Shepherd (4-0, 1-0) at

Fairmont State (2-2, 2-0) — Shepherd is looking for its school-record 12th straight win in a showdown of the conference’s last two unbeaten teams.

The Rams, who jumped into the American Football Coaches Association Top 25 at No. 25 this week, feature a balanced offense led by junior quarterback Dan Chlebowski (776 yards, four TDs) and junior tailback Dervon Wallace (360 yards, seven TDs). The Falcons’ defense has forced 17 turnovers the past two weeks and has intercepted eight passes on the season.
Falcons host Rams in battle of WVIAC unbeatens

Shepherd (4-0, 1-0) at Fairmont State (2-2, 2-0)

Today: 1 p.m.
at Duvall-Rosier Field, Fairmont, W.Va.

Shepherd

Head coach: Monte Cater (122-67-1, 19th season at SU; 153-90-2 overall, 25th season)

Formations: Offense — Multiple 1; Defense — 4-4

Stat leaders:
Rushing — Dervon Wallace (69 for 360 yds, 7 TDs)
Passing — Dan Chlebowski (68-105-3, 776 yds, 4 TDs)
Receptions — Rodney Jackson (15 for 244 yds, 1 TD)
Tackles — Jeremy Bailey (32 TT, 4 TFL)

Fairmont State

Head coach: Rusty Elliott (14-20, 3rd season)

Formations: Offense — Multiple; Defense — Multiple

Stat Leaders:
Rushing — Wendell Johnson (78 for 383 yds, 2 TDs)
Passing — Marlon Burnette (15-30-2, 179 yds, 2 TDs)
Receptions — Robbie Graham (12 for 141 yds, 1 TDs)
Tackles — Matt Vance (38 TT, 5 TFL, 3 FR)

Series
Fairmont State leads, 31-24-7.

Last season’s meeting: Shepherd used a pair of touchdowns in the final minutes to break open a close contest as the Rams defeated Fairmont State, 40-24. Wendell Johnson rushed for 201 yards on 39 carries for FSU, but quarterback Marlon Burnette was picked off five times. SU’s Alex Herbert rushed for three touchdowns.


Game notes
The squads are the last remaining unbeaten teams in WVIAC play. A victory would allow Shepherd to tie a school record with a 12th straight win. Shepherd has won the past four games in the series. Shepherd head coach Monte Cater is three victories away from tying longtime Fairmont State mentor Deacon Duvall atop the conference win list at 125 victories. Rams QB Dan Chlebowski has completed 62.5 percent or better of his passes in each game this season. Shepherd’s Dervon Wallace leads the WVIAC with eight touchdowns. Fairmont State has forced an amazing 17 turnovers in the past two weeks during wins over Concord and West Virginia State. Shepherd has outscored opponents 48-3 in the second quarter in 2005. The Falcons rank seventh in pass efficiency defense and have intercepted eight passes. Fairmont State’s 52-point outburst at WV State was the highest point total in the league this season. Shepherd is ranked No. 24 in the latest American Football Coaches Association Division II Poll.
Shepherd trims Fairmont 14-11

The Associated Press

Dervon Wallace ran for two touchdowns and undefeated Shepherd held off Fairmont 14-11 on Saturday in Fairmont.

With touchdown runs of 1 and 19 yards, Wallace ran for a total of 58 yards on 17 carries for Shepherd (6-0, 2-0).

Fairmont (2-3, 2-1) opened the scoring in the second quarter on a 31-yard field goal by Drew Cochran, but failed to reach the end zone again until late in the fourth quarter despite Wendell Johnson’s 154 yards rushing on 42 carries.

Marlon Burnette finally connected with Josh Romeo with an 8-yard touchdown pass with 4:12 left in the game (the same pair combined for the two-point conversion), but Fairmont couldn’t get any closer. Burnette threw for 61 yards on 18 attempts, and was intercepted twice.

Shepherd quarterback Dan Chlebowski threw for 122 yards, completing 15 of 23 attempts.
Defense saves Rams from upset

Undefeated Shepherd rallies past Fairmont for 12th straight win

By MATT POLING
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

FAIRMONT – Somebody finally put together a game plan to stifle Shepherd’s offense, which was averaging 29 points per game heading into Saturday’s West Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Conference first-place showdown with Fairmont State.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, they couldn’t solve Shepherd’s defense too. The Rams overcame a 3-0 halftime deficit thanks to their defense and held on for a hard-fought 14-11 victory at DuVal-Rosier Field.

Shepherd, ranked No. 25 in the nation, has the longest current winning streak in Division II with 12. The win streak also ties a school record.

Shepherd (5-0, 2-0 WVIAC) forced three turnovers in the second half, while the offense did just enough to capitalize with two Devon Wallace touchdown runs.

“Their defense played great. They commit a lot of people to the line and they got after it,” Shepherd coach Monte Catter said of the Falcons, who fell to 2-3 overall, 2-1 in league play.

Indeed, Fairmont’s defense was just as stout as Shepherd’s, holding the Rams to just 185 yards on 51 plays. But the Falcons couldn’t hold off the Rams when presented with a short field to defend.

Shepherd finally dented the scoreboard with 4:27 left in the third quarter when Wallace scored from a yard out to cap a drive that covered just 47 yards. It was set up by a fumble recovery by Andre Henderson.

Early in the fourth quarter, Fairmont found itself starting a drive at its own one-yard line thanks to a perfectly placed 40-yard punt by Ricky Schmitt.

“That was huge for them and terrible for us. It was a great job by their punter,” Fairmont coach Rusty Elliott said.

The Falcons managed just three yards and punted. Rodney Jackson, filling in for injured return specialist Dustin Dudinski returned the 35-yard punt 20 yards to the Falcons’ 19.

Wallace ran off left tackle on the next play and went nearly untouched for a 19-yard touchdown and a 14-3 cushion with 9:38 remaining.

Fairmont, perhaps finally playing with a sense of urgency, finally scored a touchdown. A 27-yard scramble by Marlon See RAMS D5

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Burnette was the key play in the drive, which ended with a seven-yard Burnette-to-Josh Romeo touchdown pass. The two hauled up on the 2-point conversion to make it 14-11 with 4:12 to play.

Shepherd managed one first down on its ensuing possession, but had to punt, giving Fairmont the ball at its 30 with 42 seconds left. After gains of nine and seven yards, Burnette then made a Hail Mary pass on the final play that safety Dan Peters batted away near the goal line.

To Elliott, the game wasn’t lost in the second half. He felt like the Falcons failed to win it in the first.

Despite owning an 18:05-11:55 edge in time of possession in the first half, Fairmont managed just three points despite two drives going into the red zone.

Kicker Drew Cochran missed a 19-yard field goal wide right in the first quarter before booting a 31-yarder in the second frame. That was set up by a muffed punt by Dudinski, who tried to return one kick despite suffering with a high-ankle sprain.

“They played their guts out,” Elliott said of his defense. “At times the offense played its guts out, but we should’ve scored twice (in the first half). That’s the difference between wins and losses.”

Fairmont’s offense wouldn’t have as much luck in the second half, however. The Rams, realizing Wendell Johnson was the only real threat Fairmont had, keyed on him and forced Burnette to try to throw.

“Our defense played outstanding all day,” Catter said. “We knew (Johnson) was picking his spots. We were going to be able to key on him. We finally started getting enough pressure.”

Johnson finished with 154 yards on 42 carries, but the Falcons’ passing game couldn’t keep the Rams’ defense honest. Burnette finished 8 of 18 for 61 yards and two interceptions.

“That running back Johnson has great vision. We had to feel out their offense a little bit,” said Peters, who had five tackles and an interception. “We made some adjustments. We wanted to get them to throw the ball more. We didn’t get it as much as we would’ve liked, but we just came up with some big plays when we had to.”

Of course, the adjustment made at halftime wasn’t just strategy. Injured linebacker Todd Edmondson gave quite a motivational speech, according to Catter, that inspired a team the coach admitted played a bit lethargic in the first half.

“We’ve been on the road for three straight weeks,” Peters said. “We’re anxious to have a home game.”

Shepherd gets just that with lowly West Virginia Tech coming to Ram Stadium next Saturday.

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Rams hold tight to stay unbeaten

FAIRMONT, W.Va. — Junior free safety Dan Peters batted away a possible winning touchdown pass intended for Fairmont’s Josh Romeo as time expired to help Shepherd University hold off host Fairmont State University, 14-11, in the West Virginia Athletic Conference on Saturday and stay unbeaten.

Fairmont took a 3-0 lead into halftime when Drew Cochran connected on a 31-yard field goal with 10:34 left in the second quarter.

The Falcon defense limited the Rams to seven rushing yards on 11 carries in the first half.

Shepherd (5-0, 2-0 in WVIAC) took a 7-3 lead with 4:27 left in the third quarter when sophomore running back Dervon Wallace scored on a 1-yard run. The score was setup by a fumble recovery by defensive end Andre Henderson.

Wallace added a 19-yard score with 9:38 left in the game to give the Rams a 14-3 lead. Junior Rodney Jackson returned a Falcon punt 28 yards to the Falcon 19-yard line to put the Rams in scoring position.

The Falcons cut the Ram lead to 14-11 when Marlon Burnette teamed with Josh Romeo on a 8-yard scoring strike with 4:17 left in the contest. The duo teamed again on a two-point scoring pass.

Johnson rushed for a game-high 154 yards on 42 carries for the Falcons. Wallace rushed for 58 yards on 17 carries to lead the Rams.


Senior inside linebacker Jeremy Bailey had a game-high 10 tackles to lead the Shepherd defense.
MEN'S SOCCER
Shepherd 3, Wheeling Jesuit 0
SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — Nathan Tobler and Roberto Azevedo each scored a goal to give the Rams a 2-0 halftime lead that propelled Shepherd past Wheeling Jesuit (2-6, 0-2) in WVIAC action.
Sean Holland also scored for the Rams (7-1-1, 1-1). Ian Newman, Emmanuel Elomobor and Nahome Mazengia each had an assist for Shepherd.
Rams rout Columbia Union

TAKOMA PARK, Md. — Shepherd University handed Columbia Union College a 10-1 defeat in men’s soccer Sunday at Columbia Union.

Junior forward Richard Smith, freshman midfielder Guilherme Fonseca and junior midfielder/forward Adam Sperry, a graduate of Jefferson High School, each had a pair of goals to lead the Ram attack.

Senior forward Jamie Ritchie added a goal and an assist, while freshman midfielder Nahome Mazenga and senior midfielder/forward Donald Fon each added goals.

Shepherd improves to 8-1-1, while Columbia Union falls to 1-8-0. The Rams return to action at 7 p.m. Thursday when they travel to Eastern Mennonite.

— Staff reports
Shepherd volleyball

PHILIPPI — Shepherd University knocked off host Alderson-Broaddus in four games in West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference volleyball Monday night. The Rams handed the Battlers a 30-23, 21-30, 30-24, 30-26 setback.

The Rams (6-12, 4-2) overcame the loss of sophomore setter Kristy Cramer to an ankle injury in the second game.

Freshman middle blocker/outside hitter Kori Ford posted a double-double with 12 kills and 12 assists. She recorded a .545 attack percentage while adding four blocks and a pair of aces. Senior Beth Schaible added a double-double with 15 assists and 11 digs. She also added eight kills. Junior outside hitter Susanna Hill had a team-high 18 digs to go along with nine kills, while junior middle hitter Lauren Durbin added nine kills and five blocks.

The Rams return to action at 7 p.m. on Wednesday when they travel to Fairmont State.

Shepherd women’s tennis

ASHLAND, Ohio — The Shepherd University women’s tennis team suffered its third defeat of the season with a 6-3 loss to Ashland University Saturday.

With the loss, the Rams fall to 4-3.

Ashland 6, Shepherd 3

Singles — 1. Catherine Daniel (S) d. Lauren Knauss 6-2, 6-1. 2. Meredith Scaggs (S) d. Chelsey Quin 6-1, 6-1. 3. Michele Maxwell (A) d. Amanda Bidderon 7-6, 6-0. 4. Lindsay Philips (A) d. Eith Wells (S) 6-1, 6-1. 5. Morgan Sanders (A) d. Jessi Carter 6-1, 6-0. 6. Lindsay Daniels (S) d. McKenzie Smith 7-6, 7-5.

Shepherd downs AB

PHILIPPI, W.Va. — Kori Ford had 12 kills and 12 assists to as Shepherd University knocked off host Alderson-Broaddus 30-23, 21-30, 30-24, 30-26 in WWIAAC action.

Beth Schaible added 15 assists and 11 digs for the Rams (6-12, 4-2) and Grace Academy graduate Susanna Hill had a team-high 18 digs and nine kills.
Shepherd women's soccer

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Sophomore midfielder Brittany Sweeney and freshman forward Jennifer Corkran each scored a pair of goals to lead Shepherd University to an 11-0 win over Columbia Union College in women's soccer action at Ram Stadium on Tuesday.

Junior midfielder Dana Kaufman, junior forward Jamie Barthelemy, junior forward Lauren Cepko, freshman defender Brandie DeWitt, junior defender/midfielder Heather Wright (Muscleman graduate), freshman midfielder Kellie Wagner and senior forward Ashley Gossert each added single tallies for the Rams.

Sophomore goalkeeper Amy Bell recorded her first shutout of the year while Marquita White had five saves in goal for the Pioneers.

Shepherd improves to 2-6-1 on the year, while Columbia Union falls to 0-10. The Rams return to action at 3 p.m. Saturday when they travel to Ohio Valley.

Shepherd women's tennis

BALTIMORE — The Shepherd University women's tennis team faced very little difficulty in dismantling Goucher College 9-0 on Tuesday.

The Rams improved their record to 5-3 while the Gophers fell to 3-3. Shepherd will host George Mason on Friday.

Shepherd 9, Goucher 0
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Shepherd moves to No. 23

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — The more Shepherd wins, the higher it advances.

The Rams jumped two spots to become No. 23 in the latest American Football Coaches Association Division II Coaches Poll for the week of Sept. 27.

Shepherd (5-0) made its move on the strength of a 14-11 win over Fairmont State.

Shepherd is also ranked 23rd in the latest D2Football.com poll.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Shepherd 11, Columbia Union 0

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — Brittany Sweeney and Jennifer Corkran each scored a pair of goals to lead Shepherd University to a shutout win over Columbia Union College in a nonconference contest.

Washington County residents Brandie DeWitt and Ashley Gossert, along with Heather Wright, Kellie Wagner, Dana Kaufman, Jamie Barthelemy and Lauren Cepko, all had one goal apiece for the Rams (2-6-1).

Goalkeeper Amy Bell recorded her first shutout of the year.
**Shepherd volleyball**

FAIRMONT — Shepherd University dropped a 3-1 (35-33, 27-30, 24-30, 21-30) decision to Fairmont State in West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference volleyball action on Wednesday night at Fairmont.

Junior Susanna Hill led the Ram attack with 16 kills, eight digs, and six aces.

Junior Taylor Damley added 17 kills and eight digs while freshman Kori Ford contributed 26 assists.

Junior Lindsey Smith, a Hampshire High School graduate, had a team-high 11 digs.

Shepherd falls to 6-13 overall, 4-3 in conference play, while the Falcons improve to 9-11, 5-1.

The Rams return to action on Saturday when they play West Virginia State at 11 a.m. and WVU Tech at 1 p.m.

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**SIDE LINE**

**Rams’ Shank granted redshirt**

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Shepherd University men’s basketball coach Ken Tyler announced Wednesday that senior forward Danley Shank will sit out the 2005-06 season as a medical redshirt.

Shank underwent two surgical procedures on his foot in the offseason that will prevent him from competing this year. Shank is a two-time All-WVIAC performer and the leading scorer for the Rams. He will return to play his senior year in 2006-07.

“This is obviously a major blow to our program this season,” stated Tyler. “We feel badly for Danley, but look forward to having one of the top players in the WVIAC back next year. For now, we will ask others to fill the void.”

— Staff reports
FAIRMONT -- Another giant step.

After defeating Glenville in its first WVIAC game on September 17 in Gilmer County, Shepherd took another leap in the direction of successfully defending its 2004 conference championship by evading the upset effort of homesteading Fairmont.

The Rams were blanked in the first half and trailed at intermission for the first time this season.

But excellent field position, two second-half TDs by Devon Wallace, and a stingy defensive effort by the Rams were enough to provide them with a 14-11 win.

The Rams improved to 2-0 in the WVIAC and remained unbeaten at 5-0 overall. Combined with the seven wins Shepherd closed the 2004 with, the Rams have now won 12 straight times.

Fairmont lost for the first time in the league and was left with a 2-1 WVIAC record. The Fighting Falcons were 2-3 overall after losing twice to Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference schools.

For the first time in its five-game run of success the Rams were mostly unable to run against a stacked Fairmont defense that wanted to halt the reusning production of Wallace and Bryan Wright.

Fairmont had a 3-0 halftime lead as Shepherd struggled to make first downs because it could not convert third-down situations.

The Rams were getting in some trouble with injuries to starters (Dustin Dudinski and Mike Heatwole), but both those players are defensive starters.

Shepherd's Drew Cochran, who had earlier missed a close-
in-19-yard field goal try, connected on a 31-yard attempt after Dudinski fumbled away a punt-return attempt deep in Shepherd territory.

Dudinski finally left with a sprained ankle and was replaced by Rodney Jackson on the Shepherd punt-return special team.

Fairmont still led, 3-0, in the third period when the Rams' Andre Henderson recovered a fumble at the Fairmont 47.

Wallace eventually gave the Rams their first lead of the frustrating afternoon when he scored from the one.

Shepherd's stellar defense had already claimed one turnover, but then grabbed two more turnovers in the second half.

Joey Hooks and Dan Peters had Shepherd interceptions to go with Henderson's fumble recovery.

Once the Rams went ahead, the Shepherd defense made the most of punter Ricky Schmitt's boot that was drowned on the Fairmont one.

Fairmont was forced to punt from its four after Schmitt's punt. Jackson made a 20-yard return all the way to the Fairmont 19.

Wallace bounced past the befuddled Fairmont defense for all 19 yards on first down. Schmitt's PAT made it 14-3 and meant the Fighting Falcons needed at least two scores to go ahead or even.

Fairmont had used the running of Wendell Johnson to control the clock if not gain significant yardage.

Johnson ran 42 times for 154 yards, not even four yards per carry, but the Fighting Falcons had ball-control possession, 35:24 to 24:36.

Midway through the fourth period, Fairmont began what would be concluded as its lone TD drive of the afternoon.

Quarterback Marlon Burnett scrambled 27 yards to inside the Shepherd 25 on a crucial third down.

Burnett closed the drive with a seven-yard scoring pass to Josh Romeo. Trailing, 14-9, Fairmont tried a two-point conversion pass from Burnett to Romeo.

A Shepherd defender batted Burnett's pass into the air, but Romeo made the two-point catch anyway and Fairmont was back within a field goal at 14-11.

Shepherd expected an onside kick with just four minutes remaining. But Cochran booted his kickoff back to the Shepherd 10 and the Rams needed at least one first down to trim several minutes off the clock.

Dan Chlebowski, who was 15-for-23 overall with no interceptions found Mark Springirth for about eight yards on third down. The Chlebowskito-Springirth hookup was good for a first down.

The Rams couldn't get the necessary yardage for another first down, but when they were forced to punt there were only 42 seconds remaining.

After two completions, Burnett heaved the football toward the Shepherd end zone. The lofted throw was batted down near the goal line by Peters as the game ended.

The Shepherd defense was led by the 10 tackles of Jeremy Bailey, who had one stop for lost yardage and broke up one

Bobby Jarvis had six tackles, Peters had five in addition to his one interception, and Louis Corum had five stops as well.

Nick Costello had four tackles and younger Frank Herrera, who at times replace Heatwole, was credited with three tackles.

The Rams have beaten the two most highly regarded conference opponents on their schedule. This week, Shepherd returns home after three consecutive road games to meet West Virginia Tech at 1 p.m. at Ram Stadium.
Chlebowski Earns Wings, Guides Rams’ 5-0 Start

By Bob Madison

Those numbers he achieved as a freshman in 2003 were pretty decent.
There were 10 starts in 10 games. Of his 196 passes, there were 10 completions and nine touchdowns. But there were also 11 interceptions... and the most riveting fact was Shepherd's 4-4 overall record.

Even though he was the incumbent when fall practice came around in 2004, Shepherd was looking for more production from the quarterback position.

Dan Chlebowski had his place under center. Senior Leonard Ferguson replaced him. And Shepherd was its last seven games to finish the 2004 season as the WVIAC champlion.

As a sophomore, Chlebowski only played in six games, starting once when Ferguson was held out for a quarter after violating a team rule.

There were only 35 passes, 16 completions, 158 passing yards, no touchdowns, and one interception.

Even though Ferguson was gone from the quarterback-comstruction during spring practice, Chlebowski was not the certain starter for 2005 when the Shepherd players scoured for home during the early summer.

There would be some new faces coming to the huddle with freshman Tyler Lassiter and John Distaso.

But Chlebowski showed what was necessary to earn the starting role and that honor came from head coach Monte Carter, and the Shepherd season begun.

So the Rams scored only eight points against a team to open the 2004 year.

Chlebowski was efficient and quietly effective. There were no interceptions and Chlebowski’s completions, numerous yards-

and touchdowns worked in tandem with the runs of Bryan Wright and Devon Wallace helped the Rams to the Tristate, 24-6.

There were 16 completions in just 26 throws. Two touchdowns, 199 yards... and two interceptions.

Next up for the Rams was The Great Valley Classic against nemesis Shippensburg.

Shippensburg had double-figure losses throughout, but the Red Raiders managed the last two touchdowns to scrap back within two points, before finally falling short at 34-32.

"Thoroughly effective" could have been a short summary of Chlebowski’s effort in the Shippensburg win.

Shepherd 3-0 had beaten two of the teams that ruined the Rams early season in 2004, as Chlebowski went 18-28-2 with no interceptions and 168 yards.

77-yard scoring throw to Mark Springer was a noted highlight in the win.

On the road, two games, Chlebowski had completed 86 passes to his teammates and none to the best opponents.

In its first road game of the young season, Shepherd fell behind by a score early at Slippery Rock, but then its defense refused to budde and Chlebowski and company matched 54 points to minus the record to 54.

There were 17 completions in 27 attempts. There was one interception... and 215 yards to balance the scales between running and passing.

Slippery Rock had beaten the Rams in Shippensburg in 2004. The Rams had returned the favor. Chlebowski had 95 completions, three TD passes, and one interception.

In its first WVIAC game, Shepherd stunned Glennsville, 34-14, dealing the Panthers a loss in their initial home game of the season.

Glennsville was the darling of any body believing Shepherd could finish as the WVIAC champion in 2005.

Wallace was a memorials, full-time the starting quarterback. And Chlebowski was holding up his end of the bargain (even though he suffered two interceptions) with a 55-yard scoring throw to Craig Hernandez as well as 16 completions in 24 attempts. The Shepherd pass offense accounted for 174 total yards.

The important figures following the win over Glennsville to open the 2005 WVIAC schedule were (1) Shepherd was 4-0, (2) the Rams were ranked 26th in Division II national circles, (3) Chlebowski had perfectly balanced the Shepherd offense with his 778 passing yards, 66 completions in only 105 passes, two interceptions, two touchdowns, and just three interceptions (and two coming in a three-touchdown win at Slippery Rock.

Chlebowski has averaged over 11 yards per completed pass and has 17 completions per game.

Leather and Sheens are no longer breathing down his neck. Chlebowski is Shepherd's quarterback. And the Rams are winning.

Such early-season success has brought a sense of confidence in Shepherd's play to the coaching staff.

With Shepherd's offensive line providing Chlebowski with added protection, the Rams' pass offense has been able to punish any defense that concentrates too heavily on the Wallace/Wright rushing game.

If the Rams are able to request another WVIAC champion... and even find their way into the NCAA Division II playoffs... Chlebowski's accomplishments will be among the reasons the team accomplished such lofty pre-season goals.
SU "Hall" Banquet

Tickets are now on sale for the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame banquet set for Friday, October 7, at the Clarion Hotel near Shepherdstown.

Six new members will be inducted at the banquet. Former Rams' football players Chauncey Winbush, James Rooths, Mark McHale, and Bunny Leonard will be inducted along with Teresa Taylor (softball, basketball) and Ty Hart (baseball).

The undefeated football team from 1955 will also be honored on the 50th anniversary of the school's only unbeaten season.

A social hour will be held at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner and induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are $30 and may be purchased through the school's Alumni Relations Office by calling 800-844-5231 (extension 5157) or 304-876-5157.

SU Basketball Banquet

The Shepherd men's basketball program will hold a Tip-Off Banquet on Tuesday, October 11, at the Clarion Hotel near Shepherdstown. The special guest of the evening will be John Beilein, head basketball coach at West Virginia University.

Tickets for the event are $60. Call (304) 876-5378 for all information concerning tickets and starting time.
Unbeaten Rams Back Home

By Bob Madison

After riding buses on three consecutive weekends, Shepherd is back at home this Saturday.

Wins over Slippery Rock, Glenville, and Fairmont made the rides over the interstates and country roads more palatable.

Even with a growing injury list and finding their rushing game disrupted to some extent by Fairmont, the Rams are unbeaten at 5-0 and ranked among the nation’s top 25 teams in Division II.

Glenville and Fairmont have been tabbed by their early-season showings to be the WVIAC’s highest hurdles the Rams had to face inside the nine-school conference.

This week, West Virginia Tech is Shepherd’s conference opponent.

The Golden Bears are 0-5. Winless. And coming off an 82-7 loss to Glenville. 82-7!

West Virginia Tech suffered misfortune right from the outset, falling in a heap to powerful Edinboro, 47-0.

Next was a 62-0 loss to Division I-A Western Kentucky.

The third defeat was to West Liberty of the WVIAC. Carson Newman, usually playoff team in most folks, drilled the Golden Bears in Sevierville, Tennessee, close to the birthplace of Dolly Parton and her sister, Stella.

Then came the 75-point loss to Glenville. West Virginia Tech trailed by only 10-7 after the first quarter, but then there was a rough patch (as the politicians might say to the residents of New Orleans) and Glenville scored 28 points in the second quarter.

The Pioneers heaped on another 44 points in the second half to register one of the largest point totals in the WVIAC in some years.

Shepherd has been a model of defensive consistency in its five games. Even in seeing Shippensburg post 32 points, the Rams’ defense was not guilty of allowing plenty of those points.

In beating Virginia State, Slippery Rock, Glenville, and Fairmont, the Rams ceded only 38 points or 9.5 points per game.

Linebackers Jeremy Bailey, Bobby Jarvis, and Andre Henderson have blended well and Jerome Quinata, Louis Corum, and Dan Peters of the secondary.

Mike Heatwole, Nick Costello, Frank Herrera, Dustin Dudinski, Joey Hooks, Dante McKoy, and Michael Siegelberg have all had games where they had three or more tackles.

While the Rams have also shown a consistent balance between passing yardage and rushing yardage, they have not had the number of game-deciding special teams plays as in the past.

The bus rides are over for the next two weeks, but the Rams need their injured players (Todd Edmondson, Dudinski, Heatwole) to return soon.
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rams' Shank out for season

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — Shepherd University coach Ken Tyler announced that senior forward Danley Shank, a Chambersburg graduate, will sit out the 2005-06 season as a medical redshirt.

Shank underwent two surgical procedures on his foot in the offseason that will prevent him from competing this season. Shank is a two-time All-WVIAC performer and the leading scorer for the Rams. He will return to play his senior year in 2006-07.
OCTOBER 11
Shepherd University Men's Basketball Tip-off Banquet to feature John Beilein
The Shepherd University men's basketball team and BB&T will present an evening with John Beilein, head basketball coach at West Virginia University, on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.
Beilein has been head coach at WVU for four years and under his guidance the Mountaineers advanced to the Elite Eight of the 2005 NCAA Tournament.
Tickets are $60 per person with proceeds to benefit Shepherd University men's basketball. Shepherd Coach Ken Tyler's goal is to fund the NCAA maximum allowed 10 full scholarships for men's basketball student-athletes. Active in the community, Tyler's players participate annually in the United Way's Day of Caring, and by volunteering at the Shepherdstown Day Care Center. They also participate in the Read to Achieve program with the Jefferson County School system. Call 876-5378.
SU Basketball Team Hosts
Evening with WVU Coach

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For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Office of Advancement at 304/876-3378.