Super Heroes

Homecoming 2008

Shepherd University Homecoming 2008 was held the week of October 12-19. The Alumni Association and Office of Alumni Relations planned numerous events including an alumni breakfast, luncheon on the midway, Class of 1958 reunion, and a ’50s brunch. All the events had a great turnout and plans are already underway for Homecoming 2009.

Clockwise, from top left: Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority sisters, wearing t-shirts in keeping with the Homecoming theme of Super Heroes, gather at the football game.

Mary Jane Davis ’60, who was the homecoming queen in 1958, rides in the Homecoming parade as a guest of honor.

The Shepherd University marching band performs “The Rhythm Is Gonna Get You,” a tribute to the music of Gloria Estefan, at halftime.

Hoping to snag the perfect place from which to watch the Homecoming parade, alumni arrive at McMurran Hall for the annual brunch hosted by the Shepherd University Foundation and the Alumni Association.

Homecoming King and Queen were Patrick Noland and Thomasine Campbell.

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From the President
Lifelong learning at Shepherd

Across the country, universities are responding to increasing interest in lifelong learning by working adults. The employed adult population is changing the shape of American higher education, calling for greater convenience with scheduling courses, greater diversity of delivery of instruction, and more applicability to the needs of workers and their employers.

Shepherd University has catered to adult learners since 1975 when the Regents Bachelor of Arts (R.B.A.) program was implemented. Designed for adult learners, the R.B.A. program has produced more than 1,200 graduates. In fact, the R.B.A. is now Shepherd’s most popular degree program with 103 degrees awarded (out of 642) during the 2007-08 academic year. The program’s flexibility, emphasis on areas of study rather than majors, and credit for life work through portfolio evaluation are attractive features for working adults.

Shepherd continues to grow our graduate studies program, which was implemented in 2004 when Shepherd attained university status. The program currently has 48 students enrolled in five master’s degrees and has awarded 84 master’s degrees in its first four years. And with a new continuing education component approved by Shepherd’s Board of Governors in September 2008, an array of workshops and programs is being planned and developed.

The R.B.A. and master’s programs offer working adults the opportunity to retool their careers or gain the knowledge and skills to enter a new one. The current economic climate and changes in the workplace are placing a renewed emphasis on lifelong learning and professional competitiveness.

One of the things I learned during my first year at Shepherd is the significant interest among the University’s stakeholders in Shepherd’s graduate studies program. Planned growth of academic programs will include greater flexibility in programming for working adults. This year we will begin a series of crossroads conversations on campus around the strategic plan. These will, among other things, examine adult education and how Shepherd can better serve the community and the local economy through flexible scheduling and delivery of classes. Lifelong learning will continue to be part of the lives of busy working adults, and Shepherd hopes to play a vital role for our community.

Enrollment rises to 4,185
Shepherd University’s enrollment increased by 1.6 percent over last year’s enrollment to a credit head count of 4,185 students, according to official fall 2008 data.

The full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment also increased by 1.6 percent to 3,568. FTE is defined as the total number of credit hours divided by 15 for undergraduate and 12 for graduate and is the measure used in higher education.

According to Kimberly Scranage, vice president for enrollment management, “This growth in uncertain economics times speaks to the quality of Shepherd’s programs, faculty, staff, and administration. Shepherd will continue to expand its offerings through partnerships with regional community colleges, graduate programs, and continuing education opportunities. Shepherd is considering ways to enhance outreach to working adults and students with family responsibilities by increasing convenience and affordability.”

Recent initiatives include a collaboration with Blue Ridge Community and Technical College in Martinsburg to help students transition from an associate’s degree to a bachelor’s degree. This articulation agreement, titled the Pathway to Career Success, allows graduates of Blue Ridge Community and Technical College to have the opportunity to complete their bachelor’s degree within two years in specified programs at Shepherd. Shepherd also has collaborated with Hagerstown Community College, adding a 2+2 articulation leading to the bachelor of science, computer information systems, with a computer science concentration.

Professor wins Mentoring Award
Dr. Stephanie Slocum-Schaffer, associate professor of political science, was chosen as a recipient of the Mentoring Award by the Women’s Caucus of Political Science. Mentoring Award recipients are professors, instructors, or independent researchers who have provided outstanding mentoring for women political scientists on a one-on-one basis and/or outstanding administrative leadership resulting in the enhanced treatment of research relating to gender justice research in the profession.

The Women’s Caucus for Political Science is a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the status of women in the profession of political science by promoting equal opportunity for women political scientists in employment, promotion, and tenure decisions, as well as graduate school admissions and financial aid decisions.
Ebeling finishes in top six in international entrepreneur contest

Student Arthur Ebeling, founder of Eastern Isles Teas and Tonics in Martinsburg, was ranked among the top six young entrepreneurs in the Global Student Entrepreneur Award contest. The finalist field included 28 students internationally with 16 from the U.S. The yearlong process began as 78 semi-finalists had earlier been selected out of thousands of student nominees worldwide.

Ebeling gave a 30-minute presentation to a panel of judges and was selected as one of the six finalists to present again to a panel of 25 successful entrepreneurs which included Robert Kiyosaki, best-selling author of *Rich Dad, Poor Dad*; Bill Farley, former chair of Fruit of the Loom; USA Today’s Jon Swartz; and Peter Thomas, founder of Century 21 Canada Ltd.

Ebeling said of the experience, “The entire field demonstrated remarkable talent, and it was humbling to be among those selected in the final six globally. While we may have been outperformed in revenue by some of the competing companies, we were able to exhibit an effective business model, healthy growth metrics, and most importantly scalability. Eastern Isles has the potential to one day garner a notable market share in the industry. I have engineered the company from the beginning with that vision as a guiding impetus.”

Ebeling’s efforts have landed him features with CNN, AOL News, and *Entrepreneur Magazine*. He will be featured with the five other top finalists in *Success Magazine* as well as *Young Money Magazine*. ■

Civil War Center produces CD

Copies of *Mountaineers of the Blue and Gray*, a new, interactive, multimedia, educational computer program, have been distributed to each middle school and high school in the state of West Virginia by the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War at Shepherd University.

The program was developed at the center and covers a diverse range of people, places, and events related to West Virginia’s participation in the Civil War, including the common Civil War soldier of West Virginia.

The CD is a valuable enhancement tool for students in West Virginia history classes. During workshops held by the Center for the Study of the Civil War, teachers enthusiastically received the program.

West Virginia Civil War history buffs can purchase the CD online from the Shepherd Bookstore Web site at [www.shepherdbook.com](http://www.shepherdbook.com) and clicking on Civil War Merchandise. ■

Music students win awards at conference

Shepherd students winning awards at the 42nd Annual State Conference of the West Virginia Music Teachers Association (WVMTA) competition on November 7 and 8, 2008 include Matthew Carey, New Market, Maryland, who received first place in the State Collegiate Piano competition; Kari Edge, Halltown, who received honorable mention in Collegiate Piano; Jason Solounias, Havre de Grace, Maryland, who received first place for Young Artist Piano; and the members of the Shepherd University Saxophone Quartet, Katie Beach, Germantown, Maryland, Thad Garrett, Moorefield, Ryan Yost, Berkeley Springs, and Jordan English, Martinsburg, who received second place for the Young Artist Chamber Music. The winners are shown with Dr. Scott Beard (third from left).
Shepherd's five graduate degree programs offer personal, one-on-one interaction between grad students and professors at an affordable price and convenient times.

Dr. Russell Porter, dean of graduate studies and continuing education, said, “As Shepherd grows in enrollment, graduate studies will attempt to maintain the 9:1 student to faculty ratio.”

Dr. Porter, who came to Shepherd in July 2008, said he “found quality was already here” in Shepherd’s graduate programs. Having worked as part of graduate studies programs at Ferris State University in Michigan, Midwestern State in Texas, and Clayton State University in Georgia, Dr. Porter considers Shepherd to be a top tier university. “There is a great emphasis on scholarship and teaching at Shepherd,” he stated.

Because of the emphasis on scholarship, Porter said, Shepherd was recently accepted into the Council of Graduate Schools, a national association that recognizes quality of graduate programs. Shepherd is a top level university, and the graduate studies program wants to support that, as well,” said Porter. “We have a wonderful infrastructure with faculty and staff who give 110 percent.”

Shepherd currently offers five master’s degrees: master of arts in curriculum and instruction, master of arts in teaching, master of business administration, master of arts in college student development and administration, and master of music, music education.

Admission to Shepherd’s graduate studies is a rolling process with the exception of master of arts in teaching.

“The requirements are pretty high for the programs, even more rigorous than some doctoral programs,” said Porter.

Most graduate courses meet on weekends or in the evenings in order to accommodate working adults who make up 90 percent of the students. The M.B.A. has the largest enrollment within the graduate studies program.

“The graduate courses are created for adults,” said Porter. “And adults expect a lot from their professors and studies.”

In-state tuition is $281 per credit hour and $402 for out-of-state. “I think graduate studies tuition is competitively priced,” said Porter. “Our graduate students receive the close personal attention found at private universities but at a lower state university price.”

“We want graduate studies and continuing education to be lifelong learning opportunities for the community.” • Dr. Russell Porter Dean of Graduate Studies

Two programs under development are a master of arts in liberal studies and a master of arts in public history, which, according to Porter, is a “nice niche” based on Shepherd’s location in such a rich historical area.

Continuing education was added to the mission of graduate studies last year by Shepherd’s Board of Governors.

“Continuing education in some ways is built on the reputation of graduate studies,” said Porter. Working with the strategic planning committee, Porter is developing ways to market both graduate studies and continuing education.

“Faculty members do a lot of extra work,” said Porter of both programs.

According to Porter, professional graduate education, headed by Dr. Doug Smith, director of graduate continuing education, is continuing to focus on teacher recertification. “From 2007 until the summer of 2008, we had 200 to 300 teachers undertaking recertification,” said Porter. “We have a good framework in place.”

Graduate Degree Programs

Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction (M.A.)
Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Master of Arts in College Student Development and Administration (M.A.)
Master of Music, Music Education (M.M.M.E)

For more information about Shepherd’s master’s degree programs, visit the Web at www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies/ or contact Dr. Russell Porter
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Lifelong learning
R.B.A. offers adults another chance at earning a degree

Adults have different needs and goals than those of traditional undergraduates, and Shepherd’s popular Regents Bachelor of Arts (R.B.A.) is designed to meet the needs of adult students.

Because of family and work responsibilities, “we [adults] can’t go to school all day like 19 and 20 year olds,” says R.B.A. student Gina Miller, 43, from Martinsburg.

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Lifelong learning

Linda Grubb, 59, of Martinsburg, hoped to attend Shepherd and obtain a degree in education, but at the time her family did not have the money. Instead, Grubb went to Berkeley County Vocational Technical School, which is now James Rumsey, and received a certificate of training in data processing.

Two years later Grubb returned to the same school where she entered the licensed practical nurse program, graduating in 1970. In 2002, Grubb registered at Shepherd University and began taking a class each semester.

“When I was working full time, “you have to plan when to do homework for Shepherd and homework for work. So if I miss “CSI” on TV, that’s just the way it goes,” said Waldie.

NANCY G. SNYDER ’90, coordinator of the R.B.A. program and a graduate of the R.B.A. program, said the program allows students to “come and go, while setting their own pace.”

Snyder said that many students get “side-tracked” while working on their college degrees. Once they’re adults and have children of their own in school, the R.B.A. program gives them another chance to reach their goals.

Waldie got married at a young age and went on to have two children, one of whom is earning his master’s degree.

“Going back to college when I was older has helped me achieve confidence,” said Waldie. “You have to be open to change.”

Since 1975, the R.B.A. program has been offered at Shepherd University and other public West Virginia institutions.

The R.B.A. program meets the needs of many adults who have had no previous college experience or a college career that was interrupted, without requiring or recognizing a major.

In order to be admitted into the R.B.A. program, a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade point average (GPA) for all previous college work, as well as a 2.0 on all Shepherd credit, is required. Students are able to transfer credits from previous colleges, earn college credit through work

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R.B.A. coordinator Nan G. Snyder ’90 (r.) assists student Gina Miller with course selection for the spring semester.

R.B.A. student earns highest honor and degree

Linda Grubb ’08

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“Since I was working full time, the R.B.A. program allowed me to work at my own pace. I also liked the idea of choosing those subjects in which I was truly interested,” explained Grubb.

Grubb said it was not easy earning this degree. “I put my whole heart into it. I worked in the day, maintained my home, and attended classes at night. When I began, my son was still at WVU and my daughter in high school. There were times when I thought I just couldn’t do it, but I was determined to continue on.”

By completing the portfolio and earning 34 hours of credit, Grubb was able to graduate in May 2008. She received highest honors (summa cum laude), graduating with a 3.89 GPA.

The previous year Grubb had been inducted into Phi Kappa Phi national academic honor society. “Most of these inductees were younger students, so I felt very honored,” said Grubb.

Katie Young
R.B.A. degree is designed for adult learners
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experience by presenting a portfolio, and design an area of specialization.

Marlene Iveans, 55, a resident of West Virginia, had always wanted to get back into international studies. She persuaded her 23-year-old son, who had also stopped midway through his college career, to help her sign up for the R.B.A. program. Now both Iveans and her son are enrolled in the R.B.A. program.

Iveans looked at other programs but no other program “stuck out” like Shepherd, she said. It was helpful to work with the people at Shepherd, because it made coming back “less scary,” said Iveans.

Iveans started college in 1974 and was in the military for 15 years. “I had a lot of credits I didn’t want to lose,” Iveans said.

Waldie transferred credits, like Iveans, but from Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, Virginia, and online courses.

Waldie said that she liked that Shepherd took her previous work and applied it to her bachelor’s degree.

And now, Waldie says she “can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel—and it feels good.”  ● Katie Young

FieldTurf donors honored in September

Donors to the FieldTurf fundraising project were honored at a pregame reception on September 6, 2008. Shown above (l. to r.) are Liz Oates, best defense donor category; Brian Jackson ’87, team captain category; Karl Wolf ’70, best defense category; Nelson Vasquez ’86, field goal club; and President Suzanne Shipley.

The bronze plaque listing all the donors to the FieldTurf project will be mounted on the press box wall at Ram Stadium.

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place, and this continuing education area is growing tremendously.”

Porter said that Shepherd has reached out to the West Virginia licensing boards, which represent 35 professions including accounting, nursing, and social work, as more continuing education programs are developed. “From that framework we want to reach out to those professions which have had tremendous growth,” said Porter.

Another continuing education initiative is creating workshops for the community. “Three are planned for this year,” said Porter. “They are already booked, and seven more are on the drawing board.”

The first workshop scheduled this spring is Diversity for Elementary through Graduate Studies Teachers. Dr. Brian Haynes, a noted diversity expert and vice president of academic affairs at Clayton State University, will lead the workshop. Also planned is a Health Fitness Instructor Certification workshop featuring Dr. Melanie Poudevigne and a second diversity workshop featuring Dr. William Kaplan.

The vision for continuing education by 2010 is to offer a workshop every weekend said Porter. “We want graduate studies and continuing education to be lifelong learning opportunities for the community.”  ● Katie Young

For more information about the Regents bachelor of arts degree program, visit the Web at www.shepherd.edu/university/rba/ or contact Nan G. Snyder R.B.A. Coordinator 304-876-5275 or e-mail rba@shepherd.edu

Shepherd Today
The Fight Back Express bus of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network traveled to campus on October 30, 2008.

Students, faculty, staff, and community members were invited to sign their names on the bus. Signatures were presented to elected officials on election day to urge them to support cancer research funding and to make the fight against cancer a top national priority. The bus had traveled to 48 states before arriving at Shepherd.

Shepherd was selected as a visit site because of the University’s active role in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Shepherd’s Relay for Life is ranked sixth in the nation in money raised for schools of its size, second in the south Atlantic region, and the number one collegiate fund raiser in West Virginia. To date, Shepherd has raised $215,216 for Relay for Life.

Shepherd has sponsored Relay for Life since 2003 and will hold its annual event on April 3 and 4 on the Midway.

To join the Alumni Association-sponsored Relay for Life team, go to main.acsevents.org/goto/shepherdalumni.

Plaque, tree honor Dr. Bill Johnson

Speakers at the ceremony held during Homecoming honoring the late Dr. Bill Johnson, professor of economics at Shepherd for 37 years, are (above, l. to r.) Dr. Mark Stern, vice president for academic affairs; President Suzanne Shipley; Dr. Doug Smith, director of continuing education; and Dr. Kathy Reid, chair of the Department of Economics.

Bill’s wife and son, Lisa Clem Johnson ‘73 and Karl Johnson, are pictured (right) beside the tree planted outside White Hall in Bill’s memory.
James Ralph “Spider” Conner had a newly renovated gymnasium at Rockville, Maryland, High School dedicated in his name on February 9, 2008. He was the school’s first basketball coach. He coached there from 1968-1982, compiling an impressive 274-104 record. He led the team to six state tournaments, winning championships in 1971 and 1973. Jim was known to be a tough but fair coach.

John Doyle, of Shepherdstown, won the 57th District race in Jefferson County for a seat in the House of Delegates in the West Virginia Legislature. This marks John’s ninth consecutive, two-year term in the office.

Franklin O. Turner, after teaching 41 years, retired at the end of the 2007-08 school year from Jefferson County Public Schools. Franklin taught at the elementary level in Venezuela, South America; Fairfax County, Virginia; and Berkeley and Jefferson counties. He will continue to work part time at Charles Town Races and Slots.

Beverly Burkhart Yeagle retired from her position as chair of the Behavioral and Social Sciences/Business Division at Hagerstown, Maryland, Community College. She was employed at HCC as a full-time faculty member for 33 years. She also taught five years in Mineral County, which was her first teaching assignment.

Cynthia Grubb Jones has been promoted to an inside sales position in the advertising department for the Herald Mail. Cindy had been with the company since 1990.

Allan Warsaw retired from the New York City school system as a physical education teacher on July 1, 2008. He continues to coach the East Ramapo boys’ swim team in Rockland County, New York.

Shellie R. Chambers retired from her position as chief yeoman in the U.S. Coast Guard with 28 years and 7 months service on December 1, 2008.

Austin Joseph Slater, Jr. has been appointed to the College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees by Maryland Governor Martin J. O’Malley. Austin is the president and chief executive officer of Southern Maryland Electric Co-op (SMECO), one of the largest co-ops in the nation with $500 million in assets and approximately 150,000 members. SMECO has 500 employees and a 15-member board.

Herb Snyder, of Shenandoah Junction, won his race for the 16th District State Senate seat in the West Virginia Legislature.

Donna Houpt Miller retired after teaching for 30 years in the Washington County, Maryland, school system. Donna and her husband are in a variety band called Take Two. The band plays popular tunes from a cross section of time periods. Donna and her husband are enjoying retirement via music.

Rebecca French Day is currently working at Hospice of the Panhandle and is celebrating her 30 years in the social work profession. Rebecca thanks God for leading her to this work. She loves spending time with friends and family.

Cindy Funkhouser Thomas was named Berkeley County’s teacher of the year for 2007-08. Cindy says she realized in ninth grade that her calling was to become a math teacher. She says teaching is something she enjoys because she learns as much from the students as they learn from her.

Teresa Ring McCabe, vice president of marketing and development at City Hospital in Martinsburg, was nominated by the United Way of the Eastern Panhandle for the Girl Scouts’ Women of Distinction award. Teresa was named a Woman of Distinction for her outstanding contributions to the community.

Mike Penn has been named vice president of marketing and sales at ComSouth, where he will lead business and consumer distribution strategy, regional marketing, advertising, and sales. Mike was formerly southwest area market manager for Sprint. He received a master’s degree from the University of Phoenix.

Dwayne Frazier has been named the community sales leader for Vivante for July 2008. Dwayne is a Florida-licensed real estate broker with more than 20 years of experience in sales and customer service.

Ralph L. Dinges, Jr. was recently appointed to the position of assistant superintendent of maintenance, construction, and facilities with the Jefferson County Board of Education. He resides in Jefferson County with his wife and children.

Steven Wade was named the executive director of the United Way of Northwestern Michigan in July 2008. He previously was the lay ministry coordinator at Grace Episcopal Church in Traverse City, Michigan.

Jennifer Steenstra Hoag is head of the photography department at Calvin College. After a one-year appointment in 1995, she was confident that Calvin was a perfect fit. She is Calvin’s only photography professor and is teaching three classes. One of the highlights of her work while at Calvin is the opening of 106 S. Division, an art gallery in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Ann K. Dunn Smith graduated from West Virginia University with a master’s degree in social work.

Clarise H. Ottley, assistant professor of nursing education at Shepherd, was awarded the City Hospital Foundation Dis-
Matthew Weaver ’92

‘92 Matthew Weaver has been named division marketing director for Clifton Gunderson, one of the nation’s largest certified public accounting and consulting firms. Matthew is responsible for leading marketing and business development in the mid-Atlantic, Toledo, and Indianapolis regions. He will work closely with the senior management team in developing Clifton Gunderson’s strategic growth initiatives.

‘93 Andrea Smith was appointed to the position of assistant principal at Leonardtown, Maryland, Middle School. She recently served as a guidance counselor at the school.

‘95 Sandra Sponaugle received the prestigious Van Ryzin Award from the United Way of Jefferson County in June 2008.

‘96 Stephanie Lewis received her master’s degree in speech-language pathology from the University of New Mexico. While at Shepherd, Stephanie was president of the Student Government Association and received the Robert W. McCormick and Page Jackson scholarships. She is currently employed at a skilled nursing facility in Seattle, Washington.

‘98 Kelle Renninger Robinson and her husband Rob purchased Henry’s Bar-B-Q, in Linden, Pennsylvania, in June 2008. Rob handles all of the day-to-day operations of the restaurant, while Kelle keeps the books. Henry’s Bar-B-Q has been in the Robinson family for more than 40 years.

‘99 Heather Hobbs Michael was promoted to the position of elementary assistant principal for Frederick County, Maryland, public schools, where she has been a teacher since 1999. Before being promoted to the position, Heather received her master’s degree in educational leadership from Western Maryland College.

In February 2007, Kristen McKenzie Martin was named principal of Jefferson County’s T.A. Lowery Elementary School, where she began her career as a teacher at T.A. Lowery in 1999.

‘01 Heather Stritch is in her third year of teaching and has taken on a new responsibility as campus minister for St. Maria Goretti High School in Maryland. She will be organizing Mass as a worship aide and meeting with the priest and choir director.

‘02 Travis Gosa has been named assistant professor of Africana studies at Williams College in Massachusetts. He had served as an education policy analyst at the Maryland State Department of Education and American Institutes for Research in Washington, D.C. He earned a Ph.D. in sociology from Johns Hopkins University in 2008 with a specialization in education and social inequality. Travis’s current research examines the social and cultural worlds of African-American youth.

Aria Charles graduated from Leadership Pittsburgh’s Leadership Development Initiative XV, a yearlong program designed to strengthen regional leadership through programs, partnerships, and connections. This competitive program helps participants hone the star performer skills of emerging leaders while exposing them to avenues for civic involvement and critical-path networking across industries. Her work in grants development for the greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and her volunteer commitment in support of a community impact project on diversity in the workplace has earned the recognition of her (continued to page 13)

Obituaries

James Towner ’59, of Cordova and formerly of Martinsburg, died May 29, 2008.

C. Robert Kershner ’60, of Charles Town, died June 20, 2008.

John W. Shearer ’76, of Lakeland, Florida, died July 1, 2008.

Jerome J. Votel ’80, of Sterling, Virginia, died June 25, 2008.

Mildred Lucille McCoy ’89, of Hagerstown, Maryland, died May 30, 2008.

Linda Carol Spitzer ’96, of Martinsburg, died June 17, 2008.

James D. Tucker ’98, of Falling Waters, died in Berkeley County.

Dr. Howard N. Carper, Jr. ’52, of Shepherdstown, Shepherd University vice president emeritus for academic affairs, died December 5, 2008.

Diane S. Plum ’02 of Inwood, Shepherd University administrative secretary senior for the School of Education and Professional Studies, died August 26, 2008.

Grover L. Boyer, retired Shepherd University chief of police, died October 7, 2008.
Alumni

Weddings and Engagements

**CHRIS HALLAM ’88** married Karen James on May 21, 2008 on Sun Bay Beach in Vieques, Puerto Rico. The couple resides in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

**ROBERT S. STOCKS ’95** married Erica M. Bush on August 23, 2008 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Charles Town. The wedding party included best man **JOHN RUDOLPH ’95**. The couple resides in Winchester, Virginia.

**MELISSA SHOCKEY ’96** married Johnny Thompson on August 18, 2006.

**AMY LYN SENCINDIVER ’97** married Mark Douglas Stolipher on January 5, 2008 at the First Presbyterian Church in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Jefferson County.

**JESSICA RABICKOW ’99** married Steven Margos on May 12, 2007 at the Rio All Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Alumni in attendance were **KAVEH SADAT ’99, J.R. BURGER ’99, STEVE CAPONE ’00, JULIE HARMAN ’00, ANDREA BARANOWSKI GOSA ’00, MICHELLE BARANOWSKI LUSBY ’98, and NICOLE HICKS MILLER ’00**. The couple honeymooned in Mexico and resides in La Mirada, California.

**KYLENE WARNICK ’00** married Kevin Long on February 14, 2008 in Shepherdstown. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

**DUSTIN DEHAVEN ’01** married **HEATHER KANE ’03** on September 8, 2007 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is Martinsburg. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

**ADRIENNE M. WOODSMALL ’02** married Jason S. Heaberlin on March 29, 2008 at Christ Reformed UCC in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Cedar Lake, Indiana.

**ROXANNE SLATER ’02** married Ryan Turner on November 6, 2007 in Bottom Bay, Barbados. **KATIE WILSON CHRISTIANSEN ’02** was in attendance. The couple resides in Mt. Airy, Maryland.

**JUSTIN MICHAEL GAY ’04** married Erin Rebecca McCarney on June 21, 2008 at Calvary Temple in Williamsport, Maryland. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

**AMANDA M. FUNKHOUSE-JAMES ’04** married Kristopher M. Wiebold on May 1, 2008 on Lumahai Beach on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

**JEREMY JOINER ’05** married **LAURA NUSBAUM ’06** on June 7, 2008 in Frederick, Maryland. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Maryland.

**ABBYCAIL HOPE SANDY ’07** married Jeremy Dustin Hansford on August 8, 2008 at an outdoor ceremony held at the groom’s home.

**BRAD ALAN DELAUTER ’07** married Holly Leann Thomas on June 28, 2008 in Big Pool, Maryland. The couple resides in Hedgesville.

**LANE DONIELLE DEHAVEN ’07** married Blaine Andrew Martin on November 10, 2007 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Martinsburg. The couple resides in Glengary.

Engagements

**KRISTIN HANEY ’01** is engaged to marry Jeff Garwick in 2009. A wedding in Houston, Texas, is being planned.

**TREVOR FORSHAY ’03** is engaged to marry **AMANDA DAUGHERTY ’02** in September 2009.

**BUDDY WILSON ’06** and ’08 is engaged to marry Jen Spataro on July 18, 2009.

**JESSICA LOUISE HEGEDUSICH ’09** is engaged to marry Jeremy Allen Dube in July 2009.

The Annual Fund supports Shepherd students

Your contribution to the Annual Fund means more scholarships for deserving students, more materials for classrooms, more opportunities for faculty to improve curriculum and instruction, and more opportunities for Shepherd alumni to support the school from which they graduated. It means a more valuable diploma as the reputation of Shepherd University grows stronger every year. A strong Annual Fund is a win-win for students, faculty, alumni, the community, and the region.

This year we are striving to keep the momentum going. You can make that happen! Shepherd student callers will be calling in February and March to ask alumni to support Shepherd students through the Annual Fund. If you have not already sent in your gift to the Annual Fund, you will have the opportunity to talk with a student about his or her experiences at Shepherd and make your gift to the Annual Fund at that time. Or you can send your Annual Fund gift to the Office of Alumni Relations, Shepherd University, P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443-5000.
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Alumni: Send Us Your News!
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 Office of Alumni Relations, Shepherd University, P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443-5000, via e-mail to alumni@shepherd.edu, or online at www.shepherd.edu/alumnweb/.

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Alumni news must be received by February 1 for inclusion in the Spring 2009 edition of the Shepherd University Magazine.

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New Arrivals

LARRY VASELECK ’84 and JODEE BRENINGER VASELECK ’82, a daughter, Dani Nadeen, born May 15, 2007. She joins sisters Jackie and Carly.

JASON SWEENEY ’94 and HOLLY SWEENEY ’96, a son, James Porter, born October 11, 2007. He joins big sisters Sarah Elizabeth and Jessica Anne.


DAVID J. MCKENZIE ’96 and CHRISTIE L. MCKENZIE ’98, a daughter, Abigail Grace, born July 1, 2008. She joins big sister Julia Lynn.

JESSICA YOUNG FORD ’96 and husband Bradley, a daughter, Camryn Renee, born May 5, 2008. She joins big brother Chase.

MELISSA SHOCKEY THOMPSON ’96 and husband Johnny, a son, Benjamin Thomas, born September 18, 2008.

KELLY HUGHES ’97 and BROOKE MYERS HUGHES ’97, a son, Mason Andrew, born August 2, 2008. He joins big sister Addison and big brother Quinn.


JOHN M. CUSHWA ’98 and KRISTEN BROOKE CUSHWA ’97, a son, Calvin Walker, born September 18, 2008. He joins big brother Jack and twin sisters Betsy and Millie.

LESLEY LUCAS QUESADA ’98 and husband Bernie, a daughter, Clementine Elle, born March 8, 2008.

KELLE RENINGER ROBINSON ’98 and husband Rob, a daughter, Ashlyn Louise, born May 21, 2008.


BRYAN LLOYD ’00 and JANEEN RODGERS LLOYD ’01, a son, Nathan James, born October 14, 2008. He joins big sister Isabella Nicole.

MEGAN PAINTER CHILDER ’00 and husband Jason, a daughter, Bella Elizabeth, born August 18, 2008.


BRIANNA TUTTLE BRUNS ’01 and husband Collin, a son, Ryan Christopher, born June 24, 2008.

DARIA DELANCY HOLCOMBE ’01 and husband David, a son, Brock, born June 2, 2008.

DENISE LYNN TURNER BURGAN ’01 and husband Mark, a son, Landon Wesley, born May 7, 2008. He joins sister Markayla Alexis.

LEIGHANN McCaULAND OLGER ’01 and husband Ed, a daughter, McAllister Leigh, born August 31, 2007.

REESE YOST FINCHAM ’01 and husband Ryan, a daughter, Macey Renee, born February 19, 2008. She joins siblings Hayden and Lydia.

SUZANNE PANOWITZ REIFF ’01 and husband Jeff, a daughter, Molly Nicole, born March 9, 2008.

AMANDA LANTZ BROWN ’01 and husband Derek, a daughter, Gracelyn Elizabeth, born June 15, 2008.

TELENA SEAL CHILCOTT ’01 and husband Lance, a daughter, Olivia Ellen, born May 29, 2008.

JESSICA ALTAL GRAHAM ’02 and husband Mike, a daughter, Jocilyn Renee, born April 24, 2002. She joins brother Michael, 2.

ANDREW OLEJER ’03 and wife Bethany, a son, Andrew III, born April 19, 2008.

MICHAEL JANNEY ’05 and ALLISON TORBERT JANNEY ’06, a son, Peyton Roby, born January 5, 2008.

GRAHAM CULLEN ’05 and SAMANTHA BAUGH CULLEN ’05, a son, Graham Tyson Jr., born August 12, 2008.
The Alumni Association and Office of Alumni Relations held a pre-game luncheon in Charlottesville, Virginia, on November 9, 2008 before the Rams men’s basketball team took on the University of Virginia Cavaliers. The event was attended by several alumni from the Charlottesville area and alumni and men’s basketball supporters from the Eastern Panhandle. The luncheon took place at the Doubletree Hotel.

Interim head coach Justin Namolik and the team greeted lunch attendees before heading to the arena. Attendees also received a complimentary ticket to the game and transportation to and from the basketball exhibition game at the University of Virginia’s John Paul Jones arena.

The Alumni Association held its 17th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, October 17, 2008 at Cress Creek Country Club in Shepherdstown.

President Suzanne Shipley joined the 128 players, many of them Shepherd alumni, on the course in this sold-out event. Proceeds from this golf tournament support the nonrevenue sports which include softball, volleyball, tennis, and soccer. The team of Lou Tiano ’72, Kirk Waldeck, Rick Aboe, and Ted Johnson took first place in the tournament; the team of Justin Hockman ’07, Mike Hockman ’78, Spencer Byrd ’07, and Bill Russell ’00 took second.

The Alumni Association thanks the many sponsors and volunteers who contributed to the success of the golf tournament. A special thanks to Valley Proteins, NeHi Bottling Company, Jefferson Security Bank, Yount, Hyde, and Barbour, P.C., Nationwide Insurance, Miller’s Chrysler Jeep, Edward Jones, and the Shepherd University Golf Team. More than 30 businesses and individuals also sponsored a hole, and prizes were donated by several alumni as well as local businesses.

First place winners were (l. to r.) Kirk Waldeck, Lou Tiano ’72, Rick Aboe, and Ted Johnson.
Alumni

Alumni Notes

**Women’s sports to hold S.W.I.N.G. golf tournament April 24**
Shepherd University’s women’s sports teams will hold their second annual S.W.I.N.G. golf tournament fundraiser on April 24 at Maryland National Golf Club in Middletown, Maryland. Proceeds from the tournament support women’s basketball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, and softball.

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@shepherd.edu for more information.

**Emeritus Club slated for May 14**
Planning is underway for the Emeritus Club induction and luncheon for the Class of 1959 to be held on Thursday, May 14.

The Office of Alumni Relations is looking for these members of the Class of 1959: Wyndham Barbe, Rebecca Cain, Stephen Glazier, Barbara Mowry, William Patterson, and Swaneda Yost. If you have any information that can help us to reach these alumni, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5157 or alumni@shepherd.edu.

**Men’s and women’s basketball to hold Alumni Day on January 17**
The men’s and women’s basketball teams will hold Alumni Day on Saturday, January 17 when the Rams take on the Senators from Davis & Elkins College.

Game time for the women’s game is 2 p.m. with the men to follow at 4 p.m. Basketball alumni are encouraged to attend and will be recognized at halftime during both games.

In conjunction with the day’s activities, both teams will have fundraisers. The women’s team will hold a spaghetti dinner on the west balcony of the Butcher Center during their game and through half-time of the men’s game. Both teams will host a bowling tournament at Shenandoah Lanes in Charles Town that evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For more information, contact head women’s basketball coach Jody Runner at 304-876-5170 or jrunner@shepherd.edu or interim head men’s basketball coach Justin Namolik at 304-876-5264 or jnamolik@shepherd.edu.

**Join and support alumni programs and events**
For a small membership fee of $35 for individuals and $60 for joint membership, Shepherd alumni help the Alumni Association sponsor alumni events such as Homecoming and regional socials and help underwrite some publication costs of the *Shepherd University Magazine*. The Alumni Association is the campus organization for Shepherd grads. It’s not too late to join the Alumni Association this year and know that you are part of an organization for alumni of Shepherd University. For more information or to join, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@shepherd.edu or 304-876-5157.

**Ram Spirit Picnic held in August 2008**
The Office of Alumni Relations and the Alumni Association held an alumni Ram Spirit Picnic at Shippensburg University on Saturday, August 30, 2008. The picnic drew alumni from Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Prior to the season opening football game, alumni enjoyed a picnic lunch at the pavilion in the Shippensburg sports complex and helped kick off the Shepherd University Rams football season.

Alumni Association to enter an alumni team in Relay for Life

Relay for Life is an enormously successful, student-driven program sponsored and guided by the Student Community Service Office. Last year Shepherd University raised more than $72,000. Shepherd was once again the most financially successful collegiate Relay in West Virginia, exceeding the American Cancer Society’s goal by more than $8,000. More than 660 individuals participated in the event.

The American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life is an overnight celebration of life dedicated to present and former cancer patients, their families, and friends. During the relay, team members take turns walking, camping out, and enjoying entertainment, food, and games in a party atmosphere. Luminaries will be available for a donation in honor/memory of someone who has dealt with cancer. Corporate sponsorships are available and anyone in the business, school, church, and local community can be a part of this event.

Please join the Shepherd University Alumni Association Team at this year’s Relay for Life. If you are interested in joining the Alumni Association Team, visit main.acevents.org/goto/shepherdalumni where you can sign up and join the team. If you are not able to attend, you can make an online donation to support the Alumni Association’s efforts. For more information on Relay for Life and other teams please visit www.shepherd.edu/relayforlife.
Rain moves annual Dinner on the Diamond to Storer Ballroom

Shepherd’s baseball team and Office of Alumni Relations hosted the Fourth Annual Dinner on the Diamond fundraiser on August 27, 2008. Sponsored by Outback Steakhouse of Martinsburg and proprietor Duane Casey, the event was a success, despite a rainy evening that moved the dinner from Fairfax Field to the Storer Ballroom in the Student Center.

The dinner, attended by alumni, players’ parents and families, and baseball fans, raised more than $9,000 to support the team. Baseball alumni spotted among the attendees included Hall of Famers Daryl Grove ’80, Rich Pell ’99, Harry Barker ’56, Tom Diehl ’86, and Gilbert Miller ’48. Other alumni attending included Mary Diehl ’85, L. Ridenour ’85, Harry Barker ’85, Valerie Owens ’76, John L. Mason ’84, Gwen Sigler ’53, Larry Strite ’60, Brenda Jenkins ’93, Debbie Thomas ’84, Laura Cook ’01, Gina Groh ’86, Joe Siler ’80, Steven Diehl ’81, Randy Friend ’02, Karl Wolf ’70, Joan Pope ’73, and Gayle Conner ’75.

Matt Miller, sportscaster for WRNR radio of Martinsburg, emceed the evening’s program. Guests enjoyed an Outback dinner while socializing with the players, head coach Wayne Riser ’89 and M.A. ’07, his coaching staff, and President Shipley.

Working the reception table at Dinner on the Diamond were (l. to r.) players Matt McCarty, Brett Caplan, and Neil Toothman; Lexi Palladino Reed ’06, assistant director of alumni relations; and assistant baseball coach Mike Spry. Mike was a member of Shepherd’s baseball team from 1999 to 2003 and was named conference and regional player of the year in 2003. He played professional baseball from 2003 to 2008.

In the photo below, Shepherd baseball fans socialize during the Dinner on the Diamond.
Athletics

Five new members inducted into the Hall of Fame

The 2008 inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame are (above, l. to r.) Wayne Riser ’89 and M.A. ’07, baseball coach; Bill “Tobe” Thompson ’71, basketball; Gayle Conner ’75, coach/contributor; Norman “Smoke” Johnson ’58, football; and Thomas Diehl ’86, baseball.

Inductee Gayle Conner ’75 (l.) gives remarks during the Hall of Fame dinner, which was held September 19, 2008 at the Clarion Hotel.

President Suzanne Shipley extends congratulations to inductee Wayne Riser ’89 and M.A. ’07 before the ceremony.

Members of the HOF committee are Scott Bradford Doleman ’95, Paul Brown ’73, Jody Carter ’75, Professor Roger Hamood, Soupy Hillyard ’58, Richard Lewis ’95, Chip Ransom ’86, Mike Stailey, Kelli Summers ’92, committee chair Teresa Taylor ’90, Karl Wolf ’70, Mary Beth Vickers ’03, and Kelly Young ’95.

Photos by Gary Kable
The Voice of the Rams Paddy Alter (far left) is presented the Hall of Fame Medallion in recognition of his role as the public address announcer for Ram football and basketball games for more than 25 years. He was presented the award by former Shepherd sports information director Mike Straley, a member of the Hall of Fame board and the recipient of the medallion in 2001.

Joining Bill Thompson ’71 (above, second from left) for his induction into the Hall of Fame are (l. to r.) daughter Nikki Thompson, son William Thompson, and Angela Santiago.

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On Saturday, September 20 before the football game, a ceremony to unveil the Hall of Fame plaques was held in the Butcher Center. Tom Diehl ’86 (above) is shown with his plaque.

Hall of Fame member Ray Riordan ’56 (l.) presents Norman “Smoke” Johnson ’58 his plaque at the Hall of Fame dinner.
Season wrap-ups

Men’s Soccer
Men’s soccer finished with an 8-8 overall mark with a 5-5 record in WVIAC play. The Rams had a pair of players receive postseason honors.

Junior midfielder Jeffers Frazier, Prince Frederick, Maryland, and junior defender Jeff Sandusky, Brookeville, Maryland, were named to the 2008 All-WVIAC and Daktronics Inc. All-Atlantic Region men’s soccer teams.

Frazier, a first team selection on both teams, led the Rams with nine goals and three assists for 28 points. He paced the team with four game-winning goals.

Sandusky, a second team all-region and honorable mention all-conference choice, led a Ram defense that recorded five shutouts and three one-goal games. He recorded two goals and two assists on the year.

Women’s Soccer
Shepherd finished the year with an 8-10 overall mark with a 4-6 mark in WVIAC play. The team was led by freshman forward Brianna Hines, Woodbridge, Virginia. Hines earned 2008 All-WVIAC and Daktronics Inc. All-Atlantic Region women’s soccer team honors.

Hines, a second team all-conference and honorable mention all-region selection, led the Rams with 14 goals and eight assists for 36 points. Her 14 goals tied a freshman program mark, while her 36 points set a new standard for freshmen. Hines had five multiple goal games, including a hat trick in a 4-1 win over Wilmington. She topped the team with four game-winning tallies.

Women’s Tennis
The Shepherd women’s tennis team finished the year with an 8-6 overall mark and a 4-3 record in conference action. The Rams were led by freshman Brittany Bolster, Eldersburg, Maryland. Bolster was selected to the 2008 All-WVIAC team. She was one of only three freshmen to gain All-Conference honors.

Volleyball
Shepherd finished the season with an 11-22 overall mark with a 7-8 record in conference play. Sophomore outside hitter Julie Robertson, Glen Allen, Virginia, was named to the 2008 All-WVIAC volleyball team.

Robertson, an honorable mention selection, was one of the team’s top all-around players with 201 kills, 323 digs, 30 service aces, and 28 blocks. She also added 23 assists.

Golf
The Rams capped off the fall campaign with a strong finish at the WVIAC championship with a seventh place showing in a 15-team field. Other highlights include a 10th place finish at the Burger King Invitational.

Season ends with record-setting win

Football finishes at 5-5
The Shepherd football team finished the year with a 5-5 overall mark with a 3-5 record in conference play. The Rams finished the season on a high note with an impressive 56-14 victory over West Virginia State. Shepherd set a new NCAA II record for most consecutive victories over one opponent in an interrupted series with their 28th straight win. This breaks the old mark of 27 held by Minnesota Duluth (1962-89).

The Rams had 11 team members named to the 2008 All-WVIAC football team. Sophomore cornerback/return specialist Deante Steele, Woodbridge, Virginia; senior tight end Ryan Lavin, Centreville, Virginia; junior offensive lineman Jeremy Hairston, LaPlata, Maryland; and senior defensive end Mike Spiegelberg, Silver Spring, Maryland, were all first team selections.

Steele earned first team honors on defense and special teams. He recorded 49 tackles (35 solo), 10 pass breakups, and four interceptions. Steele returned 20 punts for 404 yards and two touchdowns with a 20.2 average to rank second nationally in that category. He also had 17 kickoff returns for 491 yards and a pair of touchdowns with a 28.9 average to rank 11th nationally. Steele was a two-time D2football.com Special Teams Player of the Week honoree this year.

Lavin, an honorable mention selection last year, hauled in 13 receptions for 111 yards and two touchdowns despite missing several games due to an injury.

Hairston, a second team choice last year, keyed the Ram offensive line play as he made the transition from guard to tackle.

Spiegelberg, a repeat first team performer, recorded 32 tackles (16 solo) on the year. He led the team with six sacks (-33 yards) and was second on the team with 10 tackles-for-loss (-35 yards). He also added two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, and a pass breakup. His 25.5 career sacks rank him fifth on the Shepherd all-time list.

Senior defensive lineman Mike Heatwole, Falls Church, Virginia; senior linebacker Jacquez Taylor, Germantown, Maryland; junior defensive back Layton Hersh, Taneytown, Maryland; and sophomore running back Jimmy Sutch, Hagerstown, Maryland, were second team choices.

Heatwole registered 27 tackles (10 solo). He also had seven tackles-for-loss (-19 yards), two pass breakups, and four interceptions. He returned 20 punts for 404 yards and two touchdowns with a 20.2 average to rank second nationally in that category. He also had 17 kickoff returns for 491 yards and a pair of touchdowns with a 28.9 average to rank 11th nationally. Steele was a two-time D2football.com Special Teams Player of the Week honoree this year.

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Taylor led the Rams in tackles with 85 (48 solo). He posted a team-best 15 tackles-for-loss (-32 yards). Taylor added a pair of pass breakups and a forced fumble.

Hersh led the team in interceptions with five and was fourth on the team in tackles with 44 (20 solo). He also added four pass breakups, a fumble recovery, and a blocked kick.

Sutch led the Shepherd rushing attack with 190 carries for 885 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also added 16 receptions for 62 yards and a score. Sutch led the team in scoring with 90 points.

Junior wide receiver Nasser Muhammad, Silver Spring, Maryland, was an honorable mention honoree, while senior linebacker Louis Corum, Manassas, Virginia, and sophomore wide receiver Raymond Mends, Leesburg, Virginia, earned special honorable mention honors.

Muhammad hauled in 29 catches for 368 yards and three touchdowns. His 29 receptions and three touchdown grabs led the team.

Corum, an honorable mention selection last season, was second on the team in tackles with 53 (24 solo). He added seven tackles-for-loss (-28 yards), three sacks (-21 yards), a forced fumble, a blocked kick, and a pass breakup.

Mends had 25 receptions for 364 yards and two touchdowns. He was tied for second on the team in receptions and ranked third in receiving yards. His 14.6 yards per reception average was third on the squad. ● Chip Ransom

Steele earns pair of national weekly honors

Sophomore cornerback/return specialist Deante Steele, Woodbridge, Virginia, earned a pair of national weekly honors for his stellar play for the Rams this season.

Steele gained D2football.com Special Teams Player of the Week honors after returning four punts for 177 yards against the University of Charleston, including a 95-yard touchdown. Steele earned similar honors after returning a kickoff (85 yards), a punt return (60 yards), and an interception (21 yards) for scores in Shepherd's 56-14 win over West Virginia State in the season finale. Steele had a total of five returns for touchdowns this season. ●
From the Foundation …

**Scarborough Society plans June bus trip to D.C.**
This year’s Scarborough Society tour in June will offer a special opportunity to visit the new U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. This unique facility, located near the Capitol, is underground so as not to detract from the appearance of the Capitol and the beautiful grounds surrounding it. The center, which can accommodate 4,000 visitors at a time, houses a museum, exhibits, statues, a food court, and two theaters. Contact the Foundation Office for details at 304-876-5397.

**Scarborough Society partners with Shepherdstown Film Society**
Fulfilling its mission to enhance learning opportunities for Shepherd students and the community, the Scarborough Society entered into a partnership with the Shepherdstown Film Society that will enable the film society, now in its fifth year, to continue showing free films at Reynolds Hall. Lisa Welch, coordinator of the film society, encouraged filmgoers to join the Scarborough Society “to show their appreciation and support.” Dr. Ray Smock, member of the Scarborough Society Board of Directors, said that the new partnership “represents the best in town and gown enterprises.” The partnership will begin with the 2009 film series.

**Foundation scholarship recipients shine in forensics**
Inwood resident Brittany Young, recipient of the Leona Eubanks Forensic Award, and Martinsburg resident Nicholas DiBartolomeo, recipient of the Alma Lee Strider Christian Scholarship, are bright stars on Shepherd’s Debate and Forensics team. Brittany, a senior, has been on the team for the past four years and, according to debate coach Dr. Joyce Webb, has been “tremendously successful and has won numerous awards in both debate and forensics.” She has been a consistent pentathlon winner, which challenges students in five events, including a prepared speech, interpretive event, and extemporaneous presentation. Nick, on the team for two semesters, excels in public speaking events and has shown superior leadership skills.

**McMurran Society reaches membership goal and beyond**
At its inception, the McMurran Society contracted Dr. Jerry Smith, professor emeritus of mathematics, to paint porcelain commemorative plates featuring an image of McMurran Hall as gifts for the first 100 members of the Society. That goal has been reached and a new gift will be instituted for the next group of members. The McMurran Society was created so that the University could be made aware of and have the opportunity to personally thank donors who include Shepherd in their estate plans. The Foundation and the University president host an annual reception for McMurran Society members. This year’s reception is scheduled for May 9.

**Former students of Dr. Jack Schmidt acknowledge his retirement**
Chemistry is a difficult subject that might not be loved by all students, but Dr. John F. “Jack” Schmidt’s teaching style and devotion to his subject inspired students for 40 years. Dr. Brent May ’89, Dr. Lisa Gregory May ’90, Dr. Jeff Purnell ’88, and Dr. Beverly Schwartz Purnell ’87 are four of those former students who remember and value Dr. Schmidt’s influence on their lives. In 2002 they started a scholarship for chemistry students in his honor and have been funding it ever since. In 2008 the foursome organized a mailing to former students asking for donations to that scholarship fund as an expression of appreciation to Dr. Schmidt at his retirement last spring. The response was enthusiastic and raised nearly $4,000 for the scholarship fund.

**Foundation board member Jerry Kerr ’68 retires with praise**
Jerry Kerr ’68, longtime partner in the accounting firm of Yount, Hyde and Barbour in Winchester, Virginia, recently retired after 39 years with the firm. YHB President and CEO Mark Rudolph ’84 (who is also a member of the Shepherd University Board of Governors) lauded Jerry at his retirement dinner by stating, “Jerry has been an inspiration to many over the last four decades and his legacy will live on for generations to come. He has truly led by example and is a living testimony to the firm’s culture and values that he helped to create.” Jerry’s commitment to the Shepherd University Foundation as an active member of the board of directors has been equally dedicated.
From the Foundation president

Like many of you who have watched as your personal retirement and investment portfolios are negatively impacted by the current conditions, the Foundation’s portfolio is experiencing similar consequences. Unfortunately, as the end of the year approaches, the financial situation, nationally and internationally, remains fluid regarding credit crisis issues, market reactions, and legislative solutions. As a result, it is going to take some sorting out in the near term to truly assess the impact on the Foundation’s investments.

The Foundation has always taken prudent steps to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities. We have been guided by our belief that our investment focus is long-term. The Foundation and its underlying endowments are to be maintained for the future benefit of the University, while delivering adequate annual income to fund scholarship, faculty excellence, and University support. That requires us to maintain an investment strategy that satisfies these two considerations.

Our investment policy was determined after considerable benchmarking of other foundations and reviewed by investment professionals. It was approved by our board several years ago and recently reviewed and approved by our current board. The allocations imbedded in our policy reflect considerable balance to the investment portfolio. We are further diversified by having these investments managed by more than 20 investment managers. These are companies like BB&T Wealth Management, Charles Schwab, Merrill Lynch, Vanguard, Fidelity, Harbor, Lazard, PIMCO, Collins Capital, and Morgan Stanley. They are respected companies in the world of investing which use well-established investment techniques and processes. Our equity investments tend to be in quality- and value-oriented companies.

Additionally, last year we retained Capital Fiduciary Advisors, an independent Registered Investment Advisory (RIA) firm, to provide us with professional investment advice and counsel. They provide our investment committee with enhanced reporting and evaluation and monitoring of our investment managers. Our investment committee meets regularly to review the investment managers and, as appropriate, we bring the managers in to provide us with detailed reviews of their performance.

However, even with all these steps, when Dow Jones Industrial, S&P 500, and NASDAQ indexes take the hit they have recently, it is inevitable that our portfolio will take a corresponding hit. The Foundation’s portfolio includes many of the stocks in these indexes; fortunately, in the past we have also benefited when these indexes show gains.

As long-term investors, we cannot predict the total impact on our portfolio at this time. By relying upon a cadre of professional advisors and maintaining a balanced and diversified portfolio, we are confident that the Foundation will persevere over time with its investments.

As we all work our way through these unsettled times, it is important that we not lose sight of the ongoing needs of the University, its students, and faculty. They will need our support more than ever. We would ask that our donors continue their financial support of the annual fund drives and, if possible, to increase their contributions. This is also a good time for all alumni and friends to consider the long-term needs of the University and explore planned giving opportunities. The Foundation Office would be happy to help you with estate planning and any other giving ideas you have in mind.

In all times, let us work together to keep Shepherd University strong!

Ramon Alvarez ‘62

British historian Paul Harris presents Scarborough Society lecture

Dr. Paul Harris (pictured left), a teacher at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (the nearest British equivalent of West Point) who traded places with Shepherd history professor Dr. Mark Snell during the fall 2008 semester, discussed his new book about Douglas Haig, the British general who commanded most of the British army during World War I, at the fall Scarborough Society lecture. Dr. Harris enjoyed his time at Shepherd stating, “Everyone has been enormously hospitable and I have found Shepherd students bright, receptive, and ready to learn.” •
Scarleth Paiz understands the value of an education. The 21-year-old business administration major is the first in her family to attend college, with the help of two academic scholarships—the Ralph and Margaret Burkhart Memorial Scholarship, funded by a private gift through the Shepherd University Foundation, and the Multicultural Leadership waiver. The two scholarships provide her with more than $2,000 each semester to help cover the costs of tuition, as well as room and board.

In addition to the scholarships, Scarleth also receives financial aid through the federal work-study program, which is designed to provide part-time employment for eligible students. Working three days each week at the Foundation Office allows her to apply her studies in general business and gain valuable knowledge in the process. “It’s definitely a good way to practice what I study and gain experience,” she said. “I try to take advantage of every opportunity I get to practice in my field of study.”

Scarleth took this same approach to learning during her summer job with Inwood-based TLC. Led by Annette H. Murphy, co-founder and president/CEO who also sits on the Foundation Board of Directors, TLC creates automation technology for libraries and school districts of all sizes. During her time there, Scarleth researched employment benefits, helped establish an efficiency protocol, and reported on software problems. Her stint at TLC, along with the work-study program, has left a valuable, long-lasting impression. “I don’t think I could have comfortably transitioned into the workplace without these experiences,” she said. “They have definitely helped me feel more confident and secure in an office setting.”

Also helping to prepare her for life beyond college is her participation on Shepherd’s Multicultural Leadership Team, a stipulation of her Multicultural Leadership waiver. Not that Scarleth needs incentive to be involved with the team, which was established in 1991 with the mission to develop an effective group of multiracial and multicultural student leaders who are committed to enhancing cultural diversity and improving race relations. A Hispanic of Nicaraguan descent who aspires to work in humanitarian aid on the international level, Scarleth feels the Multicultural Leadership Team has helped her step outside her comfort zone and objectively critique his own prejudices. This, in turn, better equips her to prepare others to live, learn, work, and succeed in a pluralistic society.

The Multicultural Leadership Team participates in local and national causes, including Shepherd’s annual Relay for Life and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, a national day of community service that advocates people of all ages and backgrounds coming together to strengthen the community in which they live. Last year’s King Day of Service took the team to Job Corps where they cleaned, painted, organized books, and performed other volunteer maintenance work.

The group also conducts a program centered around the documentary *Journey to a Hate Free Millennium*, which explores the tragic murders of James Byrd, Jr. and Matthew Shepard, along with the student shootings at Columbine High School, in an effort to weave an emotional response to the problem of hate. Presenting the documentary to classroom-sized groups at Shepherd, mainly in the sociology, education, and nursing departments, members of the Multicultural Leadership Team then ask for emotional feedback, allow viewers to realize that they, too, are capable of hate, and try to make them aware of their own fears and doubts in others. “The goal is to open up a dialogue between people about fear and prejudice,” said Scarleth. “Nothing is achieved by being silent. Even seemingly harmless remarks and jokes can breed hate. We try to help people realize that in the hopes that they will speak up when they encounter such remarks outside the bubble of our presentation.”

Scarleth feels that her involvement with the Multicultural Leadership Team, her work-study experience, and her job with TLC are each stepping stones toward her ultimate dream to travel the world—she especially hopes to visit central South America.
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one day—acting as a motivational speaker or ambassador for humanitarian issues. The normally reserved student, whom her pastor once described as a passionate and compelling public speaker, lights up when she talks about her potential to impact, educate, and motivate others. “By bettering myself, I feel I’ll be a better asset to the line of work I want to pursue,” she said.

And she doesn’t want to stop there. Scarleth also plans to give back to her family, to whom she credits her inspiration to pursue a college degree. Having watched her parents at times struggle financially, she wants to help them live out their retirement years in financial security as a small way of thanking them for the values and ambition they helped to instill in her. She hopes to likewise inspire her three younger sisters to follow in her footsteps and attend college, and believes that she is opening doors for them to do so.

None of this would be possible if Scarleth had not had the opportunity to attend Shepherd University. She is not only grateful to the donors who funded the scholarships that allow her to do so, but also for the lessons she has learned as a student. “You realize that you take your surroundings for granted when you come to college, and you see other people’s struggles and the choices they make as a result of those struggles,” she said. “Also, you grow up a lot and learn to make independent decisions as an adult.” Of the value she places on a college education, she said that she believes it will help her expand herself, become a more well-rounded person, and think outside the box—traits that will undoubtedly benefit her as she works to pursue her life goals, which she summed up with a simple statement: “I want to be known for making a difference.”

For students like Scarleth, who want to make a difference in the lives of others around the globe, your gift truly can make all the difference in the world. • Kristin Alexander

Bradford Doleman ’95 named to Foundation board

Scott L. Bradford Doleman ’95, president of the Alumni Association, has been appointed to the Shepherd University Foundation Board of Directors as a director-at-large. Scott is currently operations manager at FedEx Freight East in Hagerstown, Maryland. Scott was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000.

Michael A. Smith ’89 has been elected treasurer of the Foundation Board of Directors. Michael assumes the treasurer role following the death of Dr. E. William (Bill) Johnson in 2008. Larry A. Strite ’60 has been appointed to the Foundation Board of Directors as an alumni representative. He will serve a four-year term. •

Foundation bids farewell to a valued member

Hazel McDonald Hendricks, assistant professor emerita of home economics and longtime member of the Shepherd University Foundation, passed away November 6, 2008 at the age of 95.

She served on the Foundation’s Board of Directors and was made an honorary lifetime member in honor of her dedication and longtime service. She also was a member of the McMurran Society and established an endowed scholarship named for her and her late husband, C. Brown Hendricks. When she retired from Shepherd as chair of the home economics department, the department started the Hazel Hendricks Family Consumer Science Scholarship in her honor.

A Berkeley County native, Mrs. Hendricks attended Shepherd for three years and then transferred to the Harrisonburg, Virginia, State Teachers College where she received her B.A. degree in 1935. She received a master’s degree in home economics education from West Virginia University.

She returned to the area, serving as a high school teacher at Bunker Hill and Charles Town high schools for 24 years. She married C. Brown Hendricks in 1958 and continued her life at their beloved Glen Burnie Farm in Jefferson County after he passed away in 1983. She served as chair of the home economics department at Shepherd from 1961-72 and was known for taking personal interest in her students, keeping in touch with them after they graduated from Shepherd. •

Scarleth Paiz is pictured, front row center, with members of the Multicultural Leadership Team.

January 2009
Scarborough Society Gala raises $18,000 for Shepherd’s library

Scarborough Society Gala attendees enjoyed an evening of classic cars, dinner, and dancing at the seventh annual event in August 2008. The theme of the gala was based on the novel *The Last Convertible* by Anton Myrer.

Pictured above (l. to r.) are Gala sponsors Mike Smith ’89, Valley Proteins, Inc., band sponsor; Rod Frye, vice president, BB&T Wealth Management, presenting sponsor; Shepherd President Suzanne Shipley; Steve Morris, president, Jefferson Security Bank, presenting sponsor; and Ray Alvarez ’62, Scarborough Society president. The event raised more than $18,000 to benefit the Scarborough Library.

Plans for the eighth annual event have already begun with the date set for Friday, August 14 at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown.

Record response received by Foundation for planning brochure

The latest issue of the Shepherd University Foundation’s planned giving newsletter, *Simple Gifts*, offers a guide to the first 48 hours after losing a loved one. Having a guide available when the unthinkable happens may bring comfort in helping to determine important next steps.

A record number of donors receiving the Foundation’s latest issue of the planned giving newsletter have requested a copy of this special brochure which provides a step-by-step guide to help in critical times.

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