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From the President

Graduate study

Two things happened this summer that represent fundamental turning points in Shepherd’s growth as an institution. On May 21, five students received their master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction. These five students—Kim Worth, Mary Reis, Heather Fuller, Joni Burkhart, and Laurie Smelter—will go down in history as the first students to earn graduate degrees granted entirely by Shepherd University.

The second thing happened just three weeks later, on June 13, when the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools approved Shepherd to offer three new, fully accredited graduate programs: a master of business administration, which will begin this fall semester; a master of arts in teaching, which will begin in spring 2006; and a master of music, music education, which will begin in summer 2006, pending approval by the National Association of Schools of Music.

This recognition by the Higher Learning Commission is just the most recent landmark in Shepherd’s steady movement toward graduate offerings. Five years ago, in the spring of 2000, our Strategic Planning Committee recognized that the Eastern Panhandle needed graduate programs and that Shepherd was in a good position to provide them. The mission statement that was created that year reflected this belief, even though actual graduate programs were several years away.

In 2001 Shepherd began collaborating with Marshall University on a joint master of arts in teaching degree. Two years later, in summer 2003, the first group of 29 students enrolled in Shepherd’s first stand-alone graduate program: the master of arts in curriculum and instruction—a program that has since grown to include more than 120 students.

The new programs that will be unveiled this year and in 2006 have been under construction for more than two years. During this time, Shepherd rigorously examined the needs of the surrounding region. The first thing that we discovered was a need for highly qualified teachers in our schools—a need that we were already serving with the curriculum and instruction degree and will continue to serve with our master of arts in teaching degree and our master of music, music education degree.

We also discovered a strong need for affordable, hands-on training in business to help the people in our service area qualify for the many high-paying jobs that are coming into one of the fastest-growing areas in the country. The new Shepherd M.B.A. has been created specifically to meet this need.

What the events of this summer show is that “Shepherd University” is no longer just a new name, but a new kind of institution. As the Community and Technical College becomes an independent entity in Martinsburg, Shepherd will no longer offer associate degrees, but it will continue to expand its graduate offerings in areas that make sense for the population of the Eastern Panhandle and the surrounding region. —David L. Dunlop
Mary Clare Eros delivered the keynote address during the 132nd Commencement held May 21. She is the chair of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, which is responsible for developing, establishing, and overseeing the implementation of a public policy agenda for the state’s four-year colleges and universities.

Six hundred sixty-two students received degrees, and Shepherd awarded its first-ever master’s degrees to five students. Eros and Dr. James C. Price II were awarded honorary doctorates, and Eleanor Pritts received the President’s Award.

Eros was the recipient a doctor of laws (LL.D.) honorary degree. She is a senior member of the Martinsburg office of the law firm of Jackson Kelly PLLC and has been a member of the law firm since 1981. Her practice areas include banking, corporate, bankruptcy, government contracts, bonds and financing, leases, business and commercial, legislative services, contracts, real estate and property law, and intellectual property and trademarks.

A member of the Berkeley County Bar Association, Eros is the chair of the West Virginia State Bar’s Third Party Legal Opinion Subcommittee of the Corporations, Banking, and Business Law Committee. She is a member of the Berkeley County Pro Bono Referral Service and the West Virginia Law Institute. She has been listed in the guide, The Best Lawyers in America (banking law), since 1995 and was named a West Virginia Law Foundation Fellow in 2004.

She earned a B.A. in English literature from St. Louis University in 1968 and a J.D. from Georgetown University in 1981. She served in the Peace Corps in South Korea (1969-1971).

A member of the Rotary Club of Martinsburg, Eros is a Paul Harris Fellow. She is a member of the board of directors of the Contemporary American Theater Festival, the Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce, and the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation. She has served as chair of the United Way of Berkeley and Morgan Counties Annual Campaign (2001-2002), president of the Shepherdstown Public Library, and member of the Shepherd Board of Advisors.

James Price received the doctor of humanities (H.H.D.) honorary degree. A ninth generation Shepherdstown resident, Price attended Shepherd College (1948-1950) and West Virginia University (1951). In 1952 he began his studies at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree in 1956. He practiced large animal medicine for 40 years, retiring in 1996.

Price is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was the first recipient of the Mary Hartzell Dobbins Outstanding Alumnus Award from Shepherdstown High School in 1989, and he was named an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Shepherd College Alumni Association in 1984.

An avid historian, prolific writer, storyteller, and lecturer, Price has been commissioned by the local Rotary Club and the Historic Shepherdstown Commission to write a book on a selective history of Shepherdstown. His newspaper column “Deja Vues,” reflections on Shepherdstown past and present, appears in the Shepherdstown Observer. He served as the media liaison for the town of Shepherdstown during the Shepherdstown Israeli-Syrian Peace Talks in 2000, and in that role was interviewed by several national newspapers, including the New York Times, and National Public Radio’s “All Things Considered.”

Price’s many honors include an Excellence in Community Service Award from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (2004), a West Virginia History Hero Award from the state Division of Culture and History (2002), and the Jefferson Davis Historical Award from the West Virginia United Daughters of the Confederacy (1998). In 1995 Price received the Historic Preservation Award from the Historic Shepherdstown Commission, the first time the award was given to an individual rather than a landmark, and in 1999 was selected as historian laureate by the town of Shepherdstown.

Price is married to Shepherd alumna Sallye Seibert Price ’53 and ’54,
Shepherd and West Virginia University have partnered on two new programs—PharmSTEP and DentSTEP—which allow students to complete their undergraduate studies at Shepherd and automatically continue to WVU’s School of Pharmacy or School of Dentistry. These programs join MedSTEP, designed for students who wish to continue their studies at WVU’s School of Medicine. Students who meet the qualifications for the programs are guaranteed a place in the dental, medical, and pharmacy programs.

For more information on the programs, visit www.shepherd.edu/university/catalog/2005/sectionII/nondegree.html.

Senator Byrd to speak on U.S. Constitution during Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture September 16

Senator Robert C. Byrd will deliver the first annual Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture on the U.S. Constitution at Shepherd University on September 16 at 4 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Shepherd University Foundation and the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies.

The lecture will be Shepherd University’s main event for Constitution Day/Citizenship Day celebrated nationally on September 17 each year. It was on September 17, 1787, that the U.S. Constitution was approved by delegates meeting in Philadelphia in the Federal Convention.

The Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture on the U.S. Constitution is named for the late Tom E. Moses, long-time civil libertarian and defender of the Bill of Rights. Moses founded the Eastern Panhandle branch of the American Civil Liberties Union and served on the board of directors of the ACLU-WV. He was a medical paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne during World War II and received the Bronze Star.

The Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture series was established by his three daughters, Lynn Yellott, Merle Crawford, and Jeri Moses-Eichler.

Commencement honorees

Pictured above (l. to r.) are Andy Michael ’75, chair of the Board of Governors; Dr. James Price, recipient of an honorary doctorate; Mary Clare Eros, Commencement speaker and honorary doctorate recipient; Eleanor Pritts, recipient of the President’s Award; and President David L. Dunlop.

and their son, the late James Carter Price III, graduated from Shepherd in 1981. The Price family represents five consecutive generations of Shepherd graduates.

Eleanor Pritts, of Martinsburg, was the recipient of the President’s Award, which is presented annually to a person who has shown exemplary service to Shepherd University and to the community.

Pritts earned an associate’s degree from Potomac State in 1945 and entered West Virginia University’s accelerated law program, earning an A.B. and an LL.B. in 1948. She was one of three women in her law school graduating class.

After graduation from law school, Pritts worked as a social worker in Maryland and West Virginia. She later became a federal government attorney, first with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and then with the Department of the Navy. In 1955 she opened a general law practice in Martinsburg. She retired in 1995.

Pritts represented the United States at the 1936 Winter Olympics held in Garmish, Germany, as a member of the U.S. Ski Team. She was a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee until 1975 and was a qualified member of the Ski Patrol until 1995.

Pritts has served as president of the Berkeley County Bar Association and as a member of the Martinsburg Planning Commission Appeals Board and the Martinsburg Soroptomist Club. She was a longtime volunteer with the Berkeley County Girl Scouts.

Pritts was the first lifetime member of the Scarborough Society, the Shepherd University Foundation’s Friends of the Library group, and is a major donor to Shepherd University.
Wind Ensemble performs at Carnegie Hall

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice! Practice! Practice! The Shepherd University Wind Ensemble finds that joke nothing to laugh at. Led by Dr. Mark McCoy, the Wind Ensemble had the privilege of playing Carnegie Hall in the Isaac Stern Auditorium in April.

The road to Carnegie began in 2003 and early 2004 when the Wind Ensemble made recordings of Barnes Symphony #3 and sent them out. “We were looking for extraordinary performing opportunities much like our past invitations,” said McCoy. “The Lord Mayor of Dublin invited us for a concert tour of Ireland in 2001, and we were invited to the world’s most prestigious jazz festival in Montreux, Switzerland in 2003.”

The Ensemble was invited by Carnegie Hall in April 2004 to perform the next year. The time lapse presented a challenge because there was a constant rotation of students due to graduation and new enrollment. By the time the Ensemble finally took the stage, McCoy estimated about 40 percent of the original students had graduated. “The new students came in, picked up the ball, and ran with it,” he said.

Students were excited to find out they were going to Carnegie Hall. “At first I was in disbelief when I found out that we were going to Carnegie,” said Cheryl Crawford, a senior music education major from Sterling, Virginia, and five-year member of the Wind Ensemble. “It’s something I’ve always wanted to do.”

“I was really, really excited,” said Mindy Crosby, a Berkeley Springs native who returned to Shepherd to study music composition. “I’ve been in the professional music world for about 10 years and Carnegie is the ultimate, the thing that you never get to do unless you are in the .00001 percent like the New York Philharmonic.” She has been an auxiliary with the Louisville Orchestra for several years and has played with musical legends such as Ray Charles, Doc Severinsen, and Marvin Hamlisch.

Lisa Oswald, a freshman music education major from Baltimore, Maryland, found out about the opportunity to play at Carnegie when she was auditioning for Shepherd. “I was very excited about the trip because I knew playing at this hall would be the opportunity of a lifetime,” she said.

To raise funds for the five-day residency in New York, the Music Department and the Friends of Music created the Carnegie Connection, a series of fund-raising events. The fund-raiser kicked off with “A Night in New York” benefit dinner and charity auction at the War Memorial building in Shepherdstown. The menu was comprised of recipes from famous New York restaurants such as Tavern on the Green and the Russian Tea Room. The enter-
tainment was provided by the faculty, and students served as the wait staff for the event which raised more than $5,000. Oswald, who helped work the dinner, said, “People seemed to have a lot of fun, the performances there were great, and we raised a good amount of money for our trip. I had fun working there, and I felt like I was contributing something to our trip.”

The Friends of Music also sponsored performances by two Carnegie pianists—Angela Hewitt and Louis Lortie—who had both performed on Shepherd’s new Fazioli piano while it was at Carnegie Hall. Departmental funds and concert proceeds coupled with donations from Friends of Music and Student Government Association raised half the travel expense. Students traveling to New York only had to cover $500 of their travel costs.

To prepare for Carnegie, the Ensemble practiced together two times a week for an hour and fifteen minutes, and then each of the six 10-student sections practiced once a week for the same time period.

While in New York students stayed at the Grand Hyatt on 42nd street. “They treat you like a regular performer,” said McCoy. In their free time students visited museums, the opera, Broadway, Central Park, and the symphony. Some students even made it on the Today Show, “We got a good three seconds in front of the camera,” said Christine Paxson, a senior music education major from Hedgesville. After their performance they took a dinner cruise to the Statue of Liberty. The Ensemble also brought local support with them; the Friends of Music brought a bus with 60 people, and about 150 people made the trip on their own. “I think one of the biggest surprises for the students was most of the 2,400-seat auditorium was full,” said McCoy.

The Carnegie Hall opening week music festival was held May 5-9, 1891, with Peter Tchaikovsky and Walter Damrosch leading the New York Symphony and Ontario Society. In the 115 years since then, Carnegie has hosted performances, lectures, and appearances by Mark Twain, Marian Anderson, George Gershwin, Albert Einstein, Amelia Earhart, Benny Goodman, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Frank Sinatra, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Playing in the same building as such well-known people could be intimidating to some, but Shepherd students handled the challenge. “The anticipation was much more intimidating than the hall itself. There were pictures of all the famous people that had performed there that gave a ‘wow’ factor. I felt like we belonged there, we had worked really hard,” said Crosby. “Carnegie felt (continued to next page)
Seaborg Award to Donald R. Shaffer
The George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War has announced the winner of the 2005 Peter Seaborg Award for Civil War Scholarship. The book, titled *After the Glory: The Struggles of Black Civil War Veterans*, was written by Donald R. Shaffer, a history teacher at the University of Northern Colorado.

In *After the Glory*, Shaffer chronicles the postwar transition of black veterans from the Union army, as well as their subsequent life patterns, political involvement, family and marital life, experiences with social welfare, comradeship with other veterans, and memories of the war itself.

Faculty promotions, tenure, retirements
Faculty receiving promotions in rank effective for the 2005-06 academic year were Dr. R. Scott Beard (music) to associate professor; Laura Clayton (nursing) to associate professor; Dr. Geri Crawley-Woods (social work) to professor; Kathy Dilley (nursing) to associate professor; Dr. Doug Kennard (education) to professor; Karen Pugsley (nursing) to associate professor; Dr. Laura Renninger (music) to associate professor; Dr. Ellen Sallee (education) to professor; and Dr. Linda Tate (English) to professor.

Tenure was awarded to Dr. Beard and Dr. Renninger.

Faculty retiring this year who received emeritus status were Dr. Peter Morris, professor emeritus of mathematics; Dr. Betty Myers, associate professor emerita of education; Dr. James E. Pantle, professor emeritus of music; and Judy T. Kepple, associate professor emerita of education.

Dining Services wins bronze award
University Dining Services received the 2005 bronze award in the residence hall theme dinner category of the Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards contest from the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS).

The Taste of West Virginia meal, served on March 8 to Shepherd students, won the award. The dinner was a tribute to the culture and cuisine of West Virginia featuring recipes and displays from the eight geographic regions of the state. The Speakeasy Boys and the Jefferson County 4-H Dancing Clovers performed at the meal, and the Appalachian studies class assisted with decorations for the event.

Shepherd competed in the “Small School” category against schools with enrollment of less than 7,000 and managed sales volume of less than $7 million.

Shepherd University Dining Services has an annual managed sales volume of approximately $3.1 million. It employs 65 full-time, part-time, and student associates and serves approximately 1,000 on-campus residential students as well as faculty, staff, and University guests.

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like another stage,” said Paxson. “As soon as I saw it I was nervous and took a deep breath.”

Carnegie is also known for its amazing acoustics. “I think the students needed one rehearsal to get over their awe,” said McCoy. Crawford agreed. “The very first time we played on stage during rehearsal, we played a choral. During the first pause in the choral we heard the reverber, and we all just sat there sort of stunned because the acoustics were perfect,” she said.

All of the students felt the performance was well received, and not just by proud parents. “It turned out that we had quite a large audience that included just regular concertgoers,” said Crosby. “They went absolutely wild, and we received the very unexpected standing ovation. We knew we did a fantastic job, but to have that kind of reaction at the famous Carnegie was almost overwhelming.”

“There was so much heart and emotion put into playing the music that I’m sure the audience felt just as great about the performance as we did,” said Oswald. “We couldn’t even finish the last piece of music before the audience started clapping,” said Crawford.

The 60-member Wind Ensemble is a regularly scheduled course that is by audition-only and also open to non-music major students. Music majors audition through a jury process; they have to play before a panel of faculty members and achieve a particular rating. Non-music majors are heard individually by Dr. McCoy and comprise about 10 percent of the Ensemble. Once a student makes it in, he or she is often reappointed each year after that.

Many of the music students at Shepherd are also involved in other groups such as the Ram Marching Band, Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra, and the Preparatory Orchestra. Last fall members of the Ram Band played at Giants Stadium in New Jersey, and the Jazz Ensemble played at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. “There are some students who have played all three events and are a testament to the excellence of the music program at Shepherd,” said McCoy.

Students feel that they have accomplished something by making it to Carnegie. “I think playing at Carnegie was a high point in all of our lives so far; it was definitely mine,” said Paxson. Crosby agrees, “Since I’ve been back from New York all my professional music friends, whether they’ve played there or not, have asked me about the ‘Carnegie experience.’ It is everything the legends proclaim it to be.” Crawford said she felt it was the experience of a lifetime, one she will more than likely tell her children and grandchildren about.

McCoy feels Shepherd’s music department receives so many accolades because of a “strong commitment to excellence that pervades everything we do, and we are willing to commit the extra effort that is required to achieve these opportunities.”

In Crosby’s opinion the Carnegie trip speaks highly of where the program is headed. “People are really starting to talk about the music program and I think in a few years it will be very useful to have the Shepherd name on a résumé.”

Stephanie Horst
West Virginia short story writer and award-winning novelist Jayne Anne Phillips is the 2005 Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence and recipient of the Appalachian Heritage Writer’s Award.

Nobel Prize-winning fiction writer Nadine Gordimer has said that “Jayne Anne Phillips is the best short story writer since Eudora Welty.” Tillie Olsen wrote of Phillips’s collection Black Tickets that the stories revealed “the unmistakable work of early genius.” Black Tickets won the Sue Kaufman Prize for First Fiction, awarded by the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters (1980), while the stories in Fast Lanes have been universally acclaimed and hailed for their ability to portray a range of voices and characters that are both true to the region and true to human nature across time and place.

Like her short stories, Phillips’s novels have won a variety of plaudits and awards. MotherKind was nominated for the Orange Prize in England in 2001, while her family chronicle and Vietnam era novel, Machine Dreams, received a best novel nomination by the National Book Critics Circle and a New York Times Best Book award in 1984. Phillips was recognized by the Academy Award in Fiction in 1994 for her “body of work.” Phillips is recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship (1988), two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, a Houghton Mifflin Fellowship (1978), and she was a Bunting Institute Fellow in Fiction in 1980. Early volumes also garnered awards as well: the Fels Award in Fiction for Sweethearts (1976) and the St. Lawrence Award for Fiction for Counting (1979).

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Homecoming 2005: Back in the Happy Days

Monday, October 24, Spirit Day
4 p.m. Dinner on the Midway. Join in the fun as we kick off Homecoming week with live music, games, and more!

Tuesday, October 25
Hang your banner and let the good times roll—organizations and groups will hang their banners throughout the campus.

3 p.m. Annual Sports Competition. Who will be the ultimate team and walk away with a prize? Come cheer for your team on the Midway.

Wednesday, October 26
4 p.m. Annual Academic Bowl, Storer Ballroom, Student Center. Entry fee for each team; teams must register by 3:30 p.m. Each four-person team must have one faculty/staff player. A cash prize will be given to the winner.

Thursday, October 27
8 p.m. Annual Skit Competition, Storer Ballroom, Student Center. Come hear the singing and watch the dancing, acting, and hilarious antics of Shepherd students as they create and perform a thematic skit for Homecoming. Come early. Seating is limited.

Friday, October 28
8:30 a.m. 14th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at Cress Creek Golf and Country Club in Shepherdstown and begins with registration and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m. To play in the tournament participants must register in advance. To register or for more information, please call the Alumni Relations Office at 800/344-5231 ext. 5157 or 304/876-5157. Proceeds from this event support Shepherd athletic teams who do not generate their own revenue.

7:30 p.m. 1955 Undefeated Football Team Reunion Reception, Dining Hall, Lower Level. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Shepherd’s only undefeated athletic team in program history and the first WVIAC conference title in any sport. We are happy to host them during Homecoming for a variety of reunion activities including this special reception.

Saturday, October 29
9:30 a.m. Alumni Brunch on McMurran Hall lawn. The brunch is free to all and will kickoff a big day of events. Co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Foundation.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Scarborough Library Tours. Members of the Scarborough Society will be on hand to lead tours of the expanded and renovated Scarborough Library.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Little House Tours. Take the opportunity (weather permitting) to tour the Little House. Volunteers will be on hand to greet you and answer questions about the house, its history, and the recent restoration.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shepherd University Bookstore Welcomes Alumni. You’ll find a great selection of gift ideas and new Shepherd University items. You can also visit online at www.shepherdbook.com.

10:45 a.m. Homecoming Parade begins at 10:45 a.m. on German Street and will wind its way through town. Grand Marshals in the parade will be captains from the 1955 Undefeated Football Team, Barry Hall, George Hott, and John Shearer. Find a spot along the way to see all the action and celebrate Homecoming 2005.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Multicultural Reception, Ram’s Den Bistro, Student Center. This event is free and open to all. For more information, please contact Larry Dowdy at 304/876-5174 or e-mail him at ldowdy@shepherd.edu.

11:30 a.m. Activities on the Midway, including inflatable games for the whole family, reunion tables, and more immediately following the parade.

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Alumni Pig Roast on the Midway. Looking for a great lunch where you can reunite with fellow alumni? Join us on the Midway for the third annual Pig Roast and all-you-can-eat picnic. Cost is $5 per person and students are free with their Rambler card. This event will be hosted by the Shepherd University Alumni Association and the Dining Hall. For more information call the Alumni Relations Office at 800/334-5231 ext. 5157 or 304/876-5157.

12:40 p.m. Pre-Game Ceremony. The 1955 Undefeated Football Team will be introduced before the game to honor them for their achievements at Shepherd.

1 p.m. Game Time. Meet friends, alumni, and students at the stadium to cheer on the Rams as they challenge West Liberty State. Tickets: adults, $6; students and senior citizens, $3; children six and under, free; upper reserve seats, $16; and lower reserve seats, $11. All tickets will be available at the gate or you can purchase them in advance by calling Chip Ransom at 304/876-5228.

Halftime. Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen and their court. Kiss the Ram contest winner will be announced (the winner gets a free kiss from Shepherd University’s mascot Livingston). Homecoming Spirit Awards announced!

4 p.m. Basketball Scrimmage between WVIAC Tournament Champs of 1992 and the Shepherd Rams Men’s Basketball Team, following the Homecoming game. Event is free and open to the public.
Alumni

Class Notes

'B67 Betty Gunnoe became the 31st recipient of the Dora Ruth Parks Award from the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA) at the association’s annual conference in Roanoke, Virginia, in November 2004. The Dora Ruth Parks Award is the highest honor given by the WVLA each year for a career of service to West Virginia libraries. She has worked at the Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library for 38 years.

'B68 Roy L. Gindlesperger recently retired from Johnstown Wire Technologies, Inc., as vice president, treasurer, and CFO. He was also vice president and treasurer of JWT Holding Company.

'B71 Paula Mayes Coupe (aka Prandoo) is the author of a new book, Gotta Shop: 50 or so Great Little Places in the D.C. Metro Area. The book is published by Attic Window in Alexandria, Virginia, and is available in major book stores in the area. Paula was a writer, editor, photographer, and public relations specialist for the federal government before retiring in 2001. She enjoys a wide range of activities from gardening to silversmithing at her home in Alexandria, Virginia, which she shares with her husband, Brian, and two very bad cats, Dash and Lilly.

'B84 After 10 years of teaching English at Loyola Blakefield in Towson, Maryland, Lisa Snodgrass is going into full-time high school ministry and missions. After raising support, she will be the first East Coast field staff with Royal Servants International, a nondenominational summer outreach for high school and college students extending to over 20 countries across the globe each summer.

'B85 John J. Geraghty has accepted a promotion and relocated to Atlanta, Georgia. He is the senior vice president and managing director of the endowment and foundations services line of business for SunTrust. Currently SunTrust is the ninth largest manager of investment assets for nonprofits in the United States. This new role is an exciting opportunity to run a national line of business for a company coupled with the ability to serve on several foundation boards in the communities they serve. John and his wife Beth are settling into their new home in Atlanta with sons Jack, 11, and Will, 8.

Ami Laird has accepted a promotion to director of marketing client services with Harte-Hanks, a billion dollar nationwide marketing organization. Her Mom and Dad are delighted that her degree has finally paid off! Amy resides with her husband Rolf, and two sons, Shaun, 6, and Ian, 5, in Pasadena, Maryland. They recently completed a three year renovation of their home on the Magothy River which was a lifelong dream, but a daunting reality. Next time, they’ll buy a new construction!

'B86 Mark Manross was honored on April 15 in Chicago, Illinois, at the annual convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) with the Joy of Effort Award from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). According to NASPE President Dolly Lambdin, “This award is given in recognition of those individuals who, by performance and style, have personified the concept that the effort made to enrich the goals and objectives of physical education and sport is a labor of love, inspired by commitment and dedication.”

As executive director of www.pecentral.org, Mark directs popular online programs such as Log It, Get Active Stay Active, the Kids Quiz, and the PE Central Challenge, which are programs that are designed as teacher resources that encourage kids to become, and remain, physically active.

'B88 Carl L. Wright, an award-winning artist and sculptor, was in his first group sculpture show at the Georgetown Fine Art and Artists Gallery, 2920 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., in May. His work at the show was made up of abstract forms in alabaster, marble, and limestone. Carl’s sculpture is about fluidity and implied, rather than stated, motion. His sculpture shares many characteristics with Japanese design—understated beauty, grace, and timelessness—and many of his works have Japanese names. Carl sculpted stone for residential and commercial clients, produces sculpture for galleries, and takes custom commissions. His work is found in homes along the Eastern Seaboard, Texas, Arizona, and Zug, Switzerland.

'B89 Annyce K. Norton Stone graduated with a doctorate in education from Oral Roberts University on April 29. Dr. Stone also received the Outstanding Doctoral Achievement Award from the Department of Graduate Education at Oral Roberts University. She is married to Thomas T. Stone who is originally from Sharpsburg, Maryland, and they have two sons, Levi Thomas, 9, and Simon Ezra, 3. Currently, the Stones are relocating to the Limerick, Pennsylvania, area.

'B91 Melinda Merk has joined Holland & Knight LLP Private Wealth Services practice as senior counsel. She had been a senior tax associate at Peterson & Basha PLC. Her practice focuses on domestic and international tax planning, estate planning, estate administration, and business law for individuals, families, and business owners. Melinda received her J.D. from Duquesne University School of Law and an L.L.M. with distinction from Georgetown University Law Center.
'92
Jeff Dudek is an assistant principal at a high school in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and he is working on his doctorate in educational administration. Jeff lives in Torrington, Connecticut, with his wife Jill and their four children, Meagan, 13, A.J., 10, Allison, 2, and Jake, 6 months.

'96
Deanna Brooke Armen-trout was promoted to the rank of assistant professor of English at Potomac State College of West Virginia University in Keyser beginning with the 2004-05 school year.

'01
Mandy Rene Martin is now Dr. Amanda Rene Martin. Mandy graduated from Southern College of Optometry on May 27. She is starting her professional career as staff optometrist at Lens Crafters in the Chesapeake Mall in Chesapeake, Virginia.

'02
Rebecca Myers graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with her master’s in student affairs in higher education. She has accepted a position at West Liberty State College and will be the student program advisor where she will oversee student activities, Greek life, and intramural sports.

David O. Smith is working as a senior consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. in McLean, Virginia. Since joining Booz Allen, he has been admitted in a master of science program at Johns Hopkins University. David is also actively volunteering at several Professional Golf Association (PGA) and Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) golf events.

'03
Peter Angle is pursuing his master’s degree in political communications at Johns Hopkins University. In addition to his studies, he is working as an editor for the National Rifle Association in Fairfax, Virginia. In his current position at NRA headquarters, he supports the editorial production of NRA’s two most political magazines, Free Hunters and America’s 1st Freedom.

'05
Kelyn Jackson accepted a job at Georgetown University Hospital as a nurse (RN) in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit.

Alumni news items must be received by October 3 for inclusion in the next edition of the Shepherd University Magazine.

Weddings

Vanessa Leonard ’95 married Francisco Vences on June 20, 2004 at the home of Dale and Valerie Snyder in Ganotown. The bride was given in marriage by her father Dale Leonard ’62. Matron of honor was Valerie Leonard Snyder ’95, sister of the bride. Groomsman was Eric Leonard ’92, brother of the bride. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

Stephanie Lazor ’96 married Ralph Smith Jr. on May 22, 2004 in Pasadena, Maryland, where the couple now resides.

Amy Elizabeth Douglas ’99 married Todd James McCarty on October 16, 2004 at First Christian Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. Amber D. Price ’99 was a bridesmaid. The couple resides in Hancock, Maryland.

Stacy Martenot ’00 married Brad Lowe on February 26 at Brookhill United Methodist Church in Frederick, Maryland. Bridesmaids included Annette Bowers ’01, Julie Koeng ’01, Dara Delancy ’01, Amber Nichols ’01, and Tiffany Lowe ’00. Also in attendance were Robin Gill ’00, Raechael Stoner ’01, and Dave Holcombe. The couple resides in Smithburg, Maryland.

Susan L. Strider ’00 married Shawn R. Martin on September 18, 2004 at the Waynesboro (Pennsylvania) Country Club and honeymooned in New York City and St. Lucia. The couple resides in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania.

Allison Vaughan ’00 married Brian Meley on November 13, 2004 at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Martinsburg. Jessica Eure ’02 served as maid of honor. Kate McFadden ’00, Mandy Martin ’01, and Amanda Griffith Penix ’01 were bridesmaids. Scott Vaughan ’01 was a groomsman. The couple resides in Harpers Ferry.

Tracey L. Keller ’01 married Matthew R. Zollinger on September 18, 2004 at Inwood Assembly of God Church. After a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean, the couple resides in Inwood.

Jessica Marie Parker ’01 married Dannyl Matthew Moreland on May 22, 2004 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Williamsport, Maryland. The couple resides in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Stutler ’01 married Matthew Wesley Welsh on April 23 at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church in Arlington, Virginia. A reception followed at Foxchase Manor in Manassas, Virginia. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Bohn ’01, Tiffany Morrison ’01, and Stacey Nikirk ’99. In attendance were Geoffrey Morrison ’00 and Amanda Hearst ’00. After honeymooning on the island of St. Kitts in the West Indies, the couple resides in Ashburn, Virginia. Jennifer is a software operations analyst, and Matthew is an account manager, both employed by Northrop Grumman Mission Systems.

Emily Bachschmid ’02 married Jay Hartman ’02 on September 5, 2004. Alumni attendants included Charlotte Lombardo ’02, Stephanie Brazell ’02, Sarah Auth ’05, Savannah Zoeller ’02, Jeff Hartman ’05, Jeff Willingham ’01, Matt Mulhern ’04, and Seth Sirbaugh ’99.

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Alumni

Class of 1955 inducted into Emeritus Club in May

Nineteen alumni from the Class of 1955 were inducted into the Emeritus Club on Friday, May 20. The 49th Annual Emeritus Club luncheon was held in the Storer Ballroom in the Student Center.

Bob Bellson ‘94, vice president of the Emeritus Club, congratulated the inductees and presented them with a certificate and Emeritus Club pin.

Jane Poisal Downey ’54, president of the Emeritus Club, was the master of ceremonies, and Jean Elliott ’54, secretary/treasurer, read the minutes from the 2004 Emeritus Club meeting.

Newly elected officers are Robert A. Wantz ’55, president; Elizabeth R. Eppinger ’55, vice president; and Bonnie Smith Long ’55, secretary/treasurer.

Special recognition awards were presented to W. Boyd Rooney ’55, of Phoenix, Arizona, for traveling the farthest distance to attend; Harold H. Miller ’35, who was the man representing the oldest class; and Frances Knodle Christmas ’37, who was the woman representing the oldest class.

W. Boyd Rooney asked to address the group and announced that after 50 years, he had a confession to make. In 1955, the student body voted on what to name the café area in the Student Center. Rooney and a friend counted the ballots but threw the election by declaring Ram’s Den the winner, when in fact, more votes were received for Ram’s Head. Rooney could not see students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends saying, “I’ll meet you in the Head.” Thank you, Boyd! Your secret is safe with us!

The Emeritus Club will meet next year on Friday, May 19 to honor the Class of 1956.

Additional photos from the luncheon are available online at www.shepherd.edu/giving/emeritus/.

Alumni Association announces Insurance Affinity Program

The Alumni Association is teaming up with Nationwide Insurance to save you money.

Alumni will receive a discount on car insurance and a portion of the premium will go right back to the Shepherd University Alumni Association.

If you are already a Nationwide Insurance customer, call your agent and ask for the Shepherd University Alumni Association Affinity discount. It is as simple as that.

If you would like to become a Nationwide Insurance customer, call Tom Maiden at 304/876-0822 or e-mail him at maiden@nationwide.com. You’ll receive a no-obligation quote right way that could be lower than what you’re paying today.
Births


Julie Ogden Bronson ’90 and husband Kimble, a daughter, Ava Elizabeth Rose on February 25. She joins big brother Matthew Alexander, 20 months.

Rich McQuarrie ’90 and wife Mary, a daughter, Marin Rose on December 20, 2004. They reside in Narragansett, Rhode Island.

Mary Ann Testerman Beane ’92 and husband Eric, a daughter, Josie Priscilla, born March 17, 2004, and adopted from Siberia, Russia, on November 23, 2004. She joins big brother Wyatt, 3.

Raleigh “Butch” Eversole, IV ’92 and wife Cynthia, twins, Cecilia Marie and Raleigh Edward V, born on February 15.

Amy Agro Wangdahl ’93 and husband Michael, a son, Nathan Michael on December 12, 2004.

Creighton Waters ’93 and Betsy Waters ’98, a son, Samuel Creighton on March 29.

Keith Vigness ’93 and Amy Shaffer Vigness ’95, a son, Alexander “Alex” Earl on January 12. He joins big brother Arrison, 2.


Annie McElroy Shank ’94 and husband Steve, a daughter, Emma Lee on October 5, 2003.

Jason Sweeney ’94 and Holly McCloy Sweeney ’96, a daughter, Jessica Anne on April 28, 2004. She joins big sister Sarah Elizabeth, 3.

Concetta Shipp ’95 and Edwin Shipp ’96, a son, Aaron Matthew on July 28, 2004. He joins big brother Austin, 6, and big sister Emma, 1.

Jason A. Armentrout ’96 and Deanna Brooke Armentrout ’96, a son, Nathan Blair on December 10, 2004.

Julie Olson Marchesi ’97 and husband Shane, a son, Thomas Stephen on January 25.

Melinda Propst Dawson ’97 and husband Corey, a son, Jack Carter on December 14, 2004.

Robin Davis Nodar ’98 and husband Aaron, a daughter, Ryan Alexandra on October 3, 2004.

Weddings

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Stephanie Bohn ’02 married Steve Stricker on May 7 in Westminster, Maryland. Bridesmaids were Tammie Murphy ’01 and Jennifer Stutler Welsh ’01. In attendance were Rebecca Hoffman Hallenbeck ’01 and Nichole Coover ’01. The couple resides in Reisterstown, Maryland.

Joseph Scott Burger, Jr. ’02 married Jennifer Lynn Smith on September 4, 2004 at the farm of Ray and Lovey Burger in WilliamSPORT, Maryland. The couple resides in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Victoria E. Hess ’02 married Jeffrey Myers on April 23 at First Baptist Church of Martinsburg. The couple resides in Martinsburg.

Anita Hawbaker ’02 married Lieutenant Junior Grade Michael Ridge on February 12. The couple resides in Chesapeake, Virginia, where Michael is stationed on the USS Eisenhower at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

Jill Harris ’03 married Willie Crottsley on May 29, 2004 at the Wayne Manor in Wayne, New Jersey. The couple resides in Burlington, New Jersey.

Matthew William Patrey ’03 married Holly Nanette Aleshire on November 27, 2004 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Jessica Jo Campbell ’05 married Kenneth Paul Fisher on February 18 at Family Life Church of God in Martinsburg. Bridesmaids included Aly Becraft ’05 and Rhiannon Smith ’05. Jarrid D. Campbell ’96, brother of the bride, served as a groomsman. The couple will be residing in the Netherlands where Kenneth will be stationed in the United States Coast Guard for three years.

Kristen McKenzie Martin ’99 and husband DJ, a son, Shane Anthony on April 14.


Jaime Kincaid Haines ’00 and husband Andy, a daughter, Grace Nevaeh on April 5. She joins big sister Faith Eliana, 17 months.

John M. Davis ’02 and wife Amy, a son, Andrew Keagan on October 5, 2004.

Jill Harris Crottsley ’03 and husband Willie, a daughter, Madison Rose on January 12.

Roxanne Sours ’04 and fiancé Todd Weaver, a son, Todd Allen Weaver Jr. on February 25.
Arvon ’74 and Wooten ’87 named Outstanding Alumni

Manny P. Arvon II ’74, of Martinsburg, and Christopher P. Wooten ’87, of Forest Hill, Maryland, were presented Outstanding Alumni of the Year awards during the 132nd commencement ceremony May 21. The awards were presented by Robin Zanotti, vice president for advancement.

The award is given annually by the Shepherd University Alumni Association to a person who has been a member of the alumni body for a minimum of 15 years and who has an exemplary record of service to the University and to the community.

Arvon is the superintendent of Berkeley County Schools, a post he has held since 1997. In 2004 he was named West Virginia Superintendent of the Year by the West Virginia American Association of School Administrators (WVAASA) and received the Distinguished West Virginian Award from Governor Bob Wise. This year the West Virginia Music Educators Association honored Arvon with the 2005 Superintendent of the Year Award.

Arvon is a member of the Shepherd University Board of Governors and serves as committee chair of the academics and campus affairs committee. Andy Michael ’75, past chair of the Board of Governors, reflected on Arvon’s contributions.

“Manny’s experience in managing the fastest-growing public school system in West Virginia has been invaluable to the board, particularly since we are making the transition into a growing regional university,” said Michael. “His participation on the board and his insightful observations have helped guide the board’s decision-making process in a very positive way.”

Arvon graduated from Shepherd in 1974 with a bachelor of arts in education, and he earned a master’s in education administration from West Virginia University in 1979. Arvon has provided leadership to countless community boards and service organizations focusing on education, philanthropic endeavors, and collaborative events in the Martinsburg area.

Arvon and his wife Pam Arvon ’76 have two sons, Matt and Trey. Trey is following in his father’s footsteps as a junior at Shepherd pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in education.

Chris Wooten is the vice president and controller of Eastern Savings Bank, FSB, in Hunt Valley, Maryland. He earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting with a minor in computer programming and information systems in 1987. While attending Shepherd, Wooten was an assistant women’s basketball coach from 1986 to 1987. He is also a member of Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

Wooten served as treasurer of the Alumni Association from 1994 to 1998 and now serves as the group’s volunteer financial manager. Wooten’s countless hours, talent, and skill in managing the Alumni Association’s assets have been tremendous gifts to the University. Vice President Zanotti stated, “Chris’s support and commitment to the Alumni Association are invaluable. He is a strong advocate for the Association and continues to provide wise counsel to me and to the board of directors.”

Wooten also served on the Shepherd Foundation Board of Directors from 1996 to 1998. He said of his association with Shepherd, “I have been involved with the Alumni Association for 11 years, and it has been such a rewarding experience to see the school evolve from a college and to a university. I hope more alumni will get involved and volunteer their time and talents to help the University continue to grow.”

Wooten is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants. “A lot of my success professionally, I attribute to my experience at Shepherd in and out of the classroom,” he said.

Active in his community, he is an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America and has served as an assistant boy’s basketball coach for Springbrook High School in Silver Spring, Maryland, and for Pallotti High School in Laurel, Maryland.

Wooten is the proud father of Mitchell, 7, Victoria, 6, and Mason, 5. Jennifer Spataro

Alumni on the road to Atlanta in September

The Alumni Association will sponsor an alumni reception on Friday, September 23, in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center. The event will be hosted by Dr. Robert A. Holmes ’64, Georgia State Representative, and will feature Dr. David L. Dunlop, president of Shepherd. For information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 304/876-5157 or e-mail alumni@shepherd.edu.

In June the association hosted an alumni reception at the Arts Club of Washington, D.C. The event featured Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF) playwright Sheri Wilner, who read from her play Father Joy.

Look for another event in D.C. in winter 2006. Jennifer Spataro
Deaths

D. GroVE Moler '25, of Washington, North Carolina, died May 19, 2005. He was a longtime practicing lawyer in Wyoming County. He graduated from West Virginia University College of Law and was admitted to the bar in 1931. He ceased active general practice July 30, 2003.

HERMAN H. HOTT, JR. '48, a former resident of Shenandoah, Virginia, died March 14, 2005. He taught school and coached in Page County. Herman was also a case worker for the Page County Welfare Department and served on the board of directors. He was on the board of directors for Rockingham Mutual Insurance Company and a charter member of the Newport-Grove Hill Ruritan Club. Herman was also a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Edra N. Riley '50, of Berkeley County, died June 12, 2005. Her early years of teaching were at Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania, and Charles Town. In 1986 she obtained a teaching position with the Department of Defense. Her first duty station was in Japan, then in Germany and finally Izmir, Turkey, where she retired in 1990. Edra’s holidays were spent traveling throughout the Holy Lands to such places as Jerash, Petra, Jerusalem, Mesada, and Bethlehem. She attended Little Falls Presbyterian Church in Falling Waters where she held the office of treasurer and was an elder of the church.

Josephine R. Clopper '59, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, died February 9, 2005. She was an elementary school teacher, finishing her career in Winston-Salem, where she taught at Forsyth Country Day School. She was a former president of the Woman’s Club of Winston-Salem, a member of Retired Teachers Association of Maryland, and the Beta Mu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma educational society of Winston-Salem. She was also a member of Augsburg Lutheran Church in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Paul E. Thompson ’63, of Martinsburg, died February 19, 2005. He graduated with a master of divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky. He received the Outstanding Alumnus Award of Martinsburg High School in 1995. He was a member of the Winchester Avenue Christian Church.

Howard C. Fagley ’64, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, died June 1, 2005 after a courageous battle with prostate cancer. He worked as director of marketing for Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Portland, Maine, and as a systems analyst for Blue Cross in Richmond, Virginia. Howard served in the Korean War in the United States Navy as an electronics technician. He was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Irvalyn K. Ridenour ’69, of San Diego, California, formerly of Hagerstown, Maryland, died May 14, 2005. She taught art and worked as a guidance counselor for many years in Washington County, Maryland, public schools. After relocating to San Diego, Irvalyn pursued a degree in nursing at Maric College in San Diego and worked as a psychiatric nurse in San Diego until her retirement in September 2000. She enjoyed painting and drawing and traveling.

Gary W. Greenfield ’70, of Martinsburg, died March 20, 2005. He served the last 27 years as principal of Hedgesville Middle School before retiring. He was past president of the Berkeley County Education Association, past president of Martinsburg Alumni Association, board member and chair of the Scholarship Committee, 11-time president of Berkeley County Principals Association, and West Virginia Secondary Schools State president and executive board member.

Robert “Bob” H. Palmer, Sr. ’76, of Hagerstown, Maryland, died February 15, 2005. He was a sales representative for Hagerstown Block and Cavetown Planing. He was owner and operator of Palmer’s Fancy Yeal and Big Bob’s Deli, retiring in 1991 due to illness. He was a former member of the Martinsburg Rotary and BPO Elks Lodge 378 in Hagerstown. He enjoyed sports and was a member of the Little League in Winchester, Virginia.

Nora P. Keecker ’77, of Berkeley Springs, died March 14, 2005. She was employed as a librarian at Widmyer Elementary School in Berkeley Springs from 1972 to 1987. Nora also attended Mary Washington College in Virginia.

Michael B. YuriSh ’77, of Martinsburg, died April 11, 2005. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Martinsburg Council 1169, Moose Lodge 120, the Martinsburg High School Band Boosters, and the Martinsburg High School Softball Boosters.

Elizabeth “Lisa” Dillon Gagen ’78, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died March 5, 2005, at her home after valiant battle with cancer. Upon graduating from Shepherd, she served as a nurse at Wheeling Hospital. Prior to moving with her family to Charlotte, North Carolina, Lisa served as a nurse at Hamot Medical Center in Erie, Pennsylvania, St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware, Mercer Medical Center in Trenton, New Jersey, and Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, New Jersey. In Charlotte, Lisa served as a registered nurse at Charlotte Internal Medicine. She was much loved and will be greatly missed by her husband Ed Gagen ’78, children Matt and Keli, mother Margie, sisters Fran Dillon and Wendy McDonald, brother Matt Dillon, and the many friend she made along the way.

Dr. Robert L. Kirk, of Martinsburg, died May 22, 2005. He was a professor at Shepherd from 1967 to 1981 in the Education Department. He received his doctorate of education from the American University in Washington, D.C., and was a member of the Hagerstown, Maryland, Seventh-day Adventist Church.
Alumni

A report from Alumni Association President Larry Strite

It is a great pleasure for me to be able to reflect for a moment on our recent annual meeting of the board of directors, thank three terrific outgoing board members, and enthusiastically introduce you to five new board members.

At our annual meeting on June 13, I was able to share just a few accomplishments of the Alumni Association this year. We boasted increases in dues paying members, the Annual Fund, and the Alumni Golf Tournament. Homecoming attendance was stellar, we inducted five superb athletes into the Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Class of 1955 was inducted into the Emeritus Club. Each accomplishment is shared by the alumni of Shepherd University. Congratulations!

Now, on to our leaders. These individuals I am about to discuss have been or will be leaders in your Shepherd University Alumni Association, and it’s the leaders that organize alumni involvement who really make things happen.

Dave Rickard ’56 has been on the board for six years and has made the trek for each meeting from Greensboro, North Carolina. Between meetings he was an active board member from a distance with frequent calls to comment on or contribute to projects, as well as suggest new ways to think about approaching the work of the board. Dave’s input will be sorely missed.

Betty Lowe ’52, in addition to the style and grace she brought to the board, was a ready volunteer and was in the thick of things right along with the staff during a number of events. She has been a strong supporter of Shepherd through the years and her two years on the Alumni Association board are no exception. Betty has vowed to continue to be involved, and we are very grateful for her dedication.

It is with particular gratitude that we say goodbye to Don Jones ’71 and ’97, a member for 13 years. Don was president of the board for four years during a fairly formative time for the association. The association has been growing along with the University, and new opportunities and challenges were presented and managed. Don’s leadership in creating our now fully-funded $50,000 endowment for the Scarborough Library is an example of his lasting legacy at Shepherd University.

Welcoming new board members is always done with great anticipation. We are encouraged by the variety of strong backgrounds of this class of board members. Their talents will be well used, and their loyalty and dedication will be channeled in new and interesting directions. Please take a moment to read their bios.

Bill Harper ’94 graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education in social studies. He is an assistant principal at Charles Town Middle School and resides in Martinsburg. At Shepherd he served on the Student Life Council and was Student Government Association president, senior class president, and a resident assistant. Bill earned the nickname “The Gut” from a dance he did at football and basketball games.

Phyllis Kafton ’73, of Martinsburg, earned an associate’s degree in secretarial science. She works part-time as the enrollment secretary at Rosemont Elementary School in Martinsburg and part-time as a secretary to attorney Terry Britt of Britt-Reed Law Offices.

Phyllis was the freshman class secretary, a student secretary to Professors Mahavir Jain and Hang Yul Rhee, and the Gardiner Hall receptionist. She met her husband John “Ace” Kafton ’69 while they were students, and their daughters Lindsay ’99 and Mara ’03 also graduated from Shepherd.

Andrew Lowe ’02 graduated with a bachelor of science in mass communication. Andrew works as a licensed realtor for Greentree Realty, Shepherdstown. He is the property manager and advertising/marketing director for Three Onions Restaurant and Yellow Brick Bank Restaurant in Shepherdstown.

Andrew was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity (TKE), InterFraternity Council, Association of Computing Machinery, and Student Government Association. Andrew lives in Shepherdstown.

Lou Tiano ’72 earned a bachelor of arts in physical education. He graduated from West Virginia University in 1977 with a master’s degree. Lou retired this year from the Loudoun County (Virginia) School System after 33 years of service. He held several positions during his career including teacher, assistant principal, and principal. Lou served on the Shepherd Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1981 to 1987 and was president for two years.

He and his wife Marina DiGirolamo Tiano ’74 reside in Shepherdstown. The Tianos have four sons—Marc, Scott, Sam, and Matthew.

Chauncey Winbush ’95 and ’00 graduated with a bachelor of science in accounting and a bachelor of science in sport management. He also graduated from George Washington University with a master of tourism administration degree concentrating on sport management.

Chauncey is the assistant athletic director for business affairs for the Naval Academy Athletic Association in Annapolis, Maryland. He was a four-year varsity letterman in football, playing wide receiver for the Rams. This fall he will be inducted into the Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame for his outstanding career. He resides in Elkridge, Maryland, with his wife, Michelle, and their son, Chase Leland, 10 months.

As always, I am eager to hear from you about your ideas for your Alumni Association. We exist to serve you and to assist your alma mater. Please be in touch. ➔ Larry Strite
Engagements

JAY B. WILSON ’92 is engaged to marry Amanda Jayne Couch.

JEFF FISHER ’94 is engaged to marry Jennifer Worstell in Parkville, Maryland.

JENNIFER MAGAHA ’96 is engaged to marry James O’Looney.

AMY MARIE RUBLE ’97 is engaged to marry Gregory James DeRamus.

CHRISTIAN ERIK BLANK ’00 is engaged to marry LAURA ANNE LEGENSKY ’05.

DAYNA COLLIS ’00 is engaged to marry Trampus Boyles.

JENNIFER ELLIOTT ’00 is engaged to marry PETE TRUBY ’00 on March 25, 2006 in Cambridge, Maryland.

JONATHON EDWARD KING ’00 is engaged to marry Jennifer Lynn Bussard.

SHANA LYNCH ’00 is engaged to marry Jaime Watson.

STEPHEN “KICKER” MILLER ’01 is engaged to marry Chelsea Dickens on November 19.

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EMILIE GRACE ARBOGAST ’02 is engaged to marry Todd Richard Gosnell.

MARY C. HALL ’02 is engaged to marry Jeremy R. Krum on November 12 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Maryland.

KEVIN T. KENDRO ’02 is engaged to marry TESSLA M. PITMAN ’02 in the summer of 2006.

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JULIE HUNTER ’04 is engaged to marry Woody Breeden.

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KATHERINE STAMOULIS ’04 is engaged to marry Matthew Martz.

MATT STICKEL ’04 is engaged to marry Cathy Ashley on June 10, 2006.

KATHLEEN ZAKEN ’05 is engaged to marry Michael Adkins.

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Athletics

SU wins Presidents’ Cup for the first time

The West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) office announced this spring that Shepherd University has earned its first-ever Presidents’ Cup for all-around athletic excellence for the 2004-05 academic year.

Conference titles in football and men’s tennis keyed the award for Shepherd. The Presidents’ Cup is awarded to the school that has the highest average score for sports sponsored within the WVIAC. Points are awarded based on finishes in the regular season of each sport. Scoring of WVIAC sports is a reflection of the number of teams participating for that championship.

“We are very proud of our student-athletes and the programs in which they participate,” stated President David L. Dunlop.

“I am very proud to be associated with the group of young men and women who represent Shepherd through our athletic program,” added athletics director Karl Wolf ’70. “I also thank them for their service to this University and for winning the Presidents’ Cup this year.”

2004-05 Presidents’ Cup Standings

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Golf team makes first-ever NCAA II regional appearance

The Shepherd golf team earned its first-ever NCAA II regional appearance under first-year head coach Jim Carpenter. The Rams placed sixth out of eight teams at the NCAA II East Regional Tournament in Jackson, New Jersey.

The Rams also grabbed team honors at the WVIAC Northern Regional Tournament with a one-stroke win over Fairmont State at the Spiedel Golf Course in Wheeling in April.

Individually David Bradshaw earned First Team All-WVIAC honors for the third time in his career, while Bryan Snow garnered Second Team All-WVIAC honors.

Softball finishes season with 26-16 record

Shepherd’s softball team finished the season with a 26-16 record with a 15-6 conference mark.

The 26 wins tie the mark for most wins in a season shared by the 1989 and 1991 teams. Shepherd also posted back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 1988-89.

The squad, coached by Dave Trail ’79, earned the program’s first-ever NCAA II regional ranking when they were ranked ninth in the NCAA II Great Lakes Regional Poll over a two-week period in April.

Mia Zappacosta gained first team All-WVIAC honors for the second consecutive year. Jenn Canby gained second team honors, while Brooke Small, Julie Scherpf, and Megan Zahnnow were honorable mention selections.
Shepherd University gained its third WVIAC men’s tennis title under head coach Chris Stambaugh ’95.

The Rams posted an 18-4 overall mark, including a perfect 7-0 conference record. Shepherd downed West Virginia State (5-0), University of Charleston (6-0), and West Liberty (7-0) to claim the WVIAC Tournament crown.

Seniors Brian Clarke and Tim Halter earned All-WVIAC honors, while Casey Moser was named WVIAC Freshman of the Year. Stambaugh gained WVIAC Coach of the Year honors for the fourth time in his career. The Rams ran their conference match unbeaten streak to 39 matches—dating back to 2001. 

Members of the men’s tennis team pictured above front row (l. to r.) are head coach Chris Stambaugh and assistant coach Justin Pugh, back row, Bryan Corder, Casey Moser, Luis Gomes, Bobby Sisson, David Seifarth, Tim Halter, Wray Sherman, and Brian Clarke.

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2005 Football Schedule

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Athletics

Six to be inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

The Shepherd University Athletic Hall of Fame will induct six new members when the annual induction banquet takes place on Friday, October 7 as part of the Hall of Fame Weekend. The sextet will also be honored at the Shepherd-Charleston football game on Saturday, October 8.

Two-sport athletes Neville (Bunny) Leonard ’59 (football and baseball) and Teresa Taylor ’90 (softball and basketball) join football stars Mark McHale ’73, James Rooths ’04, and Chauncey Winbush ’95 and ’00, and baseball standout Ty Hart ’01 as the 20th class to be inducted. The “sensational six” bring the total number of members in the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame to 98. In addition, the undefeated 1955 Shepherd football team will be honored on the 50th anniversary of their remarkable season.

Neville (Bunny) Leonard ’59

Leonard, a Charles Town resident and a 1955 graduate of Loudoun County (Virginia) High School, was a star running back for the Shepherd football team from 1955-58. Leonard was a freshman on the undefeated 1955 team. He served as a team tri-captain as a senior and set a school record as he led the WVIAC with 704 rushing yards. Leonard was named Shepherd’s Most Outstanding Athlete in 1959.

He was also a member of the Ram baseball team for two seasons.

Leonard went on to a successful career as a teacher and coach. Leonard was head football coach at Annapolis (Maryland) High School and led the Panthers to a 10-0 mark in 1962. He started the football program at Northeast (Maryland) High School in 1965 and his team gained the Anne Arundel County title in 1966.

He also served as head men’s soccer coach at Shippensburg University in 1967 before returning to the high school football coaching ranks at South Hagerstown (Maryland) High School from 1968-69. He continued his coaching career at Williamport (Maryland) High School as head football coach from 1970-75.

Teresa Taylor ’90

Taylor, a resident of Hagerstown, Maryland and a 1986 graduate of Lake Forest (Delaware) High School, was a standout softball player for the Rams from 1987-90. Taylor was a two-time first team All-WVIAC choice and a three-time WVIAC All-Tournament selection. She also played on the Ram women’s basketball team for two seasons.

Taylor is the only two-time WVIAC Player of the Year selection (1988, 1990) in softball program history. Taylor helped lead Shepherd to a 20-8 mark in 1988 and a 26-6 record in 1989. She led the Rams in home runs and runs batted in for all four years. Her .482 batting average in 1988 remains a school single-season record.

Taylor is presently employed as an operations manager at McElroy Metal, Inc. in Winchester, Virginia.

Mark McHale ’73

A 1968 graduate of James Wood High School in Winchester, Virginia, and a current resident of Tallahassee, Florida, McHale was a four-year member of the Ram football team from 1969-72. A three-year starter on the offensive line, McHale led the Rams to a 25-13-2 (.650) record and the WVIAC Championship in 1972.

A 1973 graduate of Shepherd, McHale returned to his alma mater as an assistant coach for the Rams from 1975-79.

McHale moved on to distinguish himself as one of the top offensive line coaches in college football. He has had successful stints at Appalachian State, Southern Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisville, the Canadian Football League, the World Football League, and has recently enjoyed a great deal of success at Marshall University as assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, and offensive line coach.

McHale is entering his first season as the offensive line coach at national power Florida State.

James Rooths ’04

Reisterstown, Maryland, resident Rooths, a 1995 graduate of Carver VoTech High School, was a four-year standout football player as a defensive back/return specialist for the Rams from 1997-2000. He finished his career as arguably the greatest punt returner in college football history.

Rooths set and holds NCAA records (all-divisions) for most punt return touchdowns in a season (5, 1998) and a career (10, 1997-2000).

He also shares the NCAA II record for most touchdowns on total kick returns (10) and touchdowns on all runbacks (13).

A three-time first team All-American honoree, Rooths was an unanimous first team choice as a senior. Rooths led the Rams to a 35-8-0 (.814) record over his career. The Rams claimed three WVIAC championships and made two NCAA Playoff appearances over that period. Rooths returned a blocked extra point in the game’s final minutes to seal Shepherd’s 9-7 win over Indiana (Pennsylvania) in the 1998 NCAA II Playoffs.

Rooths spent time in the NFL with four teams and spent two seasons (2002-03) with the Scottish Claymores of NFL Europe where he led the league in kickoff returns in 2002 with a 28.6 average. He is currently defensive backs coach for the Frankfurt Galaxy in NFL Europe.

Chauncey Winbush ’95 and ’00

A 1990 graduate of Hammond High School, Winbush, of Woodstock, Maryland, was a standout on the Ram football team from 1990-93. A converted defensive back, Winbush became one of the top wide receivers in school history. He

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Hart posted a 9-0 mark and gained NCAA II Second Team All-American honors as well as Third Team Academic All-American accolades. He was also chosen as North Atlantic Region Pitcher of the Year. A three-time WVIAC All-Conference selection, Hart owns the Shepherd career mark for most wins (24), most innings pitched (237.1), most starts (40), and most strikeouts (212).

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**'55 Football Team 50th Anniversary**

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**Ticket Information**

The Athletic Hall of Fame banquet will be held in the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Shepherdstown. The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and induction ceremony at 7 p.m. Tickets are $30 and may be purchased through the University’s Alumni Relations Office by calling 304/876-5157 or completing the form below.

**Collin Brown gains All-Region honors**

Junior outfielder Collin Brown of Shepherd’s baseball team gained first team All-Region honors from both the Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) North Atlantic All-Region Team and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America (NCBWA) Division II North Atlantic Regional All-Star Team.

Brown led the Rams with a .471 batting average with a team-best 38 runs scored and 24 RBIs. Brown’s .471 batting ranked him fourth nationally among the NCAA II leaders. He tied for the team lead in doubles (12) and triples (3), while also adding four round-trippers. Brown’s .471 average set a new Ram single season mark, eclipsing the old mark of .458 set by Brett Bakner in 1993.

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Development

A legacy lives on

Robert L. Rissler: A guardian of the Shepherd tradition

Thanks to the foresight and enduring generosity of one Shepherd alumnus, dozens of Shepherd students have received financial support in realizing their higher education dreams. And, there will be more to come.

Born in 1921 in Charles Town to parents who instilled in him a firm belief in the value of higher education, Robert Lorain Rissler ’47 carried that conviction with him throughout his life.

Interrupted by World War II, Bob Rissler’s own higher education journey began at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, and continued after his military service at Shepherd College where he graduated in 1947. He went on to get his law degree, with honors, from George Washington University Law School.

After marrying his college sweetheart Jean Melvin ’49, Rissler headed for Washington, D.C., where he worked for the U.S. General Accounting Office for nearly 40 years, doing personnel management and legal work. Before his retirement in 1981, he had risen to the position of deputy assistant general counsel. Much of this time he and his wife commuted from their home in Shenandoah Junction. Jean worked as a secretary for the Department of Defense at the Pentagon.

The Risslers devoted much volunteer time to their community and to Shepherd, where Bob served on the board of directors of the Foundation for many years.

After Jean died in 1986, Bob established a $50,000 endowment scholarship fund in her memory. He regularly added contributions over the years to enlarge the endowment.

Rissler also made plans to include Shepherd as a beneficiary in his estate plans, making him a member of the McMurran Society. When he died in November 2002, he left a large part of his estate to Shepherd, designated for the Rissler Scholarship.

“He gifted his worldly possessions to Shepherd and several community service agencies and entrusted the Foundation to execute his estate. We were privileged to honor his generosity by providing this service. Bob and Jean Rissler’s legacy gift will encourage and support Shepherd students across generations.”

Perhaps the best tributes to Bob Rissler come from those students who benefited significantly from his philanthropy.

“Of course it eased a financial burden on my family,” he said, “but more than that, it was an honor to receive this award knowing what Mr. Rissler stood for and believed about college education and young people.”

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President of the Shepherd University Foundation

To Rachel Spiker ’01, the Rissler Scholarship meant that she could save money in order to go to law school (Emory University) after graduating with honors from Shepherd. Bringing her talents back home, she is now an attorney with Conrad and Petry, PLLC in Martinsburg.

“With the cost of higher education going up, these donations are becoming increasingly more important to students,” she said. “I couldn’t have gone on without the background I received at Shepherd. At some point in my career, I would like to be able to offer others the same opportunities.”

One of the newest student recipients is Matthew Benjamin ’09, from Glengary, who starts his Shepherd studies in computer science this fall with a $1,500 Rissler Scholarship.

“I was surprised and happy to get this scholarship,” said Matthew, a 2005 graduate of Musselman High School. “It will make paying for college a lot easier.”

An endowed gift is a gift that keeps on giving. Currently the Foundation manages more than 230 endowed scholarships and almost $1 million is given out each year to deserving students.

Sharon Henderson
McMurran Society members receive special recognition

Al Lueck ’67 and Sara Lueck ’67 (above, left) and Mary Jane Davis ’60 and Jim Davis ’59 show off the special hand-painted plates they received as members of the McMurran Society.

The Luecks and the Davises were among the more than 50 McMurran Society members and their guests attending an annual dinner reception held at Popodicon on May 1, hosted by President and Mrs. David L. Dunlop and the Shepherd University Foundation.

Members of the McMurran Society have officially included the University in their estate plans. The newest McMurran Society members are Ronald Koski ’70 and Diana Koski ’68, Philip Noll ’67 and Gwen Noll, and Philip Fearnow ’68 and Judith Ann Fearnow.

The McMurran Society, named for Joseph McMurran, the first president of Shepherd, was established in 1998 to honor those donors who have the vision and foresight to provide for the future of Shepherd University with a planned gift or bequest. Society membership provides recognition while the donor is alive and able to enjoy the benefits. More importantly, the donor can see how the University continues to grow as an integral part of the community and state.

Your gift makes a difference

Who could have guessed back in the early 1960s when Dr. James Moler ’30 worked with other Shepherd leaders to build a Foundation to support Shepherd students—beginning with gifts of about $12,000—that 40 years later that nest egg would have grown to more than $20 million in assets?

Of course, such growth was only possible because of the generosity of donors like Dr. Moler and many others who made contributions over the years and continue to show their support for Shepherd University with their financial support.

Moler, second president of the Foundation, managed the Foundation’s funds for many years. In 1981 he and his wife Katherine Watson Moler ’30 endowed the James and Katherine Moler Scholarship Fund. Interest from that fund has provided financial support to scores of deserving students over the years.

The Molers have included Shepherd University in their estate plans and, as a result, are members of the McMurran Society. Dr. Moler has also given countless hours to the Foundation, serving as a board member, helping raise funds, and finding new donors to support the cause that is so close to his heart.

A true supporter of Shepherd University and its community, Dr. Moler has made a significant difference. The lives of many students are richer and more meaningful thanks to his and Katherine’s steadfast support.

If you are interested in creating an endowment at Shepherd University through a direct or planned gift, please contact Monica Lingenfelter, executive vice president, Shepherd University Foundation, 304/876-5391, 800/344-5231, ext. 5391, fax 304/876-5004, e-mail to mlingenf@shepherd.edu or Robin Zanotti, vice president for advancement, Shepherd University, 304/876-5378, 800/344-5231, ext. 5378, fax 304/876-5057, e-mail to rzanotti@shepherd.edu.
Development

Scarborough Society president salutes members’ generosity

At the annual meeting of the Scarborough Society on June 16, President Ray Alvarez ’62 praised the generosity of Society members and friends who have produced more than $50,000 of direct support to the library. These important contributions have made possible the purchase of reference books, databases, laptop computers, and accessories for student use.

In addition, last year an annual scholarship fund was created to support students with demonstrated competencies in information technology. Sara Meurer was chosen to receive the $2,500 scholarship. Her efforts on behalf of the library have included designing a new Web page and a new logo for the library. She has also developed tutorials for using the large-format Epson scanner the Society presented to the library this year.

The scholarship for 2005-06 has been awarded to William S. Madert, of Shepherdstown.

Alvarez was unanimously re-elected to the Board, as were members Dale Hicks ’61 and John Beatty. Alvarez expressed the appreciation of the membership for the service of Gussie Mills and Ann Powell, who are leaving their positions on the board.

In encouraging current members to renew their memberships, Alvarez again emphasized the Society’s worthy endeavor: to enhance the learning opportunities for Shepherd students and the community. Memberships are based on annual dues, with the option of a lifetime membership for a one-time contribution of $10,000.

For information about joining the Scarborough Society, contact the Foundation at 304/876-5391 or 800/344-5231, ext. 5391 or visit www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/scarborough.html.

Scarborough Society of Shepherd University Membership Form

Annual membership levels:
☐ Current Student $10
☐ Associate $50
☐ Sustaining $125
☐ Patron $500
☐ Benefactor $1,000
☐ Lifetime membership $10,000
(one-time contribution)

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Make checks payable to the Shepherd University Foundation.
Mail this form to: Scarborough Society, Shepherd University Foundation, P.O. Box 3210, Shepherdstown WV 25443-3210.

Scarborough Society events

August 8-October 29, Scarborough Library.
Photographer H. Casser-Jayne will exhibit black-and-white photographs from her recently published Still Life Images of Antietam. A reception and book-signing will be held October 20, 5 to 7 p.m.

September 29, 8 p.m., Storer Ballroom, Student Center.
Reception and book signing for Appalachian writer Jayne Anne Phillips, following her keynote address for the Appalachian Heritage Writer-in-Residence program.
Ram Gridiron Club scores big its first year

In its first year, the Ram Gridiron Club recruited 175 members and raised more than $10,000 to provide scholarships to attract top high school football players to Shepherd. The club also worked with the Shepherd University Foundation to host the first Spring Scrimmage Picnic on April 16, which brought out more than 200 fans, players, and recruits.

“Such an event symbolizes the pride and support that so many of us feel for what Shepherd has accomplished in intercollegiate football,” said Al Lueck ’67, Gridiron Club chair.

The club, an outgrowth of the Ram Stadium Committee, was started last May by a committee of football fans, supported by the Shepherd University Foundation.

“After the field house was completed,” explained Lueck, “we wanted to begin a project that would benefit school football athletes on an annual basis, as well as offer an opportunity for football supporters to interact socially. We also knew that, as a group of volunteers, we wouldn’t be able to do it without University backing. Thankfully, that support has been provided and we have enjoyed a good first year.”

Again this year the Shepherd University Foundation will honor the club at its hospitality tent at the first home game on August 27 against Virginia State. A special presentation of Ram Gridiron stadium blankets will be made to Joe Walter ’66 and Gene Lugat ’83 in appreciation for their support and commitment to Shepherd football. They will also be named honorary captains for the game which will entitle them to participate in the coin toss.

Sharon Kees, catering director, prepares for a hospitality tent on the Midway.

Join the Ram Gridiron Team!

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Linda Dunn ’68 joins advancement staff

Dr. Linda S. Dunn ’68, former president of Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College in Moorefield, joined the advancement staff July 1 as director of advancement research, a new, full-time position responsible for developing and implementing programs to identify and research private sources of philanthropy, as well as a new prospect management process. She also will assist with the development of a master of arts degree in college student development.

“I am pleased that Dr. Dunn is returning to her alma mater,” said President David L. Dunlop. “Her long association with and knowledge of Shepherd will be assets to the University. Her higher education credentials and experience are impeccable, and she will have an immediate and positive impact on the institution.”

Dunn served as the first president of Eastern Community and Technical College (2000-2005) and as the president of West Virginia Northern Community College in Wheeling (1994-2000). She was the assistant director of teacher education for the District of Columbia Public Schools for two years.

She worked at Shepherd for 12 years beginning in 1976. Dunn served in a variety of roles including director of continuing and off-campus education, assistant academic dean, acting academic dean, and executive assistant to the president for enrollment management and administrative services, supervising the offices of the registrar, admissions, computer center, institutional research, academic foundations program, evening services, and the off-campus center.

Earlier in her career, Dunn taught mathematics at Charles Town High School, West Liberty State College, and West Virginia Northern, where she later served as director of the division of special programs and assistant to the president.

In addition to a bachelor of arts degree from Shepherd, Dunn earned a master of science degree from West Virginia University and a doctorate in education from Virginia Tech.

Writer in Residence

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Sylvia Bailey Shurbutt

...The O’Henry Awards anthology, the Pushcart Prize anthology, and Best American Short Stories...

Our Apologies

The following names were not included in the 2004 memorial contributions list printed in the spring 2005 issue. Please accept our apologies.

In Memory of Virginia Lowe Ramsberg
J. William Lowe

In Memory of Tom E. Moses
Clarita Karlin

The Tom E. Moses Fund was established by his three daughters, Lynn Yellott, Merle Crawford, and Jeri Moses-Eichler.
Shepherd University has received full accreditation for three new master’s programs from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

- Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) to begin August 15
- Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) to begin spring semester 2006*
- Master of Music, Music Education (M.M.Ed.) to begin summer 2006**

*pending final approval by the West Virginia Board of Education  **pending approval by the National Association of Schools of Music

For information on these graduate programs and the Master of Curriculum and Instruction, visit Shepherd’s Web site at www.shepherd.edu/graduate-studies/ or contact Dr. Michael Austin, dean of graduate studies 304/876-5313 or via e-mail to maustin@shepherd.edu

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Groundbreaking ceremony held for residence halls on West Campus

A groundbreaking ceremony marking the start of two new apartment-style residence halls on West Campus was held June 29. The $13.75 million project, which will feature 71 apartments, will be completed July 2006. Participating in the ceremony were (l. to r.) Dan Yanna, director of facilities management; Ed Magee, vice president for administration and finance; Dr. Sharon Kipetz, vice president for student affairs; Robert McMillan, vice chair of the University Board of Governors; Dr. David L. Dunlop, Shepherd president; Delegate John Doyle; Beth Buffington, project manager for Little Diversified Architectural Consulting; Dr. Richard Stevens, assistant vice president for student affairs; Bill Palmer, president of Palmer Construction Company; and Ray Meeker, facilities management project manager.

To view plans and photos of the construction progress, visit www.shepherd.edu/university/apartments/.