

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 7, 2008

Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC)

- Shepherd University received a letter of invitation for the next step in the application process for becoming a member of COPLAC. This is exciting news, and continues to assist us in our efforts to extend nationally Shepherd University's reputation as a public liberal arts university.

Staffing

- **Professor and Chair of the Department of Nursing Education:** Dr. Sharon Mailey, most recently a Professor and Founding Director of the Nursing Program at Trinity (Washington) University in Washington, D.C., has been named Professor and Chair of the Department of Nursing Education.
- **Office of Advancement:** The search for a new Vice President for Advancement continues with on-campus interviews of three candidates the week of May 5, 2008. Members of the Shepherd community, including members of the Board of Governors, are invited to meet the candidates during open sessions at 11 a.m. in the Byrd Center for Legislative Studies Auditorium on Tuesday, May 6th, Thursday, May 8th, and Friday, May 9th. The committee is making great progress under the leadership of co-chairs Andy Michael and Marie Carter, and it is moving toward a goal of a July start date.

Director of Major Gifts, Darby Jones, announced her resignation effective May 1st.

Capital Projects

- **Center for Contemporary Arts (Phase I):** A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on April 17 dedicating the building. Over 200 people in attendance had a first-hand opportunity to tour the building and see the final results of several years of planning and construction activity. Some work continues on punch list items and mechanical systems tuning. The grass is beginning to grow and additional plantings will be placed as time and opportunity allow
- **Wellness Center:** The building foundations are complete. Structural steel and masonry installation will dominate construction activity over the next several weeks. This phase of activity has been accelerated so that time efficiencies could be gained, allowing the contractor to return to the original schedule for the project. Excavation of the road bed continues. Utility service lines for electrical, telephone, water and storm water lines will begin soon

Higher Education Policy Commission/Chancellor

- The HEPC Council of Presidents met on May 2nd, in Lewisburg in conjunction with the HEPC meeting on May 3rd. An update of these meetings will be provided at the May 7th Board of Governors meeting.

Legislature / Governor

- Dr. Shipley met with Governor Manchin during his recent trip to Jefferson County on Friday, April 25th.
- A group of Shepherd University student leaders visited the U.S. Capitol on Thursday, April 24th, and met individually with Senators Byrd and Rockefeller. Following, they toward the Capitol building.

Athletics

- The softball team finished the regular season with a 17-11 conference record. They have been seeded sixth in the Conference Tournament, which began May 1st.
- The baseball team finished the regular season with a 28-19 record, second in the northern division of the conference. The conference tournament began May 2nd.
- Senior golfer Trevor Hedges is one of five individuals from the East Region selected to play at the Northeast/East Super Regional on May 5th–7th at the St. Anne's Golf Club in Middletown, Delaware. Hedges will participate in the Super Regionals for the second straight year.
- The men's tennis team finished second in the WVIAC tournament. Shepherd is ranked 10th in the Division Two Great Lakes Region.

Campus Life

- The Relay for Life at Shepherd was held April 11th and raised \$70,000 at the time of this report. The report was again a great success, in spite of the very strong storms that hit Shepherdstown that evening. Holly Frye, Director of Student Community Services, will present information at the Board of Governors meeting about this effort.
- Shepfest was held April 19th and featured a diversity of games and music, including the Wailers.
- The McMurrin Scholars Convocation was held April 30th, with 44 students recognized.

Office of Advancement

- **Shepherd University Philanthropy Report for FY'08:** YTD March 31, 2008 – \$2,512,718 raised.
 - This total third quarter for FY 2008 reflects an additional \$437,425 over the annual collected for FY 2007 of \$2,075,293.
 - Increases over the same period were recorded in donations to the Center for Contemporary Arts, Student Endowments, and Annual Giving.
 - The Field Turf Project closed out at \$156,365.
- **Shepherd University Comprehensive Campaign Report:** Cumulative through March 31, 2008 - \$5,033,610.
 - Reflects an increase of just over \$350,000 in new gifts to the Campaign since January 31, 2008.
 - This report also includes CATF Annual Giving and new pledges made in the same period.
 - This total reflects 26.49% of the Campaign Goal.

- **Recent events:**
 - March 10 Alumni Association Board Meeting
 - March 11-16 Alumni Receptions in Florida
 - March 20 Ram Gridiron Club Meeting
 - March 20 Foundation Board Executive Committee Meeting
 - April 3 Foundation Board Meeting
 - April 4 Campaign Executive Committee Meeting
 - April 12 Spring Scrimmage and Field Turf Recognition
 - April 14 Alumni Association BOD Nominating Committee Meeting
 - April 16 Campaign Steering Committee Meeting
 - April 17 Dedication of Center for Contemporary Arts-Phase I
 - April 19 Men's Basketball Alumni Night Meeting

Board of Governors Meeting Dates

- **Wednesday, May 7** **Board Meeting** (*please note change of date*)
- **Thursday, June 12** **Board Meeting**
- **Thursday, July, 10** **Conference Call at 2 p.m. for Election of Officers for 2008-2009**

Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 9

- Alumni Association Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 10

- McMurrin Society Dinner

Monday, May 12

- Alumni Association Board Meeting

Thursday, May 15

- Emeritus Club Luncheon

Friday, May 16

- Women's Athletics Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 17

- Commencement

Monday, June 9

- Alumni Association Board Meeting

For other events, check our home page calendar

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