

Rock Calendar

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

Today, Aug. 27

WOW Opens - Freshman class arrives
SRU women's soccer hosts Gannon, 4 p.m.
SRU football hosts Bloomsburg, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28

Welcome Back Days continue
Cross country alumni race
ROCK Apartments move in, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 29

Upperclassmen return to campus
Act 101 Program Mixer, 2 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 30

Fall classes begin, 8 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Welcome Back Carnival, noon
Main Quad (Rain: University Union)

Wednesday, Sept. 1

SRU men's soccer hosts LaRoche, 4 p.m.
SRU field hockey hosts Bloomsburg, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 2

UPB Event: Recycled Percussion
12:30 p.m., Rocky's Grille Patio
Voter Registration Kicks Off
SRU football at Youngstown State
Bus trip planned. See University Union

Friday, Sept. 3

Last day to drop/add classes
SRU women's soccer hosts Bridgeport, 7 p.m.

NOTE: Labor Day is Sept. 6:
University offices closed; no classes

Mark Your Calendar:

SRU's fall semester is packed with major events (details will follow in **rockpride**) and faculty, staff and students are urged to mark their calendars now with the following dates:

Monday: Fall classes begin - 8 a.m.

Sept. 6: Labor Day: University offices closed; no classes

Sept. 7: Academic Assembly:

President Smith opens academic year, 12:30 p.m., Swope Music Hall

Oct. 23: Homecoming: "Rock the '80s"

Nov. 4: SRU's induction, Phi Kappa Phi

Nov. 5: Inauguration of Dr. Robert Smith at SRU's 15th president

Dec. 18: Winter commencement, 1:30 p.m. Morrow Field House

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SRU to be Home of Sisters in Healthcare History Project

The healthcare contributions made by 13 orders of Roman Catholic nuns throughout western Pennsylvania will soon be showcased at Slippery Rock University under a project being organized by Dr. John A. Bavaro, assistant professor in the School of Business.

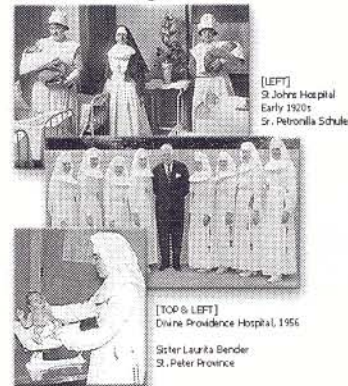
The project, which also will be used by the SRU's Women's Studies Program, will catalog the nuns' contributions from 1840. "This project is important because many do not know about the work of these women in healthcare, especially during a time when few were concerned about providing healthcare services. Many suffered hardships and even gave their lives in service to healthcare," Bavaro says.

A registered nurse, Bavaro says the traveling exhibition should open in 2005 featuring memorabilia, photos and traditional nuns' habits donated by communities of sisters that have worked, and continue to work, in acute and long-term care facilities from Erie to Altoona/Johnstown. Plans include expansion to include other orders across the U.S.

Among healthcare contributions made by western Pennsylvania nuns are Pittsburgh Mercy Hospital's introduction of aseptic surgery in the early 1900s. The Pittsburgh facility was the first Mercy hospital in the world and the hospital has letters from Abraham Lincoln thanking it for sending 27 nursing sisters to care for soldiers during the Civil War and for running military hospitals during the battles. In 1954, the Sisters of the Mercy from Altoona/Johnstown were first to develop an in-patient drug rehabilitation center in western Pennsylvania, while the Sisters of St. Joseph were instrumental in starting South Hills Healthcare System. Advancements in psychiatric treatment provided by the Sisters of St. Francis are legend in the industry, Bavaro reports.

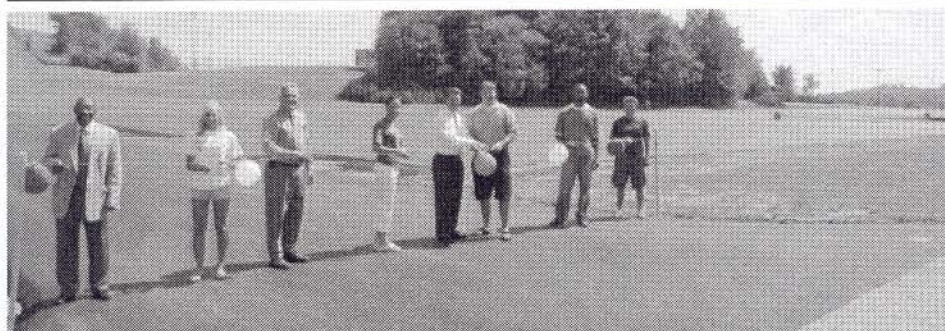
SRU's Women's Studies Program will fold some of the exhibit's information into its programs and courses, including its Women-in-History Month program.

Bavaro explains an advisory board representing each order has been meeting regularly to launch the project. Proceeds will benefit the Sisters Retirement Fund. In addition, a special fund within the Slippery Rock University Foundation, Inc., has been created for the project.



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St. Johns Hospital
Early 1920s
Sr. Petronilla Schuler

[TOP & LEFT]
Divine Providence Hospital, 1956
Sister Laurita Bender
St. Peter Province



PROMISES MADE: PROMISES KEPT: The ribbon was cut this week opening nearly 400 new SRU parking spaces this year. Increased parking availability was part of the Insight party's platform in last year's student government elections and SGA leaders, working with the administration, brought about the increased spaces. On hand for the new 225-space lot opening along Rocket Way near the ROCK Apartments were Dr. Charles Curry, vice president for finance and administrative affairs, Sheena Strnisha, SGA senator representing commuter students, Dr. Robert Watson, vice president for student life, Stacey May, SGA vice president for administrative affairs, President Smith, Jude Butch, SGA president, Mario Bernardi, SGA vice president for finance, and Gary Bleil, SGA senator representing commuters.