Clockwise, from top left: Commencement honorees Lily Ritchie Hill (l.) and Justice Margaret L. Workman (r.) join President Suzanne Shipley before the ceremony.

Student Affairs Vice President Sharon Kipetz (second from left) is flanked by Commencement program participants Amelia Ferrell, Rex Barkdoll, Monet Johnson, and Alicia Nuñez.

The Alumni Association hosted a reception for graduates on the Frank Center lawn after the ceremony.

Justice Workman displays her honorary degree.

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Progress toward excellence

My recent triennial presidential review afforded me the opportunity to assess the goals we have reached together since my presidency began in 2007. Community members and the broader campus population continually cited steady progress toward excellence as the greatest accomplishment of Shepherd’s faculty, staff, and students during this period.

Excellence is an overused word, too easy to claim, more difficult to measure. If we view excellence as a journey rather than a destination, we can chart our progress as steady steps to improvement. We can set goals and strive to attain them. One such goal clearly signifying excellence was Shepherd’s decision to pursue membership in COPLAC (Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges). That goal, now achieved, opens up a new journey for us toward becoming even better stewards of our students’ educational experience. We’ve gained 25 peers to aspire to be like, with their high graduation rates, solid retention, generous funding, and well-established reputations. We will learn much from these peers that will shape Shepherd’s future—stay tuned!

The new RBA Today program, outlined in this issue, is another initiative that moves Shepherd along the path to excellence. The Regents Bachelor of Arts program is designed for working adults who had to abandon their college careers before completing their bachelor’s degrees. I ask that alumni spread the word to former classmates and co-workers who didn’t complete their baccalaureate degree that the RBA Today program provides just the sort of flexibility that working adults seek when completing their degree.

Nowhere is Shepherd’s progress toward excellence more evident than Shepherd’s Create the Future fundraising campaign. In just a year and a half after the public announcement of the campaign, we are nearing our ambitious goal that we set for our first major campaign initiative. This success is clearly due to the generosity of Shepherd’s alumni and donors who have continued to support the University even during the current economic downturn. You believe, as we do, that your gifts to the Create campaign for academic program support, student scholarships, endowed positions and faculty enhancement, and renovation and new construction will help Shepherd in its journey toward excellence.

Student interns with NASA
Senior computer science and mathematics major Robert Auld, of Gerrardstown, joined 250 interns at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center to work with NASA engineers during a summer internship program. He was selected from a national pool of 2,500 applicants.

During the internship, Auld coded programs that NASA engineers use to do their jobs, working on optimization of antennas on a sounding rocket to maximize scientific returns given a set of constraints.

Jr. High Gateway celebrates 20th year
Shepherd’s Junior High Washington Gateway Academy marked 20 years this summer as students from across West Virginia gathered on Shepherd’s campus to get a feel for college life. This year, 72 incoming eighth-graders participated in the one-week residential, pre-college program, designed to encourage students to think about, plan, and prepare for college.

The program, which started in 1991 and was the first of its kind, is a part of Shepherd’s Washington Gateway program, an internship program that allows Shepherd students to spend an entire semester working in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C., metro area.

The Junior High Academy is funded by the West Virginia legislature, which covers the cost of counselors, instructors, and field trips, allowing students to attend free.

Agnes Tabler ’48 retires after 50 years
President Suzanne Shipley honored faculty and staff retirees at a recognition ceremony in April. Agnes Hull Tabler ’48, associate registrar, pictured above with President Shipley, retired after 50 years of service. Her half century is the longest tenure of employment by a Shepherd staff or faculty member in the history of the institution.

Other retirees honored were Dr. Charlotte Anderson, professor of nursing education, 35 years; Dr. Charles Carter, professor of English, 38 years; Dr. Linda Smith Dunn ’68, director of advancement research and former president of Eastern Community and Technical College, 17 years; and Dr. Denis Woods, associate professor of political science, 18 years.
The Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies opened at Shepherd University in August 2002 as a center that would house the senator’s collection and be a study and research center for the United States Constitution.

“It was dear to Senator Byrd’s heart,” Dr. Ray Smock, director of the center, said. “He was one of the great champions of the Constitution.”

To date, the center has acquired 800 cubic feet (approximately 800 storage boxes) of documents, including speeches, school report cards, childhood mementos, thousands of photos, campaign materials, audio and video of the Senator, and personal papers, including correspondence with 12 different U.S. presidents. In the coming months following Senator Byrd’s death, the center will acquire all documents from his office, including personal and staff files, which could amount to an additional 2,000 cubic feet of documents.

The archiving process could take several years to finish, according to Smock. Once it is complete, researchers will be able to take advantage of the resources by visiting the center.

The most important documents from the collection will be digitized and made available online. In addition, the center will soon launch a statewide oral history project to interview friends, staff, and colleagues who will provide anecdotes about Senator Byrd’s life.

Smock said that the collection will fill the archives at the center; some duplicates, such as those of speeches, will be discarded. “We will have room for the fully processed collection,” he said. “We won’t know what we have until it’s all opened; it’s a process of discovery.”

Smock said that the job is a dream for archivists who are able to see history in its raw state. According to Smock, there are 50 similar congressional centers across the country, some of which are also on college campuses. Other centers are dedicated to current policies, while the Byrd Center focuses on historic research. “Shepherd’s Byrd Center is the only center dedicated to Senator Byrd and congressional research, his particular interest,” he said.

Smock said that Senator Byrd’s legacy can be seen all over the state and on Shepherd’s campus. “Now he belongs to the ages,” he said. “We want to preserve this unique chunk of American history.”

Smock knew the senator for 27 years and worked with him and his staff previously on various projects. Senator Byrd visited the center several times. “He enjoyed seeing how it turned out. He followed its process closely,” Smock said.

The Center, which is run by the Congressional Education Foundation, is frequently used for campus events. One of the defining factors in Shepherd being selected as the home for the center is its proximity to the nation’s capital. “He always liked the campus and wanted them (the papers) to be available to researchers in the D.C. area,” Smock said.

Senator Byrd gave the inaugural Constitution Day address at Shepherd University in September 2005. It was through his leadership that the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 contained language that educational institutions receiving federal funds shall hold an educational program for their students about the United States Constitution on or near September 17. This year’s event will be held on Thursday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the Byrd Center auditorium. Shoba Sivaprasad Wadiha, the director of the Center for Immigrants’ Rights at the Penn State Law School, will be the featured speaker.

“Our job isn’t to shape history, but to process it so people can use it,” Smock said. “He was a unique American politician. His story is fascinating—from humble beginnings to the pinnacle of power.”

Dr. Ray Smock (l.), director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, and Marc Levitt, archivist for the center, hold up a campaign poster from Byrd’s 1976 presidential race.

Dr. Ray Smock (l.) sits at his desk in the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies, which will receive the remainder of Senator Byrd’s collection of speeches, files, and personal papers.
Bobbie Ann Mason will be Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence, Writer’s Award recipient

Kentucky writer Bobbie Ann Mason will be Shepherd’s Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence and will participate in a variety of programs and events September 27 through October 2. She will be awarded the Appalachian Heritage Writer’s Award and take part in the Appalachian Heritage Festival.

Mason’s rich and thought-provoking stories are set in western Kentucky. Her award-winning collections—Shiloh and Other Stories, Love Life, Midnight Magic, Zigzagging Down a Wild Trail, and Nancy Calpepper—portray the lives of working class people in conflict with changing values and struggling against the cultural overload and disconnect produced by America’s consumer culture and the environmental and social spoilage of an overbearing corporate America.

Mason’s compressed style and memorable characters offer readers a unique opportunity to explore important issues in contemporary American life. Her novels In Country, Feather Crowns, Spence + Lila, and An Atomic Romance, as well as her memoir Clear Springs, present slices of the American cultural landscape that resonate with poignancy and relevance. In Country, a coming-of-age story dealing with the costs of war for both returning American soldiers and their families, has been selected by the West Virginia Center for the Book as one of The One Book, One West Virginia Community Read. The novel was made into a movie with Bruce Willis, Emily Lloyd, and Joan Allen.

Mason is a winner of the Pen/Hemingway Award, two Southern Book Awards, and the O. Henry and Pushcart awards. She is recipient of Guggenheim and NEA fellowships and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award, the American Book Award, and the Pulitzer Prize.

Mason possesses an extraordinary ability to capture not only a sense of place but to portray vivid and lasting characters that remain in the reader’s mind long after her books have been put back on the shelf—her characters are shaped by the popular culture that surrounds and sometimes overwhelms them.

Mason grew up in rural Kentucky on her parents’ dairy farm. She attended the University of Kentucky majoring in journalism, SUNY Binghamton where she finished her M.A., and then the University of Connecticut where she received her Ph.D. in 1972. Her dissertation was published as Nabokov’s Garden in 1974. From 1973 until 1979, Mason taught at Pennsylvania’s Mansfield College, choosing to become a full-time writer in 1980, after publishing in The New Yorker. Thereafter her work has been published in Atlantic Monthly and other popular and literary magazines.

Mason’s award-winning stories create a fictional world that is reminiscent of William Faulkner and Flannery O’Connor. During her 2010 Shepherd residency, supported by the West Virginia Humanities Council, Shepherd University Foundation, and the West Virginia Center for the Book, her work will be read and studied by students and community members.

For information about free literary events, see the Appalachian Heritage Writer in Residence website at www.shepherd.edu/ahwirweb/ or contact Dr. Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt at sshurbut@shepherd.edu (Department of English and Modern Languages).

For information and tickets to the Appalachian Heritage Festival, see the Festival website at www.shepherd.edu/passweb/festival.htm or contact Rachael Meads at rmeads@shepherd.edu (Performing Arts Series at Shepherd).

❖ Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt

Writer-in-Residence
Schedule of Events

September 10-October 3: Anthology of Appalachian Writers' Photographic Art, Scarborough Library Exhibit, Scarborough Reading Room. Reception for public, visual, and literary artists on Tuesday, September 28, 8 p.m.

Monday, September 27: Screening of the Bruce Willis film In Country, 7 p.m., Reynolds Hall, sponsored by the Shepherdstown Film Society. Following the screening a discussion will be led by Dr. David Hostetter, dealing with the social and political issues addressed in the film.

Tuesday, September 28: “Another Kentucky Muse and Readings from the Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Volume II,” 7 p.m., Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies. Reception and book signing will follow in Scarborough Reading Room.

Wednesday, September 29: “A Conversation with Bobbie Ann Mason,” Martinsburg High School, 9 a.m.; “Mason Reading” at Martinsburg Public Library and Reception, 10:30 a.m.; “Writers’ Master Class with Bobbie Ann Mason, 3-4:30 p.m., Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies; “The Critic’s Corner, with Bobbie Ann Mason,” 7 p.m., Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies. Reception and book signing to follow.

Thursday, September 30: Scarborough Society Lecture and Awards Ceremony, “In My Country: the Fictional World of Bobbie Ann Mason,” 8 p.m., Erma Ora Byrd Hall. Mason will receive the Appalachian Heritage Writer’s Award, read from her work, and present the West Virginia Fiction Competition Awards. Reception for the writers and book signing to follow.

Friday, October 1: Evening reading of award-winning work of fiction at the Appalachian Heritage Festival Concert, 8 p.m., Frank Center Theater. Tickets available at PASS box office.

Saturday, October 2: Daylong Appalachian Heritage Festival—demonstrations, events, songfests, and evening concert, 8 p.m., Frank Center Theater. Tickets available at PASS box office.
New RBA Today program helps adults return to college

Shepherd has joined all 12 of West Virginia’s public undergraduate colleges to help more adults return to college and earn a degree. The collaborative effort, called RBA Today, is led by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

RBA Today enhances the state’s existing Regents Bachelor of Arts (R.B.A.) program, a flexible degree option designed to help adults earn a bachelor’s degree while juggling other commitments, such as work and family. By taking part in RBA Today, Shepherd will be providing extra support and services to adult students seeking to complete a bachelor’s degree. Beginning this fall, Shepherd will offer new courses in compressed time frames, personalized counseling and support, and extended learning and service hours to accommodate adult students’ busy schedules.

President Suzanne Shipley leads the commission’s Adult Learner Task Force, which spearheaded the RBA Today initiative. “RBA Today builds on an already successful program,” she said. “These institutions have offered the R.B.A. degree for quite some time, but now they’ve committed to providing the support networks adult students need to be successful in college through a high-quality curriculum that will be delivered in an accelerated time frame.”

According to President Shipley, students will now be able to earn their degrees more quickly and join the nearly 8,000 West Virginians who have completed the R.B.A. degree during the past decade. Students will have the option to take rigorous courses online and during the evenings and weekends. Students can even gain credit for previously completed coursework and work experience.

Governor Joe Manchin applauded the commission and the state’s colleges and universities for providing innovative strategies to help adults in West Virginia pursue higher education. “West Virginia is filled with talented, hard-working, and determined people, and there are many opportunities for them to harness that dedication for the betterment of not only themselves and their families, but also the entire state,” he said. “West Virginia’s colleges and universities have long provided excellent educational opportunities for students. This initiative is a chance for adults to pursue quality education programs, earn degrees more efficiently, and develop promising careers.”

Chancellor Brian Noland said he hopes the accommodations made through RBA Today will encourage adults to go back to school and complete a degree. “More than 85,000 adults in West Virginia have completed some college, but have not earned a degree,” Noland said. “The R.B.A. program and the options available through RBA Today can help those individuals return to school and achieve a lifelong dream of obtaining a college degree.”

For more information about Shepherd’s R.B.A. degree and the RBA Today program, visit www.shepherd.edu/rba.

Promotions, tenure announced

Ten faculty members were promoted in rank for the 2010-11 academic year. Dr. Sally Brasher was promoted to associate professor of history; Dr. Dawne Burke, associate professor of education; Dr. Laura Clayton, professor of nursing education; Dr. Tuncer Gocmen, associate professor of economics; Dr. Max Guirguis, associate professor of political science; Dr. Osman Guzide, associate professor of computer sciences, mathematics, and engineering; Dr. Weidong Liao, associate professor of computer sciences, mathematics, and engineering; Dr. Clarissa Mathews, associate professor of environmental studies; Dr. Laura Renninger, professor of music; and Dr. Rachel Ritterbusch, associate professor of English and modern languages.

Tenure was granted to Drs. Brasher, Burke, Gocmen, Guirguis, Guzide, Liao, and Mathews.

Founders Day celebration planned

Shepherd University will celebrate Founders Day with a procession and ice cream social on Friday, October 15. Details will be announced on the Shepherd home page, www.shepherd.edu.

Shepherd opened its doors as a private college in September 1871 in the vacant courthouse (now McMurran Hall) with Joseph McMurran presiding as the principal. In 1872, Shepherd became part of the West Virginia state college system.
Danielle Corsetto ’04 lives her dream as a cartoonist

Shepherdstown has a reputation of being a tight-knit community, rich in history and culture. But many may not know that living in the quiet town is a Web comic phenomenon, equipped with a pen and a slingshot.

Shepherd alumna and Frederick, Maryland, native DANIELLE CORSETTO ’04 lives in Shepherdstown with her two cats, Ellie and Smudge. Danielle earned a degree in photography and digital imagery.

Becoming a cartoonist had been a dream of hers since she was 8 years old, contrary to her parents’ wishes. Their opinion has changed since it has become her full-time job. “It was always in the back of my mind,” Danielle said. “It was my way of getting my creative bug out.”

When she was 13 years old, Danielle contacted “Dilbert” creator Scott Adams, who recommended she go into journalism. She pursued journalism in high school, becoming the editor of her school paper her freshman year. When she came to Shepherd, she worked with The Picket, writing a bi-weekly comic called “Ramblers,” with a story line about students and campus life.

Danielle said she was drawn to Shepherd because it was close to home and affordable, and she grew to love the town. “I was also told that it had a very avant-garde art program that was focused more on concept than process,” she said. “I liked that about it.” She took advantage of Shepherd’s academic common market program for Maryland residents. The program allows Maryland residents to attend Shepherd and pay in-state tuition in selected fields of study not available in their home state.

Danielle said that her parents didn’t think a drawing major would be very useful. “My dad used to think going to school for art was a waste of time, and my mom seemed ambivalent,” she said. “Now my dad is proud to say that his daughter is a self-sufficient artist with her own small business.”

After graduation, Danielle worked as a photographer for The Journal in Martinsburg. She said that The Journal was her last job with a steady paycheck. She then freelanced and eventually started her Web comic, “Girls with Slingshots.” Before that, she wrote two comics that appeared in print publications—“Larry and Caroline,” which appeared in the Hagerstown Herald-Mail, and “The New Adventures of Bat Boy,” which appeared in Weekly World News. “I was always cut out to be my own boss, which doesn’t bode well if this doesn’t work out,” Danielle said, jokingly.

The comic premiered on October 1, 2004 as a twice-weekly comic and went full-time in 2007. Danielle has written and self-published four books, with a fifth book coming out in August. To date, she has sold between 5,000-6,000 books. Danielle said that she had hoped that “Girls with Slingshots” would develop into a profitable venture, but it was initially started to promote her skills in writing, art, and Web design. “It was a place where someone could come constantly and get interested in my skills and also served as a weekly practice to keep me fresh with my comic work,” she said.

So how does Danielle do it? She compares it to Saturday morning cartoons. “It sounds like such a sell-out, but those Saturday morning cartoons that we loved were also a 30-minute advertisement for all the merchandise and all the commercials in between,” she said. “It’s kinda the same idea.” The advertisements on her website help pay Danielle’s rent each month, and she said that book sales are “through the roof.” In addition, she also sells prints and buttons of her work to bring in additional revenue.

When she isn’t scripting at Blue Moon restaurant or taking care of her cats, Danielle travels up and down the East Coast and across the country attending comic book conventions and book signings. The comic book community is relatively small, and Danielle said there is a small group of people who make a living off of Web comics and an even smaller group who make it their sole income. “We’re a tight-knit group because it is such a brand new field,” Danielle said.

For others who are interested in pursuing a similar, non-conventional career, Danielle says to work hard. “Sharpen your skills and research professionals in your chosen field while you’re in college,” she said. “The difference between a talented artist and a full-time working artist is that one of them is practicing every day and working from the moment they wake up until they fall asleep. You can have all the talent in the world, but unless you work toward your goals, you won’t achieve them.”

Editor’s note: This is a condensed version of a story that can be found in its entirety at www.shepherd.edu/spotlight along with photos and a video interview.
Carolyn Malachi ’06 is a performer, student, businesswoman, and resident “smart chick.”

While attending Shepherd, Carolyn had a variety of interests. One could find her on the basketball court, in the Multicultural Student Affairs office, or performing shows in the Ram’s Den. Since then, the Baltimore-Washington, D.C.- based artist has produced two albums, is working toward her master’s in integrated design at the University of Baltimore, and is currently in the process of making her organization, Revenge of the Smart Chicks (ROTSC), a nonprofit.

Carolyn says that her interest in music started early. The great-granddaughter of renowned jazz pianist John Malachi, Carolyn used lyrics as an outlet when she was in trouble, she says. It wasn’t until she took a sound design class in Shepherd’s communication department in 2003 that she was able to take her ideas and put them into a digital format.

Following a performance at the Shepherdstown Street Festival, Carolyn took a class project and turned it into a passion when she created a jazz-hip-hop trio named Malachi. A year after she graduated with a degree in business, Carolyn moved to Baltimore and the band dissolved.

She said that it was during her time in Shepherdstown that she hit her first creative peak. Some of the songs that she wrote while attending college made it onto her second album, Revenge of the Smart Chicks II: Ambitious Gods. “Shepherdstown was the best place for me to be free; it’s an eclectic mix,” Carolyn said. “It’s a weird little hub of creative energy. It’s as if someone sprinkled fairy dust over the Eastern Panhandle.”

Carolyn said that from a business perspective, her work on campus with Program Board and the Multicultural Student Leadership team gave her experience with booking artists. “It helped me know the things to look for when booking shows,” she said. “Being exposed to that as a student really helped.”

Revenge of the Smart Chicks is made up of three layers, Carolyn said. The first is being a nonprofit which finds work for women who are independent artists and puts them in touch with companies and organizations. The second layer of ROTSC is the service-oriented network that hosts clothing drives and works with other organizations to use art to harness positive energy. The third layer of ROTSC stresses leadership by example and encouraging women and fellow smart chicks to dream big, do their own thing, and pave a new road.

While at Shepherd, Carolyn played with the women’s basketball team for two years as a center. “There is something to be said for the skills you learn when you play for a college team,” she said. Carolyn said that there was a “family vibe” with the team whose members did everything together. “That is how I approach working with artists now and getting to know artists,” Carolyn said. “It was a good learning experience.”

In September 2008, Carolyn released Revenge of the Smart Chicks: Volume 1, which marked the birth of the smart chick movement which encourages women to go beyond the stereotypes established by society. “Being a smart chick means being smart enough to make the decision to be yourself,” Carolyn said. In June 2009, Revenge of the Smart Chicks: Ambitious Gods was released on iTunes and CD Baby. It received Grammy nominations in four categories. This year, Volume III of the ROTSC series, Eclectic Company, will be released. Carolyn is writing all of the songs and melodies. Her goal is to receive the Grammy for the Urban Alternative award category.

Carolyn said that working with executive producer James McKinney has been one of the most rewarding and affirming experiences to date. McKinney is the executive producer of her latest EP, Lions, Fires, and Squares, which was released in July. “Even with Grammy-nominated artists and tons of accolades under his belt, James is very much a mentor and a coach. I am grateful,” Carolyn said.

In February, Carolyn performed in the Blues Room in Johannesburg, South Africa. “That’s a long way from the Shepherdstown Street Festival. I feel like I’ve come a long way and I can only keep going,” Carolyn said. Some of the highlights from Carolyn’s career have included performing for the first time at Bohemian Caverns in Washington, D.C., in 2006. “It was a true honor because my great-grandfather played there when he was young. The event was held in his honor. My family members attended and were very moved. It was such a telling moment,” Carolyn said. In March, Carolyn achieved another goal of performing at Blues Alley, a D.C. jazz venue. Playing at Blues Alley is something she said she never thought she would do, until she saw Kim Waters play there last year.

“But my perspective on what I can do has officially evolved. Every time I see an artist perform at a venue that I want to play, I imagine myself on stage, (and) I make a plan to be on that stage,” Carolyn said. “This past fall I saw Gil Scott Heron perform at the Carter Baron in D.C. After the show, I walked up on the stage, stood in the very center, scanned the empty seats, and then closed my eyes. I took a deep breath and said to myself, ‘Yeah, I can do this.’ And I fully intend to.” *Jillian Kesner*

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Local band with Shepherd roots performs at SXSW

If you ask the members of Demon Beat what brought them together, they’ll tell you it was a benefit concert held at Shepherd University in 2005 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Today, they’re making waves on their own, recently taking the stage at South by Southwest (SXSW) in Austin, Texas.

The trio, made up of two Shepherd alumni Jordan Hudkins '08, from Cowen, and Tucker Riggelman '09, from Moorefield, and 24-year-old group front man Adam Meisterhans, of Parkersburg, is a hurricane in the sense that in a performance, the Demon Beat’s energy and sound create the perfect storm.

In 2009, the group was hailed by the Boston Phoenix, a weekly music publication based in Massachusetts, as one of the best new bands in West Virginia. The rock-soul trio released its third full-length album in October 2009 and is releasing its newest project within the coming year.

SXSW, an annual interactive film and music festival, attracts more than 2,000 performers over the four-day event. The invitation to the event came about when Gene Griffin, owner and operator of the Austin-based promotional company Versatile Syndicate, saw the band’s write-up in the Boston Phoenix. Griffin was impressed by their talent and invited them to attend the festival in early March. “We showed up in Austin with two performances and nowhere to stay, and he (Griffin) let us stay with him the entire week,” Tucker said. “We ended up playing three shows and a house party.”

One benefit of playing a major venue like SXSW is the networking that comes along with it. “We met a lot of cool people,” Tucker said. “It’s all networking.” He said that a friend of their Austin-based promoter works with studios in Memphis and Nashville and plans to help them make contacts.

The Demon Beat originated in 2005 when then-sophomores Jordan and Adam, who knew each other prior to coming to Shepherd, decided to start a band. “Tucker showed up on our doorstep and the rest is history,” Adam said. Jordan learned to play the drums specifically to start the band with Adam. “We had our first practice in Miller Hall, which at the time was the Honors dorm,” Adam said. “I would practice with my electric guitar unplugged, and Jordan would practice the drums using textbooks.”

In 2005, Tucker, then a freshman, was coordinating a benefit concert on campus with local talent to help his cousin, who was attending school in New Orleans and lost everything as a result of Hurricane Katrina. “I had heard their recordings, and I booked their band,” Tucker said. “We did this benefit show, and they were awesome.”

The band members say they attempt to work under the mantra of keeping it real. “We don’t take ourselves too seriously, but don’t make it a huge joke either,” Jordan said.

“We respect what we’re doing and the traditions of it,” Adam said. “Anytime you do something that’s blues based, it’s important to know where it came from—it’s something we’ve always respected. I don’t think that has anything to do with our success, but I think it’s really important.”

Tucker, who runs the booking and promotion aspect of the group, says he doesn’t expect people to hand them opportunities, but that success comes from going after their goals. “No one is going to hand you anything, and we don’t expect that,” he said. “I feel like a lot of bands get a few songs together and play a few shows and sit around and wait. We wanted to play in New York a year and a half ago, so we played in New York and now we have a decent following (there). We said last year we wanted to go to Austin and play at South West, and we played every single day.”

Adam said that another defining factor is the work ethic that comes with being from West Virginia. While each of them comes from different parts of the state, all have the same thing in common: work hard until you retire, he said.

Tucker currently works at two local Shepherdstown food establishments, but his primary focus is Big Bullet Records, which is run out of the house the band mates share. Big Bullet Records began in spring 2008 as a means to motivate and unify musicians in the Shepherdstown area. Since it started, it quickly developed into a vast network of passionate musicians and artists. Each of the three members of the Demon Beat has a role with Big Bullet Records. Tucker helps with promotions and booking; Jordan, who earned a degree in graphic design, creates logos and album art; and Adam, until recently, donated recording services.

The group plans to continue recording and shares one common goal—to continue making music while they’re still having fun. “We’re just playing it by ear. That’s always been our thing,” Adam said. “Our big plan is to just go until we’re not having fun anymore.”

“Whenever a normal job is more fun then this, then I’ll stop,” Tucker said. “But I don’t really see that happening.”

“If someone points us in the right direction, we rock and roll,” Jordan said. ↩ Jillian Kesner

Editor’s note: This is a condensed version of a story that can be found in its entirety at www.shepherd.edu/spotlight along with photos and a video.
German St. Coffee and Candlery
Owner: Deborah Robertson Luksa ’80
Shop address: 103 West German St.

German St. Coffee and Candlery celebrated 17 years in business in June. Owner Deborah Robertson Luksa ’80 earned a degree in photography from Shepherd, and, following graduation, continued working her college job at the Yellow Brick Bank while also working at photography studios. After she married Mike Luksa, who owns The Press Room, the two moved to New England for a few years.

While there, she took a job managing a shop in Newberry, Connecticut, that was similar to Coffee and Candlery. “I really enjoyed it,” Deborah said. “The idea of having a store was in the back of my mind.” Deborah said she knew that if she had a shop, she wanted to have it in Shepherdstown. The store has had several locations over the years, sharing the space of what is now The Lost Dog and then the Shepherdstown Sweet Shop.

Deborah said that her husband says the shop is a product of a “very confused mind.” The shop sells a variety of candles, locally roasted coffee beans, teas, chocolates, and a wide selection of wines, cheeses, kitchen accessories, and gifts. Deborah said that she sees a lot of college students who come in to purchase gifts. “The focus is on local business; people like to buy locally,” Deborah said. “We sell things people use and often sell things that people have requested.” Deborah said she has met many great people and has had a lot of support over the years. “It’s been really worthwhile,” she said. “I really enjoy it here. It’s a good place to be.”

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Owner: Cari Aliveto Rosen ’97
Shop address: 133½ West German St.

Cari Aliveto Rosen ’97 taught for seven years in Loudoun County, Virginia, Schools before taking time off in 2004 after the birth of twin girls, Eve and Zoe. While Cari had always had a creative streak, she didn’t begin making jewelry until her mother suggested she try making jewelry from kits while she was home with her young girls.

In 2005, neighbors started offering to pay her to make items for them, and after she grew tired of lugging her supplies and family to craft shows, she started using Facebook to expand her business. It was always a dream of Cari’s to have a studio where she could do her metal work when she began incorporating it into her jewelry making. The only time she could do her metal work was late at night, and that, combined with the desire to get the business out of her home for the sake of maintaining professional contact with clients, prompted the search for a studio.

“I never considered looking anywhere else,” Cari said of finding her small shop in Shepherdstown. “It wasn’t an option.” Cari said that having the University in town brings a lot of business to the area.

While she has no formal business background, Cari said that her bachelor’s degree from Shepherd and a master’s in administration has given her training in dealing with different children, or in this case, people and potential customers. Currently, Cari teaches jewelry-making classes once a month. In the fall, she hopes to expand classes to bimonthly.

Maria’s Taqueria
Owner: Maria Allen ’09
Shop address: 111 West German St.

Maria’s Taqueria is a small, independently owned taco and burrito shop serving southern California- and Mexican-influenced cuisine along Shepherdstown’s German St. Owner Maria Allen ’09, originally from Vienna, Virginia, came to Shepherd in 2004. Initially, she was drawn to the small school and class size of the University, but ultimately it was the town that made her choose to stay and open up a restaurant.

Maria describes her shop as “recession friendly,” providing an option that anyone can afford and feel good about spending their money on. So far, that concept has worked. Maria says that she has been overwhelmed with the amount of support that the shop has received since it opened in June 2009.

Maria, who earned an R.B.A., said she likes the program because it allows people to apply knowledge they’ve obtained toward a degree. “It allows freedom to gain new knowledge and lets students learn what they want to learn,” she said.

After living in Shepherdstown while attending Shepherd, Maria said she loved it so much she couldn’t leave. “I thought of myself as more of a local,” Maria said. “I hoped that Shepherdstown would be good to me since I loved it so much.” She said that local residents like the shop, and recently, the students caught on. “They like that we’re inexpensive for the quantity of food,” Maria said.
**Class Notes**

**'64**

**Dr. Robert A. Holmes** was elected chair of Grady Memorial Hospital finance committee and the joint investment committee. Grady is the largest hospital in the U.S. with more than 1.4 million patient visits in 2009 and a budget of $750 million per year. The investment committee has the overall responsibility for managing the $200 million employee pension fund. Bob was the co-founder of two commercial banks in Atlanta, a real estate owner/broker and co-owner of a computer franchise, emeritus distinguished professor of political science at Atlanta University, and member of the Georgia House of Representatives for 34 years. He is a member of the Shepherd University Foundation Board.

**'70**

**Susan Clohan Thornton** received the first Presidential Citation from the Virginia Library Association “in recognition of her years of leadership in building bridges between school and public libraries in the Commonwealth of Virginia and her long and dedicated service as coordinator for library and information services with the Fairfax County Public School System, member of the Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees, the Fairfax Library Foundation, and the Virginia Library Association Legislative Committee.”

**'73**

**Judy Matlick** was honored by the National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS) as the National and Eastern Region Maytag Extension Educator of the Year. She was recognized for her work in reaching the extension goal of helping the citizens of Jefferson County and West Virginia “put knowledge to work.” This award recognizes a professional extension family and consumer science educator who conducts outstanding educational programs that demonstrate impact on families. She previously received the Distinguished Service Award, the Continued Excellence Award as well as being a member of a team that received the Florence Hall Award. Judy and her husband Roy Matlick ‘73 live in the Shepherdstown area and are the parents of Kristen and Jared ’10.

**'75**

**Judy W. Marcus** of Washington High School in Charles Town received the Principal of the Year award in April from the Jefferson County Board of Education. Award winners were selected by their colleagues; Judy was described by her office staff as someone who has handled the opening of a new high school—with all of its troubles and triumphs—with the utmost professionalism.

**'79**

**Hugh Breckenridge Little** is overseas on assignment in Kabul, Afghanistan, supporting infrastructure rehabilitation programs including energy assessment in south Afghanistan. The programs are significant to the development of hospitals and schools.

**'96**

**Lewis A. Mullenax** was approved by the Berkeley County Board of Education as the incoming principal of Mountain Ridge Intermediate School. Currently serving as assistant principal at Tomahawk Intermediate School, Lewis just completed his 10th year as a Berkeley County Schools employee. Lewis began his teaching career in 1998 as a fourth grade teacher at Slanesville Elementary School in Hampshire County and joined the Berkeley County Schools system in 2000, starting at Mill Creek Intermediate School where he remained until 2005. He then transferred from Mill Creek to Tomahawk, becoming the assistant principal at Tomahawk Intermediate in August of the same year. He received a master of educational leadership degree from West Virginia University in 2005 and is working on his doctorate from Shenandoah University. Throughout his tenure with the school system, Lewis completed training in professional learning communities, safety first school emergency and crisis management, and mentor teacher, and attended the Principal’s Leadership and the 21st Century Principal’s Curriculum Leadership academies. He received the Berkeley County Parent Teacher Association Lifetime Member Award, has served as Title I Extended Year Program teacher/school coordinator (2003-present) and Berkeley County Education Association/West Virginia Education Association building level representative/county delegate, and is a member of the Berkeley County Principals Association and National Elementary School Principals Association.

**'98**

**Jennifer Montgomery** participated in Willing Workers on Organic Farms where she spent six weeks working on organic farms in Scotland and Finland and three months in New Zealand. She used her experiences at Shepherd University to continue her education at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania where she received her master of science degree in sustainable systems. It was there she met her husband, Greg Boulas, and along with him and two partners ventured into owning and operating one of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania’s premier organic farms.

**'00**

**Megan Painter Childers** achieved her National Board Certification in Education. Certification takes one to three years to complete and requires a four-entry portfolio and six tests at an assessment center. She is currently teaching 8th and 9th grade English/language arts at College Park Elementary School in Front Royal, Virginia. Antoinette, who earned her master’s degree in administration and supervision from the University of Virginia, was an elementary school teacher in Frederick and Loudoun counties prior to becoming assistant principal at Ressie Jeffries Elementary School in 2004. She currently resides in Front Royal with her husband, Dennis, and their two children.

**'97**

**Antoinette D. Marchette-Funk** was appointed principal of Ressie Jeffries Elementary School in Front Royal, Virginia. Antoinette, who earned her master’s degree in administration and supervision from the University of Virginia, was an elementary school teacher in Frederick and Loudoun counties prior to becoming assistant principal at Ressie Jeffries Elementary School in 2004. She currently resides in Front Royal with her husband, Dennis, and their two children.
Middle School in Ladson, South Carolina, where she was recently nominated for 2009-10 Teacher of the Year.

Robert J. Bell published his first book Mental Toughness Training for Golf. It provides insight into how professional players, top college coaches, and swing coaches build and lose mental toughness. It is available from barnesandnoble.com, borders.com, and amazon.com.

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Theodore C. Anderson retired in March after 12 years as Martinsburg’s chief of police and 32 years as a member of the police force. He has been a law enforcement officer since 1974 and employed with the Martinsburg Police Department since March 1978. He served for 14 years as the chair of the board of directors of the Eastern Panhandle Drug and Violent Crime Task Force for which he won the 2008 Dedicated Service Award. Other honors Ted received over the years include 1979 Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer from the Martinsburg Jaycees and 1989 Officer of the Year from Berkeley County Crime Solvers. He has been a member of the West Virginia Chiefs of Police Association, International Association Chiefs of Police, advisory board of the Vicki V. Douglas Juvenile Center, and the steering committee of the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Northern District of West Virginia.

Michelle Bennett Abe graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) with the degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine in May. She plans to enter the family medicine residency program at West Virginia University Hospitals in Morgantown.

Michelle and her husband Brian have one daughter, Caroline.

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Matt Long spent his summers growing up in Cape May, New Jersey, enjoying the beach and carefree living. Matt wanted to give back to that community so he donated a painting to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey for its silent auction fundraising event June 4.

Matt is a graphic designer, illustrator, and photographer for Bechtel Corp., where he has worked since graduating from Shepherd. He got involved in the silent auction through the Flying Fish Studio in Cape May, a creative clothing and screen printing business where he worked as an apparel designer and screen printer during the summers while in college. The painting came about when he sketched on a canvas for a t-shirt design to match a food bank slogan, Have a Heart for Hunger. Sue Lotozo, Flying Fish Studio’s owner, liked the design. Together, they decided he would fill in the canvas and create a painting as well. He created a fresh, graphic feel to the painting by emphasizing fresh local produce, the sun, water, and a giving heart. Matt said he was glad he has been able to use his artistic gift, both for a career and creative outlet. At Shepherd, he majored in fine art with a concentration in graphic design, though he also likes drawing, painting, and has dabbled in ceramics. He thinks young artists need to be dedicated in order to achieve and use their talents. “I would just feel awful if I had all this I could give and just sat there and not do anything with it,” Matt said.

New Arrivals
Kelley Lynn Roach ’91 and husband Mark Freeman, a son, Hudson Asher, born March 3, 2010. He was 6 lbs. 12 oz. and 19 in. long. They reside in Washington, D.C.

Kristine Anne Greenan George ’92 and husband Dennis, a son, Brennan Riley, born November 25, 2009. He joins big brothers Ethan Lee, 12, Liam Tristan, 7, and big sister Elizabeth “Ellie” Anne, 10.

Robert Phipps ’93 and wife Colleen, a son, Noah Justin Robert, born May 22, 2010.

Karl Smith ’99 and wife Lauren, a daughter, Lyla Ashlyn, born December 7, 2009.

Jason LaRue ’00 and fiancée Tonya Clark, a son, Heston Colt LaRue, born January 9, 2010.

Engagements
Megan Dix ’08 is engaged to Clark Lanzendorf ’07. They will marry October 23, 2010 in Las Vegas.

Submit your news
Please send your class notes, engagements, weddings, births, or obituaries to alumni@shepherd.edu by November 15 for inclusion in the spring 2011 issue of the Magazine.

Get connected with ShepCONNECT
More than 700 alumni have logged into ShepConnect—have you? ShepCONNECT is exclusively for Shepherd graduates and provides an online directory of alumni available only to alumni through a secure login. Grads have their own profile where they can share personal and professional information, photos, and additional postings with other Shepherd alumni.

Alumni are able to view and register for upcoming events, find old friends, post class notes, and more. If you haven’t registered, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5524 or by e-mail to alumni@shepherd.edu to received your ID number to gain access to the site. Register today at shepconnect.shepherd.edu.
Homecoming 2010

Wednesday, October 13
4 p.m.—10th Annual Academic Bowl, Student Center, Storer Ballroom; hosted by alumnus Bob Fleenor ’74, Shepherd’s own five-time Jeopardy Champion.

Thursday, October 14
9 p.m.—Annual Skit Competition, Student Center, Storer Ballroom. Come hear the singing and watch the dancing, acting, and antics of Shepherd students as they create and perform a thematic skit for Homecoming.

Friday, October 15
8:30 a.m.—19th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament, Cress Creek Golf and Country Club in Shepherdstown. Registration will open online at shepconnect.shepherd.edu on September 1. For more information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-344-5231, ext. 5157, or 304-876-5157 or e-mail alumni@shepherd.edu. Proceeds from this event support Shepherd athletic teams which do not generate their own revenue (softball, volleyball, lacrosse, golf, men’s and women’s soccer, and men’s and women’s tennis).

2:30 p.m.—Founders Day Celebration.

Saturday, October 16
All Homecoming day festivities will begin an hour early this year, due to the game starting at noon!

9 a.m.—Alumni Breakfast on the front lawn of McMurran Hall. Come visit with old and new friends for breakfast and the best seat on German Street for the Homecoming parade. Complimentary breakfast hosted by the Shepherd University Alumni Association and the Shepherd University Foundation.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.—Shepherd University Bookstore Welcomes Alumni and Friends. You can also visit online at www.shepherdbook.com. The Shepherd University Bookstore is pleased to offer Alumni Association members a 10 percent discount on regular-priced items. To receive your alumni discount in the store, please present your current Alumni Association membership card at the time of purchase.

10:15 a.m.—Homecoming Parade, German Street.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.—Pre-Game Festivities, Midway. The Alumni Association and the Office of Student Affairs are co-sponsoring pre-game festivities on the Midway including a NASCAR simulator, provided by Alumni Association Affinity Partner, Tom Jones of Nationwide Insurance Co.; face painting; and a moon bounce.

Noon—Game Time. Cheer on the Shepherd University Rams as they challenge the West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats.

Halftime—Introduction of the 2010 Homecoming Court and Coronation of the 2010 Homecoming King and Queen.

Homecoming Reunions:
Saturday, October 16, 6-8 p.m.
1955 Undefeated Football Team Reunion, Entler Hotel, Shepherdstown.

Class of 1960—If you are interested in co-hosting a Class of 1960 reunion during Homecoming week, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-876-5157.

The complete Homecoming schedule will be posted on shepconnect.shepherd.edu in September.

Alumni Association to host Homecoming post-game party
A Homecoming post-game party, sponsored by the Alumni Association, will be held on the grounds of the Bavarian Inn. All Shepherd alumni and friends are invited to walk over after the game for the post-game party. Enjoy food, beer, and live music featuring Cazhmiere. An admission fee will be charged.
Obituaries

Alumni

**George Whitacre ’41** of Ridgeway, Virginia, died August 6, 2009.


**Fleta Sager Shobe ’49**, of Petersburg, died February 16, 2010.

**Donald S. Eby**, 31-year employee of Shepherd’s maintenance department, died May 20, 2010.

**Dr. David C. Eldridge**, retired Shepherd registrar and professor emeritus of physics, died June 1, 2010.

**Ethel Grantham**, retired Shepherd maintenance department employee, died July 7, 2010.


Faculty and Staff

**Scott Bradford Doleman ’95**, president; **Kenneth “Tripp” Lowe ’95 and ’97, vice president; **Rebecca Myers ’02**, secretary; and **Lou Tiano ’72**, treasurer. New directors elected to three-year terms are **Chris Colbert ’95**, Shepherdstown; **Chris Mack ’88**, Herndon, Virginia; and **Kim Mercier ’78**, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Larry Strite ’60**, past president, and **James “Bob” Fleenor ’74**, past secretary, were named directors emeriti. Emeritus status is given to directors who have demonstrated extraordinary service to the Alumni Association and Shepherd alumni.

The board also recognized **Veronique Walker ’95** and **Barbara Pichot ’71** who retired from the board this year.

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**Jack Shaw**, director of dining services at Shepherd, grew up in Blacksburg, Virginia, and attended his hometown school, Virginia Tech University. While growing up around a university campus, he decided that he would always want to be part of campus life. After working at Southern Illinois University, Jack joined the staff of Shepherd University in 2004, a move which brought him nearer to his family.

In 2006 Jack began giving to the Shepherd Fund through employee payroll deduction. Jack feels that contributing to the Shepherd Fund is another aspect of campus life and an important opportunity to support the mission of Shepherd University.

**Kris Hadel** graduated from Shepherd in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. She made her first gift to the Shepherd Fund this year. Kristen’s experience at Shepherd was influenced by being a member of Delta Sigma Pi and Alpha Sigma Tau.

Her decision to give to Shepherd was inspired by her own participation as a student caller in the annual Phonathon to raise money for the Shepherd Fund. After her experience as a caller, she was excited to make her first gift as an alumna when she received her Phonathon call this year. Even though she is just starting her career as a business development and relations manager with Kebony Co., she knows that her gift does make a difference for today’s students.

**Peter and Lois Spreen** made their gift to the Shepherd Fund through Shepherd’s online giving page. They found it convenient and very easy to use. The Spreens came to Shepherdstown three years ago, and although neither are graduates of Shepherd University, they believe that the University greatly enriches the local community and the region through its strong academic, music, theater, and sports programs. They wanted to give to the fund because they feel strongly that Shepherd is a growing and dynamic institution and a centerpiece of eastern West Virginia. The Spreens also joined the Scarborough Society.

**Ian Brill** graduated from Shepherd University in 1975 with a bachelor’s degree in social studies. As a student, Alan was a member of Phi Alpha Theta and Theta Xi. He intended to teach after graduation, but found himself in the banking industry. What started as a weekend job at Capon Valley Bank, in Wardensville, while he attended Shepherd, led to a successful career with the bank where he is now president and CEO.

Alan has been a consecutive donor to the Shepherd Fund for 13 years because he believes that Shepherd prepared him for success and because attending Shepherd was an important opportunity for him. He is also the proud alumnus parent of a daughter who just completed her freshman year at Shepherd.

*Julie Siler*
Alumni Association hosts reception in Winchester
Local alumni gathered at the EBS Gallery (above), in Old Town Winchester, Virginia, on May 6 for a reception sponsored by the Alumni Association. EBS Gallery is owned by Shepherd alumnus Eugene Smith ’76. EBS Gallery showcases Eugene’s watercolor work which can be viewed online at www.eugenebsmith.com.

Emeritus Club inducts the Class of 1960
The Emeritus Club met in May for a luncheon to celebrate alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. Members of the Class of 1960 were inducted into the Emeritus Club and are pictured above, front row (l. to r.) Dolores Bischoff Magsamen, Nikki Isherwood, Delores Jackson Foster, Mary Jane Davis, Dorothy Bolz Coyle, and Mary Loue Watson, back row, Pat Moler Egle, Oliver F. Braxton, Larry Strite, Fred Rhodes, Lee E. Keebler, and Frank Corbin.

Newly elected officers are Larry Strite ’60, president; Nikki Isherwood ’60, vice president; and Pat Moler Egle ’60, secretary.

Shepherd Alumni Association is here for you!
By now you’ve received your membership packet for 2010-11 and you can see that the Alumni Association has put together some terrific benefits for you to enjoy as a member.

Being a member of the Alumni Association is a way for you to have an impact on Shepherd. Your dues help support great traditions such as Homecoming and Athletic Hall of Fame and enrich the experience of today’s students and tomorrow’s alumni. A strong Alumni Association helps all alumni maintain that special connection they have with Shepherd even when they’re away from campus. Through its programs and activities, the Alumni Association is committed to connecting all alumni to the University and to each other.

Join or renew your membership today! Don’t forget you can join online by going to shepconnect.shepherd.edu and clicking “Join Today.”

Homecoming is October 16
Keep up with all alumni events on shepconnect.shepherd.edu
Professional Connections Day brings alumni and students together

The Alumni Association, in partnership with the School of Business and Social Sciences, held the first Professional Connections Day in April. The daylong conference was organized to connect Shepherd students with alumni for career planning and to hear from alumni about their careers. The event was attended by more than 300 Shepherd students, and 13 alumni served as guest speakers.

Alumni speakers included Scott Bradford-Doleman ’95, president of the Alumni Association and operations manager, FedEx Freight East; Kenneth Boone ’76, owner and president, Tidewater Direct LLC; Timothy McShea ’80, chair and CEO, McShea and Company; Stephen Lynch ’81, executive vice president, McShea and Company; Kristen Hadel ’09, relationship and development manager, Kebony ASA; Eric Lewis ’95, owner and principal, Ours, Lawyer, Lewis & Co PLLC; Christopher Mack ’88, chief financial officer, Appix; Nelson Vazquez ’86, personal market claims director for special investigations, Liberty Mutual Insurance; Cynthia Kitner ’97 and ’98, executive vice president and chief financial officer, Jefferson Security Bank; George Bragaw ’79, senior vice president of investments, Wells Fargo Advisors LLC; Michael A. Smith ’89, co-owner and vice president, Valley Proteins; Travis McCrory ’89, controller, Securitas Security Systems; and Meg Bowman ’07, management analyst, Office of Personnel Management, U.S. Government.

In addition, distinguished business and government friends of Shepherd who joined alumni in presenting to students included Bob McMillan, president and CEO, Jefferson Distributing Co.; Tom Bayuzik, Jr., executive director, Jefferson County Development Authority; Lori Rea, executive director, Gateway New Economy Council; Amy Owen, executive director, Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation; Lacy I. Rice III, founding partner, Federal Capital Partners; Heather Morgan, executive director, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce; Paul Pritchard, president, Arts and Humanities Alliance of Jefferson County and U.S. Government retiree; Sallie Wiley, career specialist, Office of Personnel Management, U.S. Government; and Peter Groen, U.S. Government retiree.

Clockwise, from above left: Nelson Vazquez ’86, of Liberty Mutual Insurance, takes a moment for students to ask questions during his session.

Shepherd students listen to alumni speakers throughout several different sessions that covered topics including career development and workplace communications for small business entrepreneurs, corporate, government, and nonprofits during Professional Connections Day in April.

Guest speakers visit with Shepherd students during a networking lunch sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Ram Gridiron Club hosts annual spring picnic

The Ram Gridiron Club hosted its 6th annual Blue-Gold Spring Picnic on Saturday, April 17 as more than 200 Ram Gridiron Club members, alumni, players, recruits, and their families gathered for the picnic outside of Ram Stadium. The Ram Gridiron Club, established in 2004, is a football booster club. For more information or to join, go to www.shepherdrams.com.

The Ram Gridiron Club will host a tailgate party on Saturday, September 11 before the Rams’ first home game of the 2010 season. Details will be available at shepconnect.shepherd.edu.

Clockwise, from above left: Jillian Kesner ’07, of Jefferson Security Bank, meets with students during Professional Connections Day in April.
Deante Steele, Amanda Hall named SU Athletes of the Year

Deante Steele
Junior football cornerback/return specialist Deante Steele, of Woodbridge, Virginia, and sophomore volleyball middle hitter Amanda Hall, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, were recently honored as 2009-10 Shepherd University Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

Steele, a second team D2Football.com and Daktronics All-America choice, ranked third nationally in punt returns with a 17.0 average and ninth in kickoff returns with a 28.89 average. He had five kick return (three punts, two kickoffs) touchdowns in 2009. His six return touchdowns on the year tied a NCAA II record, while his 10 career kick return touchdowns tie the NCAA II career mark. He also recorded 52 tackles (43 solos), nine pass breakups, and two interceptions. Steele was a four-time WVIAC Player of the Week honoree.

Hall, a first team selection on the Daktronics All-Region team, led the Rams in kills (385) and attack percentage (.307). She added 180 digs, 103 blocks (29 solo), 17 aces, and 15 assists. Also a first team All-WVIAC choice, Hall was a three-time WVIAC Player of the Week selection in 2009. She was instrumental in helping Shepherd record an impressive turnaround from last year’s 11-22 mark with a 21-12 overall record and a second place regular season finish with a 12-2 mark in the West Virginia Conference in 2009.

Shepherd adds four to Athletic Hall of Fame

The Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame will induct four new members this fall at the annual induction banquet on Friday, September 17 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown. Two-sport standout Wayman Everly ‘66 (football, basketball), Judy Masano Ryskamp ‘85 (women’s tennis), and Jason Johnson ‘00 (football) join Jeff Casteel (assistant football coach) as the 25th class to be inducted. The “fabulous four” bring the total number of members in the Athletic Hall of Fame to 121.

The quartet will also be honored at the Shepherd-Fairmont State football game on Saturday, September 18 as part of Hall of Fame Weekend festivities.

Wayman Everly, of Mountainside, New Jersey, was a four-year starter on both the Shepherd football and men’s basketball teams. A two-time First Team All-WVIAC football choice, Everly led the Rams in receptions and receiving yards for three straight years. He helped lead the Rams to a 7-1-1 mark as a senior team captain in 1963. His 15 career touchdown receptions set a school record, and he is currently ranked fifth on the all-time chart. Everly was a two-year team captain in basketball and gained All-WVIAC honors as a junior. He tallied 1,059 career points for his career. Everly went on to a successful career as a high school educator/coach.

Judy Masano Ryskamp, of Coppell, Texas, was a two-year standout on the women’s tennis team (1983-84). After a stellar career at Prince George’s (Maryland) Community College where she posted a 20-1 record as a two-time All-Region selection, Ryskamp played at the number one slot in singles and doubles throughout her Shepherd career. Ryskamp earned team MVP honors as a senior when she posted an 11-4 singles mark with a 10-4 doubles record. The conference runner-up at number one singles, Ryskamp teamed with Dana Axelsson Cheney to capture the WVIAC number one doubles title. The pair became the first Shepherd women’s tennis players to represent Shepherd at the NAIA Championships.

Jason Johnson, of Martinsburg, was a four-year standout on the Shepherd football team from 1991-94. Johnson was a three-time first team All-WVIAC choice and garnered NAIA All-American honors for three years. He was a member of three WVIAC title teams (1991, 1992, 1994) and participated on two NAIA Playoff teams (1991, 1992). Johnson helped lead Shepherd to its first-ever postseason win when the Rams handed Carson-Newman a 6-3 loss in 1992. Johnson set the Shepherd all-time mark for interceptions with 29 and ranks second in that category today. His 22 kickoff returns and 549 kickoff return yards in 1992 remain Shepherd single season records.

Jeff Casteel, of Morgantown, was an assistant coach for 12 years (1988-99) for the Shepherd football team. Casteel helped lead the Rams to six conference championships and four postseason appearances as defensive coordinator for the Rams from 1991-99. The Rams led the WVIAC in rushing defense and total defense five times over that period. He coached numerous All-Americans and several WVIAC Players of the Year. Casteel left Shepherd to take a position at Texas-El Paso for one season before joining the staff at West Virginia University. Elevated to defensive coordinator after three seasons, Casteel has helped guide the Mountaineers to six bowl appearances. A top expert on the 3-3 odd stack defense, Casteel was named Defensive Coordinator of the Year by Rivals.com in 2007.

The Athletic Hall of Fame banquet 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 Office of Alumni Relations by calling 304-876-5157.
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Pitcock recorded a 15-7 record with 1.76 ERA. She fanned 129 in 131 innings. She led the Rams at the plate with a .348 batting average. She also paced the team in hits (54), slugging percentage (.523), total bases (81), and tied for the team lead in runs batted in (35). Her five home runs were second on the team.

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The recently renovated gymnasium at John Handley High School in Winchester, Virginia, was dedicated in honor of the late Hunter Maddex ’34 and Jimmy Omps ’57 on April 10.

Maddex was Shepherd’s first All-America in football in 1932. He also played baseball and basketball. In 1938 he accepted a coaching position at Handley and would enjoy very successful seasons in football, basketball, and track/field for over 30 years.

In 1967 Maddex was succeeded by Shepherd alumnus Jimmy Omps, who was a four-year starter on the basketball team at Shepherd from 1953-57. At Handley, Omps coached basketball and track/field and served as the full-time director of student activities until retiring in 1995. He is a member of the Virginia High School League Hall of Fame and the Handley Hall of Fame.

Both Maddex and Omps are members of the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame. Omps, who was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in 2001, is a past chair of the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame board of directors. **Chip Ransom**

Jimmy Omps ’57

Hunter Maddex ’34
Athletics

Pitcock gains All-American Honors

Junior softball pitcher/first baseman Nichole Pitcock, of Sterling, Virginia, was named to the 2010 Daktronics, Inc., All-America softball team. The squad is voted on by sports information directors in NCAA Division II.

Pitcock, an honorable mention selection as a utility player, becomes the first Shepherd softball player to receive All-American honors.

She helped Shepherd set new single season marks for most wins (36) and most conference wins (18). Pitcock led the team with a .348 batting average with a team-best 54 hits in 155 at-bats. She also paced the team in total bases (81) and slugging percentage (.523).

Pitcock tied for the team lead in doubles (12) and runs batted in (35), while placing second in home runs (5) and runs scored (32). She also recorded a 15-7 mark with a 1.76 ERA as a pitcher. Pitcock fanned 129 in 131 innings in 25 appearances.

Nichole Pitcock

Collins named to Academic All-America Team

Junior third baseman Brian Collins, of Martinsburg, was named to the 2010 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Baseball Team as selected by College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Collins was a third team selection.

Collins, who boasts a 3.79 grade point average as an elementary education major, joins Keith Koenig (a second team choice in 1997) and Ty Hart (a third team selection in 1997) as the only Shepherd baseball players to garner Academic All-America honors.

To be eligible for Academic All-America consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

The Shepherd women’s athletic teams hosted their 3rd Annual S.W.I.N.G. (Shepherd Women. Inspiring. Networking. Growing.) golf outing on April 23 at Cress Creek Golf and Country Club in Shepherdstown. Proceeds from S.W.I.N.G provide an important source of funds for women’s athletic programs for scholarships and other program expenses. This year’s lowest scoring women’s team was (l. to r.) Laurie Murray, Susan Shildmyer, Shepherd assistant athletics director Joan Pope ’73, and Nancy Streeter.

3rd Annual S.W.I.N.G. golf outing held in April

Football Schedule

Aug 28 @ Shippensburg  1 p.m.
Sep 11 ST. JOSEPH’S (IN)  12 p.m.
(Sam Gridiron Club Day/ Military Appreciation Day)
Sep 18 FAIRMONT*  12 p.m.
(Hall of Fame Weekend)
Sep 25 @ Seton Hill *  3 p.m.
Oct 2 @ Charleston *  1 p.m.
Oct 9 CONCORD *  12 p.m.
Oct 16 WV. WESLEYAN *  12 p.m.
(Homecoming)
Oct 23 @ West Liberty *  1 p.m.
Oct 30 @ W.Va. State *  1 p.m.
Nov 13 GLENVILLE *  12 p.m.

Home games in BOLD.
* WVIAIC games

Gary Kable
Chip Ransom
William Ransom
Chip Ransom
When Shepherd University won a West Virginia Conference Championship in baseball in 2004, Coach Wayne Riser knew who one of his first calls would be—Brian Sands ’98 at MTM Recognition who created Shepherd’s championship rings. So when Shepherd won their fourth title in 2009, Brian delivered more than just championship rings, he and his wife Jacqui came with a three-year commitment to support Shepherd baseball.

“As a young student athlete, one of the important lessons I learned from Coach Riser and many other faculty members was to give back,” said Brian. “I feel that it is a privilege to support Shepherd and have the opportunity to give back to an institution that helped make me who I am today. There is no secret that I consider Coach Riser a lifelong friend; therefore, giving back to a program that promotes not only success on the ball field and in the classroom, but also in life is an easy one. My family and I look forward to always being a part of the Shepherd community.” Because of support like that of the Sands family and their commitment to Shepherd baseball, the Ram players have support to not only pursue excellence on the field, but to pursue an education.

A ’67 and Sara Lueck ’67, both enthusiastic supporters of the University and its athletics programs, especially Ram football, have recently made a second major gift to the endowment they established in late 2007. Choosing not to name the scholarship fund after themselves, the Luecks created the Shepherd Ram Common Man Endowed Football Scholarship to provide a vehicle for endowed gifts of any size to support football scholarships. “We wanted to share with all Ram fans the opportunity to build on an established endowed fund to support Shepherd football players for years into the future. This fund allows anyone to make an endowed gift of any size so that the impact is permanent and lasting,” said Al.

Al serves as a director of the Shepherd University Foundation and is the founding chair of the Ram Gridiron Club. Sara is a founding director of the Scarborough Society and has chaired the Scarborough Gala Committee for its first nine black-tie events.  

Women’s lacrosse posts 2-13 mark
The women’s lacrosse team recorded a 2-13 mark in its inaugural season.

Freshman Nicole Ruane, of Sykesville, Maryland, who scored a career-high eight goals on three occasions, paced the team in scoring with team highs of 50 goals and 10 assists for 60 points. Other significant contributors were sophomore Katlin Drake, of Ellicott City, Maryland, with 23 goals and three assists (29 points); junior Carly Jones, of Hagerstown, Maryland, with 15 goals and nine assists (24 points); sophomore Nikki Fusco, of Mechanicsville, Maryland, with 11 goals and one assist (12 points); and sophomore Cara Parks, of Westminster, Maryland, with eight goals and four assists (12 points).”

Men’s tennis ends season 4-22
The men’s tennis team posted a 4-22 overall mark. Highlights included a 9-0 win over Southern Virginia and a 5-2 victory over West Virginia State at the WVIAC Tournament.

Baseball finishes at 21-18
The baseball team recorded a 21-18 overall mark with a 9-7 conference record.

Six team members were selected to the 2010 All-WVIAC team. Sophomore first baseman Nathan Minnich, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, was the lone first team choice. Senior pitcher Kenny Reisinger, of Ickesburg, Pennsylvania, and junior third baseman Brian Collins, of Martinsburg, were second team selections, while senior pitcher Gerard Sokolis, of Essex, Maryland, senior catcher Anthony Jackson, of Belcamp, Maryland, and senior pitcher Pat Smith, of Ashville, Pennsylvania, were accorded honorable mention honors.

Minnich paced the Rams with a .425 batting average with 57 hits in 134 at-bats. He led the Rams in home runs (12), slugging percentage (.761), on base percentage (.513), total bases (102), and walks (19). Minnich was second on the team in runs batted in (44) and doubles (9).

Reisinger recorded a 4-4 mark for the Rams with a 4.53 ERA. He posted a team-high four saves and fanned 33 in 43.2 innings.

Collins batted .400 with 54 hits in 135 at-bats. He led the team in runs scored (45), doubles (20), and runs batted in (54). Collins was second on the team in total bases (101) and home runs (9).

Sokolis posted a 4-1 mark with a 5.40 ERA. He fanned 40 in 45 innings.

Jackson batted .304 with 34 hits in 112 at-bats. He scored 11 runs and drove in 20. Jackson added three doubles, a triple, and a home run.

Smith recorded a 4-1 record with a team-best 3.95 ERA. He fanned 37 in 43.1 innings.
Your gift makes a difference
Moler legacy changes lives

Prolesse Quam Conspicere—This Parthenian Literary Society Latin motto, which means “to accomplish rather than be conspicuous,” perfectly sums up the lifelong efforts of the late James M. “Hank” Moler ’30 and the late Katherine Watson Moler ’30, both of whom were members of the literary group while attending Shepherd in the 1920s.

The Moler’s devotion to education and to serving their community and state is apparent in the many accomplishments they achieved during their lifetimes. Dr. Moler—educator, state legislator, and community leader—was a founding father of the Shepherd University Foundation. Mrs. Moler, well-loved community member, retired after 40 years as a teacher in Jefferson and Berkeley counties. Together, they matched each other in passion for life and service to their alma mater.

This passion was apparent in a multitude of ways. For decades, the Moler were striking figures at Shepherd events, attending countless commencements, receptions, lectures, and artistic performances. Although they traveled the world, Hank and Katherine’s appreciation of sports, especially college football, compelled them to be fixtures at both home and away Shepherd football games well into their 90s. Along with a clear appreciation of talent on the playing field, they admired the extra determination and effort required of a student athlete. This admiration translated into a strong opinion that any student capable of achieving a higher education degree should have the opportunity to do so through scholarship support.

Hank’s advocacy of scholarship support to deserving students stemmed from his own financial hardships during college. He often spoke of his early challenges in attending Shepherd during the Great Depression. Living at home outside of Charles Town, he had to work both before and after classes to meet the cost of tuition and books. With no extra funds for transportation, he would recall walking and hitchhiking to and from campus in the quest to earn a degree. Although he would serve as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates for seven years and function as a lay member of the Legislative Interim Committee until 1987, Hank was above all else a lifelong educator and proponent of giving aid to economically challenged students.

“ My generation knew James and Katherine Moler as exceptional educators and community servants. They both had a passion for education and a dream of creating scholarships for worthy students. With this final act of extraordinary generosity, future generations of Shepherd University students will know them for their vision and generous spirit.”

Ray Alvarez ’62
Shepherd University Foundation President

In 1961, a small group of faculty and alumni joined forces to incorporate the Shepherd College Foundation with the purpose of raising scholarship monies for deserving students who demonstrated the financial need that Hank himself had experienced. Hank, the Foundation’s second president, served for 26 years and remained an active and influential administrator, volunteer, and donor throughout his 35-year involvement with the Foundation.

While Katherine did not entertain others with tales of hitchhiking to classes at Shepherd, she too appreciated the challenge of pursuing an education, no matter what your circumstances. Katherine often recounted stories of her first teaching position in a one-room schoolhouse, where she was responsible for teach-

“The James and Katherine Moler Scholarship Endowment will provide significant scholarships for 24 students per year into perpetuity. Imagine the impact as the Moler Scholars reach far and wide as they apply their Shepherd education to become teachers, accountants, business owners, scientists, artists, community volunteers, and so on. This is an incredible gift which honors two very special people.”

Dr. Suzanne Shipley
Shepherd University President
Shepherd's student-athletes are held to a high standard. They compete on the playing field and in the classroom with little time left for paid employment to offset the increasing cost of higher education. The Moler Scholarship support gives our West Virginia players the opportunity and the incentive to concentrate on their studies as they hone their athletic skills. Our athletes will honor this gift and carry the Moler legacy into the world.

Monte Cater
Head Football Coach

ing first through eighth grades. She would arrive early to build the fire in the woodstove and finish the long day by sweeping the school building and damping the flames. As a teacher in a farm community, Katherine recognized the need to adjust curriculum for the bigger boys who were pulled from class to perform duties at home. In addition to the classroom studies in that first school, she fondly remembered playing stickball with the students at recess. It was this physical activity that was perhaps dearest to her heart, as Katherine herself played on both the Shepherd basketball and field hockey teams.

Reflecting both their love for education and enthusiasm for athletics, Hank and Katherine established their named scholarship endowment in 1981, with first preference given to student-athletes in the football program, and made regular gifts to increase its impact. Over the years, many West Virginia students who demonstrated financial need have received these annual awards.

The couple was honored as charter members of the Joseph P. McMurran Society, which recognizes those who wish to provide for the future of Shepherd University with a planned gift such as the bequest made by the Molers. Through the Molers’ significant estate gifts, many more students will benefit from their generosity. When all is said and done, the James and Katherine Moler Scholarship Endowment will exceed $2.5 million and will provide significant tuition scholarships for countless deserving West Virginia students.

Hank and Katherine Moler will be remembered always by all who knew them. Who will forget Hank’s tall and imposing figure and full head of silver hair, with petite Katherine always at his side, or their devotion to community and state. But it is the Molers’ charitable gifts to ensure that countless deserving West Virginia students will earn a Shepherd degree that will keep their names in the hearts and minds of the Moler Scholarship recipients. The Molers, living out the motto of their college literary club, quietly and inconspicuously became models of philanthropic leadership.

For information on planned giving to Shepherd University, please contact Monica Lingenfelter, executive vice president of the Shepherd University Foundation at 304-876-5397 or by e-mail to mlingenf@shepherd.edu.
From the Foundation

Nursing scholarship honors mother’s memory
Shepherd University graduate Sarah Hollis, of Martinsburg, was the first student to be awarded the Peggy Collins Porterfield Nursing Scholarship. A senior in the nursing program, Hollis received the award for the 2009-10 academic year. The Peggy Collins Porterfield Nursing Scholarship was endowed by her family and led by her daughter, Jenni Porterfield, in honor of Peggy’s successful nursing career at City Hospital. Jenni, a Shepherd alumna and former ER nurse at City Hospital as well, noted that the award’s first recipient was announced on the 30th anniversary of her mother’s sudden passing in March 1979, saying, “The award is a fitting tribute to my mother’s memory and her legacy will live on through deserving Shepherd students such as Sarah.”

Appalachian anthology published
Shepherd University published the Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Silas House Volume II, with support and funding from the West Virginia Center for the Book and the Foundation. Edited by Shepherd English department faculty members Dr. Sylvia Shurbett and F. Ethan Fischer, with colleagues Charlotte Henning and David O. Hoffman, the publication encourages a long-established tradition of storytelling, love of language, and creative expression associated broadly with the area of the country known as Appalachia.

This collection is influenced by the works of novelist Silas House, winner of Shepherd University’s 2009 Appalachian Heritage Writer’s Award. Developed by the Department of English, the award is presented annually to a writer whose work features or draws upon Appalachian heritage. Each fall, the award-winning novelist fulfills a weeklong residency at Shepherd as part of the multi-faceted Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence. During this residency, the author selects winners of the West Virginia Fiction Competition awards, oversees a writers’ master class, and enriches the campus and surrounding community with lectures, workshops, and special programs.

For more information about the upcoming 2010 Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residency in October featuring Bobbie Ann Mason, visit www.shepherd.edu/ahwirweb. Copies of The Anthology of Appalachian Writers, Silas House Volume II may be purchased from the Shepherd University Bookstore or online at www.shepherdbook.com.

Foundation board member featured
Astrophysicist Dr. Jason Best and his ongoing work with the Shepherd University Observatory were featured on the cover of the winter 2010 issue of The Neuron, the West Virginia Journal of Science and Research. This marked the first time that a Shepherd faculty member appeared on the cover of the statewide journal. Best, who also sits on the Foundation’s board of directors, is much admired by students for his high energy classroom persona and dynamic teaching style. Best said, “The article highlighted quite well how the observatory enhances classroom learning and enables hands-on observational work for our students.” Funding for the observatory came in the form of an Innovation Grant from the West Virginia Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. The grant, totaling $60,000, was matched by Shepherd University using private funds provided through the Foundation.

Scarborough Society Gala thanks sponsors
The ninth annual Scarborough Society Gala was held Friday, August 13 at the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown. The theme for this year’s black-tie event was A River Runs Through It, inspired by the short story by Norman Maclean. Presenting sponsors were BB&T Wealth Management and Jefferson Security Bank. Valley Proteins, Inc. sponsored the band, Souled Out. Other theme sponsors included Bowles Rice MacDavid Graff & Love, LLC; Smith Elliott Kearns & Co., LLC; Hoxton Financial; Friends of the Shepherdstown Riverfront; Capital Fiduciary Advisors; United Bank; CoxHollidaPrice, LLC; and Jerry Williams, State Farm Insurance. The Foundation salutes these sponsors, without whom this popular event would not be possible.

Foundation scholars honored
Among the recipients of the West Virginia Space Grant Undergraduate Fellowship Program to present their research at Shepherd’s 2010 NASA Day in April were three Foundation scholars: Jessica Curtis, Martinsburg, (Dr. Carl Bell, Berkeley Community Pride, and Henry Miller Scholarships); Brett Shaffer, Montgomery Village, Maryland, (Karen Wempe Memorial, Ray E. Harris, and Class of 1960 Scholarships); and Caleb Rice, Kearneysville,
Fellowships are made possible by the NASA West Virginia Space Grant Consortium and Shepherd’s School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, with the Foundation providing matching funds for NASA scholarships. The award emphasizes undergraduate research and provides a remarkable opportunity to work with faculty on researching tangible topics. Congratulations to Jessica, Brett, and Caleb on their accomplishment!

Scarborough Lecture Series announced
The Scarborough Society Lecture Series is gearing up for an exciting 2010-11 season. All events will take place in the Scarborough Library Reading Room with a reception afterward.

- J. Davitt McAteer, acknowledged worldwide as a leader in mine safety, will discuss his book, Monongah: The Tragic Story of the 1907 Monongah Mine Disaster, as well as his independent investigation into the April 2010 Upper Big Branch Mine disaster on Monday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.

- New York Times bestselling author and Shepherd professor Dr. Anders Henriksson has released a new book titled College in a Nutskull, a compilation of bloopers and blunders culled from the actual exam books of real college students. Henriksson will discuss this humorous report on the state of American higher education on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 6 p.m.

- The Art Department will present its Faculty Art Show January 31-February 25, 2011 with a reception on Monday, February 7, 5-7 p.m.

For more information about these events, please visit the Foundation’s website at www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/.

Shepherd chef expands culinary talents
The Office of the President and the Shepherd University Foundation sponsored a weeklong double course at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park last fall for Shepherd Chef Scott Anderson to hone his skills in soups, stocks, and sauces, and cooking principles. Subsequently, Anderson, who oversees culinary and menu management for Shepherd University, won a competitive spot in the Wisconsin Cheese Chef Ambassador Program. The program connects the best chefs in the country as they develop innovative new recipes utilizing Wisconsin cheese. Anderson puts his training and newfound culinary knowledge to good use at University events held for alumni and friends. Shepherd students benefit most as they enjoy his offerings at campus cafeterias and cafés. Chef Anderson looks forward to a return to the CIA this fall to hone his professional skills in the areas of healthy cooking and managing the culinary bottom line.

Students lead living history tours of town
The historic preservation program at Shepherd partnered with local agencies to provide living history walking tours around Shepherdstown throughout the month of July. Dr. Keith Alexander designed the program to educate residents and visitors alike about Shepherdstown’s rich history during the Civil War and early 20th century.

Funded in part by a private gift to fund the Ida May Fleming Award in support of living history, the tours highlighted the impact of the Battles of Antietam and Shepherdstown (1862), the opening of Shepherd College (1871), and the introduction of the railroad (1879).

Foundation scholars Heidi Carbaugh (Ida May Fleming Award, Ruth Scarborough, Jefferson Security Bank, and Allegheny Energy Scholarships), a senior history major from Hamilton, Virginia, and Claudia Paycheff (Ida May Fleming Award), a sophomore historic preservation major from Jarrettsville, Maryland, researched, wrote, and guided the tours in character. Dressed in period costumes, the students brought their audiences back in time to one of Shepherdstown’s most interesting and vibrant periods using the town itself as a backdrop.

Film series celebrates station’s 10th anniversary
The Shepherdstown Film Society, in partnership with the Scarborough Society, will once again feature a series of free films during the fall semester for Shepherd students, faculty, and the Shepherdstown community. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of The Station at Shepherdstown, this fall’s line-up will focus on the use of trains as dramatic, thematic, or location elements in film. All films are shown at Reynolds Hall. The Shepherdstown Film Society is dedicated to bringing quality films to Shepherdstown. For a complete schedule of their 2010 train-centric fall season, visit them at www.shepherdstownfilmsociety.org.
Campaign chair Bob McMillan calls for support of Create fundraising goal

Today, I call on you and all friends and alumni of Shepherd University to create a vibrant future for the students of Shepherd University. We have had success raising funds for the Create the Future comprehensive campaign, but the journey is not yet complete. In addition to your annual gift, please consider making a special gift this year. Remember that your gifts generate our country’s next educators, musicians, health professionals, artists, social workers, and business leaders.

Since 2006, I have invested my time, talent, and financial resources in this first campaign for Shepherd’s future. Four years later, I can now tell you that it has been one of the most worthwhile investments of my lifetime. The Create the Future campaign heralds an exciting new day for the University. The ultimate purpose of the campaign is to benefit the lives of countless promising students and the Shepherd community for years to come.

All of your gifts—whether to endowment, the Shepherd or Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF) annual funds, building projects, or athletics—keep us on the path to success. Because of your generosity, Shepherd students receive the financial support they need to graduate, our athletes play in beautiful athletic facilities, and the University continues to provide a high quality of education, even in the face of cuts in the state budget.

Thank you for all that you’ve contributed. However, as we approach the end of the campaign, the need remains great. When considering your gift to the Create the Future campaign, please remember your annual gift and consider doing something special to help address one of these needs:

- Endowment for scholarships
- Endowment for faculty development
- Endowment for academic programs
- The Shepherd Fund
- CATF Annual Fund
- Center for Contemporary Arts Phase II building

Sincerely,
Bob McMillan
Campaign Chair, Create the Future

McMurran Society dinner reception honors members

The annual Joseph P. McMurran Society Dinner Reception, hosted by President Suzanne Shipley and the Foundation, was held on Saturday, May 8. The gathering included members and faculty as well as guests who may be interested in becoming a part of the McMurran Society. Members provide for the future of Shepherd University with planned gifts, such as bequests.

After a brief program during which President Shipley thanked McMurran Society members for their ongoing commitment to the University, guests dined on a four-course meal prepared by Shepherd Chef Scott Anderson as they viewed the campus from the atrium of Erma Ora Byrd Hall.

Foundation President Ray Alvarez ’62 welcomed McMurran Society members in attendance including Shepherd President Suzanne Shipley, Ross ’58 and Karen ’69 Cunningham, Jim ’59 and Mary Jane ’60 Davis, Jack ’61 and Pat ’60 Egle, Jo and Paul (Soup) Hillyard ’58, Dr. Dot Hively, Dr. Allison Edwards, Bill and Monica Lingenfelter, Al ’67 and Sara ’67 Lueck, John T. Reynolds ’64, Denny and Anne Stewart Small ’67, Drs. Mark and Barbara Stern, Carol Van Evera ’64, and Karl Wolf ’70.

Clockwise from right: Foundation President Ray Alvarez ’62 welcomes members Denny (l.) and Anne Stewart Small ’67 with a commemorative framed McMurran medallion.

Dr. Rich Helldobler, vice president for academic affairs, shares a hug with new members Dr. Dot Hively (l.), assistant professor of education, and Dr. Allison Edwards.

McMurran Society members Al ’67 and Sara ’67 Lueck enjoy the ambience of the 2010 Joseph P. McMurran Society dinner reception.
Campaign Goals

- Inspire student learning and development
- Optimize the potential of faculty and staff
- Create a beautiful and welcoming campus
- Stimulate the cultural and economic development of the region
- Advance Shepherd as a premier public liberal arts university

For information on how you can help the Create the Future campaign, please contact:

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Outstanding Alumni honored in May

Don Jones ’71 (l.) and Jim Auxer ’69 are joined by President Suzanne Shipley during an Outstanding Alumni of the Year reception held in May at McMurrnan Hall. They were honored for their work on behalf of the University and with the Alumni Association, where both have served on the board of directors.