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‘A Story of Devastation to Restoration’
University marks 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

By Adrienne Madden
Editor-in-Chief

On Aug. 29, 2005, catastrophe struck then-William Carey College as Hurricane Katrina hit the Mississippi Gulf Coast, destroyed the Gulfport campus and heavily damaged the Hattiesburg campus. Hurricane Katrina, a Category 5 storm, the costliest natural disaster and one of the five deadliest hurricanes in the history of the United States, left nothing but devastation in its path.

The Gulfport campus, which included 28 acres of beachfront property along U.S. 90, featured 16 buildings, all of which were rendered unusable by the storm. Many university assets on the campus, including resources in the library, were destroyed. The Sarah Gillespie Collection, considered to be the most comprehensive and extensive collection of art executed by Mississippian artists during the 20th century, was also heavily damaged by mud and water.

On the Hattiesburg campus, many buildings suffered roof damage and some of the campus fencing was damaged. The campus appearance was changed dramatically due to trees being uprooted or stripped of limbs. The Lily Pond, which was near Thomas Business Building and had been a mainstay of the campus for decades, was also destroyed by the hurricane.

“When I first saw the Gulfport and even the Hattiesburg campuses following the hurricane, I thought, ‘Thank God none of our students or employees were injured or killed,’” said Dr. Tommy King, Carey president. “A lot of the credit for their safety goes to then-President Dr. Larry Kennedy. He evacuated the Gulfport campus prior to the storm, and after the storm, when it became apparent that even the Hattiesburg campus had sustained heavy damage, he worked to ensure all of the students’ needs were met.”

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New residence hall named for Miss. Baptist leader

Futral Hall, named for Mississippi Baptist Convention Executive Director-Treasurer Jim Futral, was completed on July 31. The new residence hall will house 89 male students in rooms with a private bath. The building completes a quadrangle of new residence halls at the south end of the Hattiesburg campus constructed since 2007 and adjoins Davis Hall, which was completed in 2013.

Carey President Dr. Tommy King said the new building has helped relieve a housing crunch on campus.

A tennis court and pavilion for student activities will be built in between Davis and Futral halls and Byrd and Braswell halls.
Carey holds record-breaking commencement

Nearly 1,200 students graduated from Carey during nine commencement ceremonies in 2014-2015.

School of Education earns national recognition for degree

William Carey University’s School of Education has received national recognition for the Master of Education in educational leadership degree from the Educational Leadership Constituent Council, a partner association of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

“I commend the School of Education for their efforts to provide quality programs to meet needs in our area,” said Dr. Tommy King, Carey president. “It is always gratifying to have outside agencies provide independent confirmation that our programs are of high quality.”

The ELCC recognition is earned after an intensive review of the degree, which is designed to prepare preschool through 12th grade teachers with a minimum of three years of classroom experience for roles in school administration. The review looks at factors including class syllabi, adherence to national educational standards and qualifications of faculty members.

“This recognition shows our program’s strong credibility and alignment with national standards,” said Dr. Liesa Weaver, chair of Carey’s educational leadership department.

The educational leadership master’s degree is the latest School of Education program to receive a national recognition from a CAEP member partner. Bachelor’s degrees in elementary education, English education, mathematics education and physical education are also recognized, along with master’s degrees in elementary education and physical education. An additional degree, the master’s degree in dyslexia therapy, is recognized by the International Dyslexia Association.

“These national recognitions prove the hard work and strong qualifications of our faculty,” said Dr. Ben Burnett, dean of Carey’s School of Education. “The recognitions also show that it is a great time to be a student at Carey.”

Physical therapy program to hold information session

An information session for prospective students interested in the William Carey University Doctor of Physical Therapy program will be held in the Kresge Room of the Thomas Building on the Hattiesburg campus from 2 until 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

During the session, program staff Dr. Cynthia Scott and Dr. Judy Prehn will discuss program curriculum and requirements. The program, the second of its kind in Mississippi, will admit its first class of 30 students in fall 2016. Students with the appropriate bachelor’s degree will be able to complete the classroom and clinical education courses in three years.

The event is free. Pre-registration is requested. For more information, call (601) 318-6584 or visit www.wmcarey.edu/schools/physical-therapy.

Physical therapy receives gift

Dr. Tommy King, president of William Carey University (center), poses with Dr. Lynn McMahan (right) and his wife, Marty. The McMahans recently gave a $100,000 gift for the physical therapy program.

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Medical college welcomes new class of students

From Staff Reports

William Carey University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine hosted the sixth annual White Coat Ceremony for the new medical college class, the Class of 2019, on Aug. 15 in Smith Auditorium on the Hattiesburg campus. During the ceremony, each student was ceremonially cloaked with a white medical coat, which signifies the excellence and caring nature demanded of those entering the medical profession, in front of university administration, faculty and family members. After receiving their coats, students then signed their names in the “Big Red Book,” a tradition started by the inaugural class in 2010. Each class signs in to the book during the White Coat Ceremony and then signs out during commencement. The new class consists of 108 students selected from 2,807 applicants. There are 56 men and 52 women in the class. In keeping with the medical college’s mission to serve the Gulf South region, 87 percent of the class is from Gulf South states, including 28 from Mississippi, 23 from Texas, 22 from Louisiana, eight from Florida and seven from Tennessee. A total of 16 states and two foreign countries are represented in the class. The new class was also honored at a welcome reception on Aug. 18 at the Historic Train Depot in Hattiesburg. The reception was co-sponsored by the Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association, the Area Development Partnership, the City of Hattiesburg and the Forrest County Board of Supervisors. The Carey medical college, the second medical school in Mississippi and the state’s only osteopathic medical school, was established in 2010 to address the severe shortage of physicians in Mississippi and surrounding states and to impact the health care of rural Mississippians. The inaugural class graduated in 2014 followed by the second class in 2015.

Carey recognized as Mississippi’s ‘Hidden Gem’

From Staff Reports

William Carey University has been recognized by a national college ranking platform as the state of Mississippi’s “Hidden Gem” in a recent list of 49 best colleges and universities from across the United States. The list, published by College Raptor Inc., includes one institution from each state with the exception of Alaska. It was compiled using application and enrollment data submitted to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, which is a required step for all higher education institutions participating in any federal financial assistance program. Each institution also received an overall ranking of quality based on academic and outcome data, including graduation rate, selectivity, student-to-faculty ratio and other factors.

The recognition is meant to call attention to smaller institutions that may be overlooked by students but stand out in terms of academic rigor and student success, said College Raptor officials. “This is recognition by another outside, objective agency that Carey is worth considering by prospective students,” said Dr. Tommy King, Carey president.

Faculty Notes: Friedlander honored, Watkins published

Friedlander honored by interactive health service

Dr. Ed Friedlander, a professor of biomedical sciences at the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine, recently received top accolades from an interactive health service for his efforts to assist people with health questions. Friedlander, who joined the Carey faculty in June 2015 after serving as pathology department chair at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Missouri, received three awards in the HealthTap.com Spring 2015 Top Doctor competition. His awards include top doctor on the national level, top doctor in the state of Missouri and most influential doctor in the state of Missouri.

Dr. Geoffrey Rutledge, chief medical officer for the service, said the awards recognize Friedlander’s assisting of over 93,000 people on HealthTap in 2014. Rutledge said the recognition is a great tribute to Friedlander’s expertise and helpfulness. In addition to his work with HealthTap, Friedlander also maintains an active online presence through his website, www.pathguy.com, which has over three million visitors each year. Friedlander is a graduate of Brown University and received his medical degree from Northwestern University in 1977, where he also completed his residency in pathology. In addition to various teaching positions and committee memberships, Friedlander has also written numerous articles and has given multiple lectures and other presentations.

Work by Watkins featured in Faulkner book

An essay by Dr. Lorie Watkins, an associate professor of language and literature at William Carey University, has been published in “Faulkner’s Geographies,” a book exploring fictional locations created by Mississippi author and Nobel Prize laureate William Faulkner. The essay by Watkins, titled “Woman in Motion: Escaping Yoknapatawpha,” was originally presented at the 2011 Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference, which is held annually in Faulkner’s hometown of Oxford. The book, published by the University Press of Mississippi and co-edited by Faulkner scholars Jay Watson and Ann Abadie, collects selected essays read at the conference and is part of a series of Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha books.

Watson said in his introduction to the book that the essay by Watkins ‘draws on the work of feminist geographers to detail the way women experience and use space in Faulkner’s writings.’ Watson adds that the collection as a whole demonstrates “the exciting potential of social and historical geography as a window onto Faulkner’s work.” Watkins is the author of “William Faulkner, Gavin Stevens and the Cavalier Tradition,” published in 2011. She is currently working on “Writing in the Crooked Letter State,” a history of Mississippi literature for the University Press Heritage Series. Watkins is also the editor of the annual Publications of the Mississippi Philological Association, also known as POMPA.
Nursing students minister in Honduras

From Staff Reports

“Actions, not words” was not only the annual theme for William Carey University as a whole; it was also a call to action for 11 Carey nursing students.

The students, along with Assistant Professor of Nursing Felicia Browning, traveled to Villa de San Francisco, Honduras, from May 24-31 on an evangelical mission trip. The Carey team joined 46 others from multiple cities in Alabama and Mississippi in an effort organized by Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International to share the Gospel and assist the needy in the small Honduras municipality.

During the trip, the group presented the Gospel to over 3,000 people and also distributed 1,000 Bibles, 376 copies of John’s Gospel, 2,800 religious tracts and 780 salvation bracelets. The team operated a medical clinic that treated 2,877 patients and distributed clothing and shoes while a pharmacy filled 18,299 prescriptions.

The team also operated an eyeglass ministry that fitted 142 prescription glasses, including six pairs made in the field, along with distributing 570 reading glasses and many pairs of sunglasses. A kitchen crew fed 110 people 12 meals each while the entire team distributed $3,000 worth of beans and rice to local citizens. Over 800 participants were involved in a children’s church and youth sports activities led by team members.

The trip marked the third year nursing students have traveled to Honduras. In March 2011, Browning traveled with seven students to San Lucas. In May 2014, Browning and 14 students traveled to Jesus de Otoro. Browning said the planning for another trip started almost immediately after returning from the 2014 trip.

“Our work commenced in June 2014 as we met and decided to launch a campaign for clothing, shoes and accessories… at this early date, we didn’t know for certain that a trip would go nor did we know the people we were packing for,” she said. “We knew, however, of the needs in Honduras.”

Prior to the trip, the nursing students and Browning packed over 60 boxes with clothing, shoes and other items. The Carey team also held fundraisers and church presentations throughout the year to promote the university’s partnership with the medical and dental mission and to bring awareness about the needs in Honduras.

“Our students were thoughtful, considerate liaisons for the Lord in their delicate conversations with those in need,” said Browning. “They provided much needed one-on-one conversations, with a translator, to people desperate to be cared for … they were flexible servants, traits not unnoticed by other team members.”

Forty Years of Carey Dinner Theatre

From Staff Reports

Carey Dinner Theatre celebrated its 40th season in 2015 with two musicals in June and July at the Joe and Virginia Tatum Theatre on the Hattiesburg campus of William Carey University.

The June show was “Church Basement Ladies,” a musical comedy, followed by the July show of “Beehive,” a musical tribute to the popular female singers of the 1960s.

The dinner theatre was founded in 1975. Over 50 schools, including a large number of schools from the Deep South, have been represented by members of the company.

AUGUST COMMENCEMENT PHOTOS

Pictured at August commencement ceremonies are (left) undergraduate nursing students and (right) graduate students.
TIPS FOR SURVIVING COLLEGE

BY JOSHUA WILSON
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The transition into college life can be a frightening one.

Even though William Carey University provides a 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 traveled the college seas, 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 can 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 no arguing this point. Be punctual, or you could end up at the back of the room, with nothing but the backs of heads in front of you, and that’s no way to get your best grades. The faculty members do not start classes on time when students are late.

Learn to call it when class is over. If you have to stop during a lecture, that’s a perfect time to go explore the campus and pinpoint the places you may need. (By the way, financial aid is in Tatum Court, and student support is in Lawrence Hall.)

Get to know the university’s policies and procedures. You know that handbook that’s been provided? Read it. (Don’t have a handbook? Pick one up in student support.)

Get Familiar:

Get to know student leaders. Meet your 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 student support? Take some time out of one of your days to explore the campus and pinpoint locations you may need. (By the way, financial aid is in Tatum Court, and student support is in Lawrence Hall.)

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Be Open:

Be a good communicator. Speak up. Say “yes” or “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 ignorant.

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 ever have to worry about forgetting about an important assignment – or the date of a test.

Keep a budget and stick to it. College is expensive, so why not take the burden off yourself or off your parents by attempting to find good scholarships?

Always Remember:

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

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Kipchumba wins 10,000-meter national championship

By Adrienne Madden
Editor-in-Chief

Freshman Geoffrey Kipchumba, a native of Eldoret, Kenya, posted a time of 30:20.17 to capture the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national title in the men’s 10,000-meter final in May.

Kipchumba’s strategy included using the first 14 laps to identify the lead pack. Kipchumba then took control of his position by dropping his pace over four seconds per lap for the next two laps, effectively separating himself from the leaders. He then used the remaining nine laps to close the gap and hold off all challengers as he cruised to a 15-second win over DJ Flores from Eastern Oregon University.

With this victory, Kipchumba became the first ever Carey track and field standout to capture a national title in any event since the program began three years ago. His performance also earned him the titles of Southern States Athletic Conference Track Freshman of the Year and 2015 NAIA Men’s Outdoor Track and Field All-American.

“The day of the race, I knew I had some heavy competition. Just as an example, I was competing against Bernard Keter from Wayland Baptist University, who was a reigning national champ at the time. Due to encouragement from my team and coach, I believed I could win despite the competition and when I did, it was amazing,” said Kipchumba.

At the competition, Kipchumba also placed second in the 5,000-meter race with a mark of 14:46.18. SSAC Runner of the Year and Carey junior Mateo Edward of Panama City, Panama, also earned All-American honors in the 100-meter (10.46) and 200-meter (21.26) races. Edward placed sixth in the 10,000-meter race.

With the performances of Kipchumba and Edward, Carey scored 24 points and placed 14th as a team at the championship.

“Were are already focusing on 2016 nationals in South Carolina. We plan to push each other as a team to another award-winning, record-breaking year for the Carey Crusaders,” said Kipchumba.

Steve Knight, athletic director and head coach of men’s basketball at William Carey University, was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame during the 2015 induction ceremony in Jackson on Aug. 1.

Knight joins Miss. Sports Hall of Fame
Carey athletic director is state’s all-time winningest basketball coach

By Adrienne Madden
Editor-in-Chief

Eight Carey athletic teams were named Scholar-Teams by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, with softball again claiming the top spot academically among fellow softball programs throughout the nation.

For a team to be considered a NAIA Scholar-Team, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale as defined by the institution.

Additionally, 23 student-athletes were recognized as NAIA Scholar-Athletes. In order to be considered a Scholar-Athlete, a student-athlete must be classified as a junior or above with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Scholar-Teams:
- Softball (3.77 GPA)
- Women’s soccer (3.28 GPA)
- Women’s tennis (3.25 GPA)
- Men’s tennis (3.22 GPA)
- Women’s cross country (3.20 GPA)
- Men’s soccer (3.15 GPA)

Scholar-Athletes:
- Ashley Allen
- Hope Biggs
- Gleb Bilyalov
- Billy Buchanan
- Kayla Byrd
- Jacob Chambless
- Hannah Cook-Kelley
- Allison Denenichere
- Ramsi Dykes
- Blair Guice
- Hunt Guidry
- Brooklyn Guillot
- Miguel Izquierdo
- Linfah Jones
- Thilo Koerperich
- Brittany Lang
- Brittany LeBlanc
- Morgan Marfisi
- Maggie Paulk
- Lindsey Rowe
- Lauren Russell
- Lauren Satcher
- Lindsey Webb

NAIA announces Scholar-Teams, Scholar-Athletes

From Staff Reports

Steve Knight, athletic director and head coach of men’s basketball at William Carey University, was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame during the 2015 induction ceremony at the Capital City Convention Center in Jackson on Aug. 1.

Knight, in his 33rd season as head coach for the Crusaders, is Mississippi’s all-time winningest basketball coach with 610 victories, seven conference championships and nine national tournament appearances. During the 2013-2014 season, Knight’s Crusaders captured the Southern States Athletic Conference title and posted a 28-3 record, including a perfect 18-0 record in conference play. He has also been recognized as National Coach of the Year by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

As athletic director since 1987, Knight has directed a strong expansion in athletic offerings. The university now fields 16 teams in eight sports, including new teams in indoor track and field. During his tenure, Crusader teams have won over 30 conference championships and made more than 40 trips to national tournaments.

Knight played basketball for the Hattiesburg High School Tigers and helped lead the team to a state championship before enrolling at the University of Southern Mississippi. He played both basketball and baseball for Southern Miss and was drafted into the Seattle Mariners organization. He played professional baseball for two seasons before beginning his coaching career.

Knight was one of six inducted into the 2015 class. He is joined by NFL star Brett Favre; NBA standout Clarence Weatherspoon; two-time All-SEC running back Mike Dennis; Mississippi College and Saint’s champion Fred McAfee; and Owen White, a pioneer of women’s sports in Mississippi.

Steve Knight (center), athletic director and head coach of men’s basketball at William Carey University, was inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame during the 2015 induction ceremony in Jackson on Aug. 1.
Following Katrina, Carey officials worked to have classes resume as soon as possible. Jerry Bracey, administrative dean for the Gulfport campus, worked with Sonny Adolph, the pastor at First Missionary Baptist Church in Gulfport, and the administration at Gulfport High School to secure temporary facilities in which classes could be held. In an effort to bring unity and routine to students, faculty and staff, 16 modular buildings were installed on the campus in 2006 as administrators began the search for a new home on the Gulf Coast. The temporary facilities included offices, classrooms, a computer lab and library.

The next challenge was to find a location where the campus could be rebuilt. After considering a dozen sites, administrators settled upon an area in the Tradition Planned Community on Highway 67 in Biloxi. Phase I of the 50-acre campus houses offices, a student lounge, a library, a computer lab and 30 general classrooms and science labs. The campus also includes state-of-the-art nursing school facilities, including treatment, lab and lecture rooms, along with a gatehouse and a maintenance building.

On the Hattiesburg campus, emergency repairs were made to restore electrical power and other necessary utilities within three to four weeks so a regular class schedule could resume.

Roof repairs and all other structural repairs were completed in less than a year and were to suit hurricane building codes. The 13 buildings that have been added to the Hattiesburg campus since Katrina have also been built according to hurricane building codes.

The Sarah Gillespie Collection, essentially the only thing salvaged from the Gulfport campus, was saved by Iris Easterling, then-curator of the collection, who worked to obtain grants and donations to salvage and restore the collection. The collection is now housed in the Gillespie Museum, which is adjacent to Smith/Rouse Library on the Hattiesburg campus. Almost no paintings were lost due to the hard work and determination of Easterling. An exhibit held during the 2014-2015 school year featured several of these art pieces.

In the 10 years since Katrina, Carey has not only recovered from the wounds inflicted by the storm, but has seen tremendous growth. Achievement of university status, growth at the Tradition campus, the establishment of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, numerous new residence halls and other buildings and several new academic programs are only a few examples of the university's accomplishments since 2005. The Tradition campus boasted a record attendance of almost 1,000 students for the 2014-2015 academic year and is slated to be the home of the state's second pharmacy school. Currently, the campus offers undergraduate, master's, specialist's and doctoral degrees. Programs include art, business administration, counselor education, criminal justice, elementary education, gerontology, health-related professions, nursing and psychology.

For Bracey, who saw the destroyed Gulfport campus and helped lead in the relocation, the growth of the Tradition campus has been nothing but miraculous.

"After Katrina, there was such a strong drop in enrollment, from 800 students to 500 students," he said. "Now, we are expecting 1,000 students in the fall … it's definitely a story of devastation to restoration."

The William Carey University Tradition campus in Biloxi was dedicated in 2009.

2015-2016 ANNUAL THEME

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

"Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two."

Matthew 5:41 (NASB)

CROSSWORD

Welcome to
William Carey University

Across
3. Name of Biloxi campus
4. Name of administration building
6. Dean, School of Business
7. Missionary to India
9. Name of Carey Center's building
10. Name of new residence hall
12. University president
13. Name of music school
14. Dean, School of Education

Down
1. University mascot
2. William Carey's birth country
4. Name of student handbook
5. Name of dining hall
8. Athletic director
11. William Carey's occupation
HOMECOMING 2015 PHOTOS

Crawfish Festival

50-Year Luncheon

Alumni Chapel Service

Character Brunch

“The Magic Flute”

2015 Homecoming Court

Hall of Fame (from left): Dr. Eric Williams, Dr. Carl Merritt Jr., President Dr. Tommy King, Dr. Adam Breerwood and Vermester Jackson Bester

Sports Hall of Fame (from left): Rick Ferrell, Janet Green, Howard Moore, (second row) Bobby Halford, Forrest Stevenson, Rickey Coleman, Dan Jennings, Steve Knight