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Hickory Corners Schoolhouse sits between Miller Auditorium and McKay Education Building and is open for students and the surrounding community to view. The Schoolhouse helps link SRU to the 1960s when it was built and used in the Slippery Rock community.

Schoolhouse provides students with chance to go back in teaching time

By Bridget Yodens
Rocket Contributor

The Hickory Corners Schoolhouse is SRU's own connection to the history of education. Acquired by the university in 1988, the schoolhouse now serves as a classroom and museum. It was divided into pieces and reassembled here on campus when it was moved from its original location near the Unionville firehouse. What now serves as a link to the past was a functioning schoolhouse until the 1960s.

"This is the symbol of the college of education," said Mark Mraz, secondary education professor and curator of

Hickory Corners. "Slippery Rock has a rich history of progressive education from when it was founded as a normal school in 1889."

Mraz said the schoolhouse is used as a museum for the public as well as a hands-on classroom for university students.

Through examining the interior of the schoolhouse and learning about the daily routine of its students and teachers, Slippery Rock education majors are able to learn about the progression of teaching methods and classroom dynamics.

Sophomore secondary education English major Matt Godissart said he

once had a class in the Hickory Corners Schoolhouse.

"I learned a good bit," he said, "We learned about different things taught in schools at different time periods."

The teacher would teach the different sections of the class in different ways, he said.

"Back then, the teachers would have to teach eight different grades in one classroom and today teachers have classes full of 30 or so kids and have to teach different types of learners," Godissart said.

The close quarters shared by different

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Possible strike still looms as deadline nears

By Brandon Fox
Rocket Contributor

Slippery Rock University faculty and coaches gave a "yes" vote on a strike authorization last week, as Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculty and state system officials continued contract talks.

The vote to authorize the strike, which was accepted by all 14 state-system universities means the APSCUF Executive Council has the authority to call a faculty strike if and when it is determined necessary.

With this, the members of APSCUF have sent a clear message to everyone that they stand behind each other, and are willing to do whatever it takes to get the problem solved.

The current collective bargaining agreement between APSCUF and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education expires on June 30, so the earliest a strike could be called is July 1.

Last week, faculty and coaches turned out in droves for the vote. Tallies show that 80 percent of the state's faculty members came out for the vote, with 96 percent of those voting in favor of the strike authorization. The coaches also showed their support, with nearly 75 percent participating, with 98 percent of those approving the strike vote.

Jace Condravy, President of SRU's faculty union, said that both negotiation

teams would continue to sit down in order to come to a resolution. However, both sides remain far apart.

"Both sides want to get to a resolution, however, right now it seems that everyone is saying all the right things," Condravy said. "But saying all the right things has led to only minimal progress at the table."

The eventual decision to strike lies in the hands of the APSCUF Executive Council and negotiation team.

The faculty are not the only ones concerned with the possibility of a faculty strike, however.

Students, just by the nature of the ordeal, have been thrown into the fire as well.

"It's a scary thought, to say the least," said junior community health major KellyAnn Staudinger. "I will be entering my senior year and the thought of a faculty strike makes me worry about graduating on time."

While some students remain unsure of the future, others have stepped up to voice their support.

"It is never a good thing if the faculty are going to strike," said Anne Cline, a junior parks and recreation resort and tourism major. "Yet at the same time they should get a fair contract for all the work they do for students, both in and out of school."

Another point that APSCUF members have brought up with salary

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Shooting for the stars



Chelsea Neil receives the Rising Star Award from John Vag along with 12 other SRU students out of 28 nominees. The Rising Star Award acknowledges students who complete outstanding achievement.

Speaker returns to campus

By Liz Glazier
Rocket Contributor

Students were concerned when an evangelist came onto the Slippery Rock University campus to talk with students on the quad about religion and the Bible on Monday afternoon.

"The reason I am here is to spread the word about God and to tell you to serve the lord," said Keith Darrell, a 31-year-old religious lecturer from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Many students had a problem with him being there and decided to do something about it.

"Police were at the scene because students called complaining that they were being harassed," said John Bonando, the assistant vice president of student life. "They said he was making rude comments to certain students and wanted it to stop. He wasn't breaking any laws so he was allowed to be there."

Bonando said the police weren't there to get

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Keith Darrell informs students about the word of God on Monday in the Quad.

WEATHER

Forecast from National Weather Service

Friday **Saturday** **Sunday**

Sunny Partly Cloudy Mostly Sunny
High: 68; Low: 42 High: 67; Low: 44 High: 69; Low: 42

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