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## New coffee shop draws students' attention

*Small, cozy cafe provides locals with variety of beverages*

**By Beth Choike**  
"This could be your story"  
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Students who count on caffeine to get through a busy day can now look to a local gourmet coffee shop to get their daily java buzz.

Rumors Coffee House, which offers a variety of specialty coffees, is located on Main Street in Slippery Rock and is open

for business on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Rumors Coffee House sells gourmet drinks, including lattes, cappuccinos, smoothies and teas. The store has more than 20 kinds of flavor shots to add to the freshly brewed coffee that is personally made by the owner every day.

Linda McCormick, the owner of the shop, would like college students and people in the area to become familiar with her shop and the specials that she offers.

Her business opened midway through last semester, but not many people know about the quality products offered at the local Slippery Rock cafe.

Even though the store is located in a high-traffic area, a passerby might not notice the small, yet cozy shop. But the size should not fool customers.

The quality and taste of Rumors specialty coffee is as grand as any commercial java house, without the potentially annoying and jittery franchise employee.

When asked about how she came up with the name, the owner said she has

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## Construction poses problems

**By Brandon Fox**  
Rocket Contributor

As temperatures continue to rise and flowers come into season, so do the potholes and road construction signs in Slippery Rock.

The spring season brings out the birds and the smiling

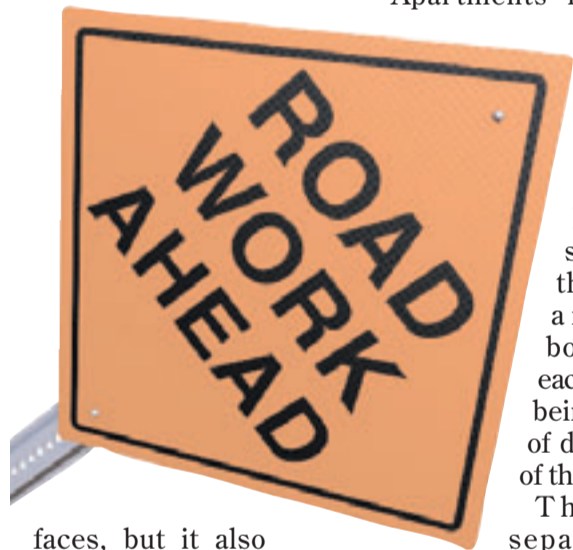
and Slippery Rock Township have begun the process of putting in new water and sewerage lines throughout the area.

Since the beginning of the spring semester, Slippery Rock's roads have been torn apart at the seams. The development of the new Ivy Apartments has brought about a need for more water and sewerage lines.

Slippery Rock is separated into the township and the borough, with each municipality being in charge of different areas of the town.

The line separating the borough and township is located at the blinker light in front of the entrance to the university.

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faces, but it also brings out the frustration drivers feel when hitting yet another pothole on Kiester Road.

In recent months, the Slippery Rock Borough

## Couple spends golden years in education

**By Alexis Burton**  
Rocket Contributor

As summer approaches, several Slippery Rock University students anticipate a moment they have been working toward for at least the past four years: graduation.

For two students, graduation time has long since passed and yet they remain.

Helen and Bill Dauberman, both 91, have been taking classes at SRU for more than 20 years.

"We have now completed

about 130 credit hours for the two of us," Bill said.

The only courses the couple has not tried are those which have labs associated with them. When they began taking classes at SRU, they started with an introductory course in German.

For the past 30 years, their daughter has been living in Germany and they wanted to be able to communicate in the language with her.

"The German classes

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LUKE LUBICH/THE ROCKET

Students and faculty began their march at the McKay Education Building to call for a new contract for the next four years. APSCUF members have been trying to negotiate the faculty union's contract and want the university community to be aware that nothing has been settled so far.

## Marching for a new contract

**By Kyleen McGee**  
Rocket Contributor

Faculty and students participated in the first march in support of the Slippery Rock University APSCUF Solidarity Fund on Thursday during common hour, hoping to spread the word about the state of the negotiations concerning the faculty union's contract.

"(The march) is to alert the university that contracts have not been settled," President of APSCUF Jace Condravy said. "We are frustrated because we offered a negotiation in January 2006 to the state system. They have met with us but they have dragged their feet settling a negotiation."

The SRU APSCUF was started to attend to the needs of its members during strikes and emergencies.

The Solidarity Fund is meant to help ensure that in the event of a strike or emergency none of its members will have to endure financial hardships. The fund grants members in need interest-free loans.

According to the APSCUF Web site, the Solidarity Fund is for new and newer SRU faculty, meaning faculty that are just out of college with a hefty amount of student loans and other debts, single faculty, married faculty with one source of income, and financially troubled faculty in particular.

APSCUF Vice President Tom Daddesio feels the march will be successful in raising awareness.

"That's the whole point, to raise awareness (of APSCUF) and about the seriousness of negotiations," he said.

Issues that APSCUF is trying to tackle in negotiations include limiting class sizes, more tenure track faculty and a fair increase in salary.

Sharon Sykora, strike chair of APSCUF, said there has been no settling on the issues. "We have been offered zero, zero, zero, zero," she said.

Throughout the campus on Thursday, messages could be seen written on the sidewalk asking to offer support to the members.

Alex McNeill, a sophomore political science major and the president of the College Democrats, feels that the march will have an impact on the university.

"An active demonstration will speak volumes," she said.

Although student support was and is very much welcome for the faculty, students were not pressured to come and participate with the faculty.

"We are not in a position to ask students to join the march," Daddesio

said. "We are under strict instruction not to talk about it in class because we don't want to pressure our students."

Though students had not been asked to march, some took it upon themselves to let other students know the details of what was going on with APSCUF and its efforts.

"The College Democrats will be there, and other students from my hall," McNeill said. "This is very important because our faculty is very important to us."

McNeill also said that the Commonwealth Association of Students was receiving e-mails about the event.

A sense of unity and support could be felt from professors and coaches who were in attendance. Coaches are relatively new to the APSCUF union, which the rest of the faculty seemed very happy about.

Sykora and Condravy led the march with bullhorns actively expressing their feelings about negotiations and their contract.

The members were heard chanting "Faculty stops, everything stops" and "Fair contract now," among other things.

Faculty and students held signs as they passed out informational fliers to passersby.

The goal of awareness was surely achieved by the looks of students and

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### WEATHER

Forecast from National Weather Service

**Friday**      **Saturday**      **Sunday**



High: 64; Low: 43      High: 60; Low: 42      High: 65; Low: 46

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