

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 10, 2007

Capital Projects

- **Center for Contemporary Arts (Phase I):** Work on Phase I continues. Exterior walls are taking shape.
- **McMurrin Hall:** Essentially complete.
- **Reynolds Hall:** Work continues on the north wall.
- **East Campus Academic Building:** We continue to be on schedule for a June 12th dedication. The time has not yet been determined.
- **Wellness Center:** Final HEPC approval was granted on 4-26-07.

Association of Governing Boards In-Service Pamphlet

- **AGB Statement on Institutional Governance:** The first portion of the pamphlet amplifies the AGB statement on institutional governance. As indicated in the pamphlet, their statement "...encourages all governing boards and chief executives to examine the clarity, coherence, and appropriateness of their institutions' governance structures, policies, and practices."
- **Governing in the Public Trust: External Influences on Colleges and Universities:** The second part of the pamphlet reminds us of the historic principles for citizen governances, discusses the nature of external influences, and lists principles for maintaining accountability, independence, and the public trust.

Advancement Office

- **Shepherd University Philanthropy Report for FY'07:** YTD March 31, 2007 – \$1,928,637 raised from 4,237 donors.
- **Campaign Steering Committee Report:** Cumulative through March 31, 2007 – \$2,198,566. The campaign steering committee met on May 1, 2007 and progress reports were given.
- **Recent Events:**
 - McMurrin Society Dinner Reception – April 15
 - Spring Football Scrimmage and Picnic Hosted by Ram Gridiron Club – April 21
 - Zero Year Reunion for Graduating Seniors – April 25
 - Scarborough Society Trip to National Portrait Gallery – April 27

- **Upcoming Events:**
Scarborough Society Annual Meeting – May 10
Emeritus Club Luncheon – May 17

Higher Education Policy Commission/Chancellor/Legislature

- **April HEPC Meeting:** The Policy Commission, with a unanimous vote, approved the resolution approving Shepherd's proposed wellness center and the associated purchase of revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount of not more than \$21,600,000.00.

Academic Affairs

- **McMurran Scholars:** On May 2, 2007, approximately 36 students were inducted into the 2007 class of McMurran Scholars.

Student Affairs

- **Relay for Life:** Shepherd University's Relay for Life event on April 13, 2007 raised over \$60,000 for cancer research, far surpassing last year's record-breaking total of over \$40,000. Our students are to be commended for a fantastic job.

Administration and Finance

- **Signage for Academic Buildings:** At the last BOG meeting it was suggested that we consider signage in front of the newest academic building indicating that it housed the Nursing Department. Upon further study, it was realized that none of our academic buildings have signage indicating the departments housed therein. We have a standing committee, Campus Buildings and Grounds Committee, that deals with issues such as this; thus, signage for academic buildings has been added to its fall agenda. (We did not want to consider this issue without faculty input, and the Faculty Senate has already completed its last meeting for this academic year.)

Upcoming Events

- **May 11**—Last day of final exams
- **May 17**—Emeritus Club Reception, Ram's Den beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- **May 19**—134th Commencement in the Butcher Center beginning at 1:50 p.m.
- **May 23**—Summer classes begin

For details and other events, check our home page calendar
<http://www.shepherd.edu/planweb/events/may07.html>