Sanderson gift leads way for school of pharmacy at Tradition campus

Carey officials recently announced plans to start a school of pharmacy at the Tradition campus, located on Highway 67 in Biloxi.

The university also recently received the largest gift from an individual in the history of the institution from Joe F. Sanderson Jr., chief executive officer and chairman of the board for Sanderson Farms in Laurel, and his wife Kathy. The Sandersons’ gift of $1.1 million includes $1 million dedicated to the school of pharmacy and $100,000 to the doctor of physical therapy program.

This monetary dedication and show of support by such a prominent member of the community provided the push Carey administrators needed to publicly announce Carey’s project to help meet the need for pharmacists in Mississippi by building the state’s second pharmacy school, said Carey President Dr. Tommy King.

“I cannot overstress the importance of this gift. It will help meet startup cost needs, but I also hope it will serve as an invitation for others interested in this project to come forward now they know it will be a reality,” said Dr. King.

The school of pharmacy will require approximately $4 million in startup costs in addition to approximately $12-15 million to build and equip a home for the school on the Tradition campus.

Tradition Chief Advancement Officer Monica Marlowe is the lead on the fundraising for the school of pharmacy and is guiding the advancement team to work even harder to raise money for the project. Provided the necessary funds are raised, the school is projected to open in two to three years and add 20 to 25 new faculty members to the Carey family.

Similar to the pharmacy school at the University of Mississippi and Carey’s new physical therapist program, the school of pharmacy will feature two different degree plans. The first degree plan will be similar to the University of Mississippi’s “early entry program” in that it will allow incoming freshmen with a good academic record and competitive GPA and ACT scores admission into the pharmacy program after completing three years of prerequisite undergraduate courses.

The second degree plan will accept students who have received a bachelor of science degree from a four-year institution and have a competitive GPA and exemplary academic record. Students who participate in the early entry program will be able to complete the prerequisites and pharmacy school requirements in seven years.

Fundraising is underway for a pharmacy school at the university’s Tradition campus. The school will be the second of its kind in Mississippi.

Women’s Testimony Night sees big success

Women’s Testimony Night was held at Carey on Jan. 29 with over 150 female students in attendance. Pictured at the event are (from left to right) Meg Edney of Vicksburg; Macie Foreman of Rayne, La.; Nicole Yates of Lucedale; Ashley Huntington of Slidell, La.; Brooke Morgan of Hickory; and Lana Pol of Pascagoula.

Ashley Huntington, a senior at Carey from Slidell, La., started what she hopes will become a tradition at the university after she leaves with the Women’s Testimony Night, which took place on the Hattiesburg campus on Jan. 29 and received an overwhelmingly positive response.

Over 140 young women attended the seminar and two of the women in attendance made the decision to follow Christ.

Huntington attributes her inspiration for the night to a woman who invested in her as a young woman.

“Growing up, a lady named Mrs. Rosemary really invested and poured God’s love, support and kindness into me through junior high, high school and all the way through college,” Huntington said. “In my hometown, she held testimony luncheons once a year and 200-300 women would come to hear women’s testimonies about how Jesus saved and restored them.”

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Seal Foundation gives gift for pharm school

By Joshua Wilson

The Leo W. Seal Family Foundation, headquartered in Bay St. Louis, has pledged $125,000 for the establishment of the school of pharmacy at the Carey Tradition campus in Biloxi.

The pledge will be distributed to Carey over a five-year period, with $50,000 already contributed, to defray startup costs for the pharmacy school.

The school, the second of its kind in Mississippi, will have the mission of serving the entire Gulf Coast region. It will also anchor a Health Care Industry Zone, established by state law, within a five-mile radius of the campus on Highway 67.

Hank Zuber, District 113 state representative and co-author of the legislation creating the zone, was on hand for the Foundation’s formal gift presentation on Jan. 12 and noted the impact of the gift.

“I would like to thank the Seal Foundation for this generous contribution,” said Zuber. “They are taking the lead with this contribution in bringing the Coast back … we are now one step closer to having the pharmacy school at Carey, which will be a game-changer for south Mississippi not only in terms of the school itself but possibilities including, but not limited to, high-tech spin-off companies and ancillary businesses.”

Foundation board member Clay Wagner said the Foundation was pleased to support such a worthy project.

“We are very, very excited to be able to participate in such an amazing project not only for the students on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, but also for the growth and development of our region,” he said.

Carey President Dr. Tommy King expressed appreciation to the Foundation and noted the university’s desire to serve the Gulf Coast and surrounding areas.

“Carey has been on the coast for more than 35 years. Bringing the first professional school to the coastal region is just another example of our desire to serve this significant area of Mississippi and neighboring states,” said Dr. King.

School of Education offers new doctoral degree

From Staff Reports

The Carey School of Education will offer the doctor of education (Ed.D.) in educational leadership K-12 beginning in November 2015, pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The new doctorate will prepare candidates to become more effective leaders in their school districts. The degree is offered primarily in an online format with 61 required course hours, including the dissertation.

The School of Education currently offers a specialist of education (Ed.S.) degree with a concentration on educational leadership that can lead directly into the new doctoral degree.

In addition to the new doctorate, the School of Education offers an Ed.D. or doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) in higher education administration, five Ed.S. concentrations, the master of education (M.Ed.) with 15 concentrations and numerous undergraduate education programs.

Forty-two students inducted into Alpha Chi

From Staff Reports

Forty-two Carey students were inducted into the Mississippi Beta chapter of the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society on Jan. 14.

Membership into Alpha Chi is limited to no more than 10 percent of the junior, senior and graduate class members. Carey students must have at least a 3.75 grade point average on the 4.0 scale to qualify for membership.

The new inductees include Philip Allford of Kingsport, Tenn.; Rachel Barr of Fort Davis, Texas; Ashton Biggs of Clinton; Jessica Brown of Biloxi; William Buchanan of Baton Rouge, La.; Kathryn Bynum of Collins; Jamieka Calcote of Hattiesburg; Haley Chalk of Hattiesburg; Ashley Champagne of Vancleave; Allison Clark of Leakesville; Ramsi Dykes of Hot Coffee; Mabry Ely of Raleigh; Christopher Givens of McComb; Joseph Goss of Picayune; Cathryn Guice of Biloxi; William Guidry of Hattiesburg; Brooklyn Guiltot of Port Allen, La.; Kaylin Henderson of Purvis; Austin Henderson of Petal; Ashlynn Hust of Petal; Thilo Koerperich of Duisburg, Germany; Sean Laird of South Bend, Ind.; Lauren Little of Raleigh; John Maddox of Petal; Meghan Maddox of Waveland; Morgan Marfisi of Tom Bean, Texas; Elisabeth Mayes of Jacksonville, Ala.; Hunter Owens of Sanctor; Jessica Rasberry of Lucedale; Andrew Rauch of Petal; Joseph Roderick of Blue Ridge, Ga.; Allison Romack Alford of McComb; Lindsey Rowe of Madison; Alexandra Salazar of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Laura Scovel of Wiggins; Conner Sears of Columbia; Deborah Sills of Enterprise; Eric Warren of Wilmer, Ala.; Faith Westberry of Conehatta; Katie Williamson of Columbia; Shannel Wilson of Carne; and Heather Wilson of Lucedale.

The student officers for 2014-2015 are Erin Ford of Collins, president; Lexi Davis of Leakesville, vice president; and Kendal Banks of Wiggins. The sponsors are Dr. Read Diket, professor of art and education; Dr. Randall Harris, professor of biomedical sciences; and Dolores O’Mary, administrative assistant for language and literature.

For more information on the new degree, contact Dr. Lisa Weaver, assistant professor of education and chair of educational leadership, at lweaver@wmcarey.edu. For more information about the School of Education, call (601) 316-6600 or visit www.wmcarey.edu.

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Growth in the School of Nursing continues

Dean and faculty see success in new and revamped programs

By Kellee Flurry

Carey’s Fall School of Nursing looks forward to a bright future in terms of growth, new programs and plans for the future.

Dr. Janet Williams, dean of nursing, began working at the Fall School of Nursing 25 years ago as an instructor and has been the dean of nursing for the last four years. During her time as dean, she has revamped curriculums and watched enrollments increase as well as developed and implemented several new nursing programs.

One of those nursing programs, the Ph.D. in nursing education and administration, started in 2012 and celebrated graduating its inaugural class of 21 students in August 2014.

“The nursing school hopes to graduate 28 more Ph.D. students in August 2015 and 35 students in 2016,” said Dr. Williams. “I’m also eager to see the results of the new health information management program and the dual degree of master of science in nursing and master of business administration. These are two new programs we’ve started to meet various needs when it comes to the career paths of our students. The MSN/MBA will attract nurses who are interested in obtaining a business degree with their advanced nursing degree.”

Dr. Williams said there are approximately 20 students in the first class of the MSN/MBA program, which began in November 2014.

Enrollment has increased in the nursing school, indicating strong interest among students for the variety of nursing degrees offered at Carey, said the dean.

“We keep our standards high, while continuing to strive to be a Christian center for up-to-date health education,” said Dr. Williams.

Dr. Williams stated that she and her faculty continually evaluate the needs of the surrounding communities as well as assess and tackle the barriers that can interfere in educational programs while still adhering to the Carey mission.

“We will be applying to become a Center for Excellence in Nursing Education, a designation offered by the National League for Nursing, which would be a huge honor for our program,” said Dr. Williams.

This designation would identify the nursing school as a health care organization that has achieved a level of excellence in specific areas. There are currently only 17 to 20 educational institutions that have achieved this designation and are nationally active at this time.

“Prospective students can expect to see a few changes in the master’s and Ph.D. programs for next fall, such as more cohesive degrees,” said Dr. Williams. “The nursing school is constantly working to keep our program relevant. We work hard to offer a curriculum that helps our students obtain cohesive degrees that will aid them in their future.”

Pharmacy School (continued from front)

All students who graduate from Carey’s school of pharmacy will receive a doctor of pharmacy degree, or the Pharm.D.

Carey’s school of pharmacy will serve as platform for broader strategic plans to enhance the economic competitiveness of the Gulf Coast area. With the addition of the school of pharmacy to the Tradition campus also comes a Health Care Industry Zone, a five-mile radius around the university identified by Governor Phil Bryant’s business incentive program approved by Mississippi Legislature in 2012. This zone exists to promote the health care industry along the Coast and in Mississippi in general by attracting other health care companies to the area.

One of the major incentives for these companies will be the collaboration between Carey and other higher education institutions and local health care systems to form a diabetics research, treatment and prevention institute. The pharmacy school will serve as an anchor for this project by attracting pharmaceutical companies to the Health Care Industry Zone and creating research opportunities.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Mississippi has the highest occurrence of cases of diabetes in the nation and diabetes is the sixth-leading cause of death in the state. Also, Mississippi ranks at the top in the nation for obesity, which is a primary risk factor for Type II diabetes. Research conducted will seek to improve the overall health of Mississippians by finding ways to combat this disease and change the statistics.

Provost Scott Hummel said, “Adding health care programs such as the proposed school of pharmacy has created synergy. We are able to bring more to the table for hospitals, health care companies and research facilities. The growth of our nursing school and the establishment of additional health care programs have clearly enhanced our marketability by enhancing our brand and perceived quality. Many universities can only hope to accomplish what Carey has and is accomplishing under Dr. King’s leadership. Carey is not only a great university; it is making a difference in the health and economy of Mississippi and when people hear about our successes, they realize we are a quality educational institution. When alumni hear of our efforts, they are even more proud to be Carey graduates.”

Testimony Night (continued from front)

Over a year ago, Huntington felt the calling to follow in Mrs. Rosemary’s footsteps and hold a similar event on Carey’s campus even though organizing this event was a huge step out of Huntington’s comfort zone.

“I was so afraid, I basically ran from it for six months,” she said. “With sweet patience, the Lord kept telling me that I needed to submit to it. In June, I finally submitted to God and agreed to organize this event, despite my fear. Through this experience I have started to learn it is when I am outside of my comfort zone that He Himself is my comfort.”

After committing to the event, Huntington received support from her friends, the university, the Hattiesburg and Petal communities and Carey students.

Carey senior Lana Pol of Pascagoula, junior Nicole Yates of Lucedale, senior Hannah Hunter of Meridian and senior Maggie Paull of Ruth led worship at the event. Three Carey students, including Pol, Yates and sophomore Meg Edney of Vicksburg, shared their testimonies of God’s work in their lives. Also sharing her testimony was 2014 alumna Macie Foreman of Rayne, La., who works with the Pine Belt Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Senior Brooke Morgan of Hickory closed the night by sharing the Gospel.

Women’s Testimony Night also had strong student support behind the scenes. Sophomore Laken Britt of Petal designed flyers and junior Patricia Stewart of Gautier designed the theme and decorations for the night.

Testimony Night (continued from front)

AT RIGHT: Senior Lana Pol of Pascagoula shares her testimony during the first Women’s Testimony Night held at Carey on Jan. 29.
Story of Civil Rights-era bombing told at Carey

‘Walk With Me’ also marks 50th anniversary of university milestone

By Taylor Lindemann
Staff Writer

On Feb. 5, the Winters School of Music and Ministry, in collaboration with Carey’s history and English departments, presented Walk With Me: The 16th Street Bombing.

The musical focuses on the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Ala., during the Civil Rights Movement which claimed the lives of four young girls and injured 22 bystanders. The musical is based on the book While the World Watched by author Carolyn Maull McKinstry, one of the survivors of the bombing. It was performed on two occasions, with the first being open to local grade school students and the second to general audiences.

“The musical serves as a tool for national and international work in the ministry of reconciliation, forgiveness and relevance of dealing with terrorism in the context of today’s environment,” said Dr. Susan Ruggiero, project organizer for the Walk With Me Foundation and adjunct professor of flute and voice.

The musical featured a group from the Walk With Me Foundation, which holds as its main mission the preservation of culture through the performing arts. This group consists of five Alabama natives who were invited to perform at Carey by Dr. Terrance Brown, one of the survivors of the bombing. It was performed on two occasions, with the first being open to local grade school students and the second to general audiences.

“The musical serves as a tool for national and international work in the ministry of reconciliation, forgiveness and relevance of dealing with terrorism in the context of today’s environment,” said Dr. Susan Ruggiero, project organizer for the Walk With Me Foundation, commemorates the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Birmingham’s 16th Street Baptist Church and also recognizes the 50th anniversary of Carey’s desegregation. "My dad never questioned his decision though. He truly believed in social justice for all.”

Although he was met with opposition from some, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester’s actions allowed for desegregation of the university in 1965. Dr. Noonkester’s father, former Carey President J. Ralph Noonkester, was pivotal in guiding Carey to be the first college in Mississippi and the first Baptist college in the tri-state area to voluntarily desegregate.

On Feb. 4, 1965, the elder Dr. Noonkester persuaded Carey’s Trustees to sign the civil rights compliance document. These actions brought on many death threats and intimidations from those who did not agree with his position.

“I can remember looking out the window from what is now the Wheeler Alumni House at a burning cross in my own front yard. We had received a lot of mail and threatening phone calls from people who disagreed with desegregation, but the cross burning really made my parents worried,” said Dr. Myron Noonkester. “My dad never questioned his decision though. He truly believed in social justice for all.”

Although he was met with opposition from some, Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester’s actions allowed for the enrollment of Vermester Bester and Linda Jackson, the first African-American students to attend Carey.

“‘The musical is a creative way of teaching about this important period of American history to middle school, high school and university students, while also discussing the history of our university,” said Dr. Odom.
Theatre and Spanish students present 'Bocon'

By Carrie Lammons
Staff Writer

Carey theatre and Spanish students presented Lisa Loomer's Bocon, an award-winning fable filled with humor and enchantment, on Tuesday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 14 in the Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre on the Hattiesburg campus.

Bocon was unique because it was the story of a little boy with a big mouth (the Spanish meaning of “bocon.”) The main character, 12-year-old Miguel, loses his voice when his parents are tragically taken away by a military regime in Central America.

He then begins a voyage north to Los Angeles. The journey shows Miguel meeting a host of adventurous magical spirits and again finding his voice along with the courage to cross the border into a new life.

“We used the same materials that they would use in El Salvador to make our props for this production so they would be more authentic," said Permenter. "It was a very challenging piece because the show is written and performed in both Spanish and English. We had to work really hard to overcome the language barriers so our audience could fully experience the heart-warming message of the fable. It was a learning experience for the whole cast and we had to push our limits.”

The story of Miguel's journey undoubtedly found a place in every person's heart, but more captivating than that is the work ethic and dedication put into "Bocon" from Carey students.

"I have learned so much since this project started, not just regarding acting or the Spanish language, but about the project started, not just regarding acting or the Spanish language, but about the Spanish culture as a whole," said Taylor Abbott of Picayune, who plays the part of Miguel.

Other cast members include Ashlyn Watts of Picayune; Logan McCartney of Hattiesburg; Haley Genberg of Warren, Penn.; Nadia Trinanes of Hattiesburg; Xavier Martin of Hattiesburg; Nicoli Hutchinson of Picayune; Miranda Rester of Sumrall; Treya Brown of Hattiesburg; Baxter Walters of Hattiesburg; Amanda Gibson of Columbia; Michaela McCraw of Rapid City, S.D.; Gunner Stewart of Petal; Zachary Singletary of Madison; Alisha Fishel of Olive Branch; Devin Sorrell of Bardstown, Ky.; and Lindsay Knight of Hattiesburg.

Art students excel in Mississippi art competition

By Jessica Boyette
Campus Life Editor

Five Carey art students recently earned honors in the Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition, an art contest held annually among both public and private universities and colleges throughout the state.

Carey students submitted 81 entries to the contest, including 56 from the Hattiesburg campus and 25 from the Tradition campus. The contest garnered a total of 709 entries from all of the competing institutions. A total of 138 pieces were selected for recognition.

Carey students who had pieces selected in the competition include senior art majors Amber Holifield of Collins, Joanna McKenzie of Monticello, Melissa Murphy of Bay Springs, Rick Wilemon of Hattiesburg and Tessa Stockstill of Biloxi. Three of Murphy's pieces were selected for the show and the other students each had one piece selected.

Tracy Williams, Tradition campus art department chair, prompted her art students to participate. Williams noted that by entering the contest, students gained much more than the potential of garnering recognition.

"They also gained experience in selecting which of their numerous works to enter, photographing their works for viewing by the judge and critically analyzing the chosen works," she said.

Carey art students have been participating in the competition for many years and have received a variety of awards across the board.

Williams said, "Our art department is small, but our students still manage to effectively compete with students from larger art departments in the state. I'm very pleased with their passion and the time and effort that put into developing that passion."

At Right: Three pieces of art by Melissa Murphy of Bay Springs were selected for the Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition. Four other Carey art students also have work displayed.

News from Carey's Tradition campus

Clay-Mendez wins scholarship

Jasmine Clay-Mendez, a William Carey University Tradition campus student from Pascagoula, was recently awarded a $1,500 scholarship from the Philanthropic Educational Organization. PEO is an international organization which gives scholarships to assist women in completing their educational goals. Clay-Mendez, a senior majoring in business administration, was selected to win the award from a group of several thousand candidates from both the United States and Canada.

Fitness program begins

A stereotypical New Year's resolution is becoming a reality at the Tradition campus in Biloxi as a new fitness and wellness program has been established to benefit campus employees and students.

The program, first implemented at the beginning of January, includes a commitment from select employees to meet a walking goal of 10,000 steps per day. Future plans include involving students through the activities of the Student Government Association, which is planning a 5K race in the spring to promote the wellness program on the campus.

The trend to a more fit university community started at Carey's main campus in Hattiesburg in September 2013. A walking club, consisting of employees and students, meets several times a week. Employees at both campuses also receive weekly emails with healthy living tips, including recipes.

For its wellness efforts, Carey has been named a "Fit Friendly" worksite by the American Heart Association. The university's efforts come at a time when Gallup has ranked Mississippi as the most obese state in the United States.
Baseball team plans for successful season

By Michael Coelho
Editor-in-Chief

The Carey baseball team is looking forward to a successful season. As of press time Feb. 16, the Crusaders had posted a record of 6-5 and 3-0 in conference play.

Halford and Culpepper

Woodrow (East Mississippi CC). Little will look to return to his 2013 form when he posted a 6-1 record with a 2.96 ERA as a sophomore. He was forced to sit out the entire 2014 season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Offensively, the Crusader coaching staff has selected a group that will rely on team speed over power. This will allow the Crusaders to play aggressively, especially when playing at their home field. The Crusaders struggled at their home ballpark during the 2014 season with a 15-16 record, a problem that should be addressed with the influx of speed on this year’s team.

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By Michael Coelho & Timothy Herring

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Faith and desire to serve
God leads Maqueda on mission trips

By Morgan Marfisi
Features Editor

As students at Carey, we are all aware of Christian influences around campus. There are an abundance of activities to attend and groups to join, such as Apartment Ministries, Priority Lunch, Campus Link, Prayer Breakfast, Crusaders for Life and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, to name a few.

For the most part, we all attend chapel every Wednesday morning and at one chapel each year there are always students interviewed because they have served on mission trips. I have always found this particular chapel intriguing because I have never been on a mission trip, but I’ve heard so much about them. This curiosity led me to interview my classmate and one of the students you have probably seen interviewed at chapel, Daniel Maqueda.

Daniel studied history and religion with a minor in Spanish during his undergraduate time at Carey and is currently a graduate student studying English. He is a Hattiesburg local and some of you may know him as the son of Spanish professor, Cheryl Maqueda.

Daniel has been on six mission trips. His first was to Mexico when he was 12. After this trip, he has returned one more time and has also been on two mission trips to China, one to Kenya and, most recently, a trip to Lebanon.

His favorite mission trip was the latest one to Lebanon because he had the opportunity to visit the Syrian camps with a missionary he met there. He explained how at these camps, people have close to nothing. They live in tents made out of tarps with a rug over the dirt floor and different rooms separated with curtains. Their goal during this trip was not only to spread the word of the Lord, but to be a friend to the Syrian people.

“The Syrian people were incredibly welcoming. They invited us into their tent and we sat down, had tea and talked to the people about their life in Syria,” said Maqueda.

“It was so cool to see the love and care that Ryan (the missionary) had for these people and how he was able to show them to Jesus by how he treated them.”

Daniel said the trips have been well worth going and offered some advice to Carey students considering such a trip.

“If you’re thinking of going on a mission trip, try to know your motives and why you truly want to go. I went on my first couple of mission trips for the wrong reasons, to benefit myself and not God, but when I truly went to serve and spread the love of Christ … those are the experiences that are unforgettable,” said Daniel.

J&J MOVIE REVIEWS
By Jordan James

Selma – Director: Ava DuVernay

This is the kind of biopic worth waiting for. They do not come around often, but when they do, they tell an important, powerful story that manages to relate to our modern times. What historical figure is better suited for this task than Martin Luther King Jr., legendary Civil Rights activist? In a brilliant move from directors Ava DuVernay, Selma focuses on a single year in the MLK story. By not trying to cram a whole life into one feature, DuVernay manages to show much more about King’s accomplishments and his flawed humanity – an element so often left out of these great-man biopics.

Leading her film is an on-the-rise actor named David Oyelowo. The British actor does not imitate King as much as reflect him. He is a man possessed, able to trumpet one of King’s many rousing speeches and then speak intimately moments later. Supporting Oyelowo is a plethora of acting talent, most notably Carmen Ejogo. Ejogo plays Coretta Scott King in a moving performance that equals Oyelowo’s. This is one of 2014’s most important films. Missing it is simply not an option.

American Sniper – Director: Clint Eastwood

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Throughout the past couple of weeks, it has grown increasingly hard to enjoy Eastwood’s wartime character study without someone croaking their opinion directly into your ear. Forget all of the mindless liberal vs. conservative babble for two seconds and you might just enjoy the technical efficiency, stellar acting from a beefed-up Bradley Cooper and storytelling prowess of the film.

One of the main complaints is the film’s narrow view of the east war. Eastwood does not second guess Bush’s reasons for invading Iraq. The Iraqi citizens are largely referred to as “savages” throughout the movie. Chris Kyle, the deceased sniper and basis for the film, killed a lot of people with seemingly no hesitation. These are all components of a single-minded theme, but it is not Eastwood forcing these themes. The 84-year-old director sought to tell a story through the eyes of one of America’s most decorated snipers, a sniper who saw the war in a simple, good vs. evil light. It does not matter if you agree with Kyle’s philosophy. Telling the story any other way would have been dishonest to his memory.

Taken 3 – Director: Olivier Megaton

No Stars

We have barely scratched the surface of 2015 and already we may have our worst movie of the year in Taken 3. Is there really even a reason for me to spell out the plot? I feel like doing so would just insult your intelligence. Know what else will distress the development of your brain? That would be you sitting through two hours of disorienting, meandering gunfire and fistfights. Even worse is the screenplay, which has me at a point of indecision. Is it laughingly descending to its primary audience or is it actually that stupid?

I know how easy it is to forgive Liam Neeson for banking in on the world’s fascination with a good actor, simple as that. But I must admit that my patience is growing thin. Neeson looks so bored, as does every else involved, including Oscar-winner Forest Whitaker.

Paddington – Director: Paul King

I would like to shine a spotlight on a movie I believe has not received half the attention it deserves. Unlike the crushing cynicism and vulgarity of box office cohorts Taken 3 and The Wedding Ringer, Paddington is a film that actually seems to care about the enjoyment and entertainment of its audience. Fitted with charming British humor, warmly-acted characters and an engaging plot, this is a movie anyone, regardless of age, can enjoy. If you find yourself feeling weird about going alone to see a movie about an animated bear, then grab someone and say you are “spending time with your family.” Make sure you see it before it’s too late.

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Exploring Africa

The Mississippi Geographic Alliance, a partner of the National Geographic Society, held an interactive map activity at the Carey Hattiesburg campus on Feb. 8. During the activity, a large map of Africa was placed across the floor of Clinton Gymnasium and the Alliance’s Barbara Boone of Petal discussed the economies, governments and geographical features of individual countries. Pictured indicating a country on the map with her foot is Dr. Bitsy Browne Miller (left of center), Carey assistant professor of education, as Erin DeMars (right of center), a junior nursing major from Senegal, looks on.

BY MIRANDA RESTER
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John Thottungal, a master of biomedical science student at Carey, is pursuing his dream of becoming a physician and using his multicultural background to help him accomplish this goal.

Originally from Trichur, India, Thottungal traveled around the world before settling down to receive his education at Carey. Although he was born in India, Thottungal spent his entire adolescent life in the Middle East, living in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. He moved to Canada at 17 and settled in the United States at 28. In addition to his long-term homes in different countries around the world, Thottungal also spent time traveling through Asia and Europe.

Thottungal believes being immersed in so many different cultures will help him reach others as a physician.

He has learned three different languages through his travels, which will help him communicate with and provide better care for patients who may not speak fluent English.

“My cultural experience allows me to appreciate and bring together different groups of people to promote understanding between different cultures. It’s given me an extremely unique perspective on the issues that will be an asset to me in the medical field,” Thottungal said. “Because of my travel experience and love for various cultures, I speak three languages and am on track to learning six more, which I believe will provide a unique opportunity to gain exposure to the clinical sciences before matriculating into a doctoral program.”

As a physician, Thottungal hopes to use his background in neuroscience and analytical medical study to help him meet his goal of becoming a physician who actively contributes to clinical research in his chosen specialty.

“I chose to attend Carey’s graduate program specifically because I thought it would be an asset to me in the medical field. “I strongly believe that wherever a person goes, they should be able to contribute positively to their environment and leave it in a better state than when they arrived,” said Thottungal.

From Staff Reports

Alexis Cates, a fourth-year student in the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine from Mandeville, La., was recently awarded the Nichols LEAD Scholar Award by the American Osteopathic Foundation.

The Nichols LEAD Scholar Award, given to an osteopathic medical student whose leadership, excellence, achievement and dedication are proven in the classroom and community, includes a $1,000 cash gift and honors Dr. Karen J. Nichols, the first female president of the American Osteopathic Association.

Cates was given the award for demonstrating a “passion for serving and leading others,” according to Foundation officials. Cates has served as chairperson of the Student Osteopathic Medical Association Foundation (SOMA) and as a member of its national board of trustees, Carey chapter president and co-chair of its political affairs committee.

In awarding Cates, Foundation officials noted her work with SOMA, including getting the Carey chapter involved with D.O. Day at Capitol Hill, a day for doctors of osteopathic medicine to visit legislators and discuss their concerns. Under her leadership, the chapter was also awarded the Golden Tibia Award recognizing it as chapter of the year.

Additionally, Cates was instrumental in leading the chapter’s development of a program designed to increase the cardiovascular health, flexibility and balance of female senior citizens residing in Hattiesburg’s Wesley Manor. Cates has also been actively involved in research, having served as first author on a paper titled “Impact of Dual Polarization Radar Technology and Twitter on the Hattiesburg, Mississippi Tornado,” published in 2013 in the Prehospital and Disaster Medicine and Public Preparedness Journal.

As a fourth-year student, Cates is completing her coursework for the medical program and is involved in clinical rotations. She is currently working in pediatric surgery at the Children’s Hospital in New Orleans.

Medical college opens osteopathic treatment clinic on campus

From Staff Reports

Carey students, employees and their families are benefiting from the services of an on-campus osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) clinic operated by faculty members from the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The clinic, located in Mary Ross Hall on the Hattiesburg campus, utilizes OMT procedures to diagnose, treat and prevent illness or injury. OMT involves hands-on care from osteopathic physicians, including the movement of muscles and joints using techniques including stretching and gentle pressure.

The treatment, used to treat ailments such as back pain or migraines, can ease pain, promote healing and increase overall mobility.

Dr. James Turner, dean of Carey’s College of Osteopathic Medicine, said the goal in opening this clinic is to introduce osteopathic medicine and its techniques to the Carey community as part of the college’s outreach efforts.

The clinic, which opened Jan. 26, is operated under the supervision of Dr. Richard Sloan, assistant professor of clinical sciences. Initially, the clinic is open 12:30 until 4:30 p.m. each Monday.