New Center for Contemporary Arts opens
A groundbreaking ceremony was held on West Campus on December 13, 2007 for the new $21.6 million Wellness Center. The center, slated to open spring 2009, will have a 25-yard, eight-lane pool; a two-court gymnasium; two racquetball courts; an indoor elevated jogging track; two multipurpose rooms; weight and fitness area; men’s and women’s locker rooms; a family changing room; a dining venue; casual seating area; and administrative offices.

The project architect is HughesGroup Architects, Sterling, Virginia. Palmer Construction Company, McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, is the general contractor. See the back panel of this issue for a related photo.

Bob McMillan, chair of Shepherd University’s Board of Governors, served as the master of ceremonies at the Wellness Center groundbreaking ceremony.

President Suzanne Shipley shares a lighter moment with architect Amado Fernandez (l.) and James Vigil, director of auxiliary services, before the start of the groundbreaking ceremony.
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From the President
Lessons learned

In September 2007, shortly after I began my tenure as Shepherd University’s 15th president, I asked for input from the University’s stakeholders in the form of a survey that asked five questions:

1. What are Shepherd’s most distinctive characteristics, assets, and strengths?
2. What are the most critical issues and challenges that you see facing Shepherd?
3. What special opportunities are before the University?
4. What advice do you have for Dr. Shipley?
5. Is there anything more you would like to share?

Five hundred and eleven of you responded to the survey, offering more than 3,400 comments and opinions to the five questions posed.

Respondents touted Shepherd’s beautiful campus, community feel, dedicated faculty and staff, low tuition, proximity to the D.C. metro area, and demanding curriculum.

Challenges noted were parking, not enough full-time faculty, weakening state funding support, aging physical plant, and the need for competitive salaries.

Opportunities cited included expansion of graduate programs, better working relationships with town and county governments, and planned campus growth to retain the small school feel.

My favorite part of the survey was the advice section where you advised me to listen and talk to students (I am!); appreciate hard-working staff and faculty (I do!); and plan and grow the campus wisely (I will!). You also advised me to be out and about constantly, yet take plenty of time to rest (I’ll try!).

The wide variety of comments has been distilled to five lessons learned:

1. Shepherd University is what it says it is and should continue being so.
2. There is a shared concern about the impact of Shepherd’s growth on the campus and the town with the chief issues being parking and transportation.
3. There is significant interest in Shepherd’s graduate studies program and for planned growth of academic programs, including greater flexibility in programming for working adults.
4. There is strong agreement on the value of our highly qualified faculty and dedicated staff who deserve regular gestures of appreciation.
5. Survey results urge Shepherd’s leadership to listen, to be open, and to be accessible. The University must be ready and willing to face the challenges ahead as a close-knit community.

The survey results were announced during a public meeting for stakeholders held on campus in December 2007. The results also have been presented to the Shepherd University Board of Governors, the Student Government Association, the Classified Employees Council, and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and are now being folded into the existing strategic planning process.

Thanks to all the students, faculty, staff, community members, alumni, public officials, and board members who took the time to send me their comments. I read each and every survey submitted and found the comments enlightening, instructive, warm, generous, and humorous.

Your thoughtful remarks make me glad to be a part of the Shepherd University family. Together we can, as one survey respondent wrote, make Shepherd the most sought after university in the state of West Virginia.

Computer engineering bachelor’s degree program to begin in fall

A new, four-year computer engineering degree program emphasizing the theory and applications of modern-day computer science and engineering will begin this fall semester.

Students will benefit from training in the software and hardware aspects of computer engineering and from direct contact with industrial partners. Currently, there are 10 faculty members who are committed to meet the needs of the program.

“We are thrilled to have such a dynamic team committed to excellence in teaching and research in the department,” said Reza Mirdamadi, chair of the Department of Computer Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering. “We truly believe we can make a difference in the lives of students given the level of excitement that is generated through student-faculty interactions. The computer engineering program brings us one step closer to achieving that goal.”

For more information about the computer engineering degree program, visit www.shepherd.edu/cmeweb/.
NCTC’s Rick Lemon to be commencement speaker

John R. (Rick) Lemon, director of the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, will deliver the address during Shepherd’s 135th commencement on Saturday, May 17.

In 1990, Lemon was asked by the director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to lead the effort to conceptualize, design, and build a national center for the training of its conservation professionals. That original task has been accomplished, but under Lemon’s leadership, the National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown has far exceeded that original vision.

Since opening in 1997, the National Conservation Training Center has become a national and international center for conservation learning and problem solving—a place where fish and wildlife professionals, and all associated with the management of our natural resources, gather to learn, share perspectives, and seek solutions to our most vexing conservation issues.

NCTC has a long-standing partnership with Shepherd University helping to launch and guide the Institute for Environmental Studies, engaging students in projects ranging from land-management to archaeology. Shepherd students and graduates have interned and been hired at NCTC in video and graphics production, the library, training, and administrative functions. NCTC has partnered with Shepherd for five years on the annual American Conservation Film Festival. NCTC has also been active in working with the Byrd Center for Legislative Studies and the Shepherd University Department of History to provide internships in public history and expand the role of the Eastern Panhandle as a major historical research center. NCTC is currently collaborating with Shepherd students and faculty to develop a teachable landscape to bring more children into nature.

Prior to NCTC, Lemon worked in a variety of conservation and management positions around the country, starting his Fish and Wildlife Service career managing trout hatcheries in Colorado and Utah, and later working in endangered species, conservation education, and land acquisition in Denver, Portland, Minneapolis, and Washington, D.C.

After graduating from Oregon State with an undergraduate degree in wildlife conservation, Lemon spent three years as a Peace Corps volunteer working with Central African farmers to raise fish as a source of protein in their diet. He credits the three years in Africa with teaching him valuable life and leadership lessons of vision, perseverance, passion, service, and helping others find and reach their potential.

Lemon and his wife Jeryl have two children—a son in medical school at the University of Maryland and a daughter who is an undergraduate at Elon University in North Carolina. The Lemons live in Frederick, Maryland, but at the end of the summer will embark on their next adventure when Rick retires from the Fish and Wildlife Service and they move to Oregon.

Dr. Jerry Thomas

Thomas named a finalist for Professor of the Year honor

Dr. Jerry B. Thomas, professor of history, was named a finalist for the 2007 Professor of the Year award. Each year the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia honors an outstanding faculty member at a West Virginia college or university.

Interviews with the five candidates were held on January 17. The finalists were honored at a reception at the Governor’s Mansion on March 4. The reception was followed by a dinner at the Cultural Center in Charleston.

Dr. Thomas, a Shepherd faculty member since 1972, earned his Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of North Carolina and a B.A. from West Virginia University.

The Faculty Merit Foundation was created in 1984 to provide a means to recognize and reward innovation and creativity among the faculties of West Virginia’s public and private colleges and universities. Through the Professor of the Year program, the outstanding achievements of those individuals are brought to the attention of the public. A $10,000 cash award is given to the candidate selected as Professor of the Year, with smaller awards to the other finalists.

In the past, two Shepherd faculty members have won the Professor of the Year honor: Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt won the award in 2006 and Dr. Linda Tate won the honor in 2004.
Shepherd University art and theater students can breathe a sigh of relief—their days of traipsing all over campus to classes are over. They now have a spacious new home to create their works of art. Phase I of the Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA) opened its doors in February and the students and faculty couldn’t be happier.

The new building contains 10 classrooms including a digital photo processing studio, a printmaking studio, and a studio with a suspended floor for dancers. There are also offices for the faculty in the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater and for the Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF).

“This building forms a focus point for our campus,” said Dow Benedict, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. “We are making ourselves distinct.”

Located on West Campus, the CCA was designed to fit in with the natural surroundings. The roofline of the building mimics the rolling mountains visible in the distance. “If you look down from the Frank Center, you can see how the roof blends,” said Benedict. The copper exterior represents a metal that sculpture students typically work with. “Once the copper on the outside of the building patinas, the building will take on the color of the Blue Ridge Mountains,” said Ed Herendeen, professor of theater. “It was important that the CCA be an inspirational place for the people who make the art—the students and the professional artists who work here.”

“My favorite feature is actually the appearance of the building,” said Jeremy Blaine, a senior photography major originally from Arlington, Virginia, but now a Shepherdstown resident. “It is a welcome change from the yellow brick design of East Campus and will continue to change forever, much like what actually goes on inside,” he said.

“The outside of the building reflects the contemporary notion going on inside,” said Rhonda Smith, professor of art and chair of the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater. “One of the first things the architects came up with was the roofline and the metal exterior.”

The inside of the CCA was designed to take advantage of the natural north light and features high ceilings, large windows, polished concrete floors, storage areas, and large garage doors that open to let air in and also to allow no size limitations on the artwork being created. The building also has wireless Internet.

“The best feature is the soaring roofline in the studios that allows all the light to come in. When you have soaring ceilings, it just opens people up and makes anything possible. I think those studios make anything possible,” said Smith. The combination of concrete floors and studio space have also made it possible for Smith to roller skate around and check on the students’ work.

The second floor of the building has conference rooms, a reference room, and interior windows that view the studio classrooms below. The walls are painted green and there are couches and chairs along the hallways where students can sit and take a break. “The couches and chairs make the atmosphere more homey and fun to be in,” said Kyle Schmitz, a sophomore photography major from Springfield, Virginia. Along the outside hallway of the CCA building, shown above in a November 2007 photo, will lose the shine and gain a patina as it ages.
the building are large windows with shelves that are open to the classroom inside. These windows can also be closed to display the student artwork to passersby.

Steps were also taken to make the building more environmentally conscious. The large, open windows allow more sunlight, reducing the use of lights; all the windows open, saving on air-conditioning costs; and the printmaking studio was converted to be non-toxic. “The non-toxic process is safer for the students because we aren’t using so many solvents and chemicals,” said Smith. “I am really proud we made the decision to do that.”

The construction of the new building was important for a number of reasons, says Benedict. “We were trying to run art, music, and theater out of one building that was built in 1981. When the Frank Center was built, music had about 100 students, art had probably about 100, and there was no theater program at that time. Since then music is up to about 120 majors, art is about 300 majors, and, with theater and the CATF, we didn’t have the facilities to be able to put in a theater major. An additional space would allow us to take art and let it expand, take music and let it expand, and be able to add theater.”

The building consolidates the art program which Benedict says had classes scattered all over the campus. “We have had art in the Frank Center (part of it is still there), Knutti Hall, and Reynolds Hall and there has been art in Sara Cree Hall, the new Erma Ora Byrd Hall, and the Byrd Center.”

“There just wasn’t enough available space,” said Smith, “which meant that classes were running in the spaces continuously. The students didn’t have an opportunity to go into those rooms and work on their projects because classes were always going on. The worst place for that was the basement of Knutti because all the drawing and painting classes were taught there and were back to back from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. The students had no place to work, and you cannot really produce artwork if you only work during class time.”

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Kyle Schmitz
Sophomore photography major

“Working at Knutti was inconvenient, dark, and out of the way,” said Daniel Masi, a senior painting major from Charles Town. “As a painting major, I am required to bring in paintings I am working on in my home studio. Lugging them across campus after trying to find parking, and then entering the building only to find a narrow staircase obviously not designed with art students in mind was frustrating.”

“The time was right to accommodate the needs of the programs because they were growing and running out of space,” said Herendeen. The festival received a grant for a 10-year strategic plan that identified a need for new facilities to meet the needs of contemporary theater. The CATF had plans to start a capital campaign to raise the funds to build a new center themselves. “It seemed like a win-win to approach Shepherd and the art department to form a partnership. We felt together we could raise more money and create a more inspiring space than if we did it separately.” Phase II of the CCA will be built with private funds.

In addition to providing more space for the art department, the move to the CCA allows the Department of Music to expand in the Frank Center. “The Frank Center was designed to expand with a three-story addition on each wing of the building. Then West Woods and the Butcher Center were built, and the expansion that was going to be possible, no longer was,” Benedict said. The plan now is for the music department to expand into the art side of the building. The music department had previously had to have quieter, listening classes near performance classes and with more room in the building they will be able to have a quiet side and a performing side in the building. The open space in Knutti has made room for a possible campus television station.

Collaboration is another word frequently used when describing the CCA. That collaboration has already begun with the combination of the art and theater departments to create the Depart-
Dronsfield named assistant to the president

Sheilli Dronsfield has been named assistant to the president and will assist and advise President Suzanne Shipley on a wide range of administrative issues and initiatives including research, policy analysis, and speech writing. She will coordinate board, community, and public relations activities for the president.

Dronsfield had served as the assistant to the president at Trinity University, Washington, D.C., since 2006. Previously she held posts with the City of Hagerstown as a community development coordinator and with Duke University as special assistant to the vice president and project coordinator for human resources. She also has served as events manager for the Durham (North Carolina) Arts Council, communications coordinator for North Carolina Community Shares, and assistant executive director for the Montgomery County (Maryland) Agricultural Center.

An alumna of Hood College, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in communication arts, she lives in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, with her husband Jamie Craig, a Shepherd University adjunct faculty member in the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater.

Art and theater move to new Center for Contemporary Arts

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Shelli Dronsfield

Rhonda Smith
Chair, Department of Contemporary Art and Theater

“Ed Herendeen, Dow [Benedict], and I started discussing how we all wanted to grow and thought, let’s join forces. It’s been a really good connection,” said Smith. “We are interested in the contemporary—Ed more theatrical, but art is also about performance. We anticipate that we will start offering performance-based classes next year and that collaboration is really going to start to happen. There really will be this connection that begins between theater and art that hasn’t really happened in the past,” she said. “This new building is going to make it possible.”

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“Sometimes, what art degrees don’t offer a job at the end. We believe that with the new building and this collaboration, we will be able to offer an experience that will give them really unique opportunities because of CATF and its summer program. Students will be able to intern and get experience with set designers, costume designers, and lighting designers. This is the kind of experience and diversity of experience a lot of schools aren’t able to provide.”

Students believe the new building will have a positive impact on Shepherd’s future. “In the future more serious artists will consider Shepherd as a place for education in their pursuit of a career in the arts. I think the Contemporary American Theater Festival will grow and become a landmark for contemporary performance as well as art,” said Masi.

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Eros named to BOG

Mary Clare Eros, of Shepherdstown, has been named to the Shepherd University Board of Governors by Governor Joe Manchin. Eros retired from Jackson & Kelly, PLLC, where she was a partner and the administrative manager in Martinsburg. She has had a distinguished legal career, practicing in areas including banking, bankruptcy, contracts, real estate, and corporate defense. She is admitted to practice in all of the federal and state courts in West Virginia. In spring 2007 she was a visiting instructor at Vytautas Magnus University School of Law in Kaunas, Republic of Lithuania.

Eros completed her second appointed term on the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) in 2007 and served for two years as HEPC chair. In 2006-07 Eros was the HEPC’s liaison representative to the Shepherd University Presidential Search Committee.

Eros holds a B.A. from St. Louis University (1968) and a J.D. from Georgetown University (1981). She has been active in the West Virginia and Berkeley County Bar associations, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, and Rotary.

She is a member of the board of the Contemporary American Theater Festival. Eros was a member of the Shepherd College Board of Advisors at the time of her appointment to the HEPC in 2001.

The Shepherd University Board of Governors is a 12-member governing body made up of lay members appointed by the governor and three institutional representatives elected by their constituent groups—students, faculty, and classified staff. The powers and duties of the Board of Governors include the control, supervision, and management of the financial, business, and education policies and affairs of Shepherd University. ♦

Byrd Center for Legislative Studies undertakes two research projects

The Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies at Shepherd University has entered into publishing contracts for two major research projects related to the United States Congress. Both projects will be researched and edited by Dr. Raymond Smock, director of the Byrd Center, and Dr. David Hostetter, director of programs and research.

Voices of the People: The Early Petitions to Congress will be published by Greenwood Press in two volumes. These petitions represent some of the best and most interesting of the thousands sent to Congress from 1789-1817.

Among the petitions are appeals from Indians trying to save their land, calls from slaves and free blacks seeking abolition of slavery, and requests from commercial enterprises looking for protection from foreign imports. Some are from famous Americans such as Andrew Jackson, who sought relief from taxes on one of his whiskey stills. In the process of responding, Congress was shaped by the petitions and created a standing committee system to deal with citizen demands.

Congress Investigates: A History with Documents will be published by Facts on File, Inc. A two-volume print edition will be accompanied by a multi-volume online database of documents and original scholarship. This publication will explore key congressional investigations that have had the greatest impact on American history, the shaping of Congress as an institution, and public understanding of government activity.

These two projects offer Shepherd University students an opportunity to experience working on major research projects under the direction of the editors. Currently Martinsburg residents Lacy LeBlanc and Ezekiel Holt and Charles Town resident Mary Milton are working on the project. All three are senior history majors at Shepherd. Student researchers and editorial assistants will help gather government documents, research the early records of Congress, and assemble a database of information encompassing both projects. ♦

Social work program to provide training

Shepherd University’s social work program has been granted an additional $42,132 by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources to provide in-service training for current foster parents.

Between February and June, the goal is to provide additional skills to 517 current foster parents at five locations in the 15-county region of eastern West Virginia. These training sessions will focus on building effective communication skills and using discipline to protect, nurture, and meet developmental needs, and are designed to enhance the skills of the fostering parents. This project is the second phase of a comprehensive model to improve the availability and quality of family-based foster care placements throughout West Virginia.

The social work program has been providing pre-service training for potential foster parents for a number of years, and this new initiative represents efforts to support families who meet the need for a safe and stable environment for children who are in foster care. The co-principal investigators for these grants are Dr. Geri Crawley-Woods and Dr. Douglas C. Horner. The project is coordinated by Amy Hampton, M.S.W., child welfare trainer/PRIDE coordinator. ♦

Civil War Center presents Seaborg Award

The George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War presented the 2007 Peter Seaborg Award for Civil War Scholarship to Dr. Bruce Levine. Levine received the award for his book Confederate Emancipation: Southern Plans to Free and Arm Slaves during the Civil War. ♦
Mark McHale '73 writes book about quarterback Brett Favre

Mark McHale '73 is the author of 10 to 4: Brett Favre's Journey from Rotten Bayou to the Top of the NFL, the story of quarterback Brett Favre. Mark was the assistant football coach who recruited Favre to play for the University of Southern Mississippi.

In the book’s foreword, Favre said, “All I ever wanted was a chance, and Coach Mark McHale gave it to me. Had Coach McHale not wandered by the out-of-the-way high school football field in Kiln, Mississippi, I probably never would have had a career in the NFL.

“I was the final player offered a scholarship by the University of Southern Mississippi and then only when another player declined USM’s offer,” Favre continued.

The book is available online from the Shepherd University Bookstore at www.shepherdbook.com.

A Shepherd Athletic Hall of Famer who started his coaching career at Shepherd, Mark has served as offensive line coach for Florida State University, University of Louisville, University of South Carolina, East Carolina University, and Appalachian State and for World League of American Football teams Amsterdam Admirals, Frankfurt Galaxy, and Montreal Machine.
Donald Parsons has been named chair of the College of Southern Maryland’s Foundation Board. He is the director of land and business development for Kaine Homes and handles land development, acquisitions, government relations, and finance. He is a member of the board of directors of the Calvert Memorial Hospital board of directors and the Maryland Hospital Association Executive Committee.

'88
Cynthia Hose Vance, CPA, was selected as the director of internal audit for American Public University Systems located in Charles Town in March 2007. Her main task in her position is directing the Sarbanes-Oxley, Section 404, compliance project for the university. Prior to this position, Cindy was the comptroller of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, for 17 years.

'92
Rich Froble is now with AT&T as the director of product development. His wife Anne Mowrey-Froble '92 is an account executive with Microsoft. They reside in Edgewater, Maryland, with their three children, Braden, Ava, and Ian.

'95
Sandy Spoonagle, president of Platinum PR, a local marketing and PR firm, has relocated her business into an office in historic downtown Shepherdstown. Jennifer Jensen '96, of Martinsburg, was hired as Platinum PR’s communications specialist. Jennifer has been an independent consultant for five years, mainly focusing on writing and editing.

'96
Carl Wright, an award-winning artist and co-owner of WSG Gallery, was invited to participate in the Algonquin, Illinois, Public Art Program. Carl’s two sculptures, Eihei and Motion, are specially carved from stone so that they can be displayed either on the exterior or interior of buildings.

Deanna Brooke Armentrout was named Outstanding Professor of the Year for the 2006-07 academic year at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. Deanna is an assistant professor of English at Potomac State and was granted tenure in the spring of 2007.

'99
Jeff Huffman was named director of soccer operations/head women’s soccer coach at Garden City Community College in Kansas. Jeff had previously served two seasons as head men’s and women’s soccer coach, finishing with a winning percentage of .625 and seeing his players named All Region in those two seasons. In his three seasons as head women’s soccer coach, his women’s teams made to the Region 6 tournament every season, and three of his players were named Academic All Americans.

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We love to hear from our alumni! Send us news of weddings, births, promotions—anything you’d like to share with your fellow alumni—to Alumni Relations Office, Shepherd University, P.O. Box 3210, Shepherdstown, WV 25443-3210, via e-mail to alumni@shepherd.edu, or online at www.shepherd.edu/alumnweb/.

Homecoming is October 18

Alumni news must be received by June 1 for inclusion in the fall 2008 edition of the Shepherd University Magazine.
Alumni

Weddings and Engagements

CALVIN C. CANBY ’93 married MICHELLE L. SAVIOR ’00 on July 7, 2007 at St. Leo Catholic Church, Inwood. The couple resides in Inwood.

BRAD JOHNSON ’00 married Yudiann Carlo on October 7, 2007 in Puerto Rico.

KATHERINE RICHARDS ’00 married John Byron Loeffler on May 6, 2006 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Shepherdstown.

CARSON BALDWIN ’01 married Catherine Chase on October 13, 2007 at Forks of Cheat Winery in Morgantown. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Maryland.

MARK T. BARNEY ’02 married KATELYN S. GLEASON ’07 on June 9, 2007 at St. Leo Catholic Church of Inwood. The couple resides in Falling Waters.

DAVID O. SMITH ’02 married Mayumi Sakoh on November 17, 2007 at St. Francis of Assisi Chapel of Rivera Maya, Mexico. Groomsmen included DR. ROBERT BELL ’01, SHANE LANHARDT ’02, JAMES HOSTELLY ’02, and PATRICK BONACORDA ’02. Best man was GIOFF HOWARD ’03. The couple resides in Kensington, Maryland.

JUSTIN WORK ’03 married Amanda Beth Paxton on May 19, 2007 at the United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd in Grafton. The couple resides in Morgantown.

MEREDITH MARIE CIPRIANO ’03 married John Brooks Thomas on May 26, 2007 at St. Leo Catholic Church, Inwood. The couple resides in Colorado.


ANGELA REGENER ’04 married Lt. Joshua Buchanan on September 12, 2007 at Wailea Lawn in Maui, Hawaii. The couple resides in Schweinfurt, Germany.

KELLY GRANT RIGGLEMAN ’05 married SEAN FORSTER GLOVER ’05 on January 18 at the Purple Iris in Martinsburg.

KRYSNEN SCHENADEL ’05 married James Gossard III on July 21, 2007 at First United Methodist Church in Berkeley Springs. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

VIRGINIA M. MOSER ’05 married Joseph M. Collins on June 23, 2007 at the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Maryland.

KYLE E. SANDY ’05 married ASHLEY R. CAPAMAGGIO ’07 on May 26, 2007 at Bedington United Methodist Church. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

CHRISTOPHER MULLEN ’05 married RACHEL PESSOLANO ’06 on July 1, 2006 at Poor House Farm Park in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Smithfield, North Carolina.

DEREK BEET ’06 married DEIRDRE FITZGERALD ’05 on November 3, 2007 in Washington, D.C.

KATIE JANE CANTLER ’06 married Kyle West Lingg on August 4, 2007 at Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Hagerstown, Maryland. The couple resides in Hagerstown.

MATTHEW DAVID WINE ’07 married SABRINA SCHIANO DI COLA ’07 on July 7, 2007 at Christ Lutheran Church of Hagerstown, Maryland. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

SARAH A. LONG ’07 married Frank F. Carini Jr. on June 9, 2007 at Moler Avenue Church of the Brethren. The couple resides in Falling Waters.

Engagements

ADRIENNE M. WOODSMALL ’02 is engaged to marry Jason S. Heaberline in March in Martinsburg.

RICHARD SUSSMAN ’03 is engaged to marry Erin R. Potter in the fall.

KEITH FANJOY ’04 is engaged to marry JANICE YONOSKO ’02 in November.

RYAN ARMSTRONG ’05 is engaged to marry TARA COULTER ’06 in June.

ASHLEY N. ANDREWS ’07 is engaged to marry Clint E. Moss in June.

DONALD A. GRATZ III ’07 is engaged to marry Rachael B. Dodson in June.

CHRISTOPHER RAINES ’07 is engaged to marry KAITLIN MULLEN ’07 in November.

BENJAMIN YEBERNETSKY ’07 is engaged to marry Audra Johnson in June.
New Arrivals

Robert McKay ’91 and Jodi DeOms McKay ’92, a daughter, Wyatt Catherine, born October 18, 2007. She joins big brothers Brady, 6, and Quincy, 3, at their home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Michael Simmons ’92 and Amy Furruccio Simmons ’92, a son, Luke Thomas, born April 13, 2005. He joins older sisters Lindsay and Lauren.


Michael Bishop ’95 and Jennifer Perego Bishop ’95, a daughter, Morgan Kaitlyn, born February 13, 2007. She joins big brothers Cameron, 7, and Dyllan, 5.

Carrie Strider Starkey ’95 and husband Chris, twin sons, Nicholas Taylor and Samuel Cooper, born August 11, 2007.

Mark Cavey ’96 and Kelly Dowe Cavey ’97, a son, Declan Randal, born November 5, 2007. He joins big brother Aiden, 4, at their home in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Chris Purdham ’97 and wife Amanda, a daughter, Avery Elizabeth, born October 25, 2007. She joins big brother Mattox Christopher, 2.


Jennifer Darrell ’98 and husband Brian, a daughter, Sara Blessing, born September 24, 2007. She joins her big brother Caleb at their home in Martinsburg.


Heather Anderson Ten Eyck ’00 and husband William, a daughter, Emily Cora Faith, born October 3, 2007. She joins big brother Will, 3, and big sister Ani, 17 months.

Brandon Lowe ’00 and Tiffany Rexrode Lowe ’00, a daughter, Hayleigh Brooke, born October 10, 2007.


The Office of Alumni Relations is offering Shepherd grads an opportunity to replace their Shepherd College diploma with a Shepherd University diploma. The cost to replace your diploma is $75. This is a limited time offer. Orders must be received by June 30, 2008.

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Mail this form and $75 check made payable to Shepherd University to: Office of Alumni Relations, Shepherd University P.O. Box 3210, Shepherdstown, WV 25443-3210. To make your payment by credit card, please call 304-876-5524.
Alumni

Emeritus Club scheduled for May 15
The 52nd annual Emeritus Club induction for the Class of 1958 and luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Ram’s Den, Student Center.

As the Alumni Office prepares for this special event, we could use your help locating some of the missing members of the Class of 1958: Mary B. Adams, Nancy R. Aitcheson, John D. Collins, Carolyn M. Dunbar, Clyde H. Frazier, Leona A. Gerstell, Charles E. Jackson, Charles C. Largent, Emma Starliper Locke, Irvin T. Shultz, Sylvia D. Sigafoose, Rosalie R. Staggs, and Mary F. Wilkins.

If you have any information regarding these classmates, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5157. •

Mark your calendar for these events

May 1: Alumni Networking Social, Penn Quarter Sports Tavern, Washington, D.C.

May 15: 52nd Emeritus Club Luncheon and Induction of the Class of 1958, Ram’s Den, Storer Ballroom, Student Center

May 16: Shepherd Women’s Athletics S.W.I.N.G. Golf Outing, Maryland National Golf Club, Middletown, Maryland

May 28: Scarborough Society Tour, Belle Grove Plantation and North Mountain Winery

June 9: Shepherd University Alumni Association Annual Meeting, Cumberland Room, Student Center

August 15: Scarborough Society Gala, Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown

August 30: Alumni Pre-game Social, Shippensburg University, Rams vs. Raiders

September 6: Ram Gridiron Club Day, First Home Football Game

September 19 and 20: Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction, Hall of Fame Weekend

October 17: 17th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament, Cress Creek

October 18: Homecoming Saturday

Alumni Association annual meeting slated
The Shepherd University Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting on Monday, June 9 at 6 p.m. in the Cumberland Room, Student Center. The annual meeting is open to current and lifetime Alumni Association members. •

Homecoming 2008
Homecoming 2008 has been set for the week of October 12-19. The Shepherd University Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 17 at Cress Creek in Shepherdstown. Numerous Homecoming events are being planned. Mark your calendars and plan to come home to Shepherd in October. •

Alumni networking social to be held in D.C.
The Office of Alumni Relations and the Alumni Association will host an Alumni Networking Social at Penn Quarter Sports Tavern in Washington, D.C., owned by Shepherd alumnus MIKE BRAND ’99. The social will take place on Thursday, May 1 from 5-7 p.m. on the second floor. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres will be served. Cash bar with happy hour prices will be available. For more details, go to www.shepherd.edu/alumnweb. •

Alumni: Send us your news!
We love to hear from our alumni! Send news of weddings, births, promotions—anything you’d like to share with your fellow alumni—to: Alumni Relations Office, Shepherd University, P.O. Box 3210, Shepherdstown, WV 25443-3210, via e-mail to alumni@shepherd.edu, or online at www.shepherd.edu/alumnweb/. •

Deaths

WILLIAM J. DAY ’50, of Bon Air, Virginia, died November 1, 2007.

COL. WILLIAM J. KNOTT ’52, of Austin, Texas, died December 25, 2007.

ROBERT S. KNOTT ’52, of West Point, Virginia, died December 15, 2007.


S. RALPH SHERRARD, Shepherd University associate professor emeritus of history and geography, of Bunker Hill, died November 19, 2007. •
Once again our alumni have generously supported the Annual Fund. The 2008 Annual Fund has enjoyed growth in participation and dollars. More than $75,000 has been pledged or given in support of the Annual Fund, and more than 700 alumni have participated.

Alumni gifts to the Annual Fund have a substantial impact on Shepherd University students. Not only does the Annual Fund provide unrestricted revenue to enhance academic programs and athletic programs, it also provides additional annual scholarship money so that more qualified students have the opportunity to attend Shepherd University. A strong Annual Fund gives Shepherd University a margin of excellence necessary to prepare Shepherd students to become successful graduates.

The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund would also like to thank our student-callers who participated in the Annual Fund Phonathon. The students enjoy having the opportunity to speak with alumni. Our student-callers successfully raised $40,000 during phonathon calls to alumni.

The 2007-08 Annual Fund will close June 30. If you have not had the opportunity to make your gift or fulfill your pledge to the Annual Fund, please consider doing so today.

We are grateful for all our alumni support and participation in making the Shepherd Annual Fund strong. You make a difference!

Phonathon student-callers pictured above, back row (l. to r.) are Matt Lyda ’10, Rob Peoples ’08, Eric Morris ’08, Josh Allen ’08, front row, Emily McCoy ’10, Cassie Helnick ’08, Leah Warnick ’10, Emily Weese ’08, and Heather Ours ’10. Other callers included Crystan Blanco ’08, Becca Russell ’10, and Jennifer Siler ’10.

Women’s athletic programs to hold first golf outing on May 16

The women’s basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and tennis programs will hold their first S.W.I.N.G. (Shepherd Women Inspiring Networking Growth) golf outing on Friday, May 16 at Maryland National Golf Club in Middletown, Maryland.

Proceeds from the golf outing will directly benefit the players and the programs for scholarships and program expenses including equipment and travel. The cost per player is $110 and includes golf, breakfast, beverages and dinner. There are also several sponsorship opportunities.

For more information, contact Melanie Ford, assistant women’s basketball coach, at 304-876-5029 or mford@shepherd.edu.

Alumni online community planned

Shepherd University has retained iModules, Inc. to help build and support its first alumni online community.

When the community site is launched later this year, alumni will be able to securely network with other alumni, find classmates, share milestones, and access an online alumni directory.

Many more features also will be available online including event registration, Alumni Association membership purchase, and online giving. Watch for more information soon.
The women's basketball team captured the WVIAC regular season title with a 22-6 overall mark and an 18-2 record in WVIAC play. The Rams advanced to the WVIAC Tournament semifinals for only the second time in program history before falling to West Virginia Wesleyan. Shepherd finished fifth in the NCAA II East Region and faced and defeated conference foe West Liberty in its first-ever regional postseason appearance. The Rams went on to defeat Mt. Olive in the semifinals before falling to California of Pennsylvania in the finals.

Senior forward Laura Harkins, York, Pennsylvania, became the first Ram to gain first team All-WVIAC honors since Cassie Murray in 2004. Harkins averages 10.8 points, 5.4 rebounds, and 2.5 assists. She leads the team with 56 blocked shots and is second in steals with 42. Harkins ranks among the Shepherd all-time career leaders in points (1,183 - 5th), rebounds (714 - 6th), assists (273 - 7th), and blocked shots (235 - 1st).

Junior forward Katie Warehime, Littlestown, Pennsylvania, leads the Rams in scoring (13.8 ppg) and is second in rebounding (5.8 rpg). A second team All-WVIAC choice, Warehime paces the team with a .514 (151-294) field goal percentage. She averaged 16 points and 9.5 rebounds for the Rams at the conference tourney to gain All-WVIAC Tournament honors.

Junior guard Krissy Grosselin, Dayton, Ohio, is second on the team in scoring with a 12.0 per game average. A second team All-WVIAC selection, Grosselin leads the Rams from beyond the arc with 33 treys. She also averages 2.8 rebounds, 1.5 assists, and 1.1 steals. Senior guard Rebecca Frece, Springfield, Virginia, averages 6.3 points and 4.9 rebounds. Her 2.6 assists per game and 1.6 steals per game lead the team. Frece’s 274 career assists rank her sixth on the Shepherd all-time list.

Senior forward Colleen Shumaker, Haymarket, Virginia, paces the team in rebounding with a 6.1 average. She also averages 6.2 points and 1.0 assists. Her 11 blocked shots are third on the team.

Senior guard Tiffany Acker, Mount Solon, Virginia, averages 5.9 points and 3.2 rebounds. She is second on the team in three pointers with 31. Acker is third on the team in assists (2.4 apg) and steals (1.4 spg). Freshman guard Carrie Saunders, Richmond, Virginia, averages 4.0 points and 1.9 rebounds. She is fourth on the team in three-pointers with 12.
Land wins Red Hartman Award

Senior guard Molly Land, Hope, Indiana, was honored by the West Virginia Conference as the winner of the Red Hartman Award. The award is voted on by the conference officials to honor a player for her sportsmanship and effort.

Land is the first Shepherd player to earn this award.

“I’m honored to be recognized for intangibles like heart and hustle by our conference,” stated Land. “With coach (Runner) receiving Coach of the Year honors and the other girls getting all-conference awards, it’s just another testament to the standards that the women’s basketball team has set at Shepherd.”

Rams capture WVIAC title

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Senior guard Nylia Zamora, Miami, Florida, averages 3.5 points and 2.7 rebounds. She is fourth on the team in assists with a 1.6 per game average. Senior guard Molly Land, Hope, Indiana, averages 3.2 points and 2.4 points. Her 14 three-pointers are third on the team. She is 6-of-7 (.857) from the charity stripe. Freshman guard Jerica Hewett, Boonsboro, Maryland, averages 2.9 points and 2.8 points. She is tied for sixth on the team in steals with 25.

Sophomore forward Camille Wilmer, Leesburg, Virginia, averages 2.7 points and 1.8 rebounds. She is sixth on the team in field goal percentage with a .426 (23-54) mark. Senior forward Michelle Van Dyke, Williamsburg, Virginia, averages 0.9 points and 0.9 rebounds. She is also 3-of-4 (.750) from the charity stripe.

Junior guard Anna Kaufman, Strasburg, Virginia, averaged 4.0 points and 3.5 rebounds in two games before being sidelined with a season-ending injury. She was a perfect 2-for-2 from the foul line.

Acker earns Academic All-District accolades for second year in a row

Senior guard Tiffany Acker, of Mt. Solon, Virginia, has been named to the 2008 ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District College Division II Women’s Basketball Team as selected by College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Acker was a first team selection for the second straight year.

Acker boasts a 4.00 grade point average as a fitness and exercise science major.

The District II College Division consists of all non-NCAA Division I colleges and universities in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

To be nominated for the Academic All-America program, a student-athlete must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his/her current institution with a 3.2 or higher cumulative grade point average and be a starter or significant reserve.
Wallace leads All-Americans

Senior running back Dervon Wallace, Lusby, Maryland, heads the list of Ram football players receiving All-American honors. Senior offensive lineman Ryan Pope, Elkridge, Maryland; senior offensive lineman Bubba Brady, Prince Frederick, Maryland; and junior defensive end Michael Spiegelberg, Silver Spring, Maryland, also earned All-American accolades.

Wallace joined Shepherd Hall of Famer James Rooths as the only Ram players to gain American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Coaches’ All-American team honors. He also gained first team All-American honors from Don Hansen’s Football Gazette. Wallace was a second team choice by Daktronics and D2Football.com and a third team choice by AP Little All-American and CollegeSportsReport.com. Wallace, who finished fourth in the Harlon Hill balloting, established a Shepherd and WVIAC record with 2,138 yards in 2007. The two-time WVIAC Offensive Player of the Year is the conference’s all-time leading scorer with 464 points. Shepherd finished with a 10-2 overall mark and reached the national quarterfinals in 2007. Wallace also set single season Shepherd marks for total offense (2,138 yards) and all-purpose yards (2,673).

Pope, a four-year starter on the Rams offensive line, was a first team selection by Don Hansen. Pope helped key an offensive line that helped the Rams set a new single season mark for most rushing touchdowns in 2007 with 38, surpassing the old mark of 35 set in 2005.

Brady, also a four-year starter on the offensive line, was a third team choice by Don Hansen. A two-time All-Conference selection, Brady helped key a Ram offensive line that helped lead Dervon Wallace to numerous school and conference records.

Spiegelberg, a three-year starter at defensive end, was an honorable mention selection by Don Hansen. He recorded 51 tackles with 22 solo stops on the year. The junior team captain led the team in sacks with 7.5 (-57 yards) and tied for the team lead in tackles-for-loss with 11.5 (-72 yards). Spiegelberg added three pass breakups, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery. 

Pope wins Rimington Award

Senior center Ryan Pope, Elkridge, Maryland, was named the winner of the Division II Rimington Award as the nation’s top center in his division. The award is named after former University of Nebraska standout center Dave Rimington.

The Rimington Award is presented to the premier centers in each of the following divisions: Division 1-AA, Division II, Division III, and NAIA. The recipients of the Rimington Award are chosen by Don Hansen. Hansen is recognized as the foremost expert on Small College Football across the United States.

The term “Small College Football” refers to all college football divisions (with the exception of Division I-A) including NCAA 1-AA, NCAA 1-AA Mid-Major, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA, and NCCAA.

Pope, a four-year starter on the offensive line for the Rams, helped lead the Rams to four straight WVIAC titles and three consecutive NCAA II postseason appearances. Pope has earned All-American honors for the past two seasons.
The men’s basketball team finished the year at 16-13 with a 9-11 conference mark. The Rams advanced to the quarterfinals of the WVIAC Tournament before dropping a hard-fought 76-67 decision to eventual tourney champion Alderson-Broaddus. Regular season highlights include a 97-72 win over regional power Pfeiffer and a 73-68 triumph over WVIAC regular season champion Pitt Johnstown. The 16-win season is the second most wins for the Rams under head coach Ken Tyler.

Freshman forward Liki Turner, Richmond, Virginia, who became the first player in program history to gain WVIAC Freshman of the Year honors, led the Rams in scoring (14.6 ppg) and rebounding (8.9 rpg). He paced the Rams with 13 double-doubles and is the leading freshman rebounder among NCAA II schools.

Junior forward-center Justin Jarman, Monongah, was second on the team in scoring (13.0 ppg) and rebounding (7.0 rpg). He led the team in blocked shots (1.2 bpg) and was second in steals (0.9 spg). His .546 field goal percentage (184-337) was tops among the Ram regulars.

Junior guard Fred Lymas, Silver Spring, Maryland, was third on the team in scoring (10.8 ppg) and fourth in rebounding (4.4 rpg). Lymas led the Rams in assists (3.8 apg). He also averaged 0.6 steals.

Redshirt-freshman guard Jonathan Motichka, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, was fourth on the team in scoring (9.9 ppg) and was one of the team’s top three-point threats with 48 treys. His .818 free throw percentage (81-99) topped the Shepherd regulars.

Redshirt-sophomore Derek Gallagher, Moon Township, Pennsylvania, averaged 8.5 points and 4.8 rebounds. He led the Rams from beyond the arc with 49 three-pointers. He was third on the team in steals (0.8 spg) and fourth in assists (1.7 apg).

Freshman forward Abdullah Dosu, Oroville, California, worked his way into the staring lineup and averaged 5.7 points and 3.8 rebounds. One of the more accurate shooters on the team, Dosu posted a .513 field goal percentage (59-115).

Senior guard Duncan William, Falling Waters, averaged 3.9 points, 1.9 rebounds, and 2.1 assists. He was third on the team in three-pointers with 24 and tied for fourth on the team in steals (0.6 spg). Junior guard Mark Manspile, Hedgesville, averaged 2.2 points and 0.6 rebounds. He was a perfect 5-for-5 at the foul line and his .611 field goal percentage (11-18) was best on the team.

Sophomore center Pierrot Bendegue, Cameroon, averaged 1.8 points and 2.2 rebounds. His 12 blocked shots were second on the team.

Senior forward Keith Kellinger, Boonsboro, Maryland, joined the team as a walk-on this semester and averaged 0.8 points and 0.6 rebounds. He connected on 3-of-6 (.500) shots from the floor.

Chip Ransom
Shepherd University Foundation announces new named funds

Since the last spring issue, the Shepherd University Foundation has welcomed the establishment of 21 new funds. These scholarships and program funds offer many donors an opportunity to recognize the contributions and perpetuate the memories of special people who have connections to Shepherd University. The funds provided through these awards will go a long way to support the education of future Shepherd students, assure excellence in teaching, and perpetuate the spirit of giving in all Shepherd alumni and friends.

**Erma Ora Byrd Memorial Scholarship**
PrimeCare Medical of West Virginia, Inc., established this scholarship to support nursing education and honor the memory of Senator Robert C. Byrd’s dear wife, who passed away in 2006. Prime Care is a privately owned and nationally accredited correctional health care provider and a major employer of Shepherd nursing graduates. The endowment was made in conjunction with the dedication of Shepherd’s new nursing facility, Erma Ora Byrd Hall.

**Canadian Parliament Internship Program**
Dr. Mark Curley, a native Canadian and friend of Shepherd University, shared his excitement over an internship program with a very receptive Dr. Denis Woods, chair of the Department of Political Science, and Dr. Stephanie Slocum-Schaffer, director of the honors program. The program provides an international experience for a Shepherd student who will go to Ottawa and participate in the workings of a parliamentary form of government in a bilingual environment. Dr. Curley has committed to funding the program this year and into the future.

**Create the Future Endowed Fund**
President Suzanne Shipley and her husband Randall Wadsworth announced the establishment of this fund during her inauguration festivities in October 2007. Feeling privileged to have traveled abroad during their college years, they wanted to extend this learning opportunity to faculty and students who wish to study abroad. Proceeds from the inaugural dinner and additional donations in Dr. Shipley’s honor have been added to the endowment.

**James W. ’65 and Virginia A. ’65 Kinkead and Hilda Beall Kinkead ’28 Scholarship**
Jim ’65 and Ginny ’65 Kinkead and Jim’s mother Hilda Beall Kinkead ’28 reserve special places in their hearts for Shepherd. Jim’s mother passed away in 2007 at the age of 99, with memories of the lasting friendships she had made at Shepherd. Jim and Ginny, now retired teachers, have decided to establish this scholarship for students pursuing degrees in education as a way to say thank you to the school and the professors who shaped their lives.

**James Keith Leverett Job Corps Scholarship**
This scholarship was started by Shepherd faculty members Dr. Alan Tinkler and Dr. Barrie Tinkler to honor James Leverett, Job Corp administrator, and to provide scholarship support to students participating in the Job Corps program. Job Corps is an education and vocational training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor for youth, ages 16-24.
Shirley A. Marinoff Educational Endowment
In naming this endowment, the family of Shirley Marinoff recognizes two passions in Mrs. Marinoff’s life: education and the arts. A Philadelphia native, Mrs. Marinoff graduated from Temple University and became a French teacher. When she and her husband, Dr. Stanley Marinoff, built a home in Shepherdstown, both became avid supporters of CATF. She served as a trustee and, among her many contributions, encouraged young people to get involved with the theater festival. It is most appropriate that the fund will support an internship program for theater students in her name. Mrs. Marinoff passed away in 1996 after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Andrew Michael ’75 Endowed Chair in Theater
Adding to his generous support of CATF and Shepherd University theater, Andy Michael ’75 established this fund by bequest to assure that the high level of program and faculty excellence in the area of theater continue well into the future. In addition to this endowment, Andy has long supported a scholarship for theater students. Andy has served on the CATF Board and is currently on the Foundation Board.

Annette Murphy Faculty Excellence Fund in English
Annette Murphy is the founder, president, and CEO of the Library Corporation, an international company providing automation technologies for libraries. She is also a committed community leader and Shepherd supporter, currently serving on the Shepherd Foundation Board. She has chosen to support this fund to attract and retain outstanding faculty.

Peggy Collins Porterfield Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Believing that “it takes a special person to be a nurse,” Jennifer J. Porterfield ’93 established this scholarship in memory of her mother for students pursuing nursing degrees. Peggy was a 1958 graduate of City Hospital in Martinsburg and worked as a nurse there for many years. Jennifer studied nursing at Shepherd.

Travis M. Propst ’95 Faculty Excellence Fund for Economics
Travis M. Propst ’95 Scholarship
A Shepherd graduate in economics, Travis Propst ’95 is now a successful investment broker in Atlanta. He has made plans through a bequest to give back to the department that he feels gave him an excellent background for his career. The faculty excellence fund will provide program awards to recruit, recognize, and retain outstanding economics faculty; his scholarship will support students pursuing degrees in economics.

Carl K. Rauch ’58 Endowed Scholarship for Science and Science Education
Carl K. Rauch ’58 Endowed Scholarship for Nursing
Rauch Family Endowed Scholarship for Fine Arts
Retired Shepherd math professor and Shepherd alumnus Carl Rauch ’58 has generously included Shepherd in his charitable giving plans. His legacy will long be felt in several departments through his establishment of the above-named funds. Although rooted in mathematics, Professor Rauch sees and values the need to support bright and talented students in all disciplines. He also continues to make additional contributions to a scholarship dear to his heart that he set up at the time of his retirement to benefit mathematics and mathematics education majors.

Merle J. ’28 and Josephine Saville ’32 Shultz Scholarship
A true Shepherd family, the children of Merle ’28 and Josephine ’32 Shultz, all graduates of Shepherd, established this scholarship in memory of their parents, who met while students at Shepherd, married in Shepherdstown, and stayed on to raise their family and work: Merle as a medical technician at the V.A. Hospital and Josephine as a public school teacher. Following their parents’ career interests, the children—Jeffrey ’63, Philip ’68, and Merelyn
SHULTZ KAYE ’59 designated that the scholarship be divided equally to support students studying elementary education and science. Phil speaks for the family in saying that this scholarship would make their parents very happy indeed.

Shepherd Ram Common Man Endowed Football Scholarship

Al ’67 and SARA ’67 LUECK, enthusiastic supporters of Shepherd University in every area, continue to create ways to support Shepherd students. This scholarship was established to provide scholarship help to deserving and needy students who want to play football at Shepherd. Rather than naming the scholarship after themselves, Sara and Al wanted to share the title with other Ram fans who believe in the benefits of building on an already established endowed fund that will continue to support football players far into the future. Through this fund Ram fans may make endowed gifts of any amount.

Edward L. Snyder Endowed Chair for Business and Social Sciences

MICHAEL SMITH ’89 and Gerald Smith, owners of Valley Proteins, Inc., a family-owned and nationally recognized rendering and recycling business, named this fund to honor the memory of their maternal grandfather, a self-educated hard worker who had to drop out of school to support his mother and sister. He was always a strong supporter of education and encouraged his grandchildren to go to college. This endowment will provide funds to strengthen academic excellence and stimulate the growth of Shepherd’s business program. Mr. Snyder’s daughter, Dolores Smith, is also a major contributor to the fund.

Classes of 1967, 1977, 1987 Scholarships

Established by the Shepherd University Foundation to inspire and encourage class identity, these class funds honor the members of each of these classes on the occasion of their 20-, 30-, or 40-year anniversary of their graduation from Shepherd. Members of the classes are encouraged to contribute to these class funds.

Class of 2008 Honor Fund

Each year graduating seniors start an endowment to provide a lasting legacy of scholarship and program support for future generations of Shepherd students. Initial contributions to the fund are made by the seniors and their parents and friends in the form of personal tributes printed in the commencement program.

A fitting tribute to a special person may be arranged through the Shepherd University Foundation. For information on how to start a scholarship or program fund to honor someone you admire, contact Monica Lingenfelter in the Foundation Office at 304-876-5397.

The Shepherd University Foundation manages approximately 400 endowed and annually funded scholarships and special programs. These private funds generate more than $1 million each year for students and academic support.

Would you like to:

- Make a charitable gift?
- Start a scholarship?
  - Join the Scarborough Society?
  - Learn about planned giving?
  - Join the McMurran Society?

Find out more about the Shepherd University Foundation and its activities at www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/ or 304-876-5397.
Thanks!

Scholarship recipients send letters of appreciation to donors

Each year the Foundation receives many letters of thanks from scholarship recipients. These students express their appreciation, inspiring and heartfelt, to the donors who make their scholarships possible. The following are excerpts from these letters.

“It is such a blessing to know that when one works diligently to the best of his or her ability that there are others who are willing to generously reward that ambition. I am truly honored to be a part of a scholarship that is so rich in history. The story of Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart is very inspiring and reminds me that anything can be achieved through hard work and grasping the opportunities gracefully granted in life. I hope to continue that legacy of hard work in my endeavors and represent the Burkhart family in an honorable way.”

**Sara Crickenberger**  
Burkhart Legacy Scholarship

“Your support is greatly appreciated and will help me to continue my education, something I have come to value more and more as I realize how important it is… I am confident I will someday be able to give back to generations to come of Shepherd students and help them further their education like you have made possible for me.”

**Jessica Johnson**  
Class of 1981 and 1982 Scholarship and Carl Bell Scholarship

“Not only is the scholarship a great help financially, it is also a great motivator for me to achieve at my highest standard. I won’t let you down.”

**Caitlin Smith**  
Ruby Clyde McCormick Scholarship

“Attending Shepherd University has always been my dream… I will be the first in my immediate family to graduate from college… Your generosity has truly made a difference in my life as well as the lives of many others.”

**Elizabeth Bessom**  
Jefferson Security Bank Scholarship and Nellie Gantt Owens Book Award

“(Upon graduating in 2008) I plan to pursue an M.A. in Jewish studies at Baltimore Hebrew University with a focus on history. My ultimate goal is to secure a job in a Jewish history museum ... with the goal of becoming museum director in the future.”

**Lacy L. LeBlanc**  
Ruth Scarborough Scholarship

“I have plans to work in the Eastern Panhandle where I was born and raised… and have a successful career in the field of pharmacy. Your investment in me is an investment in our community.”

**Samantha B. Richards**  
William Thacher Scholarship and Charles Town Kiwanis Scholarship

“I am a nontraditional student who started two years ago to study computer programming for my farming operation. Shepherd has not only helped me learn computers, but has personally enriched me in the process. This scholarship means a lot to me personally as I had C. David Miller for a plane geometry teacher at Martinsburg High School back in 1968. He was an excellent teacher.”

**John Welsh**  
C. David Miller Scholarship

“I have endured personal and financial hardships, each alone making me question my choice (to attend Shepherd). Fortunately I am among faculty devoted to the cause of education, each in their own way convinced that I will go beyond disheartening challenges. If at times I still doubt myself, the unexpected and very welcome help from my scholarship is enough to convince me that my financial situation is only a minor factor in continuing to work toward a degree I had once thought impossible.”

**Leslie Carter**  
Ralph and Margaret Burkhart Memorial Scholarship

“My mother and father and my whole family live in East Africa and cannot support my college education. I have to do this on my own and support them at the same time. I am very grateful for your help to make my dream come true. Upon completion of my degree I hope to find employment in nursing and join the force in helping others.”

**Ahmed Rizik**  
Multicultural Scholarship, Storer College Scholarship, and Burkhart Scholarship

“As a history major ... the campus’ location in the midst of multiple historical sites has prepared me well for life beyond the sleepy atmosphere of this quaint town I now call home…. I have realized my association with Shepherd University has been a profoundly positive one and the generous support of the Foundation has helped to mold that positive experience.”

**Nicholas Redding**  
Ruth Scarborough Scholarship
What you throw away, we would like to conserve—that is the motto of Valley Proteins, Inc., and that is the commitment of a truly green company headed by Shepherd alumnus Michael Smith ’89 and his brother J.J. The company is a current leader in air and water quality controls and, most recently, has developed a process to provide alternative fuel for industrial boilers through the use of animal fats.

This family-owned business was started by Mike’s grandfather in Winchester, Virginia, almost 60 years ago as a service to recycle waste meat by-products and spent cooking oils. The business has grown to be one of the largest independent rendering companies in North America, operating 12 plants in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Mike didn’t start out to be a businessman; his first love as a college-aged teen was horses. As a two-time national champion, he was good enough at showing horses to be considered as Olympic material and was on the path to pursuing that goal when he took a spill from a horse that resulted in a serious back injury that ended his career goal. Still wanting to ride, Mike decided to attend Shepherd mainly because of its proximity to his home and horses in Winchester. He now says this serendipitous decision resulted in a fantastic experience.

“I wasn’t a particularly good student in high school,” said Mike, “because I spent all my time and energy on riding. I was horrible in grammar and writing. Mrs. Betty Byrer, my English teacher at Shepherd, realized my potential and gave me the extra help I needed to become a confident writer. My high school sweetheart, later my wife, was amazed at my progress.

“I was also fortunate to have Francine Phillips as my advisor at Shepherd. She lived near us and knew our family business and steered me into what I needed to learn to be a part of our business.”

Following graduation from Shepherd, Mike went into the family business, then owned by his father. He married Debra and has been blessed with two children, Victoria, 13, and Mitchell, 10.

Mike never forgot Shepherd and has given back to the University in many ways. He has been a guest lecturer in the business program and is serving on the Shepherd University Foundation Board of Directors. In 2004 he established a scholarship in memory of his father. He remembers his father as a strong supporter of education and a firm believer in employing good people who needed a chance to succeed. The scholarship is designated for financially needy students from Winchester or Frederick County, Virginia, majoring in business, science, or engineering.

Mike credits much of his success to his supportive family and “We have more Shepherd grads on our payroll than any other college, and they have benefited our business greatly.”

Mike Smith ’89
the examples they set for hard work, responsibility, and determination. Mike holds much admiration for his maternal grandfather, Edward L. Snyder, who grew up in Martinsburg during the Depression and had to drop out of school at the age of 12 to support his family. He never returned to school, but educated himself through reading and lifelong learning. His son graduated from Shepherd and he encouraged his grandchildren to go to college.

To honor the memory of their Grandfather Snyder, Mike and his brother J.J. recently established at Shepherd University an Endowed Chair for Business to stimulate growth of the business department. Mike's mother, Dolorès Smith, has also made a substantial gift to this endowment. She has been a successful businesswoman on her own in rental properties in Winchester.

“Shepherd is in a great location to be successful,” said Mike. “Area businesses need well-educated people, and they compete with Northern Virginia to get them. We have more Shepherd grads on our payroll than any other college, and they have benefited our business greatly.”

“Mike’s story sets a great example for our Shepherd students today,” said Shepherd University President Suzanne Shipley. “Rather than shy away from subjects that were difficult for him, Mike redoubled his efforts to address his weaknesses. That quality of perseverance made him a match for Shepherd’s individualized attention and has clearly led to his success today. Mike and his brother J.J. have taken their family’s business to the cutting edge by matching an evolving product with evolving needs, in creative and even revolutionary ways. We are gratified that their talents reflect so well on Shepherd University, and we thank them for their generosity.”

Self-proclaimed as hyperactive, Mike is a man on the go. He keeps a very busy schedule both at work and with his family.

He hasn’t given up on horse riding, even after breaking five ribs last year in a fall. The whole family now rides, and his daughter is starting her second full circuit this year on the national level. Mike said they have a good start this year with all their horses placing well the first two shows.

“We’ve been through good times and bad with our company,” said Mike, “but through a lot of creative thinking and planning, we’ve positioned the company to meet future environmental needs in a number of ways, including producing bio-fuels that burn cleaner and can compete with oil. I am thankful to the past generations of our family, way back to Grandfather Clyde Smith who started the business in 1949. They worked hard and took risks so that this business could grow and improve. I like to think they’d be proud of what we’re doing today.”

Sharon Henderson
Development

From the Foundation …

Scarborough Gala focuses on the era of classic cars
Get ready for an evening of classic cars, dinner, and dancing at this year’s Scarborough Society Gala. Plans for the seventh annual event are well underway. This year’s theme is based on the New York Times best seller by Anton Myrer, The Last Convertible. The gala will be held Friday, August 15, at the Bavarian Inn. For more information, contact the Foundation Office at 304-876-5397.

Endowments grow for faculty support
The Foundation’s initiative to encourage and support faculty excellence is paying off with the establishment of a number of endowed faculty positions and funds. As of the end of 2007, endowed chairs have been established for American history, theater, and business; endowments for faculty excellence have been designated for business, accounting, library science, English, art, and economics.

95th birthday takes off!
Proud son John T. Reynolds ’64 poses by the plane of his father T. Guy Reynolds, Jr. ’33, who celebrated his 95th birthday in December 2007 doing what comes naturally—flying his private plane over the fields, hills, and rivers of the Eastern Panhandle. Loyal Shepherd grads, both father and son contribute to Foundation scholarships they endowed several years ago and both are McMurran Society members. Their gifts keep on giving.

Foundation gives to President’s endowment
A gift of $25,000 to match the donation of President Suzanne Shipley and her husband Randy Wadsworth to establish the Create the Future Fund was unanimously approved by the Foundation Board at its December 2007 meeting. “We look forward to working with Dr. Shipley as she articulates and implements her vision for the future of Shepherd University,” said Ray Alvarez ’62, president of the Foundation. The fund will support study and research abroad opportunities for students and faculty.

McMurran Society reception date set
The Joseph P. McMurran Society’s annual dinner reception is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at Popodicon. Alumni and friends interested in including Shepherd in planned gifts and bequests are invited to attend this reception. New member Mark Curley became interested in Shepherd during recent visits to the campus. “I was deeply impressed by students’ positive attitude, ethical integrity, and eagerness to learn, as well as the dedication of the faculty and staff to ensure that their students have a rigorous and fulfilling academic experience.”

Welcome to new McMurran Society members Thomas L. Banks ’54, Williamsport, Maryland; Mark H. Curley, Ph.D., University Heights, Ohio; Paul Hilyard ’58 and Luella Jo Hillyard, Winchester, Virginia; Stanley O. Ikenberry ’56, Urbana, Illinois; T. Guy Reynolds ’33, Martinsburg; and John T. Reynolds ’64, Martinsburg. For more information about the reception and the McMurran Society, please call the Foundation Office at 304-876-5397.

Planned giving newsletter available
Strategies to reward Shepherd and disinherit Uncle Sam are featured in the current planned giving newsletter, Simple Gifts, provided by the Foundation and Advancement offices. The front page article focuses on Shepherd alumni James ’65 and Virginia Kinkead ’65. For a copy, call the Foundation at 304-876-5397.

A.D. looks to future sports
Athletic director Karl Wolf ’70 shared with the Foundation his concern regarding funding for new and emerging sports, such as lacrosse and swimming, that may be instituted after the new artificial turf playing field and Wellness Center are in place. Karl added his own gift pledge to kick off a fund to help build future athletic programs. Gifts to the New and Emerging Sports Fund may be made through the Foundation.

Bricks make nice gifts for new grads
If you’re looking for a gift for the 2008 graduate, you may want to consider an engraved stadium brick. For $100 you can add the graduate’s name to the more than 500 bricks now in the stadium wall. This special gift will provide a lasting memory and will also help support the University’s athletic program. You can get a brick form at www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/programs or order online from the Shepherd University Bookstore, www.shepherdbook.com.

Get on the Scarborough bus!
It’s not too late to sign up for the spring Scarborough Society outing, Wednesday, May 28. A bus will take participants from the Shepherd campus to the historic Belle Grove Plantation in Virginia, to the home of Route 11 potato chips, and to lunch at the North Mountain Vineyard in Maurertown. The cost of the trip is $75 per person. Call Phyllis Smock for reservations at 304-264-0560.
The Shepherd University Bookstore is looking for “RAMbunctious” football fans to join the RamHerd. The goal of the RamHerd is to promote school spirit and cheer our Shepherd University football team on to victory! The RamHerd is sponsored by the Shepherd University Bookstore.

Anyone who purchases a RamPack becomes a member of the RamHerd. Your RamPack includes:

- Free RamHerd Membership
- Spirit t-shirts for each home game
- Eligibility for prize drawings at each home game
- Pre-game get-togethers at the Ram Rally Hospitality Tent
- Discount card for Bookstore good thru 12/12/08
- And more (it’s a surprise!)

New Members: $55
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Last year more than 200 fans joined the RamHerd—join the fun today!

Sign up by August 1 and receive a RamHerd stadium cup with your first t-shirt.
For more information and to purchase your RamPack, go to www.shepherdbook.com

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- Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
- Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction (M.A.)
- Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration (M.A.)
- Master of Music, Music Education (M.M.M.E.)
Ground is broken for Wellness Center

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wellness Center was held in December 2007. Participants are (l. to r.) Alan Perdue, university counsel; Dan Yanna, director of facilities management; Karl Wolf, athletics director; Jim Zullinger, Palmer Construction; Ann Drummie, Bealsford and Dunlavey; Dr. Virginia Hicks, dean of the School of Education and Professional Studies; Dr. Mark Stern, vice president for academic affairs; Amado Fernandez, HughesGroup Architects; Jim Sweeney, Wellness Center director; President Suzanne Shipley; Dr. Andro Barnett, chair, Department of HPERS; Bob McMillan, chair, Shepherd University Board of Governors; James Vigil, director of auxiliary services; and Ed Magee, vice president for administration and finance.