2012 a ‘monumental year’ for university

Record enrollment, construction projects among year’s highlights

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2012 was a monumental year for William Carey University in several ways.

Record numbers of students enrolled at Carey, with the enrollment number hitting above 4,000 for the first time in the university’s 120-year history. The record number of students left officials at times stumped over how to accommodate the university’s growth, particularly in the area of housing.

Director of Housing Valerie Bridgeforth and her staff had to adopt creative solutions to house a record number of 648 residential students in August, up nearly 100 students since August 2011. The bottom floor of Polk Hall, traditionally a men’s dormitory, was converted for use for female students and some rooms in men’s dormitory Bryant Hall temporarily housed three students instead of the regular two.

Bridgeforth attributed the increase in housing requests to the university’s strong growth in recent years as well as a troubling economy.

“I think students realize that if you’re going to attend college here, it’s a much better deal economically to live in the residence halls,” she said during an interview in September.

At that time, Bridgeforth predicted that housing numbers would drop in time for the start of the winter trimester, allowing housing operations to return to normal operation. Her predictions proved true and the overcrowding measures have ended for now as female students have moved out of Polk Hall and the three-to-a-room situation in Bryant Hall has ended.

Although officials were admittedly caught a little off-guard by the strong enrollment numbers this year, they don’t plan to be caught unprepared at the start of the new school year in 2013. Construction is steadily proceeding on a new dormitory for female students. Groundbreaking for that dormitory was held in October.

Parking also proved to be at a premium for much of the year, prompting some complaints from students, especially as several parking spaces were shut down during renovation work on McMillan Hall, the home of the university’s bookstore, post office, and Information Technology department. Officials countered the complaints with the addition of a new parking lot near the rear of Wilkes Dining Hall.

The renovation work on McMillan has since been completed, effectively doubling the floor space of the building. The post office was completely revamped with new post office boxes and the bookstore has expanded its inventory to meet the new space.

Other construction projects in 2012 included the addition of several sidewalks on campus, including one near Lawrence Hall and one connecting Crawford Hall, home of the Baptist Student Union, to Wilkes Dining Hall. Students praised the addition of the sidewalks not only for their convenience but also for safety reasons.

2012 also saw the adoption of 1892 as the university’s founding date, ending a long period where the year of 1906 had been used as the founding date in error. Officials discovered the error during research for the Carey centennial celebration in 2006 and during the university’s rebranding efforts this year decided to correct the mistake. The university now traces its roots back to when Professor W.I. Thames established Pearl River Boarding School in 1892. The boarding school offered “elementary, preparatory and some college classes” before being destroyed in 1905 and relocated to Hattiesburg in 1906 as South Mississippi College, a predecessor to the current name of William Carey University.

Years of hard work were completed as the university unveiled a series of new branding images, including updated versions of the university seal.

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The new branding images were designed to bring cohesiveness to the university's image, according to Dr. Scott Hummel, vice president for advancement and church relations. Dr. Hummel and several other university officials, faculty, and staff members worked on the branding project for several years. The project also culminated in the creation of Carey's first ventures into social media and a new version of the Carey website, replacing the website that had been in use for many years. The university continued to excel academically with the introduction of several new programs, including two new doctoral degrees. The Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and the Doctor of Philosophy in Nurse Education programs launched in 2012 along with a new bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine welcomed its third class of students, the class of 2016, and saw its first class, the class of 2014, beginning their licensing examinations and clinical rotations. Thirty-eight hospitals and over 600 individual doctors joined the university to host the medical students for their clinics, a process that will last 21 months.

In the realm of athletics, seven of the university's athletic teams were named Scholar Teams by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). In order to be ranked as a Scholar Team, the team must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0. The Lady Crusader tennis team boasted the highest average of the seven with an average 3.52 GPA. Thirteen student-athletes were also named as NAIA scholar athletes and 42 were named to the Southern States Athletic Conference Honor Roll.

The university also played host to the 79th annual Mississippi Association of Colleges and Universities (MAC) Conference in October. A strong number of college leaders gathered in Hattiesburg for the conference, which had the theme of "Leadership to Lift Mississippi." WCU President Dr. Tommy King served as president of MAC for 2012 and noted the honor of being able to host the conference at Carey.

Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant was the keynote speaker for the university’s Aug. 21 endowed scholarship dinner, an annual event to raise funds for institutional scholarships. The dinner raised over $375,000 for endowed scholarships and also saw notable guests such as Congressman Steven Palazzo and Hattiesburg Mayor Johnny DuPree in attendance.

During 2012, the university also mourned the loss of Dr. Ralph Noonkester, Carey's president from 1956 until 1989. The 88-year-old Dr. Noonkester had remained active at WCU following his retirement, serving as president emeritus and teaching religion classes. Dr. Bennie Crockett, a colleague of Dr. Noonkester's for many years, summed up his eulogy of the former president with the conclusion that Dr. Noonkester was a "...wonderful man of God, one of our Father's gentler souls here on earth."

As the year draws to a close, university officials remain optimistic about the future of the university, both immediately as 2013 dawns and also on a long-term basis. Perhaps 2012 and the future can be summed up in one sentence, the words of Dr. King: "It's an exciting time to be at Carey."

BY KELSEY WELLS
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Dec. 6 saw the celebration of WCU's annual Hanging of the Greens ceremony, the night meant to serve as the university's recognition of the Advent of Christ and the official commencement of the Christmas season on campus. Students and faculty entered the Dumas L. Smith Auditorium for the evening of worship to a musical prelude performed by the Instrumental Ensemble. As the space filled, the congregation joined with the choir in singing classic Christmas hymns, such as "O Come, O Come Emanuel, and Angels We Have Heard on High," among others.

After the singing, Dr. Connie Roberts and Dr. Kimberle Moon of the Winters School of Music spoke to the gathered body about the symbols used to represent the Advent of Christ and the meaning of each. These included garland, wreaths, bows, and poinsettias, all of which were brought out with a flourish by members of Carey's various academic, athletic, and social organizations.

Lengths of garland were strung along the railings near the stage, and wreaths were hung to the right and left of this. The Advent Wreath was then presented, and the Advent candles were lit: three purple, one pink, and the white Christ Candle. Once the symbols of the Advent had been brought out, WCU President Dr. Tommy King stood to read the Christmas story to the congregation. Holding lit candles, with the tale of the birth of the baby Christ fresh before them, those in attendance then made their way out of the Smith Auditorium. Gathering together around the statue of "The Risen Christ" they reverently observed the Passing of the Light and the last of the hymns.

"Bringing the celebration to an end, the words of O Come All Ye Faithful, Joy to the World, and Silent Night filled the campus in a synchronization of the Carey community in concordance."

BY HAYLEE GREEN
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Hanging of the Greens ceremony begins Christmas season

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McMillan Hall renovation complete; new dorm rising

Renovations on McMillan Hall were recently completed. The renovations doubled the floor space of the building, which is the home of the bookstore, Information Technology Department, and Carey Post Office. Construction work continues on a new dormitory behind Byrd Hall which will house 96 female residents in double occupancy rooms.

Miss WCU 2013 DeMelo discusses platform, plans for pageant

Jennifer DeMelo, a senior biology major from Kenner, La., was recently crowned Miss William Carey University 2013 during the annual scholarship pageant on Oct. 19 and will soon compete in the Miss Mississippi Pageant.

As the pageant draws near, DeMelo is preparing both physically and mentally.

DeMelo’s platform for her term is “Healthy Smiles, Happy Smiles,” through which she hopes to promote good oral hygiene. As a dental hygienist in the United States Army, DeMelo understands the importance of dental hygiene and the need for its promotion. Her goal is to soon become a dentist and use her skills to help others.

“My hope is that my platform will reach outside of my community and I will be able to collect a large number of dental hygiene products to distribute to the less fortunate.” – DeMelo

DeMelo has spent most of her life in her hometown of Kenner, La., where she developed a passion for cooking. She attended culinary school for a year and chose dentistry as a career only after joining the Army, in which she has achieved the rank of sergeant. Her other hobbies include decorating and organizing.

“My favorite things to do are making people laugh, getting pedicures and massages, spending time with my family, and, most of all, finding God’s plans for my life,” said DeMelo.

The Miss Mississippi Pageant will be held in July 2013 in Vicksburg.

Singing Honors

Pictured are (left to right, seated) William Carey University music students Brandon Hayes, a senior from Collins, and Emma Oberdick, a freshman from Wadsworth, Ill., with (left to right, standing) Kathy Vail, associate professor of music, and Dr. Connie Roberts, professor of music. These two students took top honors individually at the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Conference and Competition for the Southern Region held at Louisiana State University Nov. 8-10. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Vail and coached by Dr. Roberts.

Brandy Cramer (pictured), a senior vocal performance major from Gulfport, won a competition with the Gulf Coast Chorus and Symphony. She won a large cash scholarship, as well as the opportunity to sing the mezzo soprano solos in a performance of Handel’s “Messiah” with the Gulf Coast Chorus and Symphony on Dec. 1 in Gulfport.
This Christmas season, I am thankful for a great number of things, but especially for the ability to laugh. Humor is one of the things that makes life worth living, and nothing is more humorous to me than a great “meme.”

If you’re not Internet savvy and are unaware of the meme craze, let me explain.

A meme (pronounced meem, rhymes with team) — or, specifically, an Internet meme (the term has actually been in existence since the 1970s) — is a concept that spreads virtually from person to person within a culture. It can be a photo, video, catchphrase, and so on.

Some of the most hilarious Chuck Norris jokes. The 72-year-old celebrity, best known for portraying the behind-kicking title character in Walker, Texas Ranger, has seen an increase in popularity with the “Chuck Norris Facts” meme that has spread around the Internet since 2005. These “facts” are satirical in nature and make absurd claims about Norris and his strength, toughness, attitude, and other characteristics.

A sample: “Chuck Norris once ate Big Mac at Burger King ... and he got one.” Another: “Before the Boogie Man goes to sleep at night, he checks his closet for Chuck Norris.”

Okay, one more (I promise): “Chuck Norris can divide by zero.” Okay, I really am done. As you can see from the above examples, Chuck Norris lives on as an Internet legend, even though his most famous role ended in 2001.

And so is the way of the meme. These hilarious Internet fads, often created by just one person and then spread across the Internet equivalent of a “blockbuster hit,” can bring humor to just about any subject and serve as fertile, and often endless, ground for comedy.

One of the more recent memes, a photo of a cat living in Arizona named Tardar Sauce (nickname: Tard), This is an ordinary cat; in fact, Tard is a celebrity, has appeared on popular TV shows like Today and being the feature of many memes. Tard is famous because of his distinctive brown, which gives off the impression that Tard hates everyone and every situation.

After Tard’s owners posted a photo of the cat on the Internet, it went viral and quickly gained captions. Captions are what give the humorous effect to most photo memes: add a few lines of funny text to a photo and laughter ensues.

Too Much Christmas?

Like every good American, Christmas brings the sudden urge for me to participate in all the festivities. I sing the songs, watch the movies, and put up the decorations. I enjoy parties and special times with my friends and family. But this year, I have begun to wonder if maybe such a thing as “too much Christmas” really does exist.

Some Christmas movies are essentials for me, with It’s A Wonderful Life and other classics topping my list. However, when I’ve seen these movies multiple times, along with more “step into a wonderland and find your true love” movies than I can count, they begin to become overkill. Of course, the movies must be shown multiple times since exclusive Christmas programming begins in mid-November.

Another arena in which Christmas has become a frenzy is gift giving. What were once sincere efforts to show other people how special they were have been reduced to states of obligation with no real emotion or thought. Gifts are often impersonal and in an attempt to buy the biggest and brightest gifts, we are maxing out credit cards and making loans. A recent trip to the mall found me standing in a line that led to the door. Everyone had shopping baskets loaded with excessive numbers of gifts, some of which will never be used or appreciated.

Excessive food is another aspect of the Christmas season. Parties and family gatherings offer a plethora of food and candy options. Chocolate-dipped anything is the stage during the season. Pets cover in terror lest they get dipped along with the pretzels, nuts, candies, breads, and everything else. With all of the candies and other delicacies of the season, we eat our way into a pants size we regret by New Year’s Eve.

At the risk of sounding like a regular Grinch or Scrooge, I am in no way saying that we shouldn’t celebrate this great time of year. I’m just saying that moderation is a key factor. Instead of relying on the couch for days and watching Christmas movies, why not make a schedule of your “must sees” and spend other times along with more “step into a wonderland and find your true love.”

One of my favorites of Tard features the cat looking as depressed as ever with the added caption of “Of all the nine lives I’ve lived, this is the worst.” Another favorite caption on Tard’s signature frown photo: “World’s ending in December? Finally.”

Photo memes were especially popular during the recent presidential election, with one of the most significant featuring Sesame Street character Big Bird wearing a shocked impression. The caption, paraphrased from most of the Big Bird memes, was “Mitt Romney is trying to kill me!”

This particular meme hit the Internet only minutes after Republican candidate Mitt Romney’s comments regarding Sesame Street during the Oct. 3 presidential debate. Romney remarked that, even though he liked Big Bird, he wanted to cut federal funding for PBS, the parent company of Sesame Street.

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A Christmas Meme

Tard, the “Grumpy Cat,” and his Christmas carol.

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**SPORTS**

**Cross-country star Osoro finishes sixth in nat’l tourney**

By Michael Coelho

Sports Editor

On Nov. 17, Joash Osoro and Kayla Byrd became the first runners in school history to represent WCU at the 2012 NAIA Cross-Country National Championship at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site in Vancouver, Wash.

The Southern States Athletic Conference champion Osoro finished the national event with a time of 24:36 to finish sixth overall.

For the women, Kayla Byrd of Monticello became the first Lady Crusader to compete in the National Championship after finishing eighth in the conference event on Nov. 3. Upon qualifying for the National Championship, Byrd also received First Team All-Conference honors. Freshmen Kayla Stricker and Ryan Archie also received postseason awards for becoming the first freshmen in school history selected to the SSAC All-Freshmen team.

Away from competition, WCU cross-country also had a memorable year in the classroom, with Dean Pace, Channing Stringer, Kayla Byrd, and Yaila Zottmann all qualifying for the SSAC All-Academic team.

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**SEC fans guilty of hypocrisy when it comes to nat’l championship**

One of the most distinctive qualities of college football is rivalry. The purity of the hatred that college football fans display for their rivals is unparalleled to any hatred found in the NFL.

College football rivalries are special because the people involved in the rivalries usually have ties to one another. The players have either competed with or against each other in high school and many of the students come from high schools that sent students to either side of the rivalry. Each year when rival schools meet on the gridiron, much more than the final score is at stake. Bragging rights for a full year between players, coaches, fans, students and alumni outweigh the joy of celebrating a victory for one day.

These rivalries are predominant in the South, particularly in the Southeastern Conference. As we all know, in the South, football is king and the fervor of college football season doesn’t stop after the final whistle of the season has been blown. SEC football is a daily stake. Bragging rights for a full year between rival schools meet on the gridiron, much more than the final score is at stake. Bragging rights for a full year between players, coaches, fans, students and alumni outweigh the joy of celebrating a victory for one day.

These rivalries are predominant in the South, particularly in the Southeastern Conference. As we all know, in the South, football is king and the fervor of college football season doesn’t stop after the final whistle of the season has been blown. SEC football is a daily commitment for its passionate fans. SEC fans compete with one another from coast to coast for the right to eat the food on the grill at the tailgate. However, in years of watching SEC football and getting to know more and more SEC fans by the week, one thing about the conference has always confused me.

If SEC fans hate their rivals so much, then why do they root for them? Why is it that when an SEC fan’s team is sitting at home, eliminated from championship contention, they immediately abandon their morals as a fan and cheer for the team that is taking their preferred team’s place in that game? You may not think that Alabama being in the National Championship impacts your team, but their being in the championship means that your team probably lost to them. Even if they didn’t beat your team, they are taking your team’s spot in the title game, so why would you root for the team that takes your team’s place?

How can an Auburn fan or an Alabama fan claim that they have the most intense rivalry in college football, yet both fan bases are guilty of cheering for their rivals in the championship game? In 2009, when Alabama faced Texas for the National Championship, Auburn fans publically displayed support for the hatred Crimson Tide. For Alabama fans in 2010, the same mindset of keeping the team’s spot in the title game, as titans of college football, and sticking with their team no matter what. SEC fans, let’s get this out of the way. The SEC has the best players, coaches, and facilities and absolutely dominates the rest of the competition. On the second to last weekend of the season, the SEC went 3-0 against the ACC champion, ACC runner-up, and second highest ranked ACC team. The SEC in BCS games has manhandled the Big Ten, and neither the Pac-12 nor Big 12 has been able to knock the SEC off their throne. So what does the conference have left to prove? Why do the fans constantly feel obligated to remind us of that dominance?

Maybe they aren’t out to prove anything. Maybe the superiority complex of SEC fans is so bad that they can honestly find joy in a team from the conference winning the championship even if that team is your team’s sworn enemy. As fans that take so much pride in their football, I imagine LSU, Auburn, Georgia, Florida or any other team’s fan base would take it with a grain of salt if Alabama won another championship. Instead, I imagine they will cheer them on.

If Alabama wins again, then instead of the victory being viewed as another Alabama championship, further solidifying themselves as titans of college football, and separating themselves from everyone else in the conference, SEC fans will choose to twist it into a win for everybody in the conference and reason for all fans to celebrate. As I see it, every time a team other than your own wins a championship that’s just one more championship closer to or further away from the total that your team has. Why would a fan of any team want that? I understand you must pick somebody, but do you really want to root for the same team that you hated just weeks ago? Think about it, SEC fans, is seven in a row really what you want?

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**Women’s soccer wraps up ‘12 season with 14-5-1 record**

By Michael Coelho

Sports Editor

The No. 9 Lady Crusaders saw their dream season come to a screeching halt as they lost to the University of Texas at Brownsville 2-1 in the first round of the 2012NAIA Women’s Soccer Championship. The Crusaders, who had been ranked as high as fourth during the regular season, received an at-large bid to the national tournament after being upset by Faulkner (Ala.) 3-2 in the first round of the SSAC Conference Tournament.

The Crusaders jumped out to an early lead as Malin Baruff knocked in a Tori McDavitt corner kick in the eighth minute. In the second half Carey fought hard, but was stifled by a strong defense.

WCU finished the season with a record of 14-5-1. McDavitt and freshmen keeper Linfah Jones received SSAC First Team All-Conference honors, while 14 members of the 2012 team were named to the SSAC All-Academic team. Other postseason awards include Linfah Jones, Freshman of the Year; Malin Baruff, Kristen Satcher and Jeana Gilbert, Second Team All-Conference; and Linfah Jones and Brittany Lang, Freshman All-Conference.

Jeana Gilbert (center, #26) attempts to score on a corner late in the second half of the championship game against UTB.

Photo by TIFFANY KINABREW GOIN
A Contest Like No Other: Beard Contest 2012

The Cobbler recently sponsored its second annual No Shave November beard contest on the Carey campus. Contestants were invited to participate in the contest, which makes fun of the “No Shave November” mania that has made its way into our culture. The only rule of the contest was that contestants could not shave for the entire month — no exceptions. For each contestant that entered the contest, The Cobbler staff made a $5 donation to a food bank in time for the Christmas holidays. First, second, and third place prizes were awarded, with the first place winner receiving the title of “Beard Champion” and “Manliest Man on the Carey campus.” The contest was judged by Editor-in-Chief Joshua Wilson, yearly contest coordinator Christopher Dixon, Assistant Professor of History Dr. Jonathan Brooke, and Managing Editor Kelsey Wells.

The winners for 2012 include junior Corey Bell, first place, “Beard Champion,” and “Manliest Man on the Carey campus”; sophomore Christopher Waddell, second place; and freshman Greyson Adkins, third place.

Dormitories duel for ‘best decorated’ title

The Residence Life Office held its annual dormitory decorating contest with men’s dormitory Bryant Hall (below) and women’s dormitory Bass Hall (see next page) tying for first place.

Residents in Bryant Hall built their own chimney. Other decorations included a mounted deer head with Christmas lights.

An un-‘Common’ Tree

The Christmas tree in Common Grounds, the coffee shop at Carey, is decorated with candy canes and other objects of the season and topped with a coffee cup “angel.”

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Students serious about Batman villains; Joker the favorite

BY MARIAN MAUSETH
LIFE EDITOR

Everybody loves a good villain. There’s just something in us that is fascinated by chaos and those who cause it, and perhaps we just like to see the good guys win. A couple of weeks ago, I took up the task of asking people who their favorite Batman villain was out of the recent trilogy: Batman Begins, The Dark Knight, and The Dark Knight Rises. The choices included Scarecrow, The Joker, and Bane. I expected this survey to be a fun diversion from classes and stresses of the day that would take students’ minds off of the deep and important aspects of life. Much to my surprise, however, students on this campus dwell in the deep ocean of thought and I was proven wrong.

The majority of students that answered this question took a very insightful route. Unsurprisingly, the Joker won by a landslide. However, the reasons for his victory were fascinating. Several students were fascinated by what the Joker represents in all of humanity. He is a deeply troubled soul who seems to fight the battles he fought. Batman didn’t necessarily have to fight the battles he fought. He simply wants to bring to life everyone’s inner chaos.

A few other students claimed The Joker as their favorite due to nostalgia. After all, The Joker is the most iconic of all the Batman villains. He has been portrayed in all sorts of different ways, but always with that same, haunting smile. His is the face of maniacal humor and terrible fear all at the same time. The Joker is an example of a perfectly fascinating paradox. Also, according to junior Corey Bell, “He’s the yin to Batman’s yang.” Bruce Wayne is similar to The Joker in many regards, but whereas The Joker gave in to his darkness and his madness, Wayne harnesses his in order to use it for good.

Regardless of your opinion, this argument begs this question: Is Batman a heroic superhuman, or is he merely a selfish man who seeks the glory that so repeatedly evades him? Through this survey, I learned that people have extremely strong opinions when it comes to Batman. Due to such a high level of enthusiasm, I would expect half of this campus to go running around wearing Batman masks and capes, which wouldn’t altogether be entertaining. People of this generation grew up reading the comics and watching the TV show, and I suppose it’s impossible for them to look at it in a simplistic way. These stories hold such nostalgia and such weight. Let’s face it. Villains like The Joker just beg to be loved and psychoanalyzed against their will.

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International Student Spotlight

Wing Chi Siu (Gigi) is a music therapy major from New Territories, Hong Kong. She speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, and English. After going to college for two years in California, she found that William Carey University would be her best option in pursuing her music therapy degree. She likes that William Carey is a small campus, a Christian university, and that the professors communicate well with their students.

She enjoys the small class size as opposed to the classes she experienced in California and Hong Kong that enrolled several hundred people. The many activities at Carey, like sporting events, activities hosted by Student Activities, and other social events are other reasons she likes it here.

When asked about the difference between Mississippi and her country, she said that Hong Kong is a bigger city with tall buildings, crowded places, and convenient transportation. She does not need a car in Hong Kong, but rather can take the subway or walk to places. The language barrier here makes it a little difficult for her since we use slang in our communication with each other. However, she finds it easier to learn the English language here than in California.

She becomes homesick when she does not have chances to go home during our various breaks, but she plans to go to Hong Kong during the summer break.

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MORGAN after Hurricane Katrina, was moved to Hattiesburg in the Coast campus, the collection Originally located at Carey's different artists, some well known, houses works from number of 600 pieces of art collected by Sarah beautiful compilation of more than Mississippi artists' work, is a complete collection of 20th-century considered to be the most Ellen Gillespie Museum of Art and view throughout the year. Two of those events are featured, such as the Christmas exhibit of toys by local toy creator Harry Griffith, was recently on display along with Griffith's other toys at the Gillespie Museum. The museum, along with the Parker Gallery, feature numerous exhibitions throughout the year. WCU attractions include Parker Gallery, Gillespie Museum By Stephen Ford Staff Writer Living in a city like Hattiesburg, one might get the feeling that there isn’t much to see. Big buildings, parking lots, and what seems like a million different restaurants seem to be the prevailing sight everywhere you look. Obviously, this can get boring very quickly. Fortunately, William Carey University has many attractions to view throughout the year. Two of those attractions include the Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum of Art and the Lucile Parker Gallery. The Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum of Art (open Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m.), considered to be the most complete collection of 20th-century Mississippi artists' work, is a beautiful compilation of more than 600 pieces of art collected by Sarah Ellen Gillespie. Located adjacent to the campus library, the museum houses works from number of different artists, some well known, some a bit more obscure, but all impressive. Originally located at Carey's Coast campus, the collection was moved to Hattiesburg in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, during which many of the works were damaged by the storm (restoration of the damaged works is ongoing). To show the collection in its entirety, the exhibit is constantly on rotation, often with a theme such as boats or buildings, or perhaps even by method of execution, like water color or oil paint. Special exhibits are occasionally featured, such as the Christmas exhibit of toys by local toy creator Harry Griffith that was held in the museum from Dec. 3-19. The Lucile Parker Gallery (located in the Thomas Fine Arts Building and open Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m.) is a memorial to Lucile Parker, an artist who organized the art department at Carey. Interestingly, Lucile Parker was friends with Sarah Ellen Gillespie, and some of her artwork is occasionally on display in the Gillespie gallery. However, the Lucile Parker Gallery is truly the best place for viewing artwork by Miss Parker herself, as it contains 141 different and beautiful works. The Lucile Parker Gallery is not, however, limited only to artwork by Lucile Parker, but also contains 17 works by Marie Hull, almost 300 by Dr. Allen Hughes, and 124 other pieces by a number of different artists arranged into what is simply named the “William Carey University Collection.” These works include paintings, drawings, stamps, and even mixed media designs. Several visiting exhibits are on display in the Parker Gallery throughout the year, along with the works owned by the university. The Sarah Ellen Gillespie Museum of Art and the Lucile Parker Gallery are both beautiful houses of artwork, free for viewing at any of the times listed above. There are over a thousand astonishing pieces of beautiful artwork right here on campus, so if you get bored with the sometimes monotonous scenery Hattiesburg provides and you're looking for a change, look no further than William Carey University.