

# Rams kicker named to Mitchell list

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Kicker Eric Dobratz of the Shepherd University football team was one of 40 collegiate placekickers named to the watch list for the Fred Mitchell Award.

The watch list is comprised of Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), Division II, III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) collegiate place-kickers.

Watch List members were nominated by their colleges for excellence on the football field and in the community.

Dobratz hit on 36 of 40 extra points and nailed 9 of 14 field goals for the Rams in 2009. He was second on the team in scoring with 63 points. He was one of eight NCAA Division II kickers selected to the list.

"These placekickers are terrific

on the football field and off the field representing their schools, their football teams, their conferences, their communities, their families and themselves. We look forward to following their accomplishments during the next few months," said Chris Kearney, selection committee chairman.

The watch list includes place-kickers from more than 600 eligible colleges.

"It is a pleasure to include these fine young men on the watch list for this award. We are delighted to recognize them based on outstanding performance in the community and expectations going into the 2010 college football season," Fred Mitchell said.

#### Rams hosting talk series

SHEPHERDSTOWN — The Shepherd University department of

athletics has teamed up with the Ram Gridiron Club to present the Ram Chalk Talk lunch series.

On Fridays before Shepherd's five home football games this fall, alumni and fans can join head coach Monte Cater for lunch, get an insider's look at the coming opponent and be updated on the Shepherd football team.

Shepherd director of athletics B.J. Pumroy, head coaches from other varsity sports and student-athletes from various teams will be on hand to greet and meet with fans and alumni.

"This is a great opportunity for Shepherd fans to come out and hear first-hand from our coaches and student-athletes on what is happening in Ram athletics," Pumroy said.

The Ram Chalk Talk series will be held from noon-1 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 17, Oct. 8 and 15 and

Nov. 12 in the Shepherd University Wellness Center located on the West Campus. Lunch will be provided and everyone will have a chance to win raffle prizes. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

For more information, please contact 304-876-5524 or 304-876-5527 or e-mail alumni@shepherd.edu. To reserve a spot at the Ram Chalk Talk series please log on to shepconnect.shepherd.edu to register.