sole possession of fourth place in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference-Western Division standings by a 76-63 loss Wednesday at Clarion. The loss dropped SRU (4-16 overall, 2-4 PSAC-West) into fifth place at the conclusion of the first round of the PSAC-West schedule. The move is significant because the top four teams in the division will earn berths in the PSAC playoffs. The Rock has not earned a conference playoff berth since the 1999-2000 season, when SRU played in the conference finals. A 74-72 win over Shippensburg last Saturday had moved The Rock into a tie for fourth place in the division.
- The women's basketball team lost to Shippensburg (74-58) last Saturday and Clarion (65-48) Wednesday to fall to 7-14 overall, 1-5 in PSAC-West action. The Rock is tied for sixth place in the PSAC-West standings.
- Heather Walbright, from Worthington, Ohio, claimed a third-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle and Beth Choike, from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in the 100 backstroke, and Jessica Student, from Drexel Hill, in the 200 backstroke each claimed a fourth-place finish to lead The Rock to a fourth-place team finish in last Friday's Carnegie Mellon Invitational.

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to be temporarily patched. "It will take a day or two to cool the lines, then dig holes and remove insulation. It then takes a couple of days to bring the lines back up to temperature and pressure. We hope the shutdown doesn't cause additional problems related to contraction and expansion of the lines involved," Albert said.

"Right after graduation, we will begin a major overhaul of the steam lines. It will take an outside contractor all summer to complete. The upper area of campus will see a lot of digging and tunneling over summer," Albert said. For the most part no major construction is expected inside the affected buildings, other than at the point where the lines connect to the distribution system and new pressure reduction valves are to be installed, he said.

The Stoner Complex will require some piping to be replaced in the basement. As other buildings are downstream of the planned work, steam outages will also occur in Maltby Center, McKay Education Building, Miller Auditorium, Carruth Rizza Hall and Old Main.

Albert said it is imperative that tunnel/digging be completed in the roadways and parking lots before the start of fall classes. Herb Carlson, assistant vice president for construction design and management, will work to make sure contractors complete the work as quickly as possible.

While steam heat is already cost efficient, Albert said that by the reducing leaks and improving insulation on the new lines, the University will see an annual reduction in its heating bill when the new system becomes operational.

Women's basketball invites fans to 'Think Pink'

The Rock women's basketball program will sponsor a "Think Pink" event as part of Saturday's home game against Lock Haven in Morrow Field House. The event is part of a nationwide promotion by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to increase breast cancer awareness.

Rock players will wear special pink T-shirts during pre-game warmups and game officials will blow pink whistles. Throughout the game, fans will have the opportunity to participate in special promotions. The game tips off at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Kara Spagnola, event coordinator, at Ext. 2399.



Athletic Office hosts National Girls and Women in Sports Day

The Rock athletic department will sponsor a free women's sports clinic Saturday in Morrow Field House as part of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

The event, open to girls ages 5-12, runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and will be immediately followed by the SRU women's basketball game against Lock Haven University.

The focus of the event is a series of mini-clinics featuring Rock women's sports head coaches. Among the participating coaches are Emily Boosahda, lacrosse; Stacey Hart, field hockey; Laurel Heilman, basketball; Noreen Herlihy, soccer; Vashion Johnson, softball; and Laurie Lokash, volleyball.

The event will be limited to the first 80 girls to register. On-site registration will be available only if openings remain. Early registration is encouraged.

Participants are welcome to bring their own lunch or they can enjoy free pizza provided by the SRU athletic department.

Participants are also reminded to bring the correct sports attire.

For details, contact Boosahada, event coordinator, at Ext. 4322.

University family plans 'White Out IUP' night

The SRU Sports Promotion and Information Office, SGA Bookstore and the division of student life are co-sponsoring a "White Out IUP" event as part of The Rock's Feb. 20 women's and men's basketball doubleheader against Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Fans are urged to wear white to both of the games.

The first 250 SRU students attending the 6 p.m. women's game and the first 250 SRU students arriving for the 8 p.m. men's game will receive a free "White out IUP" T-shirt.

The first 200 fans to attend the game will receive free, white pompoms. Prizes will be given away throughout the evening.

For more information, contact the Sports Information Office at Ext. 2086.

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SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT: The Slippery Rock University Piano Trio, with SRU faculty (from left) Paula Tuttle, Nanette Kaplan Solomon and Warren Davidson, will present the annual Dwight B. Baker and Jeane W. Baker Scholarship Concert at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in Swope Music Hall.

Annual scholarship concert features 'Beethoven, Brahms and the Blues'

"Beethoven, Brahms and the Blues" is the theme for this year's Dwight and Jeane Baker Memorial Scholarship Concert presented by the Slippery Rock University Piano Trio. The concert is 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in Swope Music Hall.

The annual performance, which funds scholarships in piano and strings at the University, honors the memory of the late Dwight B. Baker and Jeane W. Baker, both long-time SRU music department faculty. Both retired in 1983.

The performance trio includes SRU faculty Nanette Kaplan Solomon on piano, Paula Tuttle on cello and Warren Davidson on violin. Solomon is a professor of music, and Tuttle and Davidson are instructors.

The concert will offer "Trio in C Minor" by Beethoven, "Trio in B Major," by Brahms and Libby Larsen's "Four on the Floor." Jeffrey Mangone, a music instructor at SRU, will join the trio on double-bass for Larsen's composition.

Faculty vitae

Solomon joined the SRU faculty in 1977 and has performed nationally and internationally as a soloist and chamber musician. She has presented lectures and recitals at the College Music Society national meetings and has performed at conferences in Berlin, Vienna, Kyoto, Limerick, Costa Rica and Madrid. In the eastern U.S., she has performed with orchestras in Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, as well as with the Butler, Pittsburgh and Youngstown, Ohio, symphony orchestras. She is president-elect of the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association and has released three CDs. Solomon earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Yale College and her doctorate at Boston University.

Tuttle, a music faculty member since 2002, performs with the Pittsburgh Opera

and Ballet Orchestra and has performed in Europe and across the U.S. She played the Saint-Saens Cello Concert with the Edgewood Symphony in 2004 and with the Slippery Rock Symphony Orchestra in 2005. Tuttle has performed as principal cellist with the Spoleto Festival in South Carolina and the Festival of the Two Worlds in Italy. She also participated in the Academie Franco Americain in France. In 2001 and 2002, she performed at the Colorado Music Festival. She is a member of the MyMusic orchestra, which plays for PBS specials. Tuttle has played for more than 100 stars on the pop music scene. She earned her bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music, her master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University and has undertaken post-masters studies at New England Conservatory and the University of Akron.

Davidson, who conducts the Slippery Rock University Symphony Orchestra, is active as an orchestral concertmaster, recitalist and teacher. His special interests are in the areas of technical foundation of violin and viola playing, analysis of technical difficulties, effective practice regimens, tone production and musical understanding through musical analysis. He earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy and psychology at Duquesne University and completed his master of music in violin at Duquesne and his master of arts in theory and composition at the University of Pittsburgh. He has a certificate of advanced studies in chamber music from the University of Wisconsin and earned his doctor of music degree from West Virginia University where he was a Swiger fellow.

Admission to the concert is a \$10 minimum donation for adults; \$5 for students. Donations exceeding the minimum are tax deductible.

SRU Jazz Ensemble plays for Chinese New Year

The 19-piece Slippery Rock University Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Stephen Hawk, associate professor of music, will play for The Maridon Museum's Chinese New Year Celebration Saturday.

The Butler museum is owned by Mary Phillips, one of the ensemble's strongest supporters. She helped finance the groups' 2006 European tour, including performances at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and the North Sea Jazz Festival in Switzerland as well as concerts in Paris and in Germany. The ensemble produced a CD titled "Crossing Borders" featuring selections played on the tour.

"When Ms. Phillips called with the invitation to play, we jumped at the opportunity," Hawk said.

The Maridon Museum is western Pennsylvania's only museum with a specific focus on Chinese and Japanese art and culture. The facility offers more than 800 pieces. It is featured in the upcoming issue of The ROCK magazine.

At SRU, a Chinese New Year Celebration, sponsored by the newly formed Chinese Culture Association and the Modern China Group, will be marked from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Newman Center. The event will offer Chinese culture-related activities and games with prizes. Chinese finger food will be served.



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He is also editor of "The Aesthetics of Cultural Studies," and, with Cary Nelson, was editor of "Higher Education Under Fire: Politics, Economics, and the Crisis of the Humanities."

Bérubé has written more than 150 essays for a variety of academic journals such as *American Quarterly*, the *Yale Journal of Criticism*, *Social Text*, *Modern Fiction Studies* and the *Minnesota review*. He has also written for *Harper's*, the *New Yorker*, *Dissent*, the *New York Times Magazine*, the *Washington Post*, the *Nation* and the *Boston Globe*. His book "Life As We Know It" was a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year in 1996 and received honorable mention in *Harper's* "Best American Essays" in 1994. He is a member of the advisory board of the Penn State Center for American Literary Studies.

His awards include fellowships with the National Humanities Center, the Program for the Study of Cultural Values and Ethics, and the University of Illinois. He was a University Scholar at the University of Illinois and served as a University of Illinois Research Board, Humanities Released Time professor. He was also on the University of Illinois Incomplete List of Excellent Teachers for 1990-97, 1999 and 2000. In addition, Bérubé received a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend.

As part of the Professional Development Day activities, Thomas Flynn, SRU professor of communication, will lead an assessment session titled "Doing Degree Coherence," at 8:30 a.m. At 11 a.m. Christopher Cole, SRU director of student organizations and leadership, will discuss "Utilizing Student Voice Survey Technology." Both sessions are in the University Union.

Wenhao Liu, SRU associate professor of physical education, will present a 9 a.m. session in the ATSH titled "How to Become Productive in Research in a Teaching University."

DaNine Fleming, director of the SRU Office of Intercultural Programs, Jessamine Montero, Act 101 assistant director in Academic Services, Sandra Stevenson, director of training and employee services, diversity and equal opportunity, and Frederick White, associate professor of English, will jointly offer "Encountering Diversity: Minority Applicants of Color and the Search Committee" at 10:30 a.m. in the Russell Wright Alumni House.

Also at 10:30 a.m., Patrick Burkhart and Jack Livingston, associate professors of geography, geology and the environment, Simon Beeching, professor of biology, Jennifer Keller, associate professor of dance, and Katherine Mickle, assistant professor of art, will offer "Exploring Characteristics of Rock Solid Research from an Array of Successful SRU Models." The session is in the University Union.

Catherine Massey, SRU associate professor of psychology, will present a "Safe Zone" workshop at 12:30 p.m.

At 1 p.m., Wei Bian, SRU assistant professor of physical education, and Liu will present "Tai Chi, Health and Cultural Appreciation" in Morrow Field House, and David Valentine, SRU professor of computer science, will offer "Install and Secure a Home Wireless Network" in the ATSH.

Those planning to attend are asked to submit a reservation form to the Office of Grants and Sponsored Research by Feb. 14. Registration forms are available at: <http://www.sru.edu/pags/9819.asp>.

There are no day or evening classes at the University Feb. 19.

faculty/ accomplishments

Richael Barger-Anderson and **Robert Isherwood**, special education, will see their work in the next edition of the *Journal of Ethnographic and Qualitative Research* when their article "Factors Affecting the Adoption of Co-teaching Models: One School's Journey from Mainstreaming to Inclusion" is published. Their research was completed over a two-year period in the Hampton Township School District and involved interviews, observations and document analysis. The work identifies some of the issues regular education teachers and special education teachers face when assigned to teach collaboratively in one classroom. The work is a result of a school trying to face the mandates of No Child Left Behind and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 as well as various court case decisions. The journal emphasizes qualitative research methods and was an ideal fit for the SRU faculty's study.

Fifty-five SRU students and seven exercise and rehabilitative sciences faculty attended the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the American College of Sports Medicine in Harrisburg. **Jamie McGrew**, an exercise science major from San Diego, Calif., presented her undergraduate research "Validation of the Armband as a Physical Activity Monitoring Tool Used to Measure Kilocalorie Expenditure." Her faculty research mentor was **Kimberly Smith**. **Anne Hays**, **Mark Schafer** and **Smith**, all faculty, presented their dissertation research. **William Ryan**, faculty, was elected vice president of the organization. **Susan Herman**, **Jeff Lynn** and **Jon Anning**, all faculty, attended.

Kim L. Creasy, elementary education/early childhood, presented "Instructors' Perceptions of Classroom Assessment for Web-based Instruction" at the international SoTL Commons: A Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Statesboro, Ga.

Kim Forrest and **Wendy Stuhldreher**, health and safety, have published their research titled "Patterns and Correlates of Body Image Dissatisfaction among College Students" in the *American Journal of Health Studies*. The work examines the issue of body image as a health problem among SRU students and underscores the importance of awareness and prevention of this problem.

Joseph Harry, communication, published a chapter in a new scholarly edited volume "Journalism Ethics Goes to the Movies" published in October by Rowman & Littlefield. Harry's chapter "The Utopian Nature of Journalistic Truth" is an ethical analysis of the 1982 movie "The Year of Living Dangerously" exploring the professional pressures and ethical contradictions related to the international reporting of political conflict depicted in the film.

Jim Revesz and **Mark Combine**, contracts and purchasing, have been recertified as Certified Purchasing Managers by the Institute for Supply Management. The recertification, done every five years, requires 84 hours of continuing education. Both have been CPM's since 1997.

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