

SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

LONGITUDES & LATITUDES

FALL SEMESTER , 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2008

WELCOME! BIENVENIDOS! WILKOMMEN! BIENVENUE!

Welcome to all of our new and returning International Students! SRU is thrilled to welcome 39 new students to campus in addition to the 56 returning students. The main event this semester is International Week featuring International Sports Night, the International Fashion Show, the International Showcase, International Coffee-house, the International Roundtable and the Grand Finale, the International Dinner.

Please begin to think about our annual INTERNATIONAL DINNER held on Saturday, November 8th. The International Services Office needs each of you to help with the dinner by preparing a dish, selling tickets, and being present at the dinner. Please begin to think about your favorite dish from home that you would like to make for the dinner! Kelly or Kelsey will be in touch shortly with more detailed information and recipe requests.

We hope everyone is settling in to life at the Rock. If you haven't stopped into the office lately, please do! We would love to hear how your semester is going!

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

During the first few weeks of the fall semester, various offices on campus require paperwork from each of you. You may have already completed the following information and given it to the appropriate office, but if you haven't, please do so as soon as possible!

- ◆ **SEVIS I-20 or DS 2019:** Please see Kelly ASAP regarding your SEVIS I-20 or DS 2019 to check information, update or replace if necessary.
- ◆ **Change of Address:** The law requires you to notify Immigration services within 10 days of your address change. Go to www.uscis.gov and click on "Immigration Forms" then click on "AR-11." Print out this form and mail it. The form cannot be sent electronically. Forms are also available in the International Services Office. All returning students also need to notify the International Services Office of their new address.
- ◆ **Health Insurance Cards:** If you have not yet completed your health insurance card, please stop in the International Services Office and fill out this important paperwork as soon as possible. All international students must complete a health insurance card. If you have any questions, see Brenda.

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SEPTEMBER'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT—ANNA KOVACS

Birthday: August 31, 1986

Hometown: Budapest, Hungary/Friedrichshafen, Germany

Hobbies: Sports, Traveling, Movies

Music: R&B, Slow Music

Favorite place to travel to: Everywhere!

One thing about Hungary people should know: Everyone still drives manual cars, and you can still find towns and villages where the people still follow the same customs that were in place 500 years ago. Our culture is very colorful!

Clubs/Activities at SRU: Track and Field Team, SMA

Favorite places to hang out at SRU: My apartment because everyone just leaves their doors open so we can have fun all the time! The ARC is also great!

STUDENT'S COUNTRY—HUNGARY

“CLEAR THINKING
REQUIRES
COURAGE RATHER
THAN
INTELLIGENCE.”
—THOMAS SZASZ,
HUNGARIAN
PSYCHIATRIST &
PROFESSOR
EMERITUS AT
SUNY SYRACUSE

- ◆ Hungary is one of the oldest European countries founded in 896.
 - ◆ Hungary is roughly the same size as the state of Indiana with 10 million inhabitants.
 - ◆ Budapest, the capital of Hungary, used to be two separate cities, Buda and Pest, which were separated by the Danube River. A bridge was built over the Danube that connected the two cities and allowed them to become the single city of Budapest.
 - ◆ Hungary borders several countries including Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, and Slovenia.
 - ◆ Hungarians are quite the inventors! They gave the world the Rubik's cube, ballpoint pen, and BASIC programming language.
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CO-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES TRANSCRIPT

The Co-Curricular Experiences Transcript (CCET) is an official record of student leadership experiences and campus involvement as an undergraduate at Slippery Rock University. The transcript documents a student's involvement in organizations, activities, leadership and management training, non-credit internships, athletics, theater and community service activities.

The CCET can be used to track leadership development, apply for internships and draft a resume. Registering to participate in the transcript program is easy. Simply visit the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership web site at <http://www.sru.edu/Pages/8407.asp> to register for the program. Students are responsible for updating their transcript information after each activity or at least once a semester. Take advantage of this service—the first original copy is FREE!

THE COMPASS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM is an excellent way to explore and develop your skills, abilities and practices of leadership in order to enhance your educational experience. Any student can participate in any of the workshops at anytime! To learn more, visit their web site at: <http://administration.sru.edu/stuleadership/new/index.htm> or visit the Center for Student Leadership located in room B105 in the University Union.

GETTING AROUND THE ROCK

The SRU shuttle service, or “The Happy Bus” as it is widely known, is a FREE and convenient way to get around Slippery Rock. The shuttle runs Monday-Friday 7:30AM-4:30PM with stops at various locations every half-hour. View the on-line schedule at <http://www.srusga.com/sgashuttle.html>

The Shuttle also provides Saturday shopping trips to the Clearview Mall and Butler Commons. The fall semester’s trips will take place on September 6, October 11, and November 6. Shuttle pick-up is at the Weisenfluh lot at :55 and the University Union at :00 shortly before the departure times from SRU. See the below schedule for more details. There will also be a holiday shopping trip to Pittsburgh on December 6th.

Leaving SRU	Clearview Mall	Butler Commons	Home
2:00	2:30	2:35	3:15
4:00	4:30	4:35	5:15
6:00	6:30	6:35	7:15
LAST BUS	8:30	8:35	9:15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Godfred Mensah--9/4
 Thomas Pool--9/4
 Mohammed Abohashrh
 --9/7

Saltanat Serikova--9/8
 Beata Rajewska--9/15

Alina Idrissova--9/18

Vanessa Nguher--9/19

Alison Hindley--9/23
 Djordje Petkovic-9/27

Usman Ahmad--9/29

ISO STAFF CHAT—OUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO AROUND SRU

A favorite local activity of mine is walking. I realize that you can do this anywhere, but a daily walk, especially in an area that may be new to you, not only helps you figure out your surroundings but also gives you some exercise, reduces stress, helps you sleep better, etc. So, I highly suggest getting out and exploring the community of Slippery Rock! —**Pam Frigot, Director of International Services**

As many of you already know, my favorite pastime and hobby is fishing! I enjoy nature and the outdoors along with the challenge of catching a big whopper! There are a lot of places in the area to enjoy nature, wildlife, the outdoors and fishing. Moraine State Park is just South of SRU and Pymatuning State Park is Northwest near Jamestown, PA. Lake Justis is Northeast near Franklin, PA, and McConnells Mill State Park is West. There are also smaller lakes and ponds (my secret spots) that offer good fishing, bird and wildlife watching. Actually, I really don't have to venture far from home to enjoy my favorite pastime as I built my house in the middle of the woods along my very own stream called the Neshannock Creek. I get to watch deer, raccoons, turkey, coyote and numerous kinds of birds right in my own backyard! And, I can ride the four-wheeler through the woods to my favorite fishing spot on the creek! Priceless.....—**Kelly Slogar, International Student Advisor**

McConnells Mill State Park is located approximately 20 minutes west of Slippery Rock University on US 422. Recreational opportunities available at the park include hiking, picnicking, climbing and rappelling, whitewater rafting, and fishing. The park also include a gristmill built in the 1800's, which is open for tours. The Slippery Rock Creek Gorge provides a scenic view for visitors, but caution is advised when hiking along the steep terrain. The creek contains smooth rocks that often become slippery and deep pools of water exist with rapids and swift currents throughout the creek. This is a beautiful park to visit in the fall to enjoy the beauty of the fall foliage.—**Brenda McKissick**

Moraine State Park is one of my favorite places to go. I own a pontoon so every Sunday my husband and I head down to Lake Arthur, which was man made, for some relaxation. At the lake we usually see osprey, herons, geese and sea gulls but on occasion we might catch sight of a turtle, raccoon or deer along the lake's edge. On the south shore, located off Rte 422, you can rent sailboats, pontoons, kayaks or even paddle boats from the Crescent Bay Boat Rental. At the entrance to the north shore, which is on West Park Road, there is a bike rental stand and the beginning of a seven mile biking trail that was recently upgraded. Also on the north shore there is a six mile mountain bike loop trail. Both the north shore and south shore offer swimming areas, plenty of picnic tables and hiking trails. —**Janice Druschel**

If you haven't done so already, be sure to visit the Grove City Outlet mall! Not only am I a shopping enthusiast, but I also work at the mall part-time. It's an excellent place to find great deals on gifts for your family and friends back home and also treat yourself to some new things! —**Kelsey Oakes, Graduate Assistant**

When I want to get out and do something fun, I go bowling! The bowling alley, which is across the street from Rite Aid, had \$1.50 games on Wednesdays from around 1pm - 6pm. It is really fun and the more people you have the merrier the time.—**Nia Grant, Graduate Assistant**