

Rock Calendar

Listings taken from the
SRU Master Calendar of Events and other sources.

Today, April 13

Summer/fall registration open

SRU baseball hosts IUP, 1 p.m.

SGA movie series: We are Marshall
7 p.m., McKay Education Building

Commonwealth Association of Students
Late Night Event: Waking Matthew band
9 p.m. -midnight, Aebersold Recreation Center

Saturday, April 14

Freshmen Orientation, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Drill-4-Skill Basketball Tournament
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aebersold Recreation Center

SRU softball hosts Edinboro, 1 p.m.

Transition Student Development Series
1-4 p.m., University Union

SRU outdoor track and field
Slippery Rock Invitational

Sunday, April 15

5K Rock, Roll and Stroll
9 a.m., (8 a.m. registration)
Old Thompson Field (5K race)

SRU water polo hosts
Washington and Jefferson, noon

SRU lacrosse hosts Shippensburg, 1 p.m.

Monday, April 16

Mohammed 12 Steps Toward Diversity
8 a.m., University Union

SRU Percussion Ensemble
7:30 p.m., Swope Music Hall

Tuesday, April 17

Day of Silence: Panel Discussion
7 p.m., Advanced Technology and Science Hall

SRBA Business Expo
10 a.m., University Union

SRU softball hosts Wheeling Jesuit, 2 p.m.

State of America series, 6 p.m., University Union

Wednesday, April 18

Kaleidoscope arts festival opens
(continues through April 29)

Day of Silence observed

SRU tennis hosts Mercyhurst, 3:30 p.m.

Political Science Spring Awards dinner
4:30 p.m., 247 Harmony Road

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Smith shares University successes in annual address to faculty

Accomplishments by faculty, students and staff, upcoming technology expansions, future growth for the Regional Learning Alliance and regional community, along with physical changes to campus highlighted President Robert Smith's "State of the University" address Tuesday in the Advanced Technology and Science Hall.

In his 37-minute speech, Smith covered a wide variety of topics all supporting why, "It's a great time to be at Slippery Rock University."

Smith told the group he was excited about a "revolutionary new technology" coming to SRU that will make the campus the first in North America to use RFID [radio frequency identification] technology through University ID cards. The "smart ID cards" will provide "scan and go" capabilities much like those used for gasoline purchases. The cards will provide residence hall access, admission to cafeterias along with access to vending and laundry machines, library lending and a host of other services.

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SRU says 'Al salaam a'alaykum' to Arabic language courses

Young children learn a few foreign words – Bonjour, Nyet, Si and Gesundheit – but few pick up Arabic words or phrases. That's a problem Slippery Rock University hopes to address when it starts offering three semesters of Arabic language and culture courses beginning next fall.

The courses, part of SRU's department of modern languages and cultures offerings, will make use of a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant program funded by the National Security Language Initiative. The courses will also allow students to fulfill their bachelors of art language requirement and to meet their "Global Community Goal" course requirement, said Eva Tsuquiashi-Daddesio, department chair.

"In addition to learning the language and learning about the culture of the Middle East, this new language program will inspire students to become even more aware of the world in which they live. It will further spark interest in the vast historical perspectives related to the Middle East thus allowing them to better understand those living in today's Arab countries and what they bring to the current world-cultural climate," she said.

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SRU social work program marks 25 years of academic excellence

Stephen Marson, University of North Carolina, Pembroke, professor of social work and editor of Social Work Values and Ethics Online Journal, will keynote an all-day Internship Supervisor Certificate Program and Workshop celebrating the 25th anniversary of Slippery Rock University's undergraduate social work program. His topic will be "Ethics in Social Work Practice."

The April 20, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. conference is at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry.

Marson, whose career spans 35 years, was named North Carolina's 2005 Social Worker of the Year by the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

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Thomas Zaucha named distinguished alumnus – see page 3

announcements

The **Office of Intercultural Programs** will host a Spring Graduation and Awards Program at 4 p.m. May 2 in University Union. The program is designed to recognize and reward outstanding students of color and those of other historically underrepresented groups for their academic achievement and service. The program will also recognize faculty and staff for their continued support of the Office of Intercultural Programs and commitment to issues of diversity, multiculturalism and social justice. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP by noon Tuesday by calling Ext. 2653, or via e-mail to robert.clay@sru.edu In addition, support in selecting individuals most deserving of recognition in the categories listed is being sought. All student, faculty, staff and administrators are encouraged to submit nominations. A nomination form must be submitted for each nominee per award. Nominees must be current SRU students, faculty, staff or administration. All nominations are due by April 20 in the Office of Intercultural Programs. Nomination forms are available at www.sru.edu/pages/10758.asp. For more information call Ext. 2700.

Women golfers at SRU are invited to join a **Wednesday night golf league** at Oakview Golf Club. Call Linda Schuetz, clerk typist in Purchasing, at Ext. 2250, or Cindi Dillon, assistant to the provost, at Ext. 2172 for details.

The **Slippery Rock University Federal Credit Union** is requesting all members interested in running for a board of director or loan committee position to contact the office by today. The annual meeting date is May 5 at the Slippery Rock Township Building. Information will be included in the quarterly newsletter included with end of March statements.

Open campus sessions for candidates seeking the **vice president for university advancement** position continue at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The third candidate will visit at 10 a.m. April 24 (note time change from earlier announcement), and the final candidate's session will be at 8 a.m. April 25. All sessions are in the North Hall Welcome Center.

Faculty needing to **rent regalia** for the May 12 commencement should place orders with the SGA Bookstore by April 18. Call Ext. 2104 for details.

The **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra** low brass section will present a performance and masterclass at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Swope Music Hall. Brian Meixner, music instructor, is organizing the visit.

Individual and group volunteers are needed to assist new freshmen and their families for fall semester as part of **"Move-In Days"** Aug 23-24. Volunteers in groups of 15 to 25 are needed in two- to four-hour shifts from 1-5 p.m. Aug 23 and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 24. Staff and faculty, organizations and departments are encouraged to greet new arrivals. All volunteers receive a WOW staff T-shirt (reuse of prior year's shirts is encouraged). Early check-in is available from 2-6 p.m. Aug 22 and 23 for volunteer students returning to a campus residence hall. A volunteer information meeting will be at 12:30 p.m. April 24 and 9 p.m. April 25 in the Robert N. Aebersold Student Recreation Center. Students, faculty, staff, alumni or community members interested in participating are asked to complete a volunteer form. The form is available at: www.sru.edu/pages/10200.asp (Only one form per group is necessary.) Contact Karen Perry, assistant director of campus recreation, at Ext. 4895 for details.

Piano studio students of Dr. Nanette Kaplan Solomon, SRU professor of music, will present "Piano Extravaganza: An Evening of Piano Duets" at 7:30 p.m. April 22 in Swope Recital Hall. The program will feature an array of works for one piano four-hands by composers Samuel Barber, Amy Beach, Antonin Dvorak, Edvard Grieg, Franz Schubert and Claude Debussy.

Voices to soar at 3 performances of 'Die Fledermaus' opera

Slippery Rock University vocal and music majors will give three April performances of the opera "Die Fledermaus" (The Bat). Performances are April 26-27 at 7:30 p.m. at Butler County Community College and April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at SRU.

Colleen Gray Neubert, SRU assistant professor of music, will direct the opera, which includes live music. "The production is pleasing to the ear and the eye," she said.

The three-act opera stars 11 SRU students and one SRU music graduate. Students will speak and sing in English, not the original German.

The opera centers on an aristocratic Vienna couple and baron who is due to start an eight-day jail term for a petty crime. The story involves a masked ball, disguises and surprises.

Advance tickets to the BC3 show in the Succop Theater are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Cost at the door is \$12 for adults, \$5 for students. The opera is part of the Kaleidoscope arts festival.

Tickets for the performance at SRU's Swope Music Hall are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Marianne Cornetti Vocal Scholarship Fund for SRU music majors.

sports round-up

Four Rock student-athletes were named as Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference "Athletes of the Week" in the past two weeks. **Jennifer Hansen and Andi Rose** received women's outdoor track and field honors April 2, while **Scott Bender** (baseball) and **Meghan McHenry** (softball) were honored April 9.

• The women's field hockey, swimming and water polo teams, 12 individual student-athletes and head swimming/water polo coach **Jim Yeamans** were recognized Tuesday as recipients of the "Geena Takes Aim" national resolution presented by the Women's Sports Foundation. Student-athletes honored included **Rachael Bienias**, Tinley Park, Ill., **Emily Campbell**, Mechanicsburg, **Beth Choike**, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., **Alison Nuckols**, Midlothian, Va., **Elizabeth Penning**, Woodbridge, Va., **Sarah Sander**, Loveland, Ohio, **Laura Sanford**, Stevensville, Md., **Ashley Stoner**, Harrisburg, **Jessica Student**, Drexel Hill, **Jennifer Venet**, Mechanicsburg, **Heather Walbright**, Worthington, Ohio, and **Rebecca Zinn**, Dillsburg. For further details on the award, go to <http://rockathletics.cstv.com/genrel/041007aaa.html>.

• The women's tennis team, ranked 34th in the latest national poll, improved its season record to 18-4 with wins over Clarion (8-1) and Shippensburg (9-0) this week. The win over Shippensburg assured **Matt Meredith's** squad of a berth in the four-team PSAC playoffs (April 20-21 in Bloomsburg).

• The baseball team is ranked 25th on the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association national poll and 27th on the American Baseball Coaches Association/Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll. The team currently owns a 19-9 overall record and a 5-3 mark and is in third place in the PSAC-Western Division;

• The softball team is ranked seventh in the initial NCAA Division II Mid-Atlantic Regional poll and owns a 14-14 overall record, 1-5 in PSAC-West games.

• The women's water polo team beat Grove City by a 12-11 score in triple overtime Tuesday to improve its season record to 4-13.

• The women's lacrosse team saw its season record fall to 0-8 with a 22-3 loss to Notre Dame College of Ohio Tuesday.

Distinguished alumnus earns Alumni Association's top honor

Gargantuan is the only way to describe Thomas Zaucha's 40 years of loyalty to Slippery Rock University. Since graduating in 1967, Zaucha has served on numerous boards, participated in hundreds of activities and he's even donated the largest gift ever to the School of Physical Therapy. In honor of his standout legacy, SRU's Alumni Association has named Zaucha the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

He will receive the award April 21 at the association's annual awards dinner at the University Club in North Hall.

In addition, the association will present its annual scholarships and recognize four alumni as recipients of the 2007 Young Alumni Award. The recipients are Scott Wise, 1990, '93, '05, physical therapy; Jason Kush, '04, music; Miecha Galbraith, '96, education, and Charles Gottschalk, '90, accounting.

The association created the award in 2005 to honor high-achieving alumni who have graduated within the past 20 years. The award goes to one recipient from each of SRU's four colleges.

"Tom has had a profound impact on this University and embodies what SRU graduates are all about," said Michael Saraka, director of alumni relations.

Zaucha, partner/vice president of Benchmark Medical Inc. and the former president and CEO of Keytone Rehabilitation Systems, committed \$100,000 to support graduate education in physical therapy through The Campaign for Slippery Rock University, a 10-year fund-raising initiative. A Rock Society member and former SRU Foundation, Inc., board member, he played football as a student and graduated with a degree in health and physical education.

He later received a degree in physical therapy from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in health care management from the University of Pittsburgh.

A long-time health advocate, Zaucha developed Keystone Rehabilitation Systems into a \$28-million enterprise and the largest provider of physical therapy services throughout Pennsylvania from its headquarters in Indiana, Pa. In 1995, he sold Keystone to publicly held Northstar Health Services.

Zaucha then served as president and CEO of Northstar for five years. Northstar Health Services was sold in 2000 to private investors. The resulting company was Benchmark Medical Inc. where Zaucha currently serves as a partner and vice president.

Zaucha is a member of several professional organizations including the American Physical Therapy Association, National Athletic Trainers Association and American College of Sports Medicine. He also serves as vice chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Physical Therapy. His community involvement includes service as a member of the Indiana County Airport Authority, Chamber of Commerce (Indiana County), Lifesteps corporate board and the Indiana Borough Mayors Cabinet.

He has received numerous awards and recognitions throughout his career, including Health Care Entrepreneur of the Year – Western Pennsylvania in 1992; Civic Leader of the Year – Indiana County in 1996; the Benjamin Rush Award in 1999; and the IUP Sports Hall of Fame in 2003. Zaucha has served as chairman of the annual Keystone Rehabilitation Golf Tournament. During the nine years of the tournament, more than \$150,000 was raised for various service organizations in Indiana County.

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Smith acknowledged a number of University family members who have been subjects of "Good News" releases this past year. Included were Robert Clay, assistant director of intercultural programs, presented the William H. Myers Multicultural Professional Service Award; Thom Cobb, assistant professor of dance, named 2007 College/University National Dance Educator of the Year; Teena Custer, adjunct faculty in dance, selected by Dance Magazine as one of "25 to Watch"; Richard Wukich, professor of art, honored by Edinboro University with its Alumni Award of Excellence; Dan McIntosh, associate professor of political science, named the Volunteer of the Year by the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; and Charles Curry, vice president for finance and administrative affairs, named a finalist for the Chief Financial Officer of the Year honor by the Pittsburgh Business Times.

Accreditations, reaccredititions saluted

He also reminded the audience of accolades earned by various departments receiving accreditation or reaccreditation in the past year. He cited the counseling and development department for its recent award at the Pennsylvania Counseling Association's annual conference, the work of the SRU mathematics and financial planning teams as well as students involved in biochemistry research and black student leadership development.

Smith also gave public kudos to the physical plant and housekeeping staffs for their outstanding efforts in keeping the campus operational during severe winter weather. He told the assemblage of the yeoman-like efforts of Pam Frigot, director of International Services, and Alice Kaiser-Drobney, Institute for Community, Service-Learning and Nonprofit Leadership. The two worked to ensure the safe return of students traveling over spring break on University-related programs following weather-induced air travel delays.

Enrollment growth continues

In his address, Smith pointed to SRU's continued enrollment growth, while working to retain balanced classroom size. "We've accomplished this by reducing the number of actual spaces in large auditoriums, and since 2001, we have added 17 teaching positions to the faculty, and for fall, we are adding 10 additional full-time teaching positions," he said.

Smith said the recent decision by Westinghouse, Inc., to move 4,000 new jobs to Butler County was influenced by the construction of the RLA. "You should know that their new location is next to the Regional Learning Alliance. You should know that the RLA is a powerful force for economic development and it is proving its might."

Bright future for the community

In looking toward the future, Smith pointed to community changes, including additional student apartments, continuing downtown development work and construction of a new entrance to campus as changes being brought about by the University's community leadership.

He called on the campus to "remain focused on those who have trusted us to use our gifts in very special ways" and said he continues to look forward to new, ambitious programs and innovative ways of using technology and pedagogy to reach out to the community.

University honors faculty at Academic Assembly

Tuesday's Academic Assembly, hosted by President Smith, honored more than 40 faculty members for their outstanding contributions to the University with awards presented for those attaining 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service.

Receiving SRU clocks in recognition of their 40 years at SRU were Hans Fellner, professor of physics, and Charles Tichy, professor of modern languages and cultures. (Additional details will be included in an upcoming issue of **rockpride**.)

The event included remarks from Jace Condrary, professor of English and president of the Association of Pennsylvania State, College and University Faculty, who updated the audience on contract negotiations with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

'Young Women at The Rock Day' planned

The President's Commission for Women will sponsor "Young Women at the Rock Day" April 26. The day is SRU's version of the National Organization for Women's "Take Your Daughter to Work Day," and is designed to expose girls and adolescent females, ages 9 to 16, to a variety of activities and opportunities.

The day will be used to demonstrate and develop interpersonal, physical and creative skills. The day begins at 8 a.m. in the SRU North Hall Welcome Center. Scheduled activities include team building skill development, a visit to the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center, rock climbing in the Robert N. Aebersold Student Recreation Center and a workshop on drumming.

All faculty and staff have received registration materials. Registration forms are due to Julaine Field, assistant professor of counseling and development and program organizer, by Monday.

Social work (Continued from page 1)

His work is focused on gerontology, forensics, education and ethics in social work.

At UNC, he teaches undergraduate courses in social work, including social policies and justice, research and statistics, gerontology, values and ethics, human behavior, and social environment and economic justice. At the on-line journal, he serves as founding senior editor and book review editor. He has also worked for the Journal of Law and Social Work as manuscripts and book review editor.

Nationally, Marson has participated in NASW's school social work committee and technology committee. He has served as chair of the organization's examination review committee and chair of the technology and social work task force. He has also worked with the competence certification commission. He is a past vice president of the North Carolina NASW director's board and is a member of its executive committee. He served as chair of the recognition and awards committee, as well as work on conference planning committees and the technology advisory panel. He is also active in his home community.

In 1978, Marson established a private practice dedicated to consultation, research, case and group work, and educational services primarily for the elderly and social science research for attorneys.

He earned his doctorate in sociology from North Carolina State University, specializing in aging and social psychology. He earned his master of social work degree at The Ohio State University with emphasis in human sexuality and substance abuse after earning his undergraduate degree from Ohio Dominican University.

The SRU conference will include "The History of the Social Work Program" lecture delivered by SRU's Michael L. Stowe, associate professor of sociology, anthropology and social work, and a "Leadership in Social Work: Leadership Succession Planning" address delivered by Sandra Beahm, a social worker at the Veteran's Administration Healthcare System in Pittsburgh, and Terese Ganster, former director of social services at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh. The afternoon will concentrate on social work supervisory training, including panel discussions led by Ganster and Anne R. Gregory, unit director of Pittsburgh's Mercy Behavioral Health Systems in Pittsburgh.

Beahm, Ganster and Gregory are members of SRU's social work program advisory board.

In addition, Katherine N. Hardesty and David R. Champion, both SRU assistant professors in sociology, anthropology and social work, will deliver a "Social Workers as Consultants to Domestic Violence" lecture.

Continuing education unit credits will be available.

SRU's undergraduate social work program is accredited by the Council of Social Work Education.

A story detailing 25 years of change in the SRU social work program may be found at: <http://www.sru.edu/pages/13995.asp>

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Another hope of the program, Tsuquiashi-Daddesio said, is that SRU graduates will be encouraged to expand their knowledge of Arabic language and cultures to become desperately needed language instructors. "The increased need is being reflected not only in the enrollment surge we are experiencing in our department, but also in the increasing call for better support for foreign language programs," Tsuquiashi-Daddesio said, pointing to a March 28 story in the Chronicle of Higher Education that reported, "The U.S. Department of Education needs a high-ranking official to oversee its efforts to dramatically expand Americans' proficiency in foreign languages and knowledge of international affairs."

SRU currently offers language and culture courses in Spanish, French, German, Russian, Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

The first Arabic lesson will begin with the phrase "Good day," spoken as, "Al salaam a'alaykum."

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Whirlpool washer and dryer \$80 each or both for \$150; full-size Kenmore refrigerator, \$50. Call 724-290-6335.

FOR SALE: Three-bedroom ranch on 1/3 acre corner lot in Slippery Rock borough, 2 1/2 baths, finished family room, garage, shed, many new updates, near elementary school, 5 minutes from campus. Desirable neighborhood. Appliances and some furniture included. Asking \$139,000. Call 724-290-9100.

FOR SALE: Massage table, Earthlite's Avalon-style, agate blue, excellent condition; stored folded and covered, no headrest, no case, retails \$350+, asking \$200 or make offer. Brother electric typewriter, style #EM711, w/original user guide and vinyl cover, good condition, asking \$100 or make offer. Call 724-458-9666; all serious inquiries answered.

FOR SALE: Sunnybrook Travel Trailer (RV), 30', fully equipped, AC, heat, refrigerator, stove, etc. all in good working order. Asking \$6,500 or best offer. Call 724-748-4055 daytime.

FOR RENT: Attractive, one-bedroom, unfurnished apartment in family neighborhood, close to Old Main. Available Aug. 1. Utilities not included. Refrigerator and stove included. No pets. Call 724-794-2863.

FOR SALE: 2004 Softail Standard Harley Davidson with lots of chrome, Vance & Hines exhaust pipes, detachable windshield and extra seat, 4,000 miles/excellent condition. Asking, \$15,000. Call 724-794-1161 after 5 p.m.

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