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## Tragic events remembered six years later

*Students, faculty, staff share stories about 9/11*

**By Amy Kelly**  
Rocket News Editor

At 8:46 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, many people changed the way they perceive the world. College students, staff and faculty now have more to think about when this day comes back around.

Slippery Rock University senior elementary education major Dana Camberg said that she remembers the day in tenth grade when the towers fell.

"I was in homeroom when we first saw it on the news," she said. "Right then, all of us kind of thought it was a joke and nothing serious, until we saw it again later and were shocked by everything that we were seeing."

Many at the time didn't know what was occurring around them and rushed to their families' side for comfort, love and support.

Residing in Pennsylvania, 22-year-old English major Laura Strange waited alongside her parents and siblings for their family in New Jersey to call and verify their safety.

"When I first heard about it I thought about Orson Welles and his UFO 'sighting' that

was told on the radio," she said. "The second thought the popped into my head when I knew it was real was 'where's my family?'"

A feeling of isolation can overtake a person when information and communication are lacking in a time of need. Some panic, some collect themselves and some are just in shock.

"We were all told that we couldn't be on the phone with our friends until all of our family called," Strange said. "We didn't have cell phones at this time, and we all waiting by the phone."

Her family suffered a scare on 9/11 due to the close proximity to the unraveling events, which now make the day stand out in her mind more than ever.

"My mom's childhood friend was killed in the Pennsylvania crash," Strange said. "And one of my cousins was running late for work that day, (and) luckily they were, because they would have been in the subway right underneath the World Trade Center."

According to CNN, 2,973 people died in the events of 9/11, not including the terrorists. This toll was not finalized until June 2004.

SRU facilities and planning employee Linda Enis was working at Grove City College during the attack and remembers being stunned and shocked after the grim news.

"It makes you appreciate life for the moment," she said. "You want to enjoy friends and family while you can. I notice that I don't go through life so quickly anymore now. I stop and treasure the moments I have more than I did."

Mary Sisak is an SRU assistant professor in chemistry and heard the news about what was happening in New York over the radio before returning home to watch the events on TV.

"Now there is more paranoia," she said. "I definitely think that we're headed down a road that we'll regret."

People all over the United States notice changes in airports, government and in everyday life.

"One of the big changes is the sense that we're not totally safe anymore," said Joy Strain, a temporary part-time biology lecturer.

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## Local center providing programs for community

**By Lexxie Shiring**  
Rocket Assistant News Editor

Slippery Rock University's Center for Lifelong and Community Learning is back in action with new workforce and community education programs available.

"We are looking to serve the people of Slippery Rock and its community in terms of building professional development," said Director of Workforce and Community Education Merilee Madera.

A variety of classes are offered this fall, including new seminars, certification programs, grant writing and Microsoft Word and Excel lessons. They are non-credit programs that vary from half-day to 10-week sessions.

Programs being offered include "Basic Proposal Writing," "Strategic Planning for Business and Growth," "Doing Business with the Government" and "Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) Essentials of Human Resource Management Certificate Program."

"I think students would show most interest in the SHRM Human Resource Management Certificate Program," Madera said.

This program discusses real-world human resources issues that are grouped into six learning units including; Resource Management, Employment Law, Recruitment and Selection, Compensation and Benefit, Employee Development and Performance Management.

Once the program has been completed, attendees receive a Certificate of Completion from SRU and have the opportunity to earn 1.5 continuing education units.

A continuing education unit is a nationally recognized measure of participation in an approved non-credit education program.

If a student wants to take the class, they only have to pay for materials such as books, which typically ends up being around \$450, Madera said. Tuition is usually \$900.

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Steve Reed/The Rocket  
Vice President for University Advancement Barbara Ender merged the offices of University Advancement and the Alumni Association to bring more focus to the common goal of increasing alumni involvement in new SRU activities.

## New VP enhances alumni involvement

**By Ryan McCarty**  
Rocket Contributor

There have been many new faces that have taken over the campus in the past weeks.

One of them belongs to new Vice President for University Advancement Barbara Ender.

She recently started her new position at SRU in the beginning of July, coming directly from Morehead State University in Kentucky to help raise private donations for the university and raise the amount of participating alumni.

Even in Ender's short time at SRU, she has already made a big difference in her field of university advancement.

She has merged the office of University Advancement with the Alumni Association, which had previously been affiliated with Academic Affairs.

"The merger is a natural blending of two groups working towards a common goal," she said.

Along with this merger, she said she can accomplish a great

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## SRU Women's Center reaches out to male population with on-campus events

**By Laynee Carlin**  
Rocket Contributor

New changes that are based on issues that concern both the women and men of Slippery Rock University are coming to the Women's Center.

From Constitution Day on Sept. 17, which is a day that examines the affect of women in United States government, to Love Your Body Day on Oct. 18, the center is presenting a number of events to catch students' attention and raise awareness of current issues and problems affecting today's women and men.

"I'm hoping the Women's Center will become better known," said the center's first full-time director, Jodi Solito.

"It has been here for quite a few years, (and) that would be my hope that students use it."

Solito also hopes that men will take

a greater role in the activities of the center.

"I would hope in some programming, men will become more comfortable and consider our gender differences in our life and look more towards human issues," she said. "I would like to educate men on how they can become better men."

Along with bringing more attention and awareness to the Women's Center, Solito is kicking off the sixth year of the center's involvement with The Bridge Project, a grant-funded program which addresses such issues as sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

The Bridge Project also organizes outreach programs on campus and in the community.

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## Fair Fun



Luke Lubich/The Rocket  
Slippery Rock University's organizational fair, sponsored by the University Program Board, was held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 13 in the Quad. The fair gave students the chance to learn about the many organizations around campus while enjoying a cookout sponsored by Boozel Dining Hall.

### WEATHER

Forecast from National Weather Service

**Friday**

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T-Storm



Party Sunny



Sunny

High: 77; Low: 54

High: 63; Low: 39

High: 63; Low: 41

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