

Scarborough Society

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Howard N. Carper, Jr. Learning Commons created in library

“It was the Scarborough Society’s generous response to a request for funds for a consultant about three years ago,” said John Sheridan, dean of libraries and information sciences, “that made a centrally located academic support center and a center for teaching and learning possible within the walls of the Scarborough Library.”

Dean Sheridan explained that the consultant helped to align the library’s services to the learning goals of the University. The report provided the impetus that transformed an amorphous idea into a reality. The project fit perfectly with the University’s need to find more space to house some of its academic programs. Agreeing with the logic of the newly created space, University President Suzanne Shipley found the funds to support a fast-tracking of the project. By moving certain programs to the library, space has been freed up to more sensibly place programs in other buildings on campus.

With the advancement of technology in the area of online resources, hundreds of periodicals occupying a major amount of shelf space in the Scarborough Library became redundant.

“We were very careful in our selection of what printed materials to eliminate,” said Sheridan. “We contacted publishers to find out what periodicals are available online and how far back they are archived. We met with faculty to determine what periodicals they wanted to retain in printed form, and we honored those requests.”

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Sharon Henderson

Participating in peer tutoring in the new learning commons are Jennifer Adjei (r.), an international exchange student from Ghana, helping Karen Bergeron, a sophomore from Virginia, understand and complete a math assignment.



Dr. Howard N. Carper, Jr. '52

The new learning commons was named in honor of the late Dr. Howard N. Carper, Jr. '52, vice president emeritus for academic affairs. Dr. Carper’s academic career at Shepherd spanned 36 years, beginning as an assistant professor of physical science in 1957. He was also a graduate of Shepherd, Class of 1952. In 1958 he was named Shepherd’s Outstanding Alumnus and, in 1993,

received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters for his lifelong contributions. He and his wife, Jean, also a Shepherd alum, endowed a scholarship in memory of his parents. When he retired in 1993, the Shepherd University Foundation endowed a scholarship in his honor with gifts from the Alumni Association, family, and friends. ♦

Howard N. Carper, Jr. Learning Commons is home to:

- **Academic Support Center:** peer tutoring with access to computer lab
- **Center of Teaching and Learning:** first- and second-year support services for new faculty; workshop space for all faculty; instructional technology assistance for faculty; cubicles for adjunct faculty
- **Language Lab:** equipped with computers that can also be used for other student work
- **Regents Bachelor of Arts (R.B.A.) Program:** flexible baccalaureate degree for adult learners which allows college equivalent credit for work experience through portfolio evaluation
- **First-Year Experience and Common Reading Program:** helps retain first-year and provisional students; provides common reading and interest groups

Date set for spring bus trip to Newseum

The Scarborough Society and the Shepherd University Foundation will sponsor a bus trip to the Newseum in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, June 3, 2010. This “museum of news” is dedicated to providing a forum where the media and the public can gain a better understanding of each other. The Newseum blends the history of news with state-of-the-art technology and has many interactive exhibits. The 250,000-square-foot facility features seven levels of galleries, theaters, and visitor services.

New Scarborough Society member John Splaine, a consultant to the Newseum, and Rich Foster, director of education and special programs, will be on hand to give the group some insights into this magnificent new environment.

The bus will leave Shepherd at 9:30 a.m. Upon arrival, lunch will be served in the Newseum, catered by internationally acclaimed chef Wolfgang Puck Catering service. After lunch the group will have time to explore the Newseum’s many exhibits. The bus will depart Washington at 4 p.m. and arrive in Shepherdstown at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Last year’s trip to the Capitol Visitor Center was a great success and sold out early. Please sign up early this year to assure a seat on the bus and an informative and enjoyable day at the Newseum.

The cost of the bus trip, including lunch and ticket to the Newseum, is \$75 per person. Please contact Phyllis Smock at 304-264-0560 to sign up for this trip. To learn more about the Newseum, visit www.newseum.org. ♦

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By getting rid of dozens of shelves of unneeded paper copies, the library was able to reclaim enough space to centralize some current University programs that had been randomly scattered throughout the campus wherever a classroom or office was available. Sheridan emphasized that the redistribution of space in the library has created more “people space” for students as well as faculty and community members.

“This building’s flexibility is tremendous,” he said. “We have remained faithful to the spirit of providing a place for student learning and actually enhancing it by embracing new technologies and resources that will make their pursuit of learning more efficient and accessible.”

Sheridan is excited about the new space. “It has upped the tempo of activity in the library. I really enjoy the synergy. As we move along with this project, I’ll be looking forward to identifying additional ways the Scarborough Society can support these new areas. Helping students succeed helps all of us succeed.” ♦



Raymond Smock

The Newseum in Washington, D.C., will be the destination of the Scarborough Society June 2010 bus tour.

Society continues free art and lecture series

The Scarborough Society’s popular art and lecture series continues with the Faculty Art Show scheduled for the month of February, with a reception February 1, 2010 from 5-7 p.m. in the Scarborough Library’s reading room.

The Scarborough Society has hosted two lectures so far this year. On November 3, local author Herb Flemming talked about his journey from his birthplace in East Prussia, Germany, to America as a refugee, and later as a soldier in the U.S. Army. His book, *A Prisoner of Hope: From Hitler Youth to American Soldier*, is the story of a young boy’s voyage from tyranny to freedom during and after World War II.

On October 7, Dr. Raymond Smock, director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, discussed his new book *Booker T. Washington: Black Leadership in the Age of Jim Crow*. His book, published in July, is an interpretive biography that places Booker T. Washington in the context of his times and explains his public and secret efforts as an educator and black leader during a time of virulent racism known as Jim Crow. ♦

For more information about the Scarborough Society, visit www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/scarborough_society

Spotlight on new members

The Scarborough Society welcomes new members John and Pam Splaine, who were drawn to the Scarborough Society through their membership in the Shepherdstown Film Society. John says of their involvement in both the Scarborough and Film societies, "It's a nice connection."



John and Pam Splaine

Lifelong educators, the Splaines moved to Shepherdstown in 2006. John retired after more than 29 years teaching in the College of Education, University of Maryland, College Park. Pam retired as director of policy from Montgomery County Public Schools where she had worked for 23 years.

Although officially "retired," the Splaines continue to lead very active lives. John keeps busy as a part-time faculty member in the College of Education, University of Maryland, and is a consultant on education and special programs at the Newseum in Washington, D.C. He is also an adjunct history professor at Shepherd University. Pam has been teaching as an adjunct professor in the College of Education, University of Maryland, since her retirement from the school system. They especially enjoy their family and help out their two children by taking care of their four grandchildren whenever called upon.

John and Pam are lovers of books and libraries. They both enjoy visiting the Scarborough Library and browsing through the stacks, especially in the history and philosophy sections. When talking about the Scarborough Library, John said, "It has what you want and it has what you need."

John introduced his four-year-old grandson to the library and found that he was enthralled with the big atlases in the library. Pam thinks the library is very comfortable and has a good feeling. And they both agreed that "the center of any university is to have a library, and Scarborough Library is the center of Shepherd University." ♦

Shepherdstown Film Society announces spring schedule

The Scarborough Society is pleased to partner with the Shepherdstown Film Society (supported by the Friends of the Shepherdstown Library) to bring free films to the Shepherdstown community. The spring schedule includes *Memento*, January 29; *Daughters of the Dust*, February 12; *The Garden*, February 26; *Abre los ojos*, March 12; and *Regarding Henry*, April 30. All films are shown in Reynolds Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.shepherdstownfilmsociety.org or contact Lisa Welch at 304-876-1836. ♦

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Joining the Scarborough Society will continue the support necessary for the library to provide an exceptional level of service to students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Use the enclosed form to support the Scarborough Library.

Eighth Scarborough Gala Celebrates 'Our Town'

A packed house of more than 275 guests attended the August 2009 gala at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown. The fundraising event netted \$17,500 in support of the Shepherd University Scarborough Library.

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Our Town* provided the literary theme for the event and the gala committee focused on the traditions of community as depicted in the early life of Shepherdstown.

Next year's gala is scheduled for August 13, 2010. Norman Maclean's semi-autobiographical novella, *A River Runs Through It*, will provide the theme for the event. Plan now for a delightful evening of dinner and dancing at the Bavarian Inn.

Photos from top right:

Sponsors for the gala included BB&T Wealth Management, Jefferson Security Bank, and Valley Proteins, Inc.

Pictured (l. to r.) are Michael A. Smith, vice president of Valley Proteins, Inc.; John F. Beatty, senior vice president and city executive of BB&T-WV North; Dr. Suzanne Shipley, president of Shepherd University; Ramon A. Alvarez, president of the Shepherd University Foundation and the Scarborough Society; and M. Wayne Goodrich, executive vice president of Jefferson Security Bank.

The gala planning committee worked tirelessly to make the event an outstanding success. Posing by a replica of the Rumsey Monument are (l. to r.) Sara Lueck, chair, Jodie Carter, Susanne Horner, Kathy Klein, Meg Peterson, Monica Lingenfelter, Kristin Alexander, Phyllis Smock, and Cathy Nevy.

Enjoying a dance to the sounds of the band Souled Out are Anne Small and Harrison Lanham.

Large wood models of historic Shepherdstown buildings served as a backdrop for the event. The replicas were unearthed after an extensive search by gala committee chair Sara Lueck. They are now housed in the War Memorial Building in Shepherdstown.

