"Building on a Firm Foundation" ~ Luke 6:48; 1 Cor. 3:11

'TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH'

Students challenged and equipped by annual Global Opportunities Week

By Chris Hobdy
Editor-in-Chief

William Carey University staff and students experienced a beautiful mix of challenge and inspiration as Dr. Rebekah Naylor delivered several talks throughout the week of Oct. 7-11 as part of the Baptist Student Union’s Global Opportunities, or GO, Week.

The BSU hosts GO Week annually as a means to, as its name implies, educate students on various mission needs and opportunities around the world. In creating awareness, the aim is to break down the barriers of apathy that so often prevent students (and really, believers of all ages) from viewing the world as a mission field, and consequently inspire students to take part in Christ’s Great Commission, to “go and make disciples of all nations…”

So, to build upon this passion for missions, several opportunities were presented to expose students to global cultures and expand their understanding of the need for global missions. Dr. Naylor, a global health care consultant for Baptist Global Response and a former long-term medical missionary in India, was invited to speak to students throughout the week about her personal experiences on the mission field.

A combined BSU and FCA CampusLink worship service is where students first met Dr. Naylor as she spoke about receiving her God-inspired passion for the Indian mission field and about her initial adventures when she first arrived in India, which included being stranded in a large Indian city for a number of hours with no phone.

Later in the week, the BSU offered their weekly, free Priority Lunch for students, featuring Dr. Naylor as the guest speaker. Also in the week, students gathered on the top floor of Tatum Court to literally cover the Carey campus in prayer. “We’re just praying to see God move in a big way on our campus,” said Rachel Charge, a senior and an active participant in the BSU.

Former alumni dir. passes away

By Joshua Wilson
Staff Editor

Longtime WCU staff member Donna Duck Wheeler passed away after an extended illness on Nov. 13.

Wheeler, 71, served Carey for over 40 years, including nearly 20 years as alumni director. The Donna Duck Wheeler Alumni House, home of external relations, advancement and alumni offices, is named in her honor.

She is survived by husband Dr. Milton Wheeler, a professor of history at Carey.

Dr. Noonkester named 2013 Humanities Teacher of the Year

From Staff Reports

Dr. Myron Noonkester, dean of the Noonkester School of Arts and Letters, has recently been named as the 2013 Mississippi Humanities Teacher of the Year for William Carey University. Dr. Noonkester was selected by the Mississippi Humanities Council, who chooses one faculty member at each higher learning institution in the state.

Dr. Noonkester presented his humanitieslecture titled, “The Last Shoe to Drop: The Educational Foundations of William Carey (1761-1834) and William Thanes (1866-1942)” on Oct. 30 in the lecture hall of Fail-Asbury Hall, which houses the School of Nursing.

Dr. Noonkester has taught at WCU for 30 years. He obtained his bachelor’s degree in history at Duke University before earning his master’s and Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

The Mississippi Humanities Council is a private nonprofit corporation funded by Congress through the National Endowment for the Humanities to provide public programs in traditional liberal arts disciplines to serve nonprofit groups in Mississippi.

Miss WCU Pageant Deadline Approaches

From Staff Reports

Preparations for the 2014 Miss William Carey University Scholarship Pageant are underway and deadlines for entry are quickly approaching.

Miss William Carey University will represent the university in the Miss Mississippi Pageant which is a preliminary for Miss America, the largest provider of scholarships for women in the world. Miss William Carey University 2014 should represent the ideals and standards of the university, as she will be called on to speak at various university functions throughout the year.

“This program is a wonderful tool in assisting young women to grow into their fullest potential through style, service, scholarship, and success,” said pageant director Cindy Cofield.

If you are interested in participating, applications are due no later than Dec. 2. For an application or more information, contact Cofield at (601) 318-6561 or by email at ccofield@wmcarey.edu.

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"EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD; ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD." ~ WILLIAM CAREY
BSU sends hope with Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party took place Monday, Oct. 21, in the Student Conference Center.

Multiple campus organizations contributed to the efforts led by BSU event planner Alyssa Bond. Bond had asked organizations to contribute specific items for the boxes and then had volunteers pack them in assembly line fashion. Boxes were packed with hats, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, notepads, pens, stickers, and other small toys. The Christmas-themed party was complete with carols, lights, hot chocolate, cookies and Santa hats. The 287 boxes packed were prayed over before loading. This total greatly surpassed the BSU’s original goal of 200 and is expected to rise as faculty and individual students are still bringing in fully packed boxes.

“This is a great ministry and it was overwhelming to see students give their time and donations to make it happen. I think everyone had a great time and felt fulfilled for having helped make a difference in the lives of so many children around the world,” said Bond.

If you would like to contribute, more information is available at the BSU and they are accepting boxes through Nov. 25.

Crusaders for Life honor the lost

Crusaders for Life, a pro-life advocacy group at William Carey University, displayed a Cemetery of the Innocents on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The Cemetery of the Innocents Display was a memorial designed to honor those who have lost their lives because of abortion and to raise awareness about abortion. There were 56 crosses to represent the 56 million lives that have been lost in America alone since abortion was legalized, said President Eric Warren. "We believe that all human life is valuable and we specifically fight the injustice of abortion.”

Anyone interested in joining Crusaders for Life can contact Warren at ewarren222358@student.wmcarey.edu.

Win a $25 gift card to Common Grounds!

All readers of this newspaper are eligible!*

All you have to do is correctly answer each of the questions in the quiz on page 2 and email your answers to Joshua Wilson at jwilson@wmcarey.edu. If you’re the first to answer correctly, you will receive the $25 gift card!

Quiz Questions

1. In what city did Dr. Rebekah Naylor primarily serve as a missionary?
2. How many shoeboxes did the BSU pack for Operation Christmas Child?
3. Who was Offensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 29?
4. How many international students does WCU currently host?
5. How many lives were represented at the Cemetery of the Innocents?

*Past winners not eligible.

Former editor-in-chief named to national media advisory board

Joshua Wilson, marketing specialist at WCU and former editor-in-chief of The Cobbler, was recently appointed to the College Media Association Advisory Council. CMA is the largest source for education and support for professionals and students engaged in creating all forms of student-produced media on college and university campuses. Endorsed by state and regional professional and college media associations and schools and departments of mass communication, CMA communicates and works with professional media organizations and education associations on the local, state, and national levels.
During Wednesday's chapel service, Dr. Naylor gave students a vivid look into the life and works of the university's namesake, Dr. William Carey. Drawing from her own experiences which so strongly connect her with the life of William Carey, Dr. Naylor was able to paint a picture of Dr. Carey’s life like few others are able to do; listeners could hear the conviction in her speech and feel her Christ-like passion for the people of India.

Thursday was Engage24, a national campaign in which college-age believers in the Christian faith are encouraged to engage their campus with the Gospel for 24 hours. Thursday was also the day of the International Food Fair, which was a huge success among students. Thursday evening, a benefit dinner was held to raise funds to help the BSU reach their goal of $10,020.13 for summer mission opportunities. Sophomore church music major Asa Morgan offered his musical talents while those who donated enjoyed a dinner of soup provided by staff members of the university.

GO Week concluded Friday morning as students and a few university staff members joined Dr. Naylor over the BSU’s weekly prayer breakfast and prayed once more for the God to “send out workers into His harvest,” that the nations would be reached with, and come to know, Jesus Christ.

Dr. William Carey would be quite proud to see that, at a university that bears his name, staff and students are actively working to build a mission-oriented atmosphere where apathy is replaced with empathy and faith in Christ’s words is married with action.

Dr. Rebekah Naylor

Chaplain, surgeon, breast cancer survivor, pianist, administrator – Dr. Rebekah Naylor has taken on many roles in her lifetime, but, above all, she has faithfully played the role of missionary, humbly serving the people of Bangalore, India as the hands and feet of Christ. Even after multiple visa and medical license delays and denials by the Indian government, even after persecution of all kinds (including an instance in which she was burned in effigy form), Dr. Naylor never once turned away from the life to which she feels God has called her.

Since graduating from Baylor University in 1964 (where she studied chemistry as well as piano), Dr. Naylor has not slowed down even one bit. She continued her education at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and became the first female resident in general surgery at Southwestern Medical Center and Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. In 1973, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (now the International Mission Board), appointed her to Bangalore Baptist Hospital, and she began work there in 1974.

Dr. Naylor helped significantly expand the facilities and services of Bangalore Baptist Hospital during her time there, doubling its occupancy. In the ’90s, she organized training programs in allied health disciplines, set up accredited residency training programs for doctors, initiated a training program for chaplains, and established the Rebekah Ann Naylor School of Nursing, which has served to train many nurses from low socioeconomic backgrounds.

Dr. Naylor returned to America in 2002 to care for her mother and began teaching at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center as a clinical assistant professor of surgery while simultaneously serving as an adjunct professor of missions and special Missionary in Residence at Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

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William Carey University student-athletes Kyle Curtis and Lauren Douglas were recently presented with the Halbrook Award that is given by the Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities. Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, recognized the students during WCU’s chapel service on Oct. 23.

Established in 1984 by former Mississippi Representative David M. Halbrook and his brothers John and James Halbrook in honor of their parents, the Halbrook Awards for Academic Achievement Among Athletes and the John C. and Ernestine McCall Halbrook Improvement Award are presented annually to encourage academic excellence of student-athletes in Mississippi’s colleges and universities. Individual student-athletes across the state are chosen – one male and one female - based on excellence in academics, athletic contribution, character, community service, and leadership.

Kyle Curtis, a senior biology major from Hattiesburg, plays for the Crusaders golf team. Selected as a scholar athlete four times, he helped his high school capture four straight District 3-6A championships and win four top-five finishes in the MHSAA 6A state tournament before graduating in 2010.

Lauren Douglas, a senior physical education major from Waynesboro, is a guard for the Lady Crusaders basketball team. Before coming to Carey, she was a regarded as one of the top student-athletes at Jones County Junior College. She averaged 11.1 points, 3.5 rebounds and a 3.3 assists per game while at JCJC, and shot 76.3 percent from the free throw line.

The WCU women's soccer team capped off an improbable run, winning 15 straight games in route to the 2013 SSAC regular season and conference tournament championship. The Crusaders swept conference play during the regular season with a perfect 11-0 record following a 1-4 start to open the year. After beating Faulkner to finish the regular season, the Crusaders swept the conference tournament, beating Bethel 8-1 at home and handling Mobile and Martin Methodist decisively in Montgomery to round out the conference tournament.

Sixteen Crusaders captured conference awards, including offensive player of the year Emmaleigh Davis and conference newcomer of the year Claudia Saucedo. Head Coach Danny Owens was named the SSAC coach of the year. The Crusaders' success was largely in part to a balance attack, with the Crusaders outshooting opponents 54-6 in their last 14 games. The Lady Crusaders will host the first round of the NAIA National Tournament Saturday, Nov. 23 at Crusader Field. At press time, the opponent is yet to be named.

The men’s team finished 2013 with a 12-4-1 regular season record as well as a 9-2 conference mark. Paving the way for the Crusaders was SSAC Player of the Year Luis Trude, who ranks third nationally in assist and Helge Pietschmann, who leads the team with 11 goals and 37 shots on goal. The 9-2 conference mark brings the Crusaders back into the national limelight after a disappointing 6-5 conference record just a season ago. After clinching the second seed in the SSAC Conference Tournament, the men dropped the opener of the Conference Tournament to Southern Polytechnic State University. With the loss in the opening round of the conference tournament, the men sought an at-large bid to the NAIA National Tournament but failed to qualify for the event.

Women's soccer team clinches SSAC title; men wrap up season

The Very Hairy Caree NO-SHAVE BEARD CONTEST

The Cobby will donate 50 to Extra Table for every contestant entered, so email your entries to cobby@wmmm.org.

Entries will be judged on November 30.
The house that Manning built was emotional when former Indianapolis Colts legend Peyton Manning returned to Indy on Sunday Night Football to face his former team. After a riveting one-team, 12-second video that was sure to set off emotions in the game’s greatest quarterback, the attention shifted from past to present as Manning’s predecessor Andrew Luck stole the stage and gave the Indianapolis Colts a 39-33 victory over the Denver Broncos back on Sunday, October 20.

The game officially closed the debate and sealed Andrew Luck’s fane as the wonder boy of Indianapolis football. As for Manning, the game raised new questions and cast a shadow of doubt over the long-term success of the Denver Broncos. After Denver’s lackluster performance in a game they were supposed to win, fans and writers were reminded of Manning’s loss than stellar performances on the big stage, especially the playoffs.

To date Peyton Manning is the greatest, regular-season quarterback who has ever played the game. A 160-71 regular season record combined with many MVP awards and various records prove that Manning is the greatest statistical performer in the history of the NFL. Manning’s .693 career regular-season winning percentage is second all-time behind only Joe Montana and Tom Brady, and Manning also flaunts a .96 career passer rating in regular season games, best amongst all active quarterbacks not named Tom Brady.

Twelve times over the course of Manning’s career he has made the playoffs and played in twenty total playoff games to date. Despite all the amazing performances Manning has provided over the years his playoff stats are in fact quite alarming. Manning’s 8-11 playoff record gives him a .450 playoff winning percentage. Furthermore, if you include every quarterback who has played in a minimum of 10 playoff games, Manning is second only to Warren Moon for worst playoff-winning percentage.

Surely the fact that Manning is on the same list as Brady, Montana, Elway, and Brett Favre as the only quarterbacks ever to have played in 20 playoff games is impressive enough, and nobody is debating in Manning’s hall of fame credentials. With that being said, all the other quarterbacks on the list are over .500 in the playoff season. Manning is .693 and .450.

The easiest quarterback to compare Manning to is Brady. The two have squared off countless times in both regular and postseason games, and the two appear to be heading for a career-long back-and-forth between holding and breaking the single season touchdown record. Although Manning consistently has the better regular season statistics, Brady has more Super Bowl victories, playoff wins, playoff touchdowns, and has the advantage in head to head games against Manning.

The 2013 Broncos opened the season as the sure-fire favorites to win the AFC and play in the Super Bowl. Peyton Manning is well on pace for another MVP-caliber season and, despite at the game against the Colts, it appeared the Broncos could not be stopped. With Peyton’s postseason struggles and his nature to be absent in big games, don’t be shocked when Denver isn’t playing in the big one in New York this February, and I’ll be surprised if they win one playoff game.

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Lady Crusaders' first win

From Staff Reports

William Carey University women’s golf picked up their first win in program history as they posted rounds of 321-323 to capture the 2013 SSAC Women’s Golf Showcase at Canebrake Country Club.

Sarah Hicks continued her stellar play with rounds of 72-79 to pick up her third win in as many starts this fall for the Lady Crusaders. Hicks clipped teammate Taryn Anderson by a single shot as she fired rounds of 74-78 to finish second. Loyola University finished second with rounds of 332-330.

Other WCU finishers included freshman Hannah Person who finished 8th with rounds of 88-78.

The Lady Crusaders return to action in the Coastal Georgia Invitational on Feb. 10-11, 2014.
When I was a child, I loved Pokemon. It all started with Saturday morning cartoons, then a GameBoy Color and a Pokemon game I borrowed from a friend...for about three years. Now, of course, I still love playing Pokemon. Through a great amount of time, the trials of growing up, and even a cycle in the washing machine, my team of six has always been around, and I theorize that my great love for Pokemon is due in no small part due to nostalgia for childhood in general. All of us feel nostalgia occasionally. It comes to us through different mediums: Pokemon and other games, the Super League game for some, and episodes of Maury for others. I feel it regularly and from all sorts of things, and I’m sure others have their feelings triggered often as well. Why does the feeling of our bare feet on the ground remind us of childhood, or even certain animals? The random, simple, everyday things make us recall some of our earliest memories. Why? I think they remind us of a simpler time, the years when we had time for all these things and more, when we didn’t have to keep track of every minute we spent. We didn’t have to write in our daily planner or clear with our boss that we were going to watch cartoons all morning or fall asleep cradled in the space between tree limbs on Friday afternoon. For most of us, childhood was a time of joy and freedom that others may not experience. We had the time and the freedom to relax and reminisce through these activities, giving us a piece of that back–a piece of that peace of mind. The happiness hasn’t left us with time, but we certainly are busy. Here on campus, I’m a Cobbler staff member, a full-time student, a Carey Scholar, and a new Resident Assistant–I understand being busy. I wonder, however, at the way we are meant to interact with and learn to love people? Our ultimate calling, after all, for each and every person, is to love. And if your mind is like mine, constantly racing about achievement, the next step, finishing the next project, doing something other than what I’m doing at the moment, then we’ve shoved love aside for selfish motives. At the end of the day, we may have our degree, our good grades, our whatever, but we may have missed opportunities for relationships. We may have even completely ruined some in the process. And I think it is at that point that we have actually failed to achieve our purpose; we may reach a goal, but we miss out on real happiness, real joy.

I hope the following articles bring you inspiration and remind you to rest, take things one step at a time, and be present in every moment. Never underestimate the importance of rest; be present and don’t miss what could be a valuable opportunity to learn and grow.

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A Very Scary Carey Costume Ball

Highlights from the SGA's annual costume ball

Photos by TERRI-LYNN STRINGER

Carey Fest a Success

By Pearl Ugo-Ude
Life Editor

Though Carey Fest itself generally lasts from 4:30-6:30 p.m., as was the case this year, the memories garnered by the student population, undoubtedly, last a lifetime. As if the allure of free food, and fun games was not enough, Carey Fest offers an exceptional opportunity for students to engage one another on a common front: free of the encumbrances of homework or classwork for a few blissful hours.

Painted, smiling faces, and full bellies are the tell-tale indications of Carey Fest’s presence on our campus. Sponsored by the Student Government Association, the arduous preparation for the day’s festivities initiate long before the beginning of the school year; however, the bright and beaming gratitude expressed by the campus body on the eve of every Carey Fest is enough to guarantee that this event will remain a longstanding tradition on our campus for years to come.

A Tour for the Tastebuds

By Maia Yoon
Staff Writer

The BSU hosted the fifth annual International Food Fair in the Student Conference Center on Oct. 10 as part of the festivities of GO Week. A number of William Carey University’s 112 international students made this festival possible by preparing foods from their homelands. An estimated 200 students participated in the fair.

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Drs. Cabana, Lewis pass away

By Joshua Wilson
Staff Editor

Dr. Donald Cabana and Dr. Eddie Lewis, two members of the Carey faculty, recently passed away.

Donald Cabana

WCU Chair of Criminal Justice
Dr. Donald Cabana passed away on Oct. 6.

Dr. Cabana, 67 at his death, spent the majority of his 40-year-career in the corrections. He served as warden of Parchman, the state penitentiary, and also served a stint as commissioner for the state Department of Corrections. During his time as warden, he oversaw three executions and later became an opponent of the death penalty. He expressed his views in his memoir, “Death at Midnight: The Confessions of an Executioner,” and also authored a history book, The History of Capital Punishment in Mississippi.

Dr. Cabana’s unique perspective on the death penalty earned him both national and international notice, with the BBC interviewing him for a documentary in 1987. After his death, The New York Times wrote an obituary referring to him as an “eloquent opponent of the death penalty.”

After Dr. Cabana left the corrections system, he taught criminal justice at both the University of Southern Mississippi and at William Carey, where he was the founding chair of the criminal justice program.

Eddie Miley Lewis

Dr. Eddie Lewis, associate professor of business, died on Nov. 6.

Dr. Lewis, 80 at her death, had been on the Carey faculty for 10 years and had also worked on the business faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi for over 30 years.

While at USM, Dr. Lewis greatly expanded the university’s international reach with the establishment of the International Business Program and signing of exchange agreements with foreign universities.

StUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Carl Reynolds

Where are you from?
Oxford, England

What is your favorite thing about living in Mississippi?
The southern way of living: everyone is kind and very helpful, and just generally nice to be around

What soccer boots are your favorites?
Adidas, hands down

What is your favorite soccer club?
Newcastle United in England

Why is your family unique?
Well, two of us are over living in America, going to school, the youngest is living away from home also; so we are unique in the fact that we really only get together once a year.

What do you miss most about England?
Family; I miss watching my brother play soccer every morning

England or America, disregarding the family aspect?
Without family, America

What is your greatest achievement in soccer so far?
My two All-American awards

What advice would you give to an incoming freshman soccer player?
Expect it to be different; keep your head down, work hard, and enjoy every minute of it.

This column is the result of a lively discussion in one of my classes recently. The topic was news gathering and reporting in the age of social media.

I do not tweet. I am not on Facebook. I wish the Kardashians would just go away. What, you ask, does one thing have to do with another? It’s a valid question. Let me explain.

We imagine ourselves more connected and better informed than at any other time in history. That is a myth. Just because we have 24/7 access to more information than ever before does not make us better informed, nor does it say anything about the quality of information available. Much of what passes for news in the age of digital media is merely entertainment, and while it may briefly hold our ever-decreasing attention spans, it will not help us make informed decisions in an election.

My students have heard me say more than once that contacts made only on Facebook are not friends, and that digital relationships are easy—it’s the face-to-face stuff that’s hard. Far from being more connected, we are actually more isolated as individuals and more fragmented as a society than ever before. Again, quantity has nothing to do with quality.

Whether it’s making a fool of yourself on YouTube or Vine, calling in to a talk radio program, or plastering everything from your most intimate thoughts to your most exorcuizing minutiae all over Facebook, it’s my opinion that we are becoming a society made up of individuals desperate to not just be a face in the crowd. It’s ironic in that we want to be recognized for something by complete strangers while steadily throwing up more barriers to real, personal relationships.

Finally, social media is also making its presence felt in the reporting of legitimate, hard news.

A good example is coverage of the Boston Marathon bombing and the search for the perpetrators. What we saw was essentially news in real time, almost completely unfiltered and without analysis. Unfortunately, while our phones capture dramatic images, the Twitter-verse explodes with rumor, innuendo, opinions, and sometimes outright lies which are often reported as fact by national media. It further skews our already narrow, self-centered view of the world and precludes any kind of national consciousness. Some have called it a “Twitter Revolution,” but my fear is that it is a hostile takeover.

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