

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

October 11, 2007

### *Capital Projects*

- **Center for Contemporary Arts (Phase I):** Work on Phase I continues. The stone wall will be restored and blended in with the access road. The copper siding and roof is nearly complete. Interior wall framing, drywall, mechanical and electrical systems work is ongoing. Site work, including finish grading, planting of grass, trees and other plants has begun.
- **Reynolds Hall:** Landscaping and replanting of grass will complete the work.
- **Wellness Center:** The bid opening was held on September 27. The apparent low bid would allow us to include the racquetball courts in the contract.
- **Route 480 Lighting:** Sidewalk lighting along Route 480 has begun. This work includes the installation of pole bases and trenching along the south side of the walk way for connective wiring.

### *Higher Education Policy Commission/Chancellor*

- **HEPC:** The HEPC staff are continuing the process of expanding the peer-assignment process from fifteen schools to twenty schools for each West Virginia campus. The Chancellor has distributed lists of ten additional institutions from which most campuses will need to select five, for our official peer group. The Chancellor has indicated that we will need to delete Pitt-Johnstown from our peer group because some of their financial data is only provided on a system-wide University of Pittsburgh basis.

### *Congress*

- **Senator Rockefeller:** Senator Jay Rockefeller visited the campus on September 16. He had an engaging lunch with about a dozen of our student leaders. The Senator brought the very good news of the passage of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, which will provide an array of important benefits to students and does not impose any unfunded mandates on colleges and universities. (Attached is my summary of the meeting.)

### *Board Retreat*

- A Board retreat is scheduled to take place at The Woods Resort on January 11-12, 2008. Dr. John Moore of Penson Associates, Inc. will facilitate the retreat.

## *Advancement Office*

### ➤ **Recent Events:**

- Hall of Fame Banquet – September 28
- Men's Basketball Tip-off Banquet – October 4
- Alumni Golf Tournament – October 5
- Homecoming – October 6

## *Upcoming Events*

### ➤ **October 25-27 Inaugural Events**

#### **Thursday, October 25**

8:00 a.m.- Student Community Service Project: Apple Butter Stir  
4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Shepherd University Faculty Art Show Opening, Scarborough Library

7:00 p.m. "Create the Future through Higher Education"  
A Lecture by Dr. Stanley O. Ikenberry '56, Erma Ora Byrd Hall Auditorium

8:30 p.m. *9 Parts of Desire*, A Production of the Theater Department, Directed by Melissa Crespo, Sara Cree Studio Theater

#### **Friday, October 26**

1:00 p.m. Special Guests Luncheon, Frank Center, 1 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Inauguration and Installation Ceremony, Frank Center

6:30 p.m. Special Guests Cocktail Reception followed by Dinner, National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown

#### **Saturday, October 27**

11:00 a.m. Apple Butter Sale to Benefit the Shepherdstown Fire Department, Midway  
Pre-Game Hospitality Reception, Midway

1:00 p.m. Football Game: Rams vs. West Liberty, Ram Stadium

7:00 p.m. Special Guests Reception, Paintings by James R. Graves '89, Frank Center Gallery

8:00 p.m. "An die Musik" (To Music)  
An Evening of Germanic Poetry, Song, and Chamber Music, Frank Center Theater

## *Board of Governors Meeting Dates*

- **Wednesday, November 7**      **Board Meeting**
- **Thursday, January 10**      **Board Meeting**
- **January 11-12**      **Board Retreat**
- **Thursday, March 27**      **Board Meeting**
- **Thursday, May 8**      **Board Meeting**
- **Thursday, June 12**      **Board Meeting**