Rams debut new Field Turf
Clockwise, from top left: President Suzanne Shipley, presiding over her first Shepherd commencement ceremony, presents a diploma to a happy grad.

Dr. Michael Austin, dean of graduate studies, hoods McMurran Scholar Vanessa Kessinger.

The mortarboard says it all: “Done.”

Women’s basketball teammates and WVIAC champs (l. to r.) Michelle VanDyke, Rebecca Frece, and Nylia Zamora join Heather Wright before the ceremony.

Commencement speaker and honorary doctorate recipient Rick Lemon (l.) and President’s Award winner and president emeritus David L. Dunlop (r.) join President Suzanne Shipley and Bob McMillan, Board of Governors chair, at a precommencement brunch at Popodicon held in their honor.

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From the President

Shepherd: An economic engine

The Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF) has just wrapped up a very successful summer season (its 18th, in fact). The festival represents a very strong and flourishing partnership between Shepherd University and the leadership of the festival. CATF produces first-rate theater which attracts a regional and metro-area audience and national interest.

Not only does Shepherd benefit from an enhanced reputation by hosting the festival, the local economy also benefits from the tourist dollars. Tourists and theater lovers attending the festival pump money into the local economy at the rate of $5 for every dollar spent on theater ticket—a welcome boost for shops, hotels, and restaurants in Shepherdstown.

Shepherd positively impacts the local economy in other ways. As an institution of higher education, Shepherd University is not typically thought of as a business—but its $45 million annual operating budget makes Shepherd one of the larger businesses in the region.

That $45 million is pumped into the local and regional economy in exchange for a wide variety of goods and services, a boon to businesses both large and small. A decade of growth at Shepherd has brought construction projects to campus totaling more than $100 million, substantially contributing to the area’s construction industry.

During the academic year, some 3,000 students travel to campus on a daily basis, and their buying power, combined with that of the 1,000 students who live on campus, strengthens the local economic scene, benefiting restaurants, shops, gas stations, and banks. Toss in more than 600 full- and part-time employees (representing a payroll of $25 million) and you have a force that contributes to a vibrant and varied local economy. When you add to the mix alumni returning to campus for homecoming, sports fans attending games, and lovers of the arts making Shepherd and Shepherdstown a cultural destination, Shepherd’s economic impact increases.

Shepherd’s mission is teaching and training today’s students to be tomorrow’s productive citizens in their roles as teachers, accountants, business owners, nurses, scientists, computer engineers, historians, artists, musicians, economists, and social workers. The contributions made by our alumni as taxpayers and consumers further strengthen the economy of the region.

Constitution Day lecture slated for Sept. 17

As part of Constitution Day, Donald A. Ritchie, associate historian of the United States Senate, will present “If Not Perfect, At Least Excellent: The Constitution and Elections” at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17 in the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies Auditorium. This is the fourth annual Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture on the U.S. Constitution to be held at Shepherd. A discussion and reception will follow.


Constitution Day was established in 2005 through the leadership of Senator Robert C. Byrd. It is celebrated on or near September 17 each year because it was on that date in 1787 that delegates meeting in Philadelphia in the Federal Convention approved the U.S. Constitution. Events are planned at educational institutions and government facilities across the country.

For more information, contact the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies at 304-876-5701 or visit the Center online at www.byrdcenter.org.

Trips planned to England, India in 2009

The Department of English will tour England July 23-August 2, 2009, and the Department of Business Administration will sponsor a study abroad trip to India March 9-18, 2009.

The England tour follows the literary footprints of William Shakespeare, Jane Austen, Sir Walter Scott, and Virginia Woolf, as well as the Cumberland Lake Poets and Thomas Hardy. For information, e-mail Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt at sshurbu@shepherd.edu.

Participants in the tour to India will visit Delhi, New Delhi, Jaipur, and Agra. The tour features a full-time bilingual tour director, five business visits, a lecture, and select guides and entrances to special attractions. For more information, contact Dr. Gordon DeMeritt, chair of the Department of Business Administration, at 304-876-5350.
Admissions publications, seal receive merit awards

The Office of Admissions has received two Merit Awards in the 23rd annual Admissions Advertising Awards, sponsored by the Admissions Marketing Report. Shepherd competed in the 2,000-4,999 institutional size category.

Shepherd University and the design firm Creosote Affects of Emmitsburg, Maryland, received a Merit Award in the Total Recruitment Package category. Shepherd and Creosote created an “Unexpected” theme for all of Shepherd’s recruiting materials.

Shepherd and Creosote also received a Merit Award for the Shepherd seal in the Logo/Letterhead Design category.

The Admissions Advertising Awards contest is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, 2,000 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges, universities, and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries. Judges for the Admissions Advertising Awards consisted of a national panel of admissions marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals, and the editorial board of Admissions Marketing Report.

Five faculty members are promoted

Five Shepherd University faculty members have received promotions.

Dr. Jason Best has been promoted to professor of astronomy and astrophysics; Rick Bruner has been promoted to professor of art; Dr. James Lewin has been promoted to professor of English; Dr. Stephanie Slocum-Schaffer has been promoted to associate professor of political science; and Dr. James Tuttle has been promoted to associate professor of education.

Dr. Slocum-Schaffer and Dr. Tuttle were each granted tenure.

One Book, One Community

Persepolis, a memoir by Marjane Satrapi about growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution, is this year’s One Book selection. For more information about events scheduled around the book, visit www.shepherd.edu/ctl/CommonReading/index.html.

New deans named to business and social sciences, grad studies

Dr. Ann Marie Legreid and Dr. Russell Porter have been named to dean positions at Shepherd University. Dr. Legreid is the dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences, and Dr. Porter is the dean of graduate studies and continuing education.

Dr. Legreid holds a Ph.D. in geography/history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She was the chair of the Department of Geography/Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of Central Missouri and had served as the interim associate dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and chair of the Department of Political Science and Geography.

Dr. Porter holds a Ph.D. in health services organizations and research from Virginia Commonwealth University and an Ed.D. in higher education administration from the University of North Texas. He had been an associate professor in the Department of Health Care Management and program director of the MHA program at Clayton State University in Georgia.

Faculty and staff honored in April

Shepherd University faculty and staff were honored by President Suzanne Shipley for their years of service and retirements during the spring meeting of the Shepherd University Assembly in April. Pictured above, front row (l. to r.) are Dr. Patricia Stealey, retiring after 39 years; Brian Hammond, honored for 20 years of service; Roger Hamood, 30 years of service; Henrietta Eby, retiring after 35 years; and Dr. John Landolt, retiring after 38 years; back row, Mary Beth Walling, 20 years of service; Dr. Kathleen Gaberson, retiring after six years; Dr. V.J. Brown, retiring after 37 years; President Shipley; Walter Davis, retiring after five years; Dr. John Schmidt, retiring after 40 years; Dr. Suda Kunyosying, retiring after 23 years; and David Fincham, 40 years of service.

Employees reaching milestones not pictured include Grover Boyer, retiring after 19 years; Dr. Hang Yul Rhee, 40 years of service; Marsha Branch and Dr. Philip Simpson, 30 years of service; Nancy Cowherd, Dr. Kathleen Reid, and Veronica Scott, 25 years of service; and Paula Brown, James Dunn, Jr., Jacqueline Grantham, Reza Mirdamadi, and Dr. John Schultz, 20 years of service.
Students and alumnus join forces in Martinsburg tea business

Shepherd student Arthur Ebeling founded Eastern Isles Teas and Tonics in July 2007 and runs the business with former Shepherd tennis teammate Eric Stephenson ’07 and current student Felipe Oliveira. Arthur is a senior marketing major from Martinsburg, Felipe is a junior business major from Natal, Brazil, and Eric is a 2007 business graduate from Harpers Ferry. The company, which offers organic tea for sale online and at local health food stores, recently opened a tea house in downtown Martinsburg.

As an athlete at Shepherd, Arthur became focused on his health and began drinking tea daily. “Health was a critical part of my lifestyle and as I began to learn more about tea, I saw that there was a scarcity of quality tea,” he said. Eastern Isles offers loose-leaf tea which is richer and offers more complex flavor. “I saw a need, and I was really passionate about reading about the different blends and properties,” said Arthur. “I did some market research, and I saw that tea was a $6 billion industry with significant growth forecast. I saw a great commercial opportunity there.”

Arthur recently entered the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards (GSEA) contest designed for students who have started their own businesses. The competition offers the winner $100,000 for the business as well as national exposure including a feature story in Entrepreneur Magazine.

To enter the competition a student must be nominated and submit an application with data about the business including financials and an operating plan. After making it through the first two rounds, Eastern Isles has one more presentation to go before the final, held in Chicago, Illinois.

“There are 20 people left worldwide, and we are presenting in a group of five or six. If we can place in the top two, we will receive the trip to Chicago, all expenses paid,” said Arthur.

Both Arthur and Eric feel their time at Shepherd prepared them for running their own business. “In coming to Shepherd I have made some terrific contacts with professors, particularly Dr. Mark Patton, associate professor of business administration. He has been an invaluable resource by helping us with strategic planning, pitching to distributors, and considering our cost structure. Dr. Patton forces you to think about things you might normally neglect because he has had so many experiences in his professional career,” said Arthur.

“He has been there and done what we are just trying to get started doing, and he is a great asset to have in an advisory role,” said Eric. “Dr. Patton knows a lot about business in general, especially at an international level which is where we hope to be in the near future.”

“All the professors in the business program have been really supportive of what we are doing. They have been accommodating about the fact that owning your own business is demanding and time intensive and it can be hard to manage that with your concurrent academic demands. It’s nice when they understand that dilemma,” said Arthur.

Owning a business has been a learning experience for the two. “I think it has been a test of character, a test of will,” said Arthur. “You definitely learn the values of patience and persistence. You aren’t always going to have immediate success, and you are going to have to work hard before you see any type of apparent reward. Another important thing to note is that you have to be able to learn quickly and move quickly.”

“Always have confidence that you can do it, and you will surprise yourself at what you can actually do and obstacles you can overcome,” said Eric. “Prioritization is also important.”

Both also stress the importance of allocating capital with limited resources. “Cost effectiveness is key; it is just so overlooked,” said Eric.

“Especially when you are under-capitalized,” added Arthur.

Despite experiencing some wariness from family and friends, Arthur and Eric have maintained confidence in their dream. “Sometimes you just have to have the conviction that your vision is promising and you have got to hold to that steadfastly and not let anything undermine that confidence,” said Arthur.

Another important initiative for the Eastern Isles Teas and Tonics owners was supporting One Percent for the Planet. I thought the business would be a great vehicle to affect change. One Percent for the Planet is an international coalition of businesses and nonprofit organizations that allocate one percent of their annual revenue to environmental causes,” said Arthur. They are also developing a line of t-shirts with all proceeds going to One Percent for the Planet.

Eastern Isles is relocating to a larger location at 205 North Queen Street in Martinsburg. The new space will allow the business to expand their food service as well.

“The community response has been almost all positive,” said Eric. “We are considered different and unique and that (continued to next page)
Arthur says the business also serves as a venue for the arts and music. “We have poetry readings and open mike nights. In some ways this is a cultural community installment,” he said.

The next big venture for Eric and Arthur is positioning their product to enter into the bottled tea ready-to-drink (RTD) market. “The preparation is extensive,” said Arthur. “We are hopefully going to be partnering with a company in Ithaca, New York. A team of food chemists will help with the development of a prototype and the testing of shelf life, nutritional analysis, and help with the product marketing.”

“The reason we are focusing there is because 40 percent of tea sales are in the RTD market. We are actually looking to provide a product line for kids that is healthier than the sugar-laden juices you see. To start we are looking to secure major regional distributors and with that confidence move on to national distribution,” said Arthur.

“To get the distributors you have to show how you can distinguish yourself from competitors and establish who your competitors are,” said Eric. “For example, Lipton wouldn’t be considered a competitor; we are more of an honest tea. Our tea combines the organic and health aspects and is more flavorful.”

The teas will be available in several different lines including one that takes advantage of superfruits that have two to three times the amount of antioxidants found in regular fruits including goji berry, acai, mangosteen, and noni. They plan to market 10 to 20 different flavors with a white or green tea base. Shepherd graphic design alumna Abby Sandy ’07 designed the label used on the bottle.

As for the future, Ebeling and Stephenson see the business increasing distribution tracks for the current product line and developing a Chinese herbology line. “In the next three years we are looking at expanding the national and regional distribution. I think it will be a matter of sustaining our effort and developing new product lines,” said Arthur.

They are in talks with Wegmans and Healthway to carry their tea. Eastern Isles is looking at taking the company international and is using partner Felipe Oliveira’s connections to try and introduce Eastern Isles to Brazil. Eastern Isles also has several production deals in the works as far as licensing and water agreements.

Eric and Arthur say their Shepherd education has served them well in this endeavor. “We have been glad for the help and interest we have received from the faculty at Shepherd,” said Arthur. “We try to serve as ambassadors for the University and are proud to be students there.”

“Everywhere I go, I am proud to say I am a Shepherd alumnus,” said Eric.

Eastern Isles tea is available online at www.eastenisles.com and at several locations including Maggie’s, Mellow Moods, and the Crystal Shop in Shepherdstown; Good Natured and Healthy Lifestyle in Martinsburg; Westbrook Designs in Morgantown; and at their tea house in downtown Martinsburg.

Stephanie Horst

Center for Contemporary Arts is officially opened in April

More than 200 faculty, staff, students, donors, and community members attended the Center for Contemporary Arts (Phase I) dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony on April 17. Phase I of the Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA) opened its doors for students and faculty in February. The $10 million building was built with state funds.

Participating in the ribbon cutting (l. to r.) were Rhonda Smith, art faculty; Jeremy Blaine, photography student; Dow Benedict, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities; Sonya Evansisko, art faculty; Catherine Irwin, Contemporary American Theater Festival; Steve Reneker, project manager; Karin Dunn, assistant project manager; Jenny Allen, CATF trustee; President Suzanne Shipley; Bob McMillan, chair of Shepherd’s Board of Governors; Ed Herendeen, CATF producing director; Doug Moss, Holzman Moss Architecture; Stephen Skinner, CATF president; Bryan Burton, Callas Contractors; and Dan Yanna, director of facilities.
Adriana Trigiani is Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence

Virginia writer Adriana Trigiani, author of the Big Stone Gap series, including Big Cherry Holler, Milk Glass Moon, and Home to Big Stone Gap, has been selected as the recipient of the Appalachian Heritage Writer’s Award and the $5,000 literary prize.

Trigiani will be at Shepherd University during the first week of October to accept her prize and to talk about her books and films. Trigiani will also present awards for the West Virginia Fiction Writers Competition and assist in fiction selections for the new Anthology of Appalachian Writers.

Adriana Trigiani was born in the Italian enclave of Roseto, Pennsylvania. Her family moved when she was six years old to Big Stone Gap, Virginia, where her father opened a garment factory. Her mother’s family came from Bergamo and Schilpario, Italy, while her father’s people were from a small town on the Adriatic. Trigiani left Big Stone Gap as an eighteen-year-old to attend St. Mary’s College in South Bend, Indiana, majoring in theater. After graduation, she moved to New York City, where she supported herself with temp jobs and began writing for a comedy troupe she founded called The Outcasts. Eventually, she began writing for television shows such as The Cosby Show and A Different World.

Trigiani’s fiction and award-winning documentaries have focused on Italian-American characters, with some of the stories set in rural western Virginia, others in New York, and all connected in some respect to her Italian roots. Other award-winning best sellers by Trigiani include The Queen of the Big Time, Lucia, Lucia, and Rococo.

Trigiani’s books have been on the New York Times Best Sellers list, while her Big Stone Gap collection has captured the imagination of book clubs and reviewers across the nation. In 2006, Big Stone Gap won the Virginia Library Award and was a People’s Choice Award Finalist. Trigiani’s film documentary, Queens of the Big Time, won the 1996 Hamptons International Film Festival Audience Award. Her novel Rococo was a 2005 Publishers Weekly Fiction Award finalist, while Lucia, Lucia was selected as the 2004 Best Read in England and listed as eighth on the Associated Press List of World Best Sellers.

In the mid 1990s, Trigiani began working on a screenplay that looked backward to her childhood roots, growing up in western Virginia. She took the script of Big Stone Gap to her friend and literary agent Suzanne Gluck, who suggested that she turn the play into a novel. For the next six months, Trigiani wrote from 3 until 8 a.m. each day before going to work on another project. In six months, the book was finished, and she had created not only a best seller but had discovered a genre she loved and a type of writing that suited her well. She has often referred to the essential pleasure that comes from the solitary work of fiction writing, and her solid work ethic and self-discipline have allowed her become one of the most prolific best-selling novelists today.

Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt

Writer-in-Residence Schedule of Events

- **Monday, September 29, 7 p.m.** Screening of award-winning Trigiani documentary Queens of the Big Time, Reynolds Hall, cosponsored by the Shepherdstown Film Society.
- **Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m.** The Critics Corner and Talking about Big Stone Gap, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, cosponsored by the Friends of the Shepherdstown Library.
- **Wednesday, October 1, 8 p.m.** Scarborough Society Lecture and Awards Ceremony, “The Voice of the Ferriner: An Expatriate’s View of the Appalachians in Literature,” Erma O. Byrd Hall, reception and book signing to follow. Adriana Trigiani will receive the Appalachian Heritage Writer’s Award and present her keynote address; Trigiani will present West Virginia Fiction Writers Competition awards.
- **Thursday, October 2, 9 a.m.** Trigiani visits with Martinsburg, Jefferson, Musselman, and Berkeley Springs high school students at Martinsburg High School, 10:30 a.m., Trigiani Reading and Reception at Martinsburg Public Library; 3-4:30 p.m., Writers Master Class with Adriana Trigiani, Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, 6 p.m., “The Writing Life, with Adriana Trigiani,” Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies.
- **Friday, October 3, 8 p.m.** The Appalachian Heritage Festival Concert, featuring National Heritage Award and Grammy Award winner Dr. Ralph Stanley, Frank Theater.
- **Saturday, October 4, 8 p.m.** The Appalachian Heritage Festival Concert, featuring National Heritage Award and Grammy Award winner Dr. Ralph Stanley, Frank Theater.
- **For information about the Trigiani residency, contact:** Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt, Department of English and Modern Languages, 304-876-5207 or 304-876-5220, E-mail: sshurbut@shepherd.edu, www.shepherd.edu/ahwirweb/
- **For information about the Appalachian Heritage concerts, contact:** Rachael Meads, Performing Arts Series at Shepherd University (PASS), 304-876-5113, E-mail: rmeads@shepherd.edu, www.shepherd.edu/passweb/festival.htm
Monday, October 13, Spirit Day
4 p.m. The Shepherd University Super Hero Squad unites on the Midway to kick off Homecoming week. Enjoy food, games, lip-synch competition, and more.

Tuesday, October 14
4 p.m. 7th Annual Sports Competition, Midway. Come out and cheer for your super hero.

Wednesday, October 15
4 p.m. 8th Annual Academic Bowl, Student Center, Storer Ballroom. Hosted by alumnus Bob Fleenor ’74, five-time Jeopardy champion.

Thursday, October 16
9 p.m. Annual Skit Competition, Student Center, Storer Ballroom. Come hear the singing and watch the dancing, acting, and hilarious antics of Shepherd students as they create and perform a heroic skit for Homecoming. Arrive early; seats go fast.

Friday, October 17
8 a.m. 17th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament, Cress Creek Golf and Country Club in Shepherdstown. For more information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Fund at 800-344-5231 ext. 5157 or 304-876-5157 or e-mail alumni@shepherd.edu. Proceeds from this event support Shepherd athletic teams that do not generate their own revenue.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet the Real Super Heroes of our community who teach, protect, and defend us, Rambler Card Tailgate Party, Midway, with recognition at noon. Rain or shine.

Saturday, October 18
9 a.m. Plaque and Tree Dedication in memory of Professor Bill Johnson, White Hall.

9:30 a.m. Alumni Breakfast on the front lawn of McMurran Hall. The breakfast is free to all and will kickoff a big day of events with the Super Hero theme. Cosponsored by the Shepherd University Alumni Association and the Shepherd University Foundation.

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Little House Tours. Take the opportunity (weather permitting) to tour the Little House on Princess Street.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shepherd University Bookstore welcomes alumni and friends. You can also visit online at www.shepherdbook.com.

11 a.m. Homecoming Parade. It’s a bird, it’s a plane, no it’s Shepherd University Super Heroes. This year’s parade will be emceed by Jenny Seeley ’06 and ’08.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Multicultural Student Affairs Reception, Ram’s Den Bistro, Student Center. This event is free and open to all. Sponsored by Diversity and Equity Committee.

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Luncheon on the Midway. Come enjoy hero subs and beverages catered by Shepherd University Catering Services and prepare to cheer on the Rams.

1 p.m. Game Time. Cheer on the Shepherd University Rams as they challenge W.Va. Wesleyan.

Halftime. Crowning of 2008 Homecoming King and Queen.

Following the game to 5:30 p.m. Members Post-Game Party for 2008-09 Alumni Association members and a guest. Location to be announced.

6 to 7:30 p.m. Outstanding Alumni Awards Reception, Erma Ora Byrd Hall. Come meet the Outstanding Alumni of the Year and past recipients and enjoy refreshments and a light buffet catered by Shepherd University Dining Services.

Sunday, October 19
11 a.m. ’50s Brunch, Storer Ballroom, celebrating the Classes of 1950–1959. Watch the mail for more details.

Homecoming Reunions
Class of ’58–save the date! Plans are underway for Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19 reunion events. Watch the mail for details soon.

Alumni gather at last year’s Homecoming breakfast at McMurran Hall.
Class Notes

'57 Lesly McWhorter has been appointed public relations officer for a third year of the Palm Beach Sail and Power Squadron. He is a past commander of that unit of the United States Power Squadrons. He also serves as the president of his community’s Property Owners’ Association, a member of the YMCA Camp McConnell Committee, and is still actively involved with several of his musical groups in the south Florida area.

'60 Joseph J. Renn III, M.D., F.C.C.P., F.A.C.E., was promoted to clinical professor of medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. He was named one of America’s Top Physicians by Consumers Research Council (CRC) of America in the 2003 first edition of the Guide to America’s Top Physicians. He has been named continuously since then in each edition though 2008.

'62 Charles William Hill, Jr., along with Garrett Ward Sheldon, has published The Liberal Republicanism of John Taylor of Caroline, Farleigh Dickenson Press, 2008. He also had the senior award in criminal justice named in his honor.

'68 Ronald Dickerson was inducted into the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame. He was the head football coach at Seaford High School for 28 years. Upon his retirement, his 191 wins ranked fourth in state football history and first among downstate coaches. Ron also served as the head baseball coach at Seaford for seven years. Ron was a four-year starter on Shepherd’s football team and an All-Conference defensive player.

'70 The Rev. John Cushwa, pastor of the Falling Waters Presbyterian Church, was honored by the Presbyterian Churches of the Eastern Panhandle on May 25. The Eastern Panhandle Mission Community of the Presbytery of Shenandoah awarded him a doctor of divinity degree in recognition for his long and faithful service to the Presbyterian Church in West Virginia.

'73 Kathy Yost, food services director of Berkeley County Schools, received the West Virginia School Nutrition Association’s Director of the Year award at the association’s state banquet at the Stonewall Jackson Resort. To be considered for the top honor, one has to have been a food services director for at least a decade.

'76 Dana Holmquist received the Men’s State Swimming Coach of the Year award for the fifth time in the last 15 years. The men’s team at Douglas High School has won Florida’s state championship the last two years in a row. He has also won the Miami Herald’s Coach of the Year award for the last four years.

'77 Elizabeth “Betsy” Best was named principal at Shepherdstown Middle School in July by the Jefferson County Board of Education. Betsy was head teacher at Shepherdstown Middle School and was previously employed as an assistant principal at Jefferson High School, the mathematics department chair at JHS, and a mathematics and English teacher at JHS.

'79 Burgess John D. Miller begins his second four-year term in Middletown, Maryland, after winning a landslide victory over his challenger. John will collaborate with the town’s board of commissioners to work on issues that are central to his campaign. He plans to implement a 10-year project to address Main Street water line problems and continue the development of Remsburg Park. The largest issue he will face is economic development.

'83 Sharon Decker Affinito, commuter services specialist with Loudoun County, Virginia, Office of Transportation Services, was part of the Loudoun County Transit team that received the Outstanding Public Transit Marketing Award from the Virginia Transit Association for its efforts to publicize the Loudoun County Bus Services and Schedules Guide which was created last year. The new guide, published in November 2007, was a joint effort by the Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services and Virginia Regional Transit. The booklet includes helpful information for Loudoun residents about transportation alternatives to make travel more economical and less time consuming. The booklet also contains maps...
that show the names of major and minor roads, plus transfer points, bus stop locations, and descriptions of each transfer route.

'84 Nancy Schelhorn Bennett has relocated with her husband Mark and children Cameron, 8, and Ryland, 7, to Novi, Michigan, where her husband has accepted a promotion with Anheuser-Busch companies. Nancy will continue to oversee her meetings and conventions company, Schelhorn-Bennett Group, from her Novi address.

Sherri Heare displayed her artwork in the lobby of the Church-McKee Arts Center at Potomac State College in April. This exhibit concluded the 2007-08 Artist in the Lobby series sponsored by Highland Arts Unlimited.

'85 Scott Haines, currently serving at Headquarters Air Force, was promoted to rank of colonel during a ceremony at the Pentagon on April 30. He will be reassigned to Maxwell Air Force in Alabama this summer to attend Air War College.

'88 Jodi Warfield Jones was promoted to manager of accounting operations at Jos. A. Bank Clothiers in Hampstead, Maryland. Jodi has worked for Jos. A. Bank for a little over a year.

'90 Denison Offutt and wife Martha will be serving a three-year posting abroad in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, beginning in July 2008. They will be accompanied by their daughter Natasha, who will study at the American University in Dubai.

'91 John Fink celebrated his 10-year anniversary as owner of Presidential Investigations and Bail Bonding. John investigates criminal cases for local defense attorneys in West Virginia. The company is considered the premiere investigative agency in the area. John is also the chair of the Berkeley County Democratic Executive Committee where he was elected to organize and promote local, state, and national Democratic candidates. John graduated with degrees in political science and criminal justice.

'92 Bert Davis was hired as a safety officer for the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park and Catoctin Mountain Park. Bert plans to continue programs already under way and add his own stamp to efforts to keep the public and employees safer in the parks. His job is to implement risk management strategies that will eliminate employee and visitor accidents, as well as to protect park resources.

Kelli Summers received the Simon A. McNeely Award at the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MAH-PERD) annual convention in October 2007. The award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated active involvement in school and community affairs, along with outstanding teaching and service in the field of physical education. Kelli, who has taught at Myersville Elementary School for 16 years, was also named a First Class Teacher for Frederick County in 2006.

Kristen Pike was promoted to team leader of the CLIA Genomics Group, Laboratory of Molecular Technology, Science Applications International Corporation CSAIC-Fredrick. Kristen manages the genetic mutation studies for cancer and some immunodeficiency diseases under clinical laboratory regulations at the National Cancer Institute facility.

'93 Lisa Joyce Hileman received an interdisciplinary graduate certificate in disability studies from West Virginia University Center for Excellence in Disabilities, Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, in May. During the past year, Lisa has been teaching at the West Virginia Schools of the Deaf and the Blind and volunteering in her Hampshire County community.

Logan Smith has been appointed president of two West Virginia corporations which are in landscaping, construction, and real estate development industries. Logan is currently rehabilitating a historic estate owned by his family in Elkins and growing the businesses.

Randall J. Thompson, president and CEO of Thompson Gas, was named as a finalist for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year for 2008.

'94 Chip Breeden received his master of arts degree from West Virginia University in special education, behavior disorders.

'97 Patricia Eitemiller has been working for the city of Alexandria, Virginia, for the last eight years. She has spent the last five years as an infant director specialist for the Parent Infant Education program, working with infants and toddlers with developmental delays. Patricia represented the program at the statewide conference this spring. She completed her master of education degree with an emphasis on early childhood special education at George Mason University in December 2004. Patricia was accepted as one of 12 individuals nationwide to participate in a yearlong pilot professional graduate program through Gallaudet University. She will focus on early education leadership for infants and toddlers who are deaf or have hearing loss.

'98 Kip Gagery was recently promoted to general manager of the corporate Domino’s Pizza location in Kinston, North Carolina. Kip has been with Domino’s for almost five years and has worked his way up in the company. Kip and his wife Gini and their son Joey live in the eastern North Carolina town.

Floyd Martinez received an award for excellence from the President’s Council on Interg (continued to page 12)
Class Notes

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Erin Nissley was awarded second place in the news beat category for the Times Tribune of Scranton, Pennsylvania. She was also awarded second place in the special project category for a story about police officers on the wrong side of the law. She’s been a reporter for the Times-Tribune since January 2006.

Nikki Gouker Rudy graduated from Hood College in May with an M.S. in curric-

ulum and instruction with a specialization in special educa-

As a member of the Hood College chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Nikki was chosen by the Department of Education as the 2008 Curricu-

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Student.

Christen Cameron has been promoted to supervisor at the accounting firm NDA CPAs. Christen has more than seven years of professional experience, providing tax and accounting services to individuals and businesses.

Judy Hebb was promoted to senior associate at Smith Elliott Kearns & Co. LLC. She has been with the firm for two years and has five years of tax and accounting experience.

Mark David Phillips was called to active duty service in 2007 and is currently serving as a combat engineer throughout central and northern Iraq. He is a sergeant attached to the 20th Engineer (Airborne). He and his unit search and destroy IEDs that threaten U.S. forces. Before being called to active duty, Mark was a science teacher at Charles Town Middle School.

Nathaniel Scheer has been accepted as a German chancellor with the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. The foundation is funding his project, a study of renewable energy policy in Germany, as well as three months of intensive immersion German language training. His host institution will be the University of Berlin. A major focus of his project is cultivating the transatlantic energy conversation and addressing specific issues.

Olesha Haskett has gotten $300 closer to her goal of building her already successful business into a household name. Olesha was the winner of the college business plan contest sponsored by the Eastern Panhandle Entrepre-

neurs Forum. Olesha’s already up-and-running business, 02 Wedding and Events, is a photog-

raphy business she started after graduation. She runs it with her father, an established photographer, and her sister, who owns an event planning business.

Danmen Pierce Unger started employment with City Hospital as a staff nurse on the Transitional Care Unit (TCU) in June 2007.

Chris Boykin was awarded a scholarship to pursue his master’s degree at the Theater School at DePaul University in Chicago. The program holds auditions for hundreds of applicants in New York, Chicago, and San Francisco, selecting only 10 actors, five men and five women, into its master of fine arts acting program.

Danley Shank was recently hired by Rotz & Stonesifer P.C. as a staff accountant at the Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, office. Shank has a degree in accounting and sports recreation. He also earned enough credits for a third degree in business administration.

New Arrivals

Jason Sweeney ’94 and Holly McCloy Sweeney ’96, a son, James Porter, born October 11, 2007. He joins sisters Sarah, 6, and Jessica, 4.

Colleen Murphy Speer ’96 and husband Ronnie, a daugh-
ter, Mackenzie Lee, born on September 14, 2007.

Lesley Lucas Quesada ’98 and husband Berni e, a son, Ber-

nard V, born on February 16, 2007.

Sean Crain ’99 and Lindsay Marshall-Crain ’98, a daugh-
ter, Riley Ava, born August 28, 2007. She joins big sister Regan, 3.

Doug McCarthy ’00 and Megan Costello McCarthy ’01, a daughter, Marie Roisin, born December 17, 2007. She joins her three siblings, Joseph, 6, Bridig, 4, and Finn, 2.

Michele Shock Hobbs ’00 and husband Darin, a daughter, Grace Marie, born December 6, 2007.

Katie Woodburn Bryan ’00 and husband Eric, a daugh-
ter, Charlotte Reese, born April 8. She joins big brother Caleb Jaden, 4.

Jessica Glover Hearn ’01 and husband Jason, a son, Gray-

sen Cormick, born on February 20. He joins big sister Kelsey Alana, 2.

Leigh Ann McCausland ’01 and Ed Oliger McAllister, a
“Nowhere are the global AIDS, water, and food crises harder felt than in Africa. The next generation will one day look to us and ask ‘What did you do about it, as an individual...as a company...as a community...as a nation...as a world?’ What will we tell them?”

Bob Downey, president of Spero Group

Bob Downey ’91 has taken action and is giving everyone an opportunity to help.

Bob, who graduated with a degree in business administration from Shepherd, is now the president of the Spero Group, which is headquartered in Martinsburg. The company’s initial product offering is a bottled water called Tumai, which translates to “hope” in Swahili. With the slogan Need a Drink, Drink for a Need, the company is designed to run like a nonprofit organization and has pledged to donate money left over from production and operating costs directly to African relief efforts.

Up to one million central Africans do not have access to clean water and, therefore, are highly vulnerable to the threat of deadly waterborne diseases because of the conflict that threatens their country. The office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said fighting between government forces and rebels and attacks by local bandits have forced thousands of people out of their villages and into the nearby bush. Many central Africans are forced to resort to stagnant pools or rivers for their water supplies. Those that remain in the villages most often face wells that do not work.

CNN reports that at any one point in time, 50 percent of all people in the developing world will have been in the hospital suffering from one or more water-related diseases. These water-related diseases are the second biggest killer of children worldwide. Every 20 seconds worldwide a child dies as a result of poor sanitation. That’s 1.5 million preventable deaths each year.

Bob said buying Tumai water is a way that everyone can do a good deed. In a recent article in the State Journal, Bob stated, “Everyone drinks bottled water and our water costs the same as all other products on the shelf, but because we use proceeds to bring safe water, food, clothes, education, and other ways to help some of the poorest parts of the world, this is a way for people to get the drink they need and do a good deed at the same time.”

The water won the title Best Tasting Bottled Water in the World at the Berkeley Springs annual water tasting competition earlier this year. The water is now being sold in dozens of counties in West Virginia as well as five other states in the northeast. Tumai water is also distributed in Texas and California and is being negotiated for distribution in several European nations.

Alexis Palladino Reed
Alumni

Weddings and Engagements

SONIA ANNE KNIFE '87 married James Lloyd Cloud on July 21, 2007 at Bedington United Methodist Church in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Hedgesville.

MICHELLE LYNN LONGERBEAM '96 married James Ray Mongan on September 22, 2007 at Blair’s Valley First Church of God in Clear Spring, Maryland. The couple resides in Big Pool, Maryland.

ELIZABETH ANNE GREENFIELD '98 married William C. Adams, Jr. on March 8 at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

KARL A. SMITH '99 married Lauren Thompson on May 10 in Millersville, Maryland. Alumni in attendance included MATT GILL '00, BRAD LEWIS '98, and KAVAH SADAT '99. The couple resides in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

RANDALL MARK CHRIST, JR. '00 married Nicole Ashley Miller on May 19, 2007 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Funkstown, Maryland. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Maryland.

KYLENE M. WARNICK '00 married Kevin Long on February 14 at Mr. Zion Lutheran Church in Shepherdstown. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

AMANDA JILL LANTZ '01 married Derek Justin Brown on September 29, 2007 at Johnstown Bible Church. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

ERICA SUE SHIRLEY '02 married Brian Curtis Imyre on November 3, 2007 at First Christian Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. The couple resides in Clear Spring, Maryland.


BRIAN COOPER '04 married SARAH SPURGAS '05 on May 26, 2007 at New Street United Methodist Church in Shepherdstown. The couple resides in Charles Town.

SARAH ELIZABETH HORN '04 married ANTHONY WAYNE ROSE '96 on April 12. The couple resides in Charles Town.

CHARLES DRRUMMOND '05 married Virginia Angel on April 5 at Glen Allen, Virginia, Baptist Church. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

SEAN FOSTER GLOVER '05 married KELLY GARRETT RIGGLEMAN '05 on January 18 at the Purple Iris in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Ashburn, Virginia.

JEFFREY HARTMAN '05 married NICOLE MORGAN '05 on June 30, 2007 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. The wedding party included matron of honor STEPHANIE MORGAN GOUTT '02, bridesmaids EMILY BACSHIMI HARTMAN '02 and LINDSEY SMITH '07, best man JAY HARTMAN '02, and groomsman TREVOR NORTH '04. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Maryland.

MICHAEL JANNEY '05 married ALLISON TORBERT '06 on May 6, 2007 at Harbor Cruises in Baltimore, Maryland. Bridesmaids included BROOKE SMALL '06, ANGELA TORBERT '11, and LAURA KESNER-COMBS '05. Groomsmen included DAVE HOFFMAN '06, JAY ELLIS '07, and ALEX TORBERT '08. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

NATHANIEL M. SCHEER '05 married Maja A. Bumke on July 14, 2007 in Berlin, Germany. Best man was BRANDON CROFT '03. In attendance were CURRAN JOHNSTON '06 and CONNOR HOWDER '03. The couple resides in Frederick, Maryland.

ALEXIS M. PALLADINO '06 married Byron D. Reed on May 31 at Zion Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Maryland. Alumnae in attendance were maid of honor JESSICA POLIDOR '06 and bridesmaids MELISSA MAYHEW '06 and KATERINA McWHIRTER '07. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

JOLENE ONA ZIRK '06 married Roger Anders Seal on September 29, 2007 on the lawn of the Purple Iris at Hartwood in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Inwood.

JUSTYN M. SHIFLER '07 married Lindsey M. Walter on April 7, 2007 at the Purple Iris at Hartwood in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Maryland.

DAMIEN PIERCE UNGER '07 married Jennifer Lynn Pyles on October 13, 2007 at Beth Haven Baptist Church in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Spring Mills.

Engagements

CARRIE PATCHES '99 is engaged to marry Delvin Placencia on December 15.

ANNETTE CLINE '03 is engaged to marry Gerald Burner on July 19.

ANN MARIE MILLS '04 is engaged to marry Paul Andrew Greenwood on October 4.

AMANDA M. BEECH '06 is engaged to marry Joshua K. Allen in December.

KENNETH BOWERS '07 is engaged to marry KRISTEN M. KIDWILER '07 on November 1.

TIFANNA COX '07 is engaged to marry Patrick Kuchyt on October 17.

JONATHAN T. MANN '07 is engaged to marry MEAGAN L. SHERRARD '07 on August 23.

Homecoming is October 18
Five new members join Alumni Association board

Five new members were elected to the Alumni Association board of directors at the annual meeting June 9. They are Ted Gillette ’76, Gina Householder Groh ’86, Eric Lewis ’95, Sandy Dubay Sponaugle ’95, and Nelson Vazquez ’86.

Ted Gillette has been with Carl Zeiss Meditec for 15 years selling lasers and diagnostic equipment to optometrists and ophthalmologists. Ted currently serves on the Ram Gridiron Club Committee. He resides in Ashland, Virginia, with his wife Pamela Clark Gillette ’77.

Gina Householder Groh is a circuit court judge for the third district of West Virginia. Gina was in 2008 recipient of the Partners in Prevention Child Protection Award and has served as lecturer at West Virginia Magistrates State Conference. Gina resides in Charles Town with her husband and their children.

Eric Lewis, CPA, is a founding member of the Charles Town CPA firm Ours, Lawyer, Lewis and Co., PLLC. He is member of the AICPA, WVSCPA, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson County Schools Education Foundation, Jefferson County Farm Bureau, West Virginia Entrepreneurs Forum, and an appointed chair of the West Virginia Venture Connection. He serves as the audit committee chair on the board of directors of Jefferson Security Bank. He and his wife Joy Osbourn Lewis ’91 reside in Shepherdstown.

Sandy Dubay Sponaugle is the president of Platinum PR in Shepherdstown. She is a member of the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson County Schools Education Foundation, Scarborough Society, and the board of the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle. She received the Volunteer of the Year award from the United Way of Jefferson County. She and her husband Sid reside in Shepherdstown.

Nelson Vazquez is employed as a director with Liberty Mutual. He is a certified fraud examiner and a member of the International Association of Special Investigators and serves on the board of directors of the North American Export Committee. He was a member of the Special Olympics from 2001-03. He resides in Hooksett, New Hampshire, with his wife Barbara and their family.

New officers named are Scott Bradford Doleman ’95, president; Tripp Lowe ’95 and ’97, vice president; Veronique Walker ’95, secretary; and Brian Jackson ’87, treasurer. Re-elected to serve another three-year term on the board are Deny Barron ’73, Bob Fleenor ’74, Lynn Leatherman ’92, Tripp Lowe ’95 and ’97, and Lou Tiano ’72.

Dinner on the Diamond slated for Aug. 27

The Shepherd University baseball team and Office of Alumni Relations are hosting the Fourth Dinner on the Diamond fundraiser on August 27.

Sponsored by Outback Steakhouse of Martinsburg and proprietor Duane Casey, this event allows guests to enjoy an Outback steak dinner on the outfield of Fairfax Field. The event provides an opportunity for fans to socialize with the players and meet head coach Wayne Riser ’89.

Baseball fan gear is also available for sale.

Tickets are $50 per person ($35 is tax deductible); children 6-12, $15; and under 6 free. For tickets or more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5157 or alumni@shepherd.edu.

Ram Spirit Picnic planned for first football game

The Office of Alumni Relations is planning an Alumni Ram Spirit Picnic at Shippensburg University on Saturday, August 30 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will be held at Shippensburg University in the pavilion near the football stadium.

Come out and enjoy food and beverages and help kick off the Shepherd University Ram football season! Reserved season tickets as well as Ram fan gear will be raffled off! This event is rain or shine! For more details go to www.shepherd.edu/alumnweb or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5157.

Ram Gridiron sponsors hospitality tent Sept. 6

The Ram Gridiron Club will host a hospitality tent on September 6 before the first home game of the Ram football season. Beginning at 11 a.m., Ram Gridiron Club members and fans are invited to stop by the hospitality tent on the Midway for refreshments, to learn more about the club, and purchase memberships and Ram gear.

For further information contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5526 or via e-mail to alumni@shepherd.edu.

Deaths

Katherine W. Moler ’30, of Charles Town, died May 25, 2008.

Mary Hoek ’59, of Winchester, Virginia, died November 16, 2007.

Gladys M. Beard ’63, of Hagerstown, Maryland, died Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Phyllis M. Hill ’63, of San Mar, Maryland, died January 18, 2008.

Kathryn Beveridge ’66, of Shepherdstown, died February 15, 2008.

Patricia A. Wilt Grimes ’72, of New Windsor, Maryland, died March 1, 2007.

Patricia Mae Firey ’95, of Clear Spring, Maryland, died April 4, 2008.
Alumni networking social held in D.C. in May

The Alumni Association and Office of Alumni Relations hosted an alumni networking social at Penn’s Quarter Sports Tavern in Washington, D.C., on May 1. The tavern is owned by Shepherd alumnus Mike Brand ’99. Alumni attending enjoyed socializing with friends, games, happy hour prices, and complimentary hors d’oeuvres. Due to such a positive response, more networking socials will be planned for Washington, D.C., and the metropolitan area.

Alumni Association invites you to stay connected

By now you should have received your information packet about Alumni Association membership. If you have not purchased your membership for the 2008-09 year, please don’t hesitate to do so now.

The Alumni Association serves the alumni of Shepherd University and provides an important link between the University and its alumni. Membership dues provide the operating budget to help maintain many of the services, programs, and events that give alumni an opportunity to visit Shepherd and participate in University events such as homecoming, to attend social events on and off campus, and to receive this magazine.

A 2008-09 membership will include access to the members’ section of the online community which is anticipated to be launched later this year. The members section will include special invitations to Shepherd events, discounts, a members’ message board, and other special features that are currently being developed.

Membership in the Alumni Association is $35 per year for a single membership and $60 per year for a joint membership. Memberships can also be purchased online through the Shepherd University Bookstore (a small service charge is added). For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5157 or via e-mail to alumni@shepherd.edu.

Purchase your 2008-09 membership today and stay connected!

D.C. alumni social attendees are (l. to r.) Joe Siler ’80, Rich Keller ’76, and Charlie Hickok ’81.
Outstanding Alumni for 2008

Nicholas Pappas ’63 and Pamela Emswiller Pappas ’64 to be honored

Nicholas J. Pappas ’63 and Pamela Emswiller Pappas ’64 have been named the Outstanding Alumni of the Year. The awards will be given at the Outstanding Alumni awards reception during Homecoming weekend on Saturday, October 18 in Erma Ora Byrd Hall from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The award is given annually by the Shepherd University Alumni Association to graduates who have been a member of the alumni body for a minimum of 15 years, are recognized in their profession, and have an exemplary record of service to the University and to the community.

Nicholas retired as an associate professor of political science at Radford University in December 2005. He had taught international relations and political philosophy since 1984. Previously, Nicholas taught in the Virginia public school system. He also served as an assistant football coach at Radford High School.

Nicholas was an athlete while at Shepherd, lettering in football, and was a member of the track team. In 1963, he was named to Who’s Who Among American Colleges and Universities. He served as a platoon officer in the United States Marine Corps from 1963-65. He was wounded during his service in Vietnam. Nicholas published a book on his experiences in the Vietnam War.

Pamela retired as a secondary education teacher from the Virginia school systems. At Shepherd she was a member of Alpha Sigma Tau social sorority, president of Kappa Delta Pi, National Honor Society Education, and secretary of the Panhellenic Council. She was a member of the Picket staff and was named to Who’s Who Among American Colleges and Universities. She was awarded the secondary education award in 1963 and 1964.

Both Pamela and Nicholas were McMurry Scholars.

Women’s athletic program holds first golf outing

The women’s basketball, softball, volleyball, and soccer teams held their first S.W.I.N.G (Shepherd Women Inspiring Networking Growth) golf outing on Friday, May 16 at the Maryland National Golf Club in Middletown, Maryland. Proceeds from the golf outing directly benefit student-athletes, scholarship programs, and program expenses. Players enjoyed golfing, socializing, breakfast, beverages, and dinner. Despite a rainy day, this tournament netted the women’s teams more than $7,000.

Kim Scranage (l.), vice president for enrollment management at Shepherd, and Melanie Ford (r.), assistant women’s basketball coach, joined Charity Rinker and Karley Mohler at the S.W.I.N.G tournament in May.
Athletics

Namolik named interim coach

Justin Namolik has been named interim coach of the men’s basketball team for the 2008-09 season, replacing Ken Tyler who has accepted the director of athletics position at West Virginia Wesleyan.

Namolik has served as assistant coach of the Shepherd men’s basketball team since 2006. He was the top assistant at NAIA power St. Vincent (Pennsylvania) for three years. Namolik, a native of Wheeling, led Wheeling Park High School to the 1995 AAA state championship and earned first-team all-state honors. He was a four-year starter at Division I Columbia University of the Ivy League. Namolik finished his college career with 1,049 points, number sixteen all-time at Columbia.

“Shepherd is fortunate to have an assistant coach with Justin’s skill to step into the interim coaching job for the upcoming season. His familiarity with Shepherd University, the athletics program, and the team members is invaluable,” said Karl Wolf ’70, Shepherd’s athletic director.

Wallace, Warehime named Athletes of the Year

Football team senior running back Dervon Wallace, of Lusby, Maryland, and women’s basketball squad junior forward Katie Warehime, of Littlestown, Pennsylvania, were named 2007-08 Shepherd University Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

Wallace 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 for the second straight season. Wallace also set single season Shepherd marks for total offense (2,138 yards) and all-purpose yards (2,673).

Warehime averaged 14.4 points, 5.8 rebounds, and 1.4 assists for the WVIAC champion Rams. She led the team in scoring and was second in rebounding. Warehime was a second team All-WVIAC selection and earned All-Tournament honors for both the WVIAC and East Region tournaments. She helped lead the Rams to a 24-7 overall record and a 2-1 mark in the NCAA II East Regionals in their first-ever post-season appearance.

Hedges tied for second place at East Regional

Men’s golf team senior Trevor Hedges, of Martinsburg, shot a one-over-par 72 in the final round for a three-day total of 225 (77-76-72) to tie for second place at the NCAA Division II East Region men’s golf tournament at Back Creek Golf Course. Hedges and West Liberty’s Matt Hicks finished three strokes behind Clarion’s Jared Schmader, who shot a nine-over-par total of 222.

Former AD Moore inducted into NACDA Hall of Fame

Former Shepherd director of athletics Dr. William Moore was one of eight highly-respected athletics administrators selected for induction into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Hall of Fame.

Dr. Moore, who was director of athletics from 1951-53, also served as head football coach and head men’s basketball coach for the Rams.

2008 Football Schedule

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Former AD Moore inducted into NACDA Hall of Fame

Guard Tiffany Acker of the women’s basketball team and first baseman Dirk Webb of the baseball team were selected as First Community Bank Senior Scholar-Athletes by the West Virginia Conference.

Acker, a member of the WVIAC champion and NCAA II East Region runner-up squad this year, boasted a 4.00 grade point average as a fitness and exercise science major. She is a two-time first team ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District College Division II selection.

Webb, a four-year starter on the diamond for the Rams, entered the spring semester with a 3.38 grade point average as a secondary education major. He earned a pair of Regional Player of the Year honors and garnered Rawlings/ABC All-American honors this season as he helped lead the Rams to a 29-21 overall mark with a 10-6 record in conference play. Webb was also a second team ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District College Division II selection for the second straight year.

Hedges tied for second place at East Regional

Men’s golf team senior Trevor Hedges, of Martinsburg, shot a one-over-par 72 in the final round for a three-day total of 225 (77-76-72) to tie for second place at the NCAA Division II East Region men’s golf tournament at Back Creek Golf Course. Hedges and West Liberty’s Matt Hicks finished three strokes behind Clarion’s Jared Schmader, who shot a nine-over-par total of 222.

Former AD Moore inducted into NACDA Hall of Fame

Former Shepherd director of athletics Dr. William Moore was one of eight highly-respected athletics administrators selected for induction into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Hall of Fame.

Dr. Moore, who was director of athletics from 1951-53, also served as head football coach and head men’s basketball coach for the Rams.
Field Turf debuts Sept. 6 with help from donors

The Rams will play their first regular season game on the new Field Turf at Ram Stadium on September 6. Donors who generously supported the fundraising drive for the Field Turf are:

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Fall 2008
Athletics

Baseball uses strong finish to complete season at 29-21
Shepherd's baseball team won 20 of its last 28 regular season games to finish with a 29-21 overall mark with a 10-6 conference record. Head coach Wayne Riser ’89 and ’08 M.A., who just completed his 18th season with the Rams, reached the 400-win milestone for his career with a 12-2 win over Columbia Union on April 10.

Senior first baseman Dirk Webb, of Falling Waters, led the list of players to gain conference honors. Webb and junior pitcher Matt McCarty, of Stephens City, Virginia, gained first team All-WVIAC honors. Junior second baseman Drew McCormick, of Stephens City, Virginia, was a second team choice and sophomore reliever Kenny Reisinger, of Ickesburg, Pennsylvania, was an honorable mention selection.

Webb was named WVIAC Player and Hitter of the Year as he batted .426 with 72 hits in 169 at-bats. He drove in 52 runs and scored 47. He also led the Rams with 16 doubles and 14 home runs. He is the program’s all-time leader in hits (225), walks (101), and putouts (943). Webb also ranks second on the Shepherd all-time list in doubles (47), runs scored (148), and total bases (381), while ranking third in home runs (36) and at-bats (576).

McCarty led the Ram pitching staff with an 8-2 mark with a 1.91 earned run average. He fanned 69 in 70.2 innings and also posted a pair of saves. McCarty was also second on the team with a .353 batting average with 48 hits in 136 at-bats. He drove in 26 runs and scored 36.

McCormick batted .327 with 52 hits in 156 at-bats. He drove in 35 runs and scored 37. His 13 doubles, seven home runs, and 21 extra-base hits were second on the team.

Reisinger posted a 5-1 mark with a 3.65 ERA out of the bullpen for the Rams. His five wins were second on the team. He appeared in a team-high 23 games with 21 strikeouts in 37 innings.

Shepherd softball completes season at 29-26
The softball team completed its season with a 29-26 overall mark with a 17-11 record in WVIAC play under first-year head coach Leslie Lopez. The Rams set numerous team records this season including most games played (55), most conference wins (17), most at-bats (1,512), most hits (411), most total bases (617), most doubles (94), most home runs (32), and the most RBIs (218).

Senior third baseman and pitcher Stephanie Sims, of Mt. Airy, Maryland, led a trio of Ram softball players who gained All-WVIAC honors. Sims was a first team selection, while junior outfielders Amy Edmondson, of Hamilton, Virginia, and Rae Johnson, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, were honorable mention choices.

Sims batted .376 with a team-best 59 hits in 157 at-bats. She smacked 13 doubles, two triples, and three home runs. Sims drove in 27 runs and tied for the team lead in runs scored with 32. She also posted an 8-6 mark as a pitcher with a team-best 77 strikeouts in 106.1 innings.

Edmondson batted .291 with 44 hits in 130 at-bats. She drove in a team-best 29 runs and tied Sims for most runs scored with 32. Edmondson added 10 doubles, a triple, and a team-best eight round-trippers. Her eight home runs tied the Shepherd single season mark set by Amanda Fleming in 2001.

Johnson batted .274 with 45 hits in 164 at-bats. She drove in 21 runs and scored 29. Johnson smacked 18 doubles, two triples, and three home runs. Her 18 doubles tied the Ram single season record set by Mia Zappacosta in 2007.

Sims named to All-Great Lakes Region Softball Team
Senior third baseman Stephanie Sims of the softball team was among the players from 18 different schools who were recognized by the Daktronics, Inc. 2008 All-Great Lakes Region Softball Team in a vote by the region’s sports information directors.

Sims, a second team selection, is the first player in program history to gain NCAA Division II All-Region honors. She batted .376 with 13 doubles, two triples, and three home runs. Sims drove in 27 runs and tied for the team lead in runs scored with 32. She also led the team in hit-by-pitch (9) this season and holds the single season (10—2007) and career records (29—2005-08) in that category.

Stephanie Sims
Shepherd adds five to Athletic Hall of Fame

The Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame will induct five new members this fall at the annual induction banquet on Friday, September 19 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown. The quintet will also be honored at the Shepherd-Fairmont State football game on Saturday, September 20 as part of Hall of Fame Weekend festivities.

Trainer/coach Gayle Conner ’74, Tommy Diehl ’85 (baseball), and Norman “Smoky” Johnson ’58 (football) join Wayne Riser ’89 and ’08 M.A. (baseball coach) and Bill Thompson ’71 (men’s basketball) as the 23rd class to be inducted, bringing the total number of members in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 113.

Conner, of Martinsburg, graduated in 1970 from James Wood (Virginia) High School and began his service to Shepherd athletics in 1970 when he served a four-year stint as manager for the Shepherd football team. He eventually joined the team as a walk-on in 1973 and became a standout on special teams. Conner returned to his alma mater in 1984 to serve as defensive coordinator on the football staff and served in that capacity for five years before becoming Shepherd’s first full-time trainer in 1989. His 1986 WVIAC champion defense set records that still stand today. One of the most respected trainers in the WVIAC, Conner has put in countless hours to fill the needs of Shepherd’s student-athletes in every sport. His work often goes unnoticed, yet he has played a huge part in the success of Shepherd athletics during his tenure.

Diehl, of Charles Town, is a 1981 graduate of Jefferson High School and was a standout baseball player for the Rams from 1982-84. He helped lead Shepherd to back-to-back WVIAC titles in 1983 and 1984. Diehl garnered First Team All-WVIAC honors in 1984 as he batted .361, stole 14 bases, and tied a single season record with seven home runs. Despite only playing for three seasons, Diehl wrapped up his career as the program’s all-time leader in home runs (19) and grand slams (3). He is still ranked in the Top Ten in several career and single season categories. He joins his brother David Diehl ’83, a class of 1998 inductee, in the hall.

Johnson, of Columbus, North Carolina, is a 1953 graduate of Charles Town High School and was a four-year starter at tackle for the Shepherd football team from 1954-57. The Rams recorded a 22-8-1 (.726) record over that period—highlighted by an undefeated season in 1955. A two-way player, Johnson was a two-year All-Conference selection and served as team co-captain his senior year. Johnson went on to a successful teaching and coaching career. He was physical education department chair at Middle River (Maryland) Junior High School for 21 years where he started the lacrosse program and also coached wrestling. He also had a 15-year football coaching stint at Eastern Vocational Technical (Maryland) High School where his 1972 team posted an undefeated season. Johnson moved to Overlea (Maryland) Senior High School where he served as athletics director, head football coach, and head lacrosse coach from 1985-89. His 1986 football team recorded a perfect 10-0 mark.

Riser, of Martinsburg, is a 1984 graduate of Hedgesville High School and is Shepherd’s all-time winningest coach in any sport with a 410-315-2 record over his 18 years at the helm of the Shepherd baseball team. Riser has led the Rams to nine WVIAC Northern Division titles (1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006) and three NCAA II regional appearances (1997, 2002, 2006). His 2004 team captured the WVIAC championship, while his 1997 team posted a 39-7 overall mark with a flawless 20-0 conference record. The 39-7 (.848) record gave Shepherd the top win-loss percentage among all NCAA II baseball schools that year. Riser has garnered four coach of the year awards over his career. He transformed Fairfax Field from a multi-purpose field into one of the premier Division II baseball facilities in the East. Riser has produced numerous All-Americans, Academic All-Americans, and Regional Players of the Year. He currently serves as chair of the NCAA II Baseball Committee.

Thompson, of Weirton, is a 1962 graduate of Weir High School and is one of the Shepherd men’s basketball program’s all-time greats, playing for the Rams from 1962-65 and 1968-69. He led the team in scoring all four years with an impressive 26.0 average as a senior. The first player in school history to score 50 points in a game, Thompson completed his career with 1,853 career points and still ranks eighth on the Shepherd all-time scoring list. Thompson, a two-time first team All-WVIAC choice, became the first Ram to be selected in the NBA draft when he was chosen by the Baltimore Bullets in the 13th round in 1969.

The Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown. The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner and induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are $35 and may be purchased through the University’s Alumni Office by calling 304-876-5157. Chip Ransom

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Men’s tennis ranked ninth in final ITA regional rankings

The men’s tennis team was ranked ninth in the final Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division II regional ratings for the 2007-08 season. Shepherd (15-6) joins conference champion West Virginia Wesleyan (22-4) as the only WVIAC schools ranked in the region.

Senior Casey Moser, of Parkersburg, and junior Roger Torres, of Elkton, Maryland, were named to the 2008 All-WVIAC Men’s Tennis Team as selected by the league’s head coaches.

Moser, who gained WVIAC Player of the Year honors from 2006-07, earned All-WVIAC honors for the third straight year. He was also selected as WVIAC Freshman of the Year in 2005. Torres, a transfer from Harford Community College, gained all-conference honors in his initial season with the Rams.
Development

From the Foundation …

Scarborough Society begins its seventh year
Having raised more than $200,000 during its six-year history, the 190-member Scarborough Society can be very proud of its accomplishments. In reviewing its progress, Society President Ray Alvarez ’62 noted, “We have been able to enhance the library’s program with computers for the students, books, periodicals, and needed reference materials. Equally important, we are providing for future enhancements by creating more than $70,000 of endowments for the library program and faculty excellence as well as providing student financial help with a $2,500 annual scholarship. This is all possible through our membership dues and the success of our annual gala fundraiser. It is gratifying to see this organization do so much in such a short time.”

Tea time drives Shepherd student
Business owner and former Foundation scholarship recipient Arthur Ebeling is the founder of Eastern Isles Tea and Tonics, which recently opened a tea house in Martinsburg. Arthur has as a mission for his company to save the environment and donates one percent of his annual revenue for the planet, as well as donating $1 from each of its product sales in a campaign to raise $1 million to address global warning issues. As students at Shepherd, Arthur and his two business partners received scholarships to play on the University tennis team. See the profile of Arthur on page 6.

Bridge named in doctor’s honor
Foundation scholarship sponsor Dr. Vince Townsend now has the distinct honor of having a bridge bearing his name, largely due to his work in getting a special exit off I-81 in Martinsburg, thus providing a safe, direct route for ambulances and other emergency vehicles to City Hospital. The drawings for the exit were done by his wife Sara, former Shepherd Foundation Board member. A scholarship for EMS students was established honoring Dr. Townsend when he retired as the regional medical director of North Eastern Regional Emergency Medical Services.

Engraved bricks continue to fill the stadium walls
Thirty-four new engraved-name bricks were added to the stadium wall over the summer, many in honor of 2008 Shepherd graduates. Since engraved bricks became available in 2001, more than 500 bricks have been purchased. The Foundation is grateful to Ram fan Jim Schmitt of Schmitt Construction for volunteering his time to install the bricks. The proceeds from those sales helped fund the Ken Boone Field House, opened in 2003, and continue to support the athletics program. Other special gift programs include placing name plaques on stadium seats, seat sections, goal posts, and field house lockers and showers.

Art students hold exhibit to memorialize fellow artist
When senior art student Sara Chrousiss, of Terra Alta, passed away last New Year’s Eve, her fellow students decided that the best way to express their heartfelt thoughts toward her was to establish an art fund in her memory. Students donated all the proceeds from a spring art show to the Foundation in Sara’s memory. More than $7,500 was raised through the art sale, as well as individual contributions.

Civil War Center sports new sign
Shepherd facilities worker Jim King installs a new sign marking the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, thanks to a donation by Brad Sensel, owner of Sensel Signs in Martinsburg. Brad has taken several of Dr. Mark Snell’s history courses and offered to replace the center’s 15-year-old sign with an updated one. Center employee Denise Messenger reports that the center staffers are “thrilled with the new sign and extremely grateful to Brad for his donation.”

Shepherd University Foundation
Would you like to make a charitable gift, start a scholarship, join the Scarborough Society, learn about planned giving, join the McMurran Society? Learn more about the Shepherd University Foundation and its activities at www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/ or by calling 304-876-5397.
Dr. Diane Melby named vice president for advancement

Dr. Diane Melby, of Winchester, Virginia, has been named vice president for advancement.

Dr. Melby had served as associate vice president of the Spirit of Shenandoah Campaign at Shenandoah University. Since 2004 she provided leadership for the comprehensive campaign and guided the campaign from $7.5 million to $55 million in three years. At Shenandoah, Dr. Melby also served as interim vice president of development (2007-08), dean of the School of Continuing Education (2002-04), and director of the Division of Continuing Education (2001-02).

Previously she was acting director of instruction and student services (1999-2001), coordinator of work-based learning (1996-2001), and Tech Prep program coordinator (1992-96) at Lord Fairfax Community College.

Dr. Melby holds an Ed.D. in higher education from Nova Southeastern University, an M.Ed. in special education from James Madison University, and a B.S. in therapeutic recreation from Slippery Rock University.

From the Foundation president

The past year has been another exciting year for your Foundation as momentum is gathering for fundraising for the University. There are several factors contributing to our current fundraising success.

Our contributors continue to be strongly motivated to endow scholarships for our worthy students. Many of our donors remember with gratitude receiving scholarship support that made the essential difference for them to complete their studies.

Our recent launching of an endowment program for faculty excellence has generated considerable interest and gifts. Our alumni and friends recognize the critical need for Shepherd to retain, reward, and attract distinguished faculty for Shepherd students.

Shepherd’s President Suzanne Shipley is actively engaged in the fundraising process. She brings considerable enthusiasm, experience, and commitment to this aspect of her job. She recognizes the need for the president to be active in this area and is providing excellent leadership to fundraising activities.

Shepherd University and the Foundation have joined in partnership with the Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF) to raise funds to enhance this important cultural aspect of our university and community.

On the other hand, it is not the time to sit back and relax. The uncertainty of the U.S. economy is of concern as it poses a potential downside for both our investment returns and gift-giving on behalf of our alumni, faculty, and friends. Adding to this level of uncertainty is the continuing reduction in the amount of funding provided by the state of West Virginia. The University is only receiving 22 percent of the funds needed to operate at the standards we need to achieve in order to excel.

While we cannot predict the outcome of the U.S. economy, we are pleased to report that last year our Board authorized the Investment Committee to retain an independent financial management advisory company to aid in our carrying out of our fiduciary responsibilities to our donors. The integration of their services is going very well and is quite beneficial in helping us manage our portfolio of investments to achieve better returns while maintaining an acceptable risk level. You can be assured that when you contribute, your hard-earned money is being properly managed for the purpose you intended.

As to the declining state support, each of us will have to play an ever-increasing role to make certain Shepherd University is able to deliver on its commitment to make a high-quality college education affordable and accessible. Those of you with the ability to step up your level of support are strongly encouraged to get in touch with either the Foundation or the Advancement Office to explore the needs and opportunities for giving. Likewise for those who are considering their first gift; please get in touch with either of these offices.

We would be delighted to review with you the many giving opportunities for establishing an endowed scholarship or faculty excellence fund or enhancing the annual fund or the CATF program. Together, we will create the future for Shepherd University!

Ramon A. Alvarez ’62
President, Shepherd University Foundation
McMurran Society honors members old and new

The McMurran Society annual reception, hosted by the Foundation and Shepherd President Suzanne Shipley and her husband Randall Wadsworth, was held at Popodicon, Saturday, May 10. Members and their guests enjoyed a lovely evening of delicious food and warm conversation.

Clockwise, from left: Foundation President Ray Alvarez presents new members Paul “Soupy” Hillyard ’58 (r.) and Luella Jo Hillyard, of Winchester, Virginia, with a commemorative McMurran plate.

Also receiving the special plate was new member Tom Banks ’54, of Williamsport, Maryland.

Foundation Executive Vice President Monica Lingenfelter (r.) chats with members Jim Wright ’70 and Gladys Wright from Gainesville, Virginia.

Members attending the reception assemble for a group photo.

President Shipley announces that she and her husband Randy Wadsworth are joining the McMurran Society as Ray Alvarez looks on.

Member T. Guy Reynolds ’33, of Martinsburg, received special recognition from Ray Alvarez.

Photos by Gary Kable
IN MEMORIAM

The Foundation is saddened by the loss of three board members over the past few months. All these special people were devoted to Shepherd University and were valued board members and friends. They will be greatly missed, but their influence on Shepherd students and programs will live on for many years.

BILL JOHNSON passed away on February 12, 2008, following complications arising from heart valve replacement surgery. He was a longtime director and treasurer of the Shepherd University Foundation and professor of economics at Shepherd since 1971. He also served as chair of the Division of Business Administration for several years. He held a Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of Virginia. Bill was a valued member of the executive committee of the Shepherd University Foundation. He consulted local attorneys as a forensic economist and expert witness. He served as a member of the Bank of Charles Town board of directors and was a past member of the board of managers of Jefferson Memorial Hospital.

JESSIE HENDRIX passed away April 23, 2008, at the age of 94. Jessie was a dear friend of Shepherd University and the Foundation. She began her Shepherd career as an administrative assistant to Dr. James Moler when the Foundation was just getting started and served as board secretary for almost 30 years. Much of her career was spent on Capitol Hill, where she worked as an administrative assistant for various congressmen and offices. Jessie was a generous donor to the University and was named an honorary director of the Foundation. She established several scholarships, one in memory of her husband and one with her daughter, Dr. Mary J.C. Hendrix, a 1974 Shepherd grad in biology who is a nationally recognized researcher in cell biology. In appreciation for all her contributions to Shepherd University and her community, Jessie was given the Shepherd University President’s Award in 2001.

RUTH THACHER passed away May 2, 2008, at the age of 96. She was a long time board member and supporter of the Foundation since its beginnings back in 1961. Her husband William R. Thacher, a professor of economics and sociology at Shepherd, was a founding member and first president of the Foundation. Ruth was also an educator, serving first as a teacher and then as a principal in schools in Washington County, Maryland, for 38 years. At Shepherd, she served as treasurer for the Foundation for 15 years and was made an honorary director in 2001. She was also a member of the McMurran and Scarborough societies. Ruth was awarded an honorary doctorate from Shepherd in 1991 and the Shepherd University President’s Award in 1997 in recognition of her service to Shepherd and her leadership in education and the community.

Scarborough Society lectures share great ideas

The Scarborough Society supports a free art and lecture series that gives the community an opportunity to hear Shepherd professors and others talk about their published works. Shepherd’s art department is also highlighted in a special fall exhibit each year.


Cal Tech professor Michael Alvarez spoke to a room-filled audience about the perils and pitfalls of e-voting and his findings on voter fraud. Michael, the son of Ray and Mary Alvarez, is a nationally recognized expert on voting behavior and elections and, with colleagues, has published two books on the topic.
CARL RAUCH ’58 has seen Shepherd University from both sides of the classroom desk—as a student and a professor. When he graduated from Shepherd College in 1958, he was one of 153 students receiving diplomas that year. He recounts that at that time there was no West Campus. An old elementary school had recently been purchased and remodeled into a classroom and office building where Stutzman-Slonaker Hall now stands. There was only one professor in the math department—Dr. Charles Atherton.

Carl, a California native, came to Shepherd on the advice of a marine buddy from Shepherdstown who brought him home to visit the campus. Carl had been attending the University of California at Berkeley before joining the U.S. Marines and did not want to go back to a large, impersonal institution. He loved Shepherd and immediately enrolled.

Dr. Atherton became his mentor and encouraged him to give up his idea of majoring in engineering to become a teacher. He even volunteered Carl to fill in for him, teaching three math classes, while he was at an out-of-town conference. Carl went on to graduate with two degrees, a B.S. in science and a B.A. in education.

Carl was awarded a scholarship to the University of Florida where he received his master’s degree, but didn’t have enough money to go on for his Ph.D. He accepted a job in California at Santa Ana Community College where he taught for eight years. In 1969 Dr. Atherton appealed to him to come back to Shepherd at half the salary to be the second teacher in the math department. Carl came and, as he says, taught the “whole kit and caboodle” of math subjects. He stayed on until his retirement in 1990.

While at Shepherd, Carl supplemented his teacher’s salary with a side job as owner and operator of a Martinsburg private club for eight years. Although it was a very profitable business, Carl decided to spend his time more effectively by investing in the stock market.

Carl says that his stock market dividends, in large part, have provided the funds for his gifts to Shepherd. In 1996 he and his mother, Hazel, set up a trust to fund an endowed scholarship for students studying math and math education. More recently Carl has contributed generously to endow additional scholarships for science and science education, fine arts, nursing, and education. These five endowments will provide presidential-level scholarship awards for 20 students each year into perpetuity.

“I don’t think anyone could do better than leave their money to a school where students are not just a number and faculty members are dedicated to teaching,” says Carl. “Shepherd is that kind of school, and I think it’s unique in its appeal.

“My four children are all college graduates and don’t need more money. Two are Shepherd graduates. They all support my intent to leave most of my estate to Shepherd. My satisfaction is in knowing that, through the endowments I’ve established, I will be helping future generations attend this wonderful school.”

Having just returned from a trip to Europe with his daughter Karla and her family, Carl is not slowing down in retirement. He and his rescue greyhound Flammer keep company in Chambersburg where he lives, gardens, and plans his annual trips to Europe. “There’s not a place I haven’t seen in Europe,” says Carl, and this summer he revisited his favorite city, Venice.

Carl was an inspiration to many students as a teacher at Shepherd for 21 years. With his endowed scholarships, Carl will extend his caring influence on students’ lives for years to come.

Sharon Henderson
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Members of the Class of 1958 attending the Emeritus Club luncheon in May are, front row (l. to r.), Joanne Jackson Knodle, Sandra Spect Morland, Margaret Ikenberry Wade, Rosemarie Tuttewiler Williams, Anna Lou Cummins Kolta, Carol Wolford, and Patricia Boyd Watson; row two, Renee Myers Kenny, Emma Starliper Locke, Mary Belle Locke Starliper, Mary Ethel Long Michael, Donald Athey, Carl Stewart, and Il Hi Kang; and row three, William Knodle, Gunther Gottfeld, Charles Funk, W. Ross Cunningham, William Griffith, and Paul Hillyard.

More than 120 alumni and guests attended this annual event for alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.