


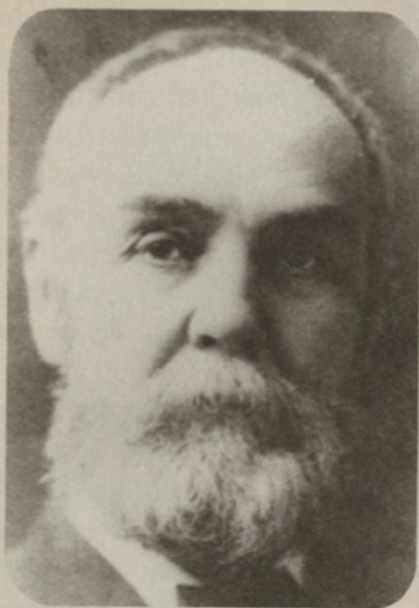


A Century of Excellence

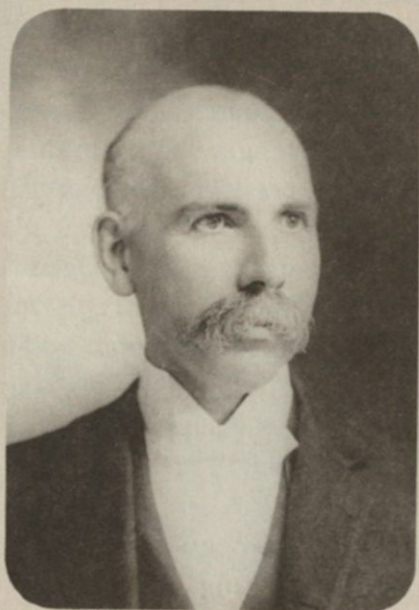
The year 1989 is an auspicious year for Slippery Rock University. It is the year of its centenary. In the celebration of this important event, there is a nostalgia in recalling the changes since its founding. From its transformation as a normal school to that of a university in 1983, numerous events of significance have occurred.




 n February 1, 1889, the state superintendent of public instruction granted authorization for the institution to operate as the normal school for the Slippery Rock District. Its first principal, Dr. James E. Morrow, grandfather of Anne Morrow Lindberg, presided over 168 students in the spring semester of 1889. By the fall semester there was a dramatic increase to 300 students. It was certainly an affordable education. The cost of attendance was minuscule, compared to the cost of an education today. The fee for the fall, 1889 semester of 16 weeks was \$52, which included tuition, room and board, and use of textbooks. To teach in Pennsylvania's public schools, students were required to complete a two-year program of studies. For a total cost of approximately \$200 students could complete the teacher education program to enter the profession of teaching. At the conclusion of that first year, Dr. Morrow resigned. His replacement, Dr. Albert Elias Maltby, served the institution for 26 years, until 1916.  In a patriarchal sense Dr. Maltby presided over these formative years, laying a firm foundation and providing a solid sense of direction. He was highly regarded as an educator, achieving considerable stature in the profession of education, both regionally and throughout the commonwealth. Through his leadership the normal school at Slippery Rock was recognized for its fine programs in teacher education. Enrollment increased and the physical plant spread across the upper campus. During his administration the school moved into the twentieth century with a reputation of excellence in its singular mission in teacher education.  Early in his tenure, Dr. Maltby, recognizing the need for more building space, proposed a structure that would serve a multi-purpose function, including space for classrooms and administrative offices. Completed in 1892, the building, subsequently named "Old Main" and still standing today, became the center of campus life. Dr. Maltby was instrumental, too, in shaping, with




James E. Morrow
First Principal
1889-1890



Albert E. Maltby
Principal
1890-1916

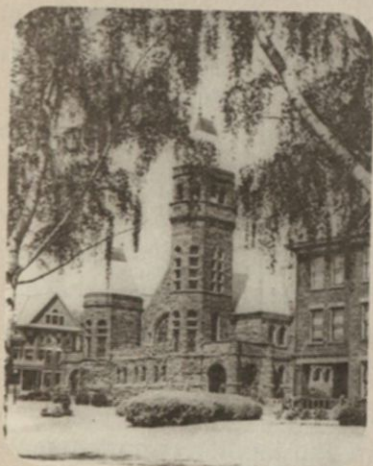


other normal school principals, the school's curriculum, which was expanded to include courses in English grammar, arithmetic, natural sciences, history of education, practice teaching, culturally-related courses, manual training, and domestic science. In 1916 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchased all of the privately owned stock of the Slippery Rock Normal School Association. By this action the school moved to state control with a 9-member Board of Trustees appointed by the governor. That same year Dr. Maltby retired and was replaced by Dr. Linwood Eisenberg, who arrived on a campus with six buildings: North Hall, South Hall, the Chapel, the Main Building, the Demonstration School, and West Gymnasium. Today, only two of these buildings remain: Old Main and West Gymnasium, which were built in 1892 and 1906 respectively. During Eisenberg's presidency in 1927, the name of the normal school was changed to the State Teachers College at Slippery Rock to reflect the four-year curriculum. The cataclysmic effects of the Great Depression and World War II placed great stresses on the young school, as did the unprecedented post-war enrollment increases. But with the resilience and dedication of its staff and students, the school endured and prevailed and emerged a stronger, more vibrant institution. Appointed in 1956 as its ninth president, Dr. Norman Weisenfluh initiated major improvements in the physical plant to rectify the effects of dormancy caused by fiscal exigencies. Having received funds for the construction of a men's dormitory and an auditorium, he proposed, in an intrepid plan, additional buildings: dormitories, classroom building, field house, student community center, library addition, administration building, dining hall, and a maintenance building, all of which were necessary to accommodate the increasing enrollments. Based in a rich tradition of teacher education and firmly committed to expanding its curricular offerings to meet societal needs, the school, by






*Old Main Under
Construction, 1892*








*Chapel
Constructed 1897
Demolished 1971*



*Old North Hall
Burned in 1937*



legislative decree, was authorized to grant baccalaureate and master's degrees in the arts and sciences in addition to teacher education. To reflect this development the State Teachers College at Slippery Rock became Slippery Rock State College on January 8, 1960.  The next two decades saw a tremendous expansion in academic programs and facilities as the institution moved toward university status. Harner Residence Hall was completed in 1965, and the following year construction began on Maltby Library (upper campus), the World Cultures Building, and the University Union, all to meet the needs of a continuing, expanding enrollment. In 1962, Slippery Rock began offering courses leading to baccalaureate degrees in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences.  With increasing number of students the university continued its diversity of program offerings. In 1973 alone, for example, master's degrees were introduced in biology, English, social studies, physical science and education. And, in 1976 bachelor's degrees were introduced in computer science, economics and business, music therapy, public administration and social welfare. Most recently, within the past three years, bachelor's degrees in dance, fine arts, and theatre were added, as well as a master's degree in physical therapy.  Along with program and facility enhancements, the university has kept pace with auxiliary programs and extensive technological and computer equipment to enhance the learning environment. The Bailey Library, constructed in 1971, is one of the largest in western Pennsylvania. The computer and science laboratories, TV studios, and AM/FM radio stations all have state of the art equipment for undergraduate student use.  Slippery Rock University provides extensive and diverse learning opportunities. For example, it encourages its students to take advantage of the numerous international study opportunities to gain a better understanding of the world and its people. Currently, SRU students can study in 12 countries








*Physical Cultural
Class, 1912*

*Good
Olde Days!*



*Un defeated Championship Football
Team, 1907.*

through student exchange programs, student teaching, internships, or by agreements with foreign universities.  That Slippery Rock University has emerged into an institution of diversity with 3 undergraduate colleges and a graduate school is an evolvment occasioned by careful nurturing. The designation "college" was simply inadequate to reflect the complexity and expansiveness of its operation. In responding to this need, the Pennsylvania General Assembly, in 1982, passed Act 188, which created the State System of Higher Education. By this enactment the 14 state-owned institutions moved from under direct control of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. (For Slippery Rock University that control covered 66 years). Reporting to the Board of Governors through a chancellor, the system universities gained a greater autonomy in determining goals and missions and the means for their achievement.  Appointed 13th president on July 1, 1985, Dr. Robert N. Aebersold served the university in key positions for 17 years prior to assuming the presidency. Adhering to the belief that the integrity of the university is tied to the intellectual development of its students, President Aebersold has given an abiding devotion to effect that accomplishment. In his investiture speech he stated that the academy will have no function or honor worthy of its name until it is prepared to restore education to its central purpose: the molding of persons rather than the dissemination of information. A person of strength and conviction and humanness, Dr. Aebersold has worked indefatigably for a rapprochement among all members of the university community. He has inspired a dedication and cooperativeness in advancing the university to new heights of development. In that ambience he has provoked thought, encouraged debate, faced definition, and nurtured institutional dialogue on significant educational issues. This will set the tone for continued accomplishment; this will auger well for Slippery Rock University on the threshold of century twenty-one. 



SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY

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With this edition of the Undergraduate Catalog, Slippery Rock University enters its 100th year. Founded in 1887, the University has a long and distinguished history. It has grown from a small college to a large university, and it has maintained its commitment to academic excellence and service to the community. This catalog provides information about the undergraduate programs and services available at Slippery Rock University for the 1989-91 academic year. It is a valuable resource for prospective students and their families. The catalog is organized into several sections, including: General Information, Academic Programs, Student Services, and Financial Information. Each section contains detailed information about the various options available to students. We hope that this catalog will help you make an informed decision about whether Slippery Rock University is the right place for you.

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Dear Students:

With this edition of the undergraduate catalog, Slippery Rock University marks its centenary. Founded in 1889, the institution has experienced phenomenal growth--from its beginning as a normal school with a singular emphasis in teacher education to a university with multiple foci in over 60 degree programs. These changes and the present condition of excellence of the university occurred because there were students, personnel, and alumni who during these 100 years gave unselfishly and unstintingly to advancing the institution.

With the richness of this tradition, I am privileged as president to extend greetings on behalf of this exceptionally fine university. There is a wealth of resources, including a highly qualified faculty, to enhance and facilitate your years of study at Slippery Rock University. Opportunities, varied and extensive, exist both in and out of class to extend your knowledge in preparation for your career. And this will be accomplished in an intellectual environment where a caring atmosphere and extensive academic support services exist.

On the threshold of the 21st century, the university is committed to maintaining its reputation of excellence, a reputation that attracts students from over 30 states and 50 nations. With one face of Janus we can look back on 10 decades of progress that form the foundation of this fine university. Nurtured and sustained by this heritage we can see with the other face of Janus a future of promise and prospect where the university will be a bulwark of strength in shaping the lives of its students. We will not compromise that commitment. That is our promise to you. Come join us for an exciting intellectual adventure. Your years of study at Slippery Rock University will make a difference in your life.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Aebersold
President

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