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SHEPHERDSTOWN FILM SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP

The Shepherdstown Film Society is pleased to announce that it is joining in a new partnership with the Scarborough Society of Shepherd University. This partnership will give the Shepherdstown Film Society the financial support it needs to maintain its commitment to show free films for Shepherd students and faculty, and the Shepherdstown community at Reynolds Hall. Films will continue to be presented with a pre-film introduction and a post-film discussion.

The Scarborough Society is an arm of the Shepherd University Foundation whose mission is to enhance learning opportunities for Shepherd students and communities through endowing and strengthening the Shepherd University library system. In addition to financial support for the library collections and technological services, the Scarborough Society hosts a lecture series, literary receptions, art exhibits, bus tours, and an annual gala.

Lisa Welch, coordinator for the Shepherdstown Films Society, announced the partnership at the showing of the last film of the fall season on Friday, October 3. In part she said, "I am very excited about our partnership with the Scarborough Society. They have made it possible for us to continue showing free films and I encourage our audience members to join the Scarborough Society to show their appreciation and support."

Dr. Ray Smock, Director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies and a member of the Scarborough Society Board of Directors, was the post-film discussion leader for Friday's film, *State of the Union*. Smock said, "This new partnership represents the best in town and gown enterprises and I believe that it will benefit both of these fine organizations."

The Shepherdstown Film Society is in its fifth year. A series of films for spring, 2009 is now being planned and will be announced with schedule information later in the fall.

For further information about the Shepherdstown Film Society and its history, visit their website at www.shepherdstownfilmsociety.org or contact Lisa Welch at 304-876-1837 (email lmwelch@frontiernet.net) or Mina Goodrich at 304-876-2159. For more information about the Scarborough Society and to print their membership form, visit their website at www.shepherd.edu/fndtnweb/scarborough/.

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