Dr. King: Football on list of opportunities at Carey

New dorm also in planning stages for fall ‘13 completion

By Joshua Wilson
Editor-in-Chief

With so many new opportunities presenting themselves to William Carey University on a nearly-daily basis, it’s a great time to be a Crusader, according to university officials.

One of the opportunities being explored is the creation of a football program, said WCU President Dr. Tommy King.

“It’s under consideration,” he said.

If football is added to WCU’s growing roster of sports, it wouldn’t be for the first time. In 1954, a football program was organized under Coach Les DeVall with about 50 players. The team played under the banner of Mississippi Woman’s College during its first season and posted many wins, including beating out Millsaps College in Jackson. Upon the win, headlines in newspapers read “GIRL SCHOOL WINS.”

The team continued playing during the 1955 season under the new banner of William Carey College. The program ended its two-year run with a record of 13 wins and only three losses, according to information provided by Bob Turnage, a 1956 WCC graduate and original football player.

The benefits of a football program are numerous, said Dr. King, and exploration of a revival of the program is continuing.

“We need space for players to live first, though,” he said.

Every dormitory bed is currently filled for the fall trimester, said Dr. King, and the university administration is planning for construction of a new female dormitory behind Byrd and Braswell Halls. The new dormitory should be completed by next school year, said the president.

Until then, several measures have been implemented through the Department of Housing and Residence Life to accommodate the number of students needing housing, he said.

Dr. King also said renovation work on McMillan Hall, the home of the university’s bookstore, post office, and Information Technology department, is continuing. The renovations should be complete by October, he said, and the renovated space will provide significantly more room for new post office boxes and floor space for the bookstore.

Another big opportunity for WCU is hosting the annual Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities conference, which will be held Oct. 1-2. The conference will be held at the university on Oct. 1 and will move to the Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Convention Center for the second day. Because of the conference, day classes will be moved online but night classes will still meet.

The conference, which is a gathering of college leaders across the state, will provide WCU a chance to do a little “showing off,” said the president.

“It’ll be an opportunity to show what has happened at Carey and what is happening here,” he said.

As part of the conference, the nationally-renowned University of Southern Mississippi Orchestra will perform a free concert for conference participants, USM students and Carey students Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Bennett Auditorium on the USM campus.

“Our students are urged to attend,” said Dr. King.

In all, the president is very pleased with what’s happening at WCU.

“With so many opportunities presenting themselves, we’re having to prioritize,” he said. “There’s so many exciting things happening, though, and that’s great.”

Wireless Internet receives major improvement

By Joshua Wilson
Editor-in-Chief

Staff from the William Carey University Information Technology Department are touting several network and technology improvements and changes that will benefit faculty, staff and students.

The most notable improvement is the one to the wireless Internet, said Brantley Fryfogle, coordinator of network and infrastructure services for WCU.

Fryfogle said a new Internet circuit was installed over the summer and that the new circuit would provide up to eight times the bandwidth previously available. The university made a “very sizable” investment in the new circuit, he said.

The decision to install a new circuit was made following numerous complaints over the bad performance and slow speeds of WCU’s wireless Internet last school year. In the September 2011 edition of The Cobbler, Director of Information Technology Jeffrey Andrews blamed the wireless woes on increased traffic, which was effectively “choking the Internet.”

Fryfogle said the new circuit should eliminate the traffic problem and bring not only better performance but better speed as well.

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Dr. King: No tuition increase for the new school year

BY JOSHUA WILSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dr. Tommy King, president of William Carey University, recently announced that there will be no tuition increase for the 2012-2013 academic year. This is the third consecutive year that there has been no general tuition increase at the university.

The announcement comes as public universities in the state prepare to raise tuition rates by up to 15 percent over the next two years.

In the 2012-2013 academic year, tuition will rise at Mississippi’s public universities by an average of 8.5 percent, or an average increase of $459 per year. This increase will put tuition at the state’s public universities at an average of $5,906 per year. Nationally, tuition prices are expected to rise 8.3 percent on average.

In the 2013-2014 academic year, tuition will again rise, making it 15 percent higher than in the 2011-2012 academic year. The tuition increases were approved by the state’s College Board on May 7 because of a decline in state appropriations.

Private universities in the state have also seen a rise in tuition costs ranging from $380 to $780 per year. Tuition at WCU currently stands at $9,750 per academic year for a full-time load.

“Ninety percent of WCU students receive financial aid and generous scholarships which makes WCU competitive with public universities,” said Dr. King.

New programs, such as the Ph.D. in Nursing Education and Administration, the Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration, the criminology major and the Tradition Campus, and the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (mis- sions preparation), along with small class sizes and a Christian environment make the university attractive, Dr. King said.

“WCU has been able to operate with no increase in tuition due to careful management, the generous support of alumni and friends, and a substantial growth in enrollment at the university, over 41 percent in the past five years,” he said.

The Cobbler receives MPA grant

BY KELSEY WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

The Cobbler, the newspaper of William Carey University, recently received a grant from the Mississippi Press Association Education Foundation and is looking forward to an exciting year.

Editor-in-Chief Joshua Wilson wrote a proposal to the Foundation in May requesting grant money for the purchase of new equipment. The Foundation approved a grant of $3,000 for The Cobbler during their annual summer convention.

This grant enables the newspaper to purchase a new work computer and a new digital camera with accessories. The equipment will allow staff to work more efficiently and provide a better environment for training new staff members.

“With this equipment, we will be training students for years to come,” said Wilson. “It will be an awesome asset to our newspaper and to the Carey community at large.”

Wilson, who has served as editor-in-chief since February 2011, said the newspaper plans to publish eight editions this academic year; five print editions and three online editions. He said he also plans to increase the newspaper’s social media presence and improve the online edition by eventually embedding audio and video into the edition.

In addition to new equipment, The Cobbler also has a new home. Formerly located in the first floor of Tatum Court, the newspaper office has moved to the second floor of Lawrence Hall. The new location will allow for easier production and better scheduling of staff meetings.

“WCU is truly the place to be,” said Wilson. “It’s a great time to be able to cover the university’s news and we believe the grant money, the new equipment, and our new office will only improve our work.”

WCUCOM welcomes new class

Dr. Brett Golson, senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Louisville, recently joined the William Carey University faculty and staff as coordinator of bi-vocational programs and assistant professor of religion.

Following his service in the U.S. Marine Corps, he obtained his B.S. in history and political science from the University of Southern Mississippi and his B.A. in religion from Carey. Dr. Golson then graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS) with a master’s degree – Master of Divinity and Master of Theology – and a Ph.D. in Preaching. He has extensive experience in conducting leadership conferences and leading missions in the United States and Canada as well as in five foreign countries.

“Dr. Golson has faithfully served as pastor of churches in Mississippi for almost 20 years and is known and appreciated by Mississippi Baptists,” said Dr. Daniel Caldwell, professor of religion and dean of the Cooper School of Missions and Biblical Studies at WCU.

Dr. Golson was an adjunct faculty member at NOBTS in 2005, and has served as an adjunct faculty member at Mississippi State University since 2010. In 2011, he was president of the Mississippi Baptist Pastors Conference.

“Dr. Golson and his wife, Karen Rayburn Golson (a WCU graduate) have four children. One of their sons is a WCU graduate, and another son and daughter-in-law are currently Carey students.

“We are pleased to have Dr. Golson to join us,” said Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU. “He will provide assistance and encouragement for bi-vocational pastors as they lead their congregation and will be a welcome addition to the religion faculty.”

Welcome to your newspaper.

The Cobbler is the newspaper of William Carey University. The advisor is Dr. Marilyn Ellzey.

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Easterling publishes Gillespie Museum handbook

FROM STAFF REPORTS
Iris Easterling, retired assistant professor of language and literature and curator of the Sarah Gillespie Art Museum at William Carey University, has published an extensive collection handbook for the museum. Easterling and Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, presented the first copy to local artist Tommie Hollingsworth-Williams on Aug. 7.

The cover of the book is a watercolor painting titled “Magnolia Macrophylla” by Hollingsworth-Williams. The Sarah Gillespie Museum houses some of Hollingsworth-Williams’ pieces, and Easterling said that she felt this piece best represented the collection, made up primarily of works by Mississippi artists. Also, the magnolia is the state flower. Hollingsworth-Williams began her career as a watercolor artist in 1993 and her work has won numerous awards and been published in several magazines and books.

“The Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum Handbook of the Collection,” a compilation of more than 600 photos of artwork from the collection, descriptions of the work, and biographical information about the artists also includes an appendix entitled, ‘Sarah Remembered’ which includes information about Gillespie.

Easterling managed Sarah Gillespie’s collection, which under her guidance became the Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum of Art in April 2009.

“To my knowledge there is not another collection like it,” said Easterling. “There is art in the collection from every decade of the twentieth century. There is art by nationally known artists, as well as those artists who were just known in their neighborhoods and have since faded into obscurity. But all contribute to helping us understand what life was like in Mississippi.”

The museum is housed on the Hattiesburg campus after having been moved from the coast campus following the destruction of the beachfront property by Hurricane Katrina. Easterling worked with countless individuals, foundations, and the university to restore the damaged collection. Considered the most complete collection of art of its kind, it is also a “closed collection” under the specifications of Miss Gillespie, thus making the handbook a definitive record of the complete collection.

“The Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum Handbook of the Collection” is available at Main Street Books in downtown Hattiesburg and through the Sarah Gillespie Museum of Art on the William Carey University campus.

MBA student, Carriere native Maywalt named Scott fellow

FROM STAFF REPORTS
Chelsey Maywalt of Carriere, who is currently working on her Master of Business Administration at William Carey University, was recently named a Dr. Richard Scott 2012 Sigma Beta Delta Fellowship Recipient. She was one of 11 students chosen for this honor, and she will receive $1,500 to be used for her studies during the 2012-2013 school year.

Dr. Scott, for whom the fellowship was named, was instrumental in the formation of Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society for Business, Management, and Administration. The purpose of the honor society is to promote higher scholarship in business education and to recognize and reward scholastic achievement in business subjects. Students must rank in the upper 20 percent of their class to be considered for invitation to the society.

Maywalt, who graduated from Carey in May with a major in business administration and a minor in public relations, currently works as a graduate assistant in the WCU alumni office.

She was named Miss William Carey University 2012, which is voted on by the student body as the student who best represents the values of the university. Maywalt was also Student Government Association president, a member of Carey Connection, a member of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, and named Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She also received the Alumni Association Spirit Award at Honors Day 2012.

1,004 graduate in May, August ceremonies; Rev. Hogan honored

BY JOSHUA WILSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

1,004 students received degrees from William Carey University in ceremonies held in May and August.

The May graduations were held May 11-12 and included 696 students, both undergraduate and graduate, receiving degrees from the three campuses of WCU. Speakers included James Q. Bacchus, superintendent of the Hattiesburg Public School District; Dr. Raymon Leake, pastor of First Baptist Church of Meridian; Aubrey Patterson, chairman and chief executive officer of BancorpSouth, Inc.; and Dr. Scott Hummel, WCU vice president for advancement and church relations.

Also during the May graduation, the Rev. Leland Hogan, the pastor of Carterville Baptist Church in Petal for 43 years, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from WCU. Hogan, a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (NOBTS), has 31 medical mission teams to areas in Honduras and Nicaragua. His seven decades in ministry were recognized by NOBTS in 2011 when he was named their Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was also recognized in 2009 by the City of Petal for his highest leadership honor, the Bobby Runnels Leadership Award, for community service.

During the August graduations, which were held Aug. 3-4, 408 undergraduate and graduate students graduated from all three campuses. The speakers included William “Bill” Ray, president and chief executive officer of the Asbury Foundation; Dr. Mary Graham, president of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Dr. Gordon Sansing, director of church relations for Mississippi Baptist Hospital; and Judge Keith Starrett, United States District Court Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Are you on Facebook?
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Around a month ago, you could not have found a person less enthusiastic about Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign than I was. At that time, I figured that Romney was nothing to contend with—a lightweight against a very popular incumbent president. However, with Romney’s pick of Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican, as his running mate, my enthusiasm has increased. Ryan is a great choice.

His relative youth (he’s 42 years old), combined with his seven terms of experience in Congress and his leadership of the House Budget Committee, push Ryan into a category of running mate greatness. He’s also something of a national face – not a Sarah Palin-style unknown.

He probably can’t see Russia from his house, but you can’t have everything. Honestly, what excites me most about Ryan is that he will make Romney a viable presidential contender. Romney comes across as cold and impersonal while Ryan is passionate. Ryan has the most promising insurance with a momentum that could match the Obama strength four years ago.

Also, Ryan will galvanize the conservative base. While Romney has been described as (at the worst) a liberal in disguise as a conservative, there’s no disputing that Ryan is a strong conservative. He’s also not afraid to challenge the Obama administration.

In accepting Romney’s offer to be running mate, Ryan noted that while Obama did inherit a “difficult situation,” the president has had four years to “change” things. In describing Obama’s presidency, Ryan said, “Obama didn’t make things better, whatever the explanations, whatever the excuses, [Obama’s presidency] is a record of failure.”

This isn’t the first time Ryan has challenged Obama. As chair of the House Budget Committee, Ryan proposed an alternative to Obama’s federal budget. The Ryan plan has been seen by liberals as radical because of its changes to Medicare and Pell Grants.

Simply put, Ryan’s proposal to change Medicare would have allowed senior citizens the option to either use Medicare or to purchase private insurance with the assistance of the government.

Since his selection as running mate, his Medicare proposal has been used by the Obama team to attack Ryan and terrify seniors. But, really, can anything be more terrifying than Obama’s 2,700-page health care law that no one understands?

More relevant to college students, attack ads suggest that Ryan would have cut Pell Grants. That isn’t exactly true – Ryan only suggested that the maximum amount of Pell Grants ($5,550 in 2012) should not rise to $5,635 in 2013. He did, however, suggest that grant eligibility should be reduced and that only students in real need should receive them.

But, then again, Ryan is attacking the philosophy of “everything should be free for everyone” that Obama has endorsed. So, of course, he is attacked for not only trying to “ration old folks’ health insurance but also prevent all of these college kids from getting an education.”

No, not exactly. Ryan just realizes that federal spending can’t continue at unchecked levels. He’s what Obama promised to be four years ago – a change.

Ryan is a valuable asset to Romney because he will not only prove to be an election game-changer but because he will bring his common sense approach and valuable congressional experience to the Romney campaign.

With all of that said, I’m proud, along with the editorial board of this newspaper, to endorse Romney-Ryan for president and vice president. We look forward to covering the election in future editions and also welcome letters from any Obama-Biden supporters we may have on campus. We strongly believe in being able to respect others and their opinions, even though they may differ from ours.

To comment, contact Wilson at jwilson@wmcarey.edu.
Dr. King elected to Council of Presidents for NAIA

From Staff Reports

William Carey University President Dr. Tommy King has been elected to represent the Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) on the Council of Presidents of the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Dr. King will serve a three-year term and will represent the interests of the largest of the 24 conferences that make up NAIA. The SSAC includes 15 schools in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina. Established in 1937, the NAIA is one of the oldest athletic organizations in the U.S. and includes nearly 300 four-year colleges and universities. There are 60,000 student-athletes that participate in 13 sports in the institutions that make up the NAIA.

The most outstanding feature of NAIA institutions is their commitment to the "Champions of Character" program, which emphasizes the development of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership in the student-athletes. As part of the program, the NAIA teamed up with the American Red Cross and State Farm Insurance to establish the Red Cross/NAIA Collegiate Leadership Program. It offers student-athletes the chance to receive a $2,000 scholarship and participate in a two-week internship at the American Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C., for becoming an ambassador for Champions of Character on their respective campuses.

WCU made the switch from the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference (GCAC) to the SSAC in 2010 after being in the GCAC conference for 28 years. The sports offered at WCU include baseball, men and women's basketball, men and women's cross country, men and women's golf, men and women's soccer, men and women's tennis, men and women's track and field, softball, and cheerleading. Twelve out of WCU's 15 sports compete in the SSAC conference, and over the years, WCU has produced over 75 NAIA All-American Athletes. WCU's athletic teams have participated in 33 NAIA national tournaments and 39 NAIA national championships. They earned one SSAC championship since the move to SSAC two years ago.

By Michael Coelho
Sports Editor

Little has changed within the elite of college football since the University of Florida beat Ohio State University in the National Championship game in 2006.

Beginning with the Gators in 2006, a Southeastern Conference team has won the National Championship every year, and it appears 2012 will bring much of the same. Last year's number one and two remain at the top of the polls with last year's National Champion Alabama trailing only number one ranked LSU in the USA Today's Preseason Top 25 Poll.

LSU returns a strong core of starters on defense from last season's SEC Championship team and has high hopes for revamping last year's disappointing offense by getting more production from the quarterback position with fifth year senior Jarrett Lee and junior college transfer Zach Mettenberg competing to win the starting job. The number two ranked Crimson Tide, who are looking to play for their third national championship in four years, are faced with the challenge of replacing four first round draft picks, most notably Heisman Trophy finalist Trent Richardson.

Along with LSU and Alabama, the SEC boasts five more teams in the preseason Top 25 who are primed to make a run at the title with Georgia (6), South Carolina (9), Arkansas (10), Florida (23), and Auburn (25) rounding out the polls. Non-SEC teams favored to knock the SEC off its throne include USC (3), Oklahoma (4), Oregon (5), Florida State (7), and Michigan (8). All but Oregon flaut Heisman Trophy-caliber quarterbacks but the lack of stardom at QB won't stop Oregon's high octane offense from putting up explosive numbers and giving the best defensive coordinators nightmares.
The transition into college life can be a frightening one. Even though William Carey University provides an extremely friendly and safe Christian environment, the entire college experience can be a daunting one – especially for freshmen, and usually for all other students, too. Even though sophomores, juniors and seniors have already traversed the college seas before, it can still be a tedious and frightening process for them, too.

How do you make life a little easier on yourself and cut down on the stress that every college student inevitably faces? Here’s a few tips and tricks to make your college years go by much easier:

Academics first

Go to class. We all know that sometimes class can be a huge drag, and we all convince ourselves to skip a few times here and there. Stop that! Try to attend each class session so you won’t have to concern yourself with playing catch-up – or repeating the course for missing too much material. No one will be happy if you have to pay to retake a class.

Be on time for class. There’s nothing more embarrassing than stumbling in way late and interrupting faculty during their lectures – especially the ones who like to call on you. Plus, it’ll keep you in good graces with them, and that’s always a bonus.

Listen in class. Be present... don’t be planning your weekend or daydreaming during a lecture. That’s just as bad as being absent. Study! This should be obvious, but many people, it isn’t. Study, study, study... and study more.

Get involved

Don’t be a hermit. Join one of the many clubs or organizations on campuses. It’s a fast way to make new friends, and the new experience will be good for you, too. (The Cobbler is always looking for good staff... just saying).

Be familiar with student activities. The Student Government Association is always planning things for students to do on campus. Keep an eye out for those things.

But... Don’t get too bogged down in extracurricular activities. Keep your studies first and all of the other things second.

Get familiar

Get to know your student leaders. Meet the SGA officers. Meet your resident assistants. They’re there to help students – make use of them.

Get to know your professors, and ESPECIALLY, your academic advisor. They are extremely valuable resources when you need help.

Get to know your fellow students. They will be your friends throughout this entire ride. Make friends, and make them for life.

Find out where offices are. Don’t know where the financial aid office is? What about the Vice President of Student Services? Take some time out of one of your days to go explore the campus and pinpoint locations you may need. (By the way, financial aid is in Taum Court, and Student Services is in Lawrence Hall).

Get to know the university’s policies/procedures. You know that Red Book that’s been provided? Read it. (Don’t have a Red Book? They’re in Student Services.)

Make the most of college.

Keep a budget and stick to it. College students are usually broke, so don’t waste your money on junk food or that brand new video game you just had to have.

Don’t overdo yourself. Learn to say “no.”

Learn to communicate. Ask questions when you need to. Tell people when you’re having problems.

Keep a steady sleep schedule. Don’t go to sleep at 4 a.m. in the morning when you have class at 8 a.m. That’s just retarded.

Don’t cheat. It just isn’t worth the risk.

Don’t procrastinate. It’s so much better to get things done when they’re first assigned than have to worry about them for days or weeks.

Stay organized. Don’t have notes everywhere, and don’t keep a backpack full of endless junk. Keep things organized, and academic life will flow much more smoothly.

Keep a planner. You won’t even have to worry about forgetting about an important assignment – or the date of a test.

Apply for scholarships, even the ones you may not be so qualified for. College is expensive, so why not take the burden off yourself or off your parents by attempting to find good scholarships?

Most importantly, remember...

...these are the years you’ll cherish for the rest of your life. So, make the most of them.

Editor’s Note: This article is from The Cobbler archives. It was originally published in August 2011.

Please join us in prayer for Professor of History Dr. Milton Wheeler and his wife, retired Alumni Director Donna Wheeler, as they recover from various health problems. They are treasured by the entire WCU community and we pray for swift recovery.
Library offers new, innovative services

BY THE LIBRARY STAFF

What do most students do when they need 10 academic references for a paper that’s due tomorrow? Why, they Google, of course. Studies show that even though college and university libraries provide high quality research databases that have been especially selected to support their school’s curriculum, most students prefer the convenience and speed of searching the Internet. Never mind that the results of that Google search may not include the scholarly content that the professor is looking for.

So, what is a library to do when students flock to Google and ignore all those scholarly databases on its website?

This fall the William Carey University Libraries’ staff is attempting to address that problem with an updated website, the centerpiece of which is a new Discovery service. Becoming increasingly popular at university and college libraries around the world, Discovery services bring the next generation of library search engines that combine Google-like speed, simplicity, and convenience with the library’s rich electronic content.

From one simple search box, a student can find the locations of books on the library’s shelves, and access the full text of a wide range of electronic content. And with the William Carey University Libraries’ collections, which include more than 50,000 electronic books, 50-plus specialized databases, and more than 40,000 electronic journals, as well as 65,000-plus books on the shelves, that’s a lot of content.

Discovery is an EBSCO product, so it is familiar to students who have used the libraries’ popular EBSCO databases. Some features of the libraries’ Discovery service include the ability to expand or limit search results in various ways: by full text, peer review, date, age, gender, and industry, for example. Students may create personal folders in Discovery where they can save citations and format them in specified styles, create notes and bookmarks, or create permanent links for papers or presentations.

The WCU Libraries’ Discovery, like Google, is intuitive and easy to use. However, library staff have scheduled several “Introducing Discovery” sessions for faculty, staff, and students for the beginning of the fall trimester. There’s no need to register for these 30-minute sessions, which will be held in the classroom in Smith-Rouse Library. Just show up. Discovery introductions are also planned for Tradition and New Orleans.

The sessions will be held Sept. 17 from 3 until 7 p.m. and Sept. 18 from noon until 5 p.m. for students. Sessions will also be held Sept. 5 at noon, Sept. 11 at 3:30 p.m., and Sept. 21 at 9:30 a.m. for faculty and staff.

Also new this fall at the library are different ways to ask for help with library related questions. You know you can call us (Hatiesburg 601.318.6169, Traduction 228.702.1890, and New Orleans 504.286.3291), and you can email us (AskALibrarian@wmcarey.edu), but did you know that you can text us?

Text your questions to 601.348.0287 and we will text you back. Hours for the text service are posted on the libraries’ website. When the text service is offline, use our “Ask Us” service. As you type your question, the service suggests similar questions that are already in the knowledge base. If your question is new, and it isn’t about your personal library account, we’ll add it to our knowledge base. Each question helps build the knowledge base, so it becomes a bigger and better resource for all Carey students. You’ll find the service on our website under “Ask Us,” or go to http://askus.library.wmcarey.edu.

Still need some help? Although you can walk into the library and ask for help at any time that it is open, sometimes you just need a little extra time and attention. Maybe you have a big paper or project due and you don’t know where to start. Or maybe you’ve already done your research, but you have run into a problem that you don’t know how to solve.

Use the Personal Research Consultation link on our website to sign up for some quality, one-on-one time with a librarian. A little time spent with someone who knows library systems, knows what is available in the library at our university and wants to help, can be a real time saver and can significantly reduce research frustration.

Can’t get to the library? Don’t worry, check out our website. Much of the WCU Library’s collection is now in electronic format and is available online for reading, study, and research. General reference and research collections such as Credo Reference and Oxford Reference Online contain hundreds of encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and guides. Specialized subject research collections such as Business Source Premier, Oxford Music Online, Literary Reference Center, and Education Research Complete provide the latest research articles in your field of interest.

And new electronic book collections in Psychology, Medicine, Nursing, and Criminal Justice have been added to the library’s holdings this summer. All of these full text resources are searchable and readable via the Discovery service search box on our website. And, best of all, they are there for you 24/7.

Sometimes you just need to have some fun and we can help with that, too. A rotating collection of popular reading titles is available for checkout in Smith-Rouse Library for those times when you need a little break from studying. Every month we get around 10 to 12 new book titles: mysteries, women’s fiction, court room dramas, popular biographies, politics, sports, exercise, and diet, for example. Browse the shelves, located in the lounge just inside the front door, have a soft drink or cup of coffee, and take a break.

We look forward to seeing you in the library this fall.

WCU’s Baptist Student Union planning events for the new year

BY KELSEY WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

The Baptist Student Union has been busy training the 2012-2013 Lead Team and planning events for the entire student body.

The BSU offers weekly events to strengthen your walk with God and provide opportunities for service. CampusLink is held each Monday night in the Student Conference Center in Wilkes Dining Hall. CampusLink brings students together in worship and also encourages a deeper walk with God through speakers and small group Bible studies. Priority Lunch is on Tuesdays in the Student Conference Center. Area churches provide a free meal and speakers bring food for the soul. On Fridays, Prayer Breakfast is held in Crawford Hall next to Wilkes Dining Hall. Prayer Breakfast offers a time for students to fellowship, pray for the university’s needs, and enjoy a free meal. Apartment Ministries and Bible studies are also held at various times during the week.

On Sept. 22, Dec. 8 and March 2, HubSERVE will allow students to earn required service hours while assisting in area projects. Two special conferences will also be held this school year. The College Student Conference will be Sept. 28-29 and the Leadership Training Conference will be April 12-13. These overnight conferences are open to all students and provide opportunities for worship, Bible study, and learning about Summer Missions. Students will be able to sign up in advance for these conferences after they are announced at CampusLink and Priority Lunch.

Other events include an Apartment Ministries block party on Aug. 31, the missions banquet on March 22, and the end-of-year bash on April 29. The BSU Lead Team welcomes you to Carey and encourages you to become involved in their ministries.

Library Hours

Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. until midnight

Friday 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. until midnight

Regular hours begin Sept. 4. During the week of Aug. 27, the library will close at 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday. The library will be closed Saturday-Monday of Memorial Day weekend.
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BY LORETTA WATKINS  
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

It has been said that the three most important factors involved in real estate are location, location and location. It could also be said that the three most important factors involved in financial aid are timing, timing and timing. Or, to use another cliché, the early bird gets the worm.

Most people don’t get their W-2s until February, but the FAFSA can be filled out as early as Jan. 1. Once the taxes are filed, complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov). Sign it electronically and it can often be processed in three days. Don’t have a PIN to sign electronically? Visit www.pin.ed.gov; you can even create your own four digit PIN. This PIN is also used in other federal aid processes. When you complete the FAFSA, be sure to include the school(s) that you want to access your information; WCUs code is 002447.

Be prepared to submit more forms beyond the FAFSA. If selected for verification by the U.S. Department of Education, you must complete the verification worksheet. The best way to provide of official IRS tax information is to use the electronic link provided at the FAFSA website, but you can also request a tax transcript at www.irs.gov. You can also request a tax transcript by mail or at your local IRS office.

Want to request work-study? Complete that application in Financial Aid and provide a copy of your driver’s license and Social Security card. Need a student loan? Complete the loan application with Financial Aid, then submit the Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note at www.studentloans.gov. Don’t forget to apply for a scholarship; that form is also in Financial Aid.

Are you a legal Mississippi resident pursuing your first bachelor’s degree? Visit www.mississippi.edu/risetipמס/financialaid-state.php to complete the application for MTAG (Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant). No tax information is needed and no PIN is required to sign, but they will assign you another four digit PIN for future use in state financial aid. Similar education grants are available here, but criteria and deadlines vary. The state also offers nursing scholarships/grants at the same website. Are you planning to teach K-12 in a Title I school? Check out the TEACH grant. These applications are available in Financial Aid. The FAFSA PIN is required to fully complete the TEACH grant process.

If you still have a balance in the Business Office, consider an alternative (signature) loan or a PLUS (parent) loan. Parents can complete the PLUS application at www.studentloans.gov using their own FAFSA PIN, then follow up in Financial Aid for additional documentation needed. Alternative loans can be requested online through various lenders (www.salliemae.com, www.wellsfargo.com/money for college, www.studentloan.com/college, www.discoverstudentloans.com). There can be slightly different processes, but you or your parent can apply online then follow up with Financial Aid to complete the process.

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You must be degree-seeking or working on add-on endorsements, certification, licensure, etc., to qualify for financial aid. If you changed your mind about which school you’re attending, be sure to cancel all pending aid at other schools to avoid delays in processing. Once you’ve applied for financial aid, be sure to check your email frequently because most institutions send communications electronically. Check your spam folder; sometimes, real emails from legitimate sources appear as junk to your email provider.

Bottom line? Apply for all financial aid you’re interested in as soon as possible and follow up on it diligently. Ask questions. Leave messages. Read all information you receive carefully and respond in a timely fashion.

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“It will effectively boost Internet speeds two to four times the previous speed,” he said.

In addition to the wireless Internet improvements, the department has also upgraded Desire2Learn, the university’s learning management system. The upgrades bring more of a “social media environment” to the system, said Fryfogle.

“D2L feels friendly now and it looks better,” he said. “There’s also performance improvements and more customization options available to instructors.”

The department has also been working on WCUs social media presence, establishing pages on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, said Fryfogle, along with continued work on the new www.wmcarey.edu website.

“The website is getting closer to being finished, but there’s no definite date,” he said.

The new website, which is being designed by Ellisville-based web studio Happy Catfish, will be “cleaner, with updated information and added functionality,” said Fryfogle.

Further changes include the creation of CareyAir, a less complicated method to log on to the wireless Internet. CareyAir can be configured by connecting to the CareyAir Setup and Help wireless network and then entering the Internet browser. After entering the browser, instructions will be provided to log on CareyAir, he said.

Internet problems have been encountered with the new Mac OS X operating system (Mountain Lion) as well as Apple’s iOS products but these problems are being worked out with the software vendors, said Fryfogle. Until then, instructions to connect using these devices are available at http://findigo.wmcarey.edu/help/guide, he said.

Fryfogle encouraged students with questions to visit the IT department, located in McMillan Hall.

“We are always available and happy to help,” he said. “We have been working hard to provide better technology to our students.”

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