

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

August 15, 2007

### *Capital Projects*

- **Center for Contemporary Arts (Phase I):** Work on Phase I continues. Reconfiguration of utility service is complete. The stone wall will be restored and blended in with the service and delivery entrance. Pre-cast panels are complete and the substrate for the siding is being completed. Installation of copper siding is beginning. The roof deck is in place and the metal roof component work has begun. Work continues with interior wall framing and mechanical/electrical systems work.
- **Reynolds Hall:** Repair and painting is complete. Replacement of the fire escape is proceeding, the ground-surface area will be back-filled, and the stone knee wall along the alley will be rebuilt. Landscaping and replanting of grass will complete the work.
- **Wellness Center:** The project is in the construction document stage at this time. Bid packages are expected to be ready for August 15 distribution.
- **Tennis Courts:** The new tennis courts are complete. Grading and seeding around the area continues.
- **Intramural Fields:** Expected completion is August 15. Although drought conditions have slowed grass coverage and root systems development, the fields will be playable for this season.

### *Higher Education Policy Commission/Chancellor/Legislature*

- **HEPC Meeting:** The Higher Education Policy Commission met on August 3, 2007 on the campus of Fairmont State University. HEPC Staff submitted their annual report on graduate programs provided by Concord, Fairmont, Shepherd, and WV State. All four of the institutions were praised by the Chancellor for progress in this area. The HEPC approved final adoption of revisions to Series 9 which will allow the colleges and universities to employ faculty on term contracts of up to three years. The Commission approved the applications for Master's degrees in Liberal Studies and Public History at Shepherd University. For these two programs, Shepherd will now seek accreditation approval from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
- **Legislature:** Legislative Interim meetings were held in Charleston on July 27-29. Delegate Doyle and Senator Unger graciously made introductions to members of the Legislature. The September Interim meetings will be held in Martinsburg, September 9-11.

## *Advancement Office*

- **Shepherd University Philanthropy Report for FY'07:** YTD June 30, 2007 – \$2,075,293 raised from 4,888 donors.
- **Shepherd University Comprehensive Campaign Report:** Cumulative through June 30, 2007 - \$2,474,273
- We ended Fiscal Year 2007 nearly doubling the dollars raised for Shepherd University in Fiscal Year 2006. Much of the increase was in newly established faculty excellence funds, including our first endowed chair, and gifts to Phase II of the Center for Contemporary Arts. The Annual Fund showed a 30% increase over Fiscal Year 2006.
- Ms. Darby Jones, Director of Major Gifts, joined the Advancement staff in July. In her position, Darby will organize and implement a program to increase charitable giving to Shepherd from individuals and organizations. She will manage key aspects of a planned campaign to seek support for endowment funds and the new Center for Contemporary Arts.
- A farewell tea for Cathy Dunlop and a reception for President Emeritus Dunlop were held during the month of June. Approximately 175 individuals attended to thank the Dunlops for their years of dedicated service to Shepherd University and to wish them well in retirement.
- A variety of events surrounding the CATF Season were held. Many University alumni, donors and CATF patrons were invited to attend. Each event was well attended. Highlights of the events included hard-hat tours of Phase I of the new Center for Contemporary Arts.
- **Recent Events:**
  - Golf Tournament to Benefit the Football Program – June 15
  - Opening Night Reception for CATF hosted by President Shipley – July 7
  - Community Welcome Reception for President Shipley – July 26
  - Golf Tournament to Benefit the Men's Basketball Program – August 13

## *Students Affairs Office*

- **Day of Service:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual New Student Orientation Day of Service is being held Wednesday, August 15, 2007. Over 100 first-year students volunteer their time in our community working alongside other students, staff, faculty and administration. There are approximately fourteen different sites ranging from children's camps to the fire department, from an arts center to Meals on Wheels. The community depends on our campus volunteers during our Day of Service and throughout the year.

- Dr. Sharon Kipetz, Vice President for Student Affairs and Scott Anderson, Assistant Director of Dining Services, have both been certified to teach Food Handlers and ServSafe classes in Jefferson County for the Board of Health. In addition, Scott will be representing Shepherd in the NACUFS Region I Culinary Challenge in Washington, D.C. for a National Cook-off.

### *Public Safety*

- Shepherd University continues to work closely with all of our local law enforcement agencies to provide a campus where student safety is a priority. On June 30 and July 1, Shepherd hosted the US Customs and Border Protection Service as they conducted a training program for the benefit of Customs Service, Shepherd, and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department officers. The "Active Shooter" training provides the most current and prevailing techniques and procedures for responding to a shooting incident comparable to the Virginia Tech tragedy which occurred this past spring. It was conducted in one residence hall and one academic building.

### *Upcoming Events*

- **August 17**                      **Scarborough Society Gala**
- **August 28**                      **Dinner on the Diamond to Benefit the Baseball Program**

For other events, check our home page calendar  
<http://www.shepherd.edu/planweb/events/aug07.html>