

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June 2008

Commencement

- The rains held off for the 135th Commencement of Shepherd University on Saturday, May 17th. Shepherd awarded a record number of degrees at 678, with 618 bachelor's degrees and 50 master's degrees. A total of 444 graduates walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. Dr. David Dunlop, Shepherd University President Emeritus, received the President's Award for his distinguished service to the university, and Mr. Rick Lemon, former director of the National Conversation Training Center, was the keynote speaker and received an honorary doctorate.

Staffing

- **Office of Advancement:** Dr. Diane E. Melby, currently Associate Vice President for the highly-successful Spirit of Shenandoah Campaign at Shenandoah University, has accepted Shepherd's offer to become the next Vice President for Advancement. She will assume full duties September 16, 2008, and also be on board for two weeks in July.

- **Office of Academic Affairs**

Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education: Dr. Russell Porter, most recently Program Director of the Master's of Health Administration and Associate Professor of the Department of Health Care Management, College of Professional Studies at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia, has been named Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education.

Vice President for Academic Affairs: The search process has begun to identify Dr. Mark Stern's successor as Vice President for Academic Affairs when he returns to the faculty in Fall 2009. The committee is being chaired by Dr. Anders Henriksson, Professor and Chair of the Department of History and faculty representative to the Board of Governors.

Office of Advancement

- **Shepherd University Philanthropy Report for FY'08:** YTD May 31, 2008 – \$2,779,915 raised.
 - This total for FY 2008 reflects an increase of \$763,615 when compared to the total collected at the same date in FY 2007, which was \$2,016,300.
 - Increases over the same period were recorded in donations to the Center for Contemporary Arts, Student Endowments, and Annual Giving.

- **Shepherd University Comprehensive Campaign Report:** Cumulative through May 31, 2008 - \$5,361,207.
 - Reflects an increase of just over \$320,000 in new gifts to the Campaign since March 31, 2008.
 - This report also includes CATF Annual Giving and new pledges made in the same period.
 - This total reflects 28.22% of the Campaign Goal.

- **Recent events:**
 - May 6 Hall of Fame Meeting
 - May 9 Alumni Association Annual Meeting
 - May 10 McMurrin Society Dinner
 - May 12 Alumni Association Board Meeting
 - May 15 Emeritus Club Luncheon
 - May 16 Women's Athletics Golf Tournament
 - May 17 Commencement
 - May 28 Campaign Leadership Gifts Committee Meeting
 - June 9 Alumni Association Board Meeting

Capital Projects

- **Wellness Center:** Structural steel and masonry installation continue to dominate construction activity. Excavation of the road bed continues. Utility service lines for electrical, telephone, water and storm water lines will begin soon.

Board of Governors Meeting Dates

- **Thursday, July, 10**
Conference Call at 2 p.m. for Election of Officers for 2008-2009
- **Friday, August 22-Saturday, August 23**
West Virginia HEPC Board of Governors Summit, Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV

Upcoming Events:

Friday, June 13

- Football Golf Tournament.
- Ram Gridiron Club Membership Drive Mailing.

Tuesday, June 17

- Hall of Fame Meeting.

Friday, June 20

- Advisement and Registration, Transfer and Readmit Students.

Wednesday, June 25

- Shepherd University Alumni Association Membership Mailing.

Thursday, June 26

- Shepherd University Foundation Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, July 1- Wednesday, July 2

- Advisement and Registration, First Year Students.

Monday, July 7-Tuesday, July 8

- Advisement and Registration, First Year Students.

Thursday, July 10-Friday, July 11

- Advisement and Registration, First Year Students.

Thursday, July 17-Friday, July 18

- Advisement and Registration, First Year Students.

Friday, July 25

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Wednesday, July 9

- Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF) Opening. Runs July 9th through August 3rd.

Thursday, July 31 (see attached tentative schedule)

- Shepherd hosts the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) for dinner and CATF performance.

Friday, August 1

- West Virginia HEPC meeting at Shepherd University.

For other events, check our home page calendar

<http://www.shepherd.edu/planweb/events/>

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

July 31, 2008 – August 1, 2008

**Shepherd University
Shepherdstown, West Virginia**

TENTATIVE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 31, 2008

- After 2:00 P.M.** **Overnight Guests - Check-In at Hotel**
Bavarian Inn
164 Shepherd Grade Road
- 3:00 P.M.** **Tour of Antietam National Battlefield**
*Shuttle to depart from the Bavarian Inn at 2:30 P.M. and
depart the battlefield at 4:30 P.M.*
- 5:30 P.M.** **Reception and Dinner****
Popodicon (Shepherd University's President's residence)
Shuttle to depart from the Bavarian Inn at 5:55 P.M.
- 8:00 P.M.** **Contemporary American Theater Festival Performance**
Option 1 - The Overwhelming by J.T. Rogers
(2 hours and 20 minutes)
Frank Arts Center Stage
Shuttle to depart from Popodicon at 7:30 P.M.
- 8:30 P.M.** **Contemporary American Theater Festival Performance**
Option 2 - A View of the Harbor by Richard Dresser
(2 hours)
Studio Theater
Shuttle to depart from Popodicon at 8:00 P.M.
- 10:30 P.M.** **Return to the Bavarian Inn**
Shuttles to depart from Frank Arts Center Stage and Sara
Cree Studio Theater at 10:30 P.M.

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(continued)**

August 1, 2008

9:00 A.M.	Continental Breakfast Lobby of Erma Ora Byrd Building
9:30 A.M.	Presentation by President Shipley Erma Ora Byrd Auditorium
10:00 A.M.	Campus Tour Leaves from Lobby of Erma Ora Byrd Building
10:00 A.M.	Council of Presidents Meeting Erma Ora Byrd Building, Room 112
11:30 A.M.	Lunch** Lobby of Erma Ora Byrd Building
Noon	Policy Commission Meeting** Student Center, Storer Ballroom
3:00 P.M.	Adjournment

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