CAREY SUPPORTS RELIEF EFFORTS

University unscathed in Feb. 10 EF4 tornado that ravaged local areas

By Joshua Wilson
Editor-in-Chief

The William Carey University community let out a collective sigh of relief as reports of no damage emerged from the Carey campus in the wake of a massive tornado in Forrest and Lamar counties on Feb. 10.

However, that relief would soon turn to horror, and later to determination, as reports of the monster tornado’s effects came in.

A massive path of destruction, beginning in Oak Grove and traveling down Hardy Street into downtown Hattiesburg and Petal, left around 1,700 homes damaged or destroyed. Several local businesses, churches and schools sustained heavy damage and Carey’s neighbor in higher education, the University of Southern Mississippi, has damage estimated in the “tens of millions of dollars,” including eight or nine damaged or destroyed buildings.

In addition to the property damage, around 70 storm-related injuries, but no deaths, were reported, said local officials.

At its peak, the tornado had winds of 170 miles per hour, earning it a classification of EF4 strength by the National Weather Service. NWS teams have determined that the tornado had a path length of 20 miles and a maximum width of 3/4 of a mile.

Several Carey students, faculty and staff members lost their homes as a result of the tornado but no injuries were reported within the Carey community.

Within hours of the tornado’s strike, the Carey community started relief efforts around the Pine Belt. Director of Student Activities Emily Sheckells said that 10 groups from Carey, including many student, faculty and staff volunteers, ventured into disaster areas to offer their help.

“Our different groups went to Westminster Presbyterian Church, USM, homes in the disaster areas in Hattiesburg and also to homes in Petal,” said Sheckells. “The groups picked up debris and helped clear out houses that were damaged.”

Sheckells said Carey relief efforts also included donations to the Salvation Army.

“Carey definitely stepped up this past week to help our community even in the midst of final examinations,” she said. “We had a great response from the Carey community.”

WCU Professor of Music Dr. Connie Roberts, who lost her home to the storm and also saw her church, Westminster Presbyterian, sustain heavy damage, praised the WCU community’s relief efforts. Carey volunteers helped Roberts salvage many items in her home and also assisted recovery efforts at the church.

“This was truly a ‘family’ response,” said Roberts in a note. “It was amazing to experience such an outpouring of brotherly love and much-needed assistance.”

Relief efforts will continue for the foreseeable future, said Sheckells. Monetary donations or donations of nonperishable food, bottled water or hygiene items are still being collected by Sheckells at her office in the WCU Student Center. Anyone wanting information on other volunteer efforts and opportunities can contact Sheckells by phone at 601-318-6444 or via email at esheckells@wmcarey.edu.

“Just the Facts

WCU wasn’t damaged in the Feb. 10 EF4 tornado that struck the Pine Belt.
Carey relief efforts continue. Monetary or goods donations can be brought to Emily Sheckells in the WCU Student Center.
Wanting to volunteer? Emily Sheckells can set you up with the right person. Contact her at 601-318-6444 or by email at esheckells@wmcarey.edu.

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BY SOPHIA WARE
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The bookstore is also preparing for the Young Author’s Book Fair. Barnes and Noble has donated over 300 books to Carey’s education department to be distributed to the children in attendance at the book fair. Attendees will have the pleasure of meeting authors and illustrators from the region, touring the campus, and enjoying lunch.

In the midst of planning for events, the madness accompanied by a new trimester’s book sales started. It was the first opportunity for most patrons to view the bookstore since the renovations, which effectively doubled the store’s floor space. When asked how they felt about the changes that were made to the bookstore, students were very positive.

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Students plan to hold 'Night of Freedom' event at Carey

BY RANDI CLARK
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Eleutheria: Night of Freedom will take place on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Smith Auditorium. The event is a fundraiser for Tiny Hands International, started by college students in 2005 to help stop the trafficking of young girls across the Nepal/India border. Not only do they physically stop the movement of girls at the border, they also have taken great strides in the prevention of human trafficking, setting up children’s homes across Nepal.

Eleutheria, "freedom" in Greek, is the product of a burden placed on Marshall Wade’s heart when she attended Passion 2012. Wade, a senior in the Winters School of Music, has made many friends from Winters School of Music, and was touched by the stories at Passion of young women helped by Tiny Hands. When she mentioned the project to friends at Carey, she found instant support.

Rachel Charpie, a music therapy major, has become Wade’s right-hand woman in the organization and they have acquired over 20 student volunteers. Wade hopes the event will “challenge our generation to rise up.” She wants others to realize that there are more slaves than at any other time in history, making this an important battle for all who believe in the freedom and equality of all.

Mississippi, this will be a night of worship featuring Carey’s own Carissa Read and company, along with the worship bands River of Life and First Baptist of Hattiesburg. Admission is free, but opportunities to give throughout the evening will include an ongoing love offering, the sale of handmade items from Tiny Hands’ women, and the purchasing of event t-shirts.

Carey Assistant Professor of Religion Dr. Brett Golson will be speaking during the evening. He has a passion for the work of the Gospel and is excited to see students taking an active role.

“We have reduced our mission to passing out tracts, praying the same prayers, taking pictures, and reporting ‘decisions’ to chart our success. The Gospel demands more. The Gospel demands that we break grip of the oppressor and bring him to justice. The Gospel demands that we nurture the oppressed and stand guard over them!” said Golson.

The students are also in contact with their peers at the University of Southern Mississippi about holding a 27-hour stand in honor of the 27 million slaves in the world on March 5-6.

Questions are welcome at the Facebook page “Eleutheria: Night of Freedom.” Wade can be contacted by phone at 251-490-1990.

Please support this event and the students behind it with your prayers, because, as Charpie said, “We serve a mighty God who is ready to move in power when we move in obedience.”
TRUE CHARACTER IN THE FACE OF TRIALS

It is often said that true strength is not seen until a trial is encountered. It is at that time that the deepest character of a person unfurls itself and comes to life.

As I stood at the edge of a neighborhood in my hometown of Petal, two days after an EF4 tornado ripped through it, I saw clearly just how strong people in the South are. The street I stood on looked like a nuclear bomb had been dropped directly over it. Pine trees that I could barely fit my arms around had been completely snapped in half and the tops of them were found over a football field away. A house with only one wall remaining stood beside a house with a tree through the roof and windows blown out. I began to walk down the street and looked up to see sheets wrapped in the highest branches of remaining trees, eerily blowing in the now gentle breeze.

I am no stranger to this scene. Growing up so close to the Gulf Coast, I’ve seen my fair share of hurricanes. This one, however, was a whole new ball game. The wind blew my clothes and closed doors of a house. Katrina roared through, but this devastation had an entirely different feel. Tornadoes in the South are temperamental. They pick and choose their destructive path. One house is left completely intact while the one directly beside it is blown off its foundation. There is no time to prepare, only time to duck and cover. This is why it felt different. The people affected had no time to board up windows or stock up on water and food or buy a generator. It was a normal Sunday afternoon, and then … their home was gone.

All of this struck me and would not leave my mind as I walked around handing out sandwiches and soup and cupcakes to people who had nothing. I think I expected some sort of bitterness. Maybe some anger at what had happened, but I heard no hint of anything but gratefulness from anyone. We stopped at the remains of a house with only a slab and one wall standing. The owner was in the driveway just looking at her former home. I asked her if she had a place to stay and how she was doing and told her I was truly sorry for her loss. She looked at me, smiled a little smile, and said, “Honey, I’m alive, and I have friends and family, and we’re gonna be okay.”

With tears in my eyes, I walked back down the street with my friends and continued going from house to house, offering food and whatever else we could help with. The men of the city were already out with chainsaws, cutting trees off houses and cleaning yards. My heart felt so full as I watched them, high school boys to 70-year-old men, taking the roles they were made to fulfill, working hard all day out of selfless love and duty to their friends and neighbors. I have never in my life been more proud of the South.

That is what this all boils down to. We are Southerners. That means we don’t wait for the government to issue a state of emergency to go out and start making things right again. It means we don’t stand by and let our neighbors go hungry when we still have a way to make them a casserole and a pie. It means our men take off work and offer their strength, chainsaws, and pickup trucks. It means our women immediately start calling each other and make a plan to take meals and clothes to those who have lost homes. We are Southerners. That means we are loyal to our city and our state. We don’t stop until the job is done. We don’t give in to despair. We don’t give in to anything. We have overcome countless disasters in the past, and we will overcome this one by clinging to our faith and culture. If trials bring out the true character of a people, look no further than the Pine Belt for a model example of how a community should respond.

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Chinese exchange student enjoys playing JV basketball at Carey

By Michael Coehlo
SPORTS EDITOR

Linyi (China) University exchange student “Bill” Yi Sun had what he called an “unforgettable experience” while playing for the WCU JV varsity basketball team during the 2012-2013 season.

With three games remaining on the schedule, Bill has seen action in games against Jeff Davis CC and Marion Military Institute, attempted two shots, and played a total of 12 minutes.

Recently, The Cobbler was able to sit down with Bill to ask him about the season and how sports eased the transition to life in America.

What fueled your decision to participate in the Linyi University foreign exchange program and come to school in the United States?

The main reason I wanted to go to school in America was to improve my English. I want to become an English teacher when I return home to China and there is no better way to learn a language then to live where it is spoken.

Was basketball a big part of your life before coming to William Carey? What made you decide to try out for the Crusaders?

Basketball is the most popular sport in China. The Lakers are very popular and everyone knows who Kobe Bryant is. I’ve played basketball my whole life but never been on an organized team. When I heard about the team, I saw it as a good opportunity to do something I have always wanted to do.

What was your favorite “Bill” Yi Sun part about playing organized basketball?

I always really enjoyed ball practice and learning from coaches was great. I improved me as a basketball player, which was what I wanted.

What were the greatest challenges you had to overcome throughout the season?

Sometimes I could not understand what my coaches were trying to tell me. I would mess up and they would try to help, but sometimes they would talk too fast and I could not understand them. Also, having never played organized basketball before, many of our players were far more advanced than I was.

What will you take with you from the overall experience?

Playing on the basketball team will be unforgettable. I can’t begin to explain how much it meant to me to have coaches who were willing to give me a chance to do something I have always wanted to do.

Baseball off to good start

By Michael Coehlo
SPORTS EDITOR

The Carey baseball team started conference play with a bang by sweeping Southern Wesleyan University to improve to 6-5 on the young season.

Strong starting pitching has been a theme early for the Crusaders with Jake Fabre and Vito Perna both throwing complete games against Wesleyan, including a two-hit shutout from Perna in the series finale.

Overall the Crusader pitching staff has compiled a 4.01 ERA, held opponents to a .263 average, and only surrendered 31 walks in 83 innings. Offensively, Mitch Bohon and Scott Fabre have accounted for 36 runs produced with Bohon leading the team with a .535 OBP to accompany a .438 batting average and .625 slugging percentage. Fabre has been red hot of late batting .600 against Southern Wesleyan and Alex Lahasky has provided a spark at second base including two doubles and four RBI’s in the last four games.

The Crusaders will play conference series at Loyola (La.) and Spring Hill (Ala.) before returning home to take on Lee (Tenn.) at Milton Wheeler Field.

View the Video
http://youtu.be/6evr1F9S3Jg

Arnau nailed it.
“She has been close on several occasions but tonight she nailed it,” said Sports Information Director D.J. Pulley. “The place went crazy.”

And so did Twitter and Facebook. Video of the event, taken by several sources, immediately went “viral” and caught the attention of ESPN. The network then broadcast the video on their Sportscenter program.

At press time on Feb. 25, a video of Arnau’s “trick shot” by local WDAM Sports personality Nathan Epstein had garnered nearly five million views on YouTube. The story had also made headlines on Yahoo! News, The Huffington Post, CNN, and multiple other news organizations. At press time, plans were being made for an interview on The Today Show and other national media outlets.

Arnau is a junior at WCU where she also plays soccer. She is a native of Hattiesburg and is majoring in biology.
**Life Matters**

with AUTUMN MORAN

All of us know that we need to eat a little healthier, but we also all know how delicious unhealthy foods taste. In our fast-paced world, eating junk food is sometimes much easier, cheaper and the path of least resistance. To help combat this common reality, here are a few tips to help you incorporate healthy eating habits into your life without forcing you to give up your junk food, eat a strict diet or count calories.

- Eat one serving of fruit per day.
- Eat one side salad or vegetable per day. Grab prepackaged or self-package baby carrots, celery or cucumbers before you leave the house. With salads, remember no croutons or cheese and order your favorite dressing on the side. Dipping your fork in the dressing prior to picking up a bite of salad provides the perfect portion every time.
- Establish a meatless or red-meat free day per week. Instead of unhealthy red meats, prepare grilled chicken, bean burritos, veggie pizza or chicken fajitas. Going meatless one to two days a week has been known to help lower cholesterol, fight heart disease, lower cancer risks and aid in weight loss.
- Avoid or eliminate high fructose corn syrup, hydrogenated oils and aspartame. All three have been linked to obesity, heart disease, cancer, digestive problems, diabetes and speeding the aging process.
- Reduce or eliminate soda intake. If you can’t live without your daily soda, consider switching to a natural brand that uses pure sugar. Corner Market here in the Hattiesburg area sells a natural brand called Blue Sky.
- Hydrate. Hydrate. Hydrate. Drink water all day, everyday. This is a rewarding habit to adopt. Do not buy bottled water because it is a waste of money and 1.5 million tons of plastic bottles make their way into the ocean and landfills yearly instead of being recycled. Filtered pitchers are cheap and easy if you need a little extra filtration.
- Plan your meals out for each week. I spend about 15 minutes each Sunday writing down all of my meals for the next week, including when I will eat out and where. This takes out the guesswork and allows you to focus on more important things throughout the week.

These tips are for anyone wishing to add a little extra healthiness to their lifestyle. As you begin to incorporate some of the tips, it is important to remember that habits can be just as hard to break as they are to break. Simply trying goes a long way in establishing a healthy lifestyle.

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TALKING ABOUT

APPs

- **Ruzzle** is a stupidly addictive word game. Stupidly in the way it makes you stare at a screen in two-minute intervals trying to force it to accept words that don’t exist. Still, we love it.
- **Vine** is a video-sharing app through Twitter. So, now you don’t just have to tweet a photo of what you’re eating for lunch ... you can give us a video tour of your lunch.
- **Snapchat**, a photo-sharing app that lets you share photos or videos for up to 10 seconds, gained infamy for a certain reason that we’re not going to print. However, as long as you’re not using it in a dumb way, it’s pretty cool.
- **Google Maps** is a fantastic location and map app. And it most likely won’t make you drive into a lake, like Apple Maps has been prone to do.
- **Foursquare**, a social location sharing app, is oddly popular around Carey. People spend a lot of time checking into places around Carey and gaining “mayorship” of buildings. So, if you like stealing mayorships from other people and don’t mind being stalked, give it a try.
- **Action Movie FX** is truly hilarious. You can film at least a 5-second scene and then figure out creative ways to blow up things in the scene. For example ... don’t like someone? Film them for five seconds, and then you can send a torpedo in on them. Childish, yes? Hilarious? Definitely.

MOVIES

- **Skyfall**, the newest James Bond flick, is a favorite. However, we don’t like (SPOILERS AHEAD!) the death of a Major character (see what we did there?). Other than that, ‘tis good. And it’s recently out on home media!
- **Beautiful Creatures** is a romantic fantasy film based off a popular book series. With a cast of A-listers, we’re pretty pleased with this one.
- **Zero Dark Thirty** is a gritty war drama about events surrounding the death of Osama bin Laden. With a solid performance by Jessica Chastain and the magical directing skills of Kathryn Bigelow, this one has been a big hit on campus, too.
- The reaction to the announcement of a new **Star Wars** trilogy has been mixed. And now we’re hearing that standalone films, featuring popular characters such as Han Solo and Yoda, are a possibility. We’re mildly excited and more than a little terrified, like George Orwell’s **1984** and Ayn Rand’s **Anthem**, are closer to dictatorships. The perfection of the world is enforced by fear.
- Lowry does something truly remarkable as she bases her dystopia on the issue of human suffering. This community does not exist to control its residents’ lives. It only wishes to completely do away with pain and even the memory of pain. This book is a quick read that will get you thinking. Through Jonas’ passion for music and colors, Lowry is telling her readers that life is worth it. She is saying that we aren’t human without our pain.

What’s got you talking lately? Let us know at cobbler@wmcarey.edu and we may feature it here!