

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 13, 2006

### *Capital Projects:*

- **Center for Contemporary Arts:** Construction on Phase I is expected to begin soon after graduation.
- **McMurrin Hall:** We experienced routine weather delays during January and February, but we expect the project to be completed in July.
- **Nursing Building:** Site preparation is fundamentally complete. Blasting is finished. Construction began Monday, April 3, 2006.
- **Residence Hall Apartments:** Construction of the new student apartments is on track for an on-time fall opening. Residence Life worked with their furniture vendor to have the apartments fitted with the furniture that students selected last December. In March, Shepherd and Palmer Construction staff provided tours to 150 guests of a completely finished unit. We anticipate filling the apartments.
- **Wellness Center:** With new funds from the Legislature for FY07, we are able to move forward with our planning for a wellness center (including a swimming pool).

### *FY07 Budget Item*

- **Budget Increase:** For FY07, Shepherd received approximately \$1.1 million in new funds (the actual increase to our base is about \$1.57 million; however, \$500,000 of this was already in our FY06 budget), with an understanding that these funds are to be used for debt service on a new wellness center and swimming pool. This is very good news, as it will provide this facility to our campus and community without having to increase the cost to the students to cover the debt service. Further, this will allow us to use the revenue from the approved tuition and fee increase for operations, covering such things as employee salary increases, new initiatives, and general inflationary pressures.

### *Strategic Planning*

- **Strategic Planning Committee:** The Strategic Planning Committee continues to meet regularly. No report is anticipated this academic year.

## *Legislative News*

- **CTC Name Change:** Effective July 1, 2006, the two-year college in Martinsburg will be known as the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College. Congratulations on their name change.
- **Board Chairs:** Legislation was passed which removes the Chair of Shepherd University's Board of Governors from membership on the Blue Ridge CTC's Board of Governors and vice versa, effective June 9, 2006 (90 days from passage of the bill).

## *Community and Technical College*

- **Transition Plan:** We have notified the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (BRCTC) that effective January 1, 2007 we will no longer be in a position to provide services to them relating to Banner administrative functions (financial aid, registrar, admissions and business office). Further, we have indicated that effective July 1, 2006 Information Technology Services will split the domain because Shepherd will be buying internet access from Frontier, which is not available in Berkeley County. That means that Shepherd will no longer provide email and internet access to BRCTC but will continue to maintain and support the Banner database until January 1, 2007. We have notified the BRCTC that these services would be available from one of the free-standing community colleges and/or WVNET, if the BRCTC is not yet ready to assume responsibility for its own institution when the time comes to do so.

## *Advancement Office*

- **Capital Campaign:** Members of the board of governors are invited to a Capital Campaign Planning Retreat of Boards on Friday, April 28, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the National Conservation Training Center. Executive committees of the Foundation, Alumni and CATF boards will also be invited. The purpose of the retreat will be to gain consensus on how to structure the campaign and move it forward based on the findings of Grenzebach Gleir & Associates and the subsequent efforts of the Capital Campaign Working Group.

- **Annual Fund Leadership Solicitation participation thus far:**

▪ Board of Governors	83%
▪ Foundation Board	33%
▪ Executive Staff	100%
▪ Dean's Council	57%
▪ Administrative Council	71%
▪ Alumni Association Board	68%
Total: (58 gifts)	61%