DeMelo crowned Miss William Carey University ‘13

BY JOSHUA WILSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Jennifer DeMelo, a senior biology major from Kenner, La., was named the winner and the new Miss William Carey University at the annual Miss WCU scholarship pageant.

The pageant was held on Oct. 19 in Smith Auditorium. Eleven students competed for the title, which is a preliminary to the Miss Mississippi Pageant.

Kenna Spiller, the 2012 Miss WCU, presented DeMelo with the crown. DeMelo, the daughter of Stewart DeMelo and Nancy Hood Green, is a sergeant in the United States Army, where she also works full-time as a dental hygienist. She has served as a missionary in Uganda, Africa, and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, and received the Dental Hygiene #1 Clinician Award. Her career ambition is to be a dentist and her platform is “Eradicating American Homelessness.”

Her talent for the pageant was salsa dancing. She also won the interview portion of the pageant.

The first runner-up for the pageant was Kissy Wilson, a junior English and Spanish major from Laurel. Wilson also won the talent and evening gown portions of the pageant.

The second runner-up was Ashleigh Torres, a senior psychology major from Kiln. Uniqua Evans, a senior psychology and music therapy major from Hattiesburg, was named third runner-up and Danielle Ellzey, a freshman nursing major from Leakesville, was awarded the GPA Award.

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Former President Noonkester leaves behind vast legacy

BY JOSHUA WILSON
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Funeral services for former William Carey University president Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, 88, were held Oct. 4 at Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg.

Dr. Noonkester served as president of Carey for 33 years from 1956 until 1989. He arrived at Carey when it was still known as Mississippi Woman’s College in 1952, serving first as a professor of Bible and dean of the college. His wife, Naomi, was the college registrar and later served as an active first lady of the college.

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When he became president, Dr. Noonkester was only 32 years old and was the youngest college president in the United States at the time.

During his presidency, the college greatly expanded.

“Let us...move on to maturity” ~ Hebrews 6:1

Remember to cast your ballot on Nov. 6! America has a big decision to make on Nov. 6. Educate yourself on the issues, make a choice, and exercise the right to vote, a right that many brave men and women have sacrificed their lives for you to have. Your vote does matter.

"EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM GOD; ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD." ~ WILLIAM CAREY

New women’s dormitory slated for fall ‘13 open

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WCU officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new women’s residence hall on the Hattiesburg campus on Oct. 17.

The residence hall, which will be located directly behind Byrd Hall on the south end of campus, will accommodate 96 female residents double occupancy or in 49 private rooms to relieve the school’s housing crunch. The dorm is scheduled to be completed before the beginning of the 2013-14 academic year.

"The greatest announcement I can make is that we have the money in the bank to pay for [the new dorm.]." – Dr. King

Dr. Tommy King, president of WCU, called the residence hall “an important step in the growth of William Carey University.”

The building will cost $4.5 million and the funds came from support by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, private donors and careful management of existing funds.

“I am so proud of all the beautiful and talented contestants who competed,” said Cindy Coffield, director of the pageant.

DeMelo will go on to compete at the Miss Mississippi Pageant in July 2013 in Vicksburg.

In last year’s Miss Mississippi pageant, Spiller won the Lambiotte Choreography Award and was named a Quality of Life Finalist.

See page 8 for a photo of all of the finalists.

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Dr. Noonkester

By the time of his retirement, there were 18 buildings on the Hattiesburg campus and eight on the Gulfport campus, which was established during his presidency. He worked to restore the academic excellence that had been the standard at Mississippi Woman’s College and, by his retirement in 1989, enrollment stood at 1,700 and academic programs had expanded to 11 degrees and 30 majors.

His work was instrumental in achieving full accreditation for the college by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, a feat he accomplished at the end of his second year as president.

In addition to establishing the Gulfport campus, Dr. Noonkester also established the New Orleans campus with the absorption of the Mather School of Nursing at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. The purchase of the old Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans was a viable institution.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi, and his children, Myron C. Noonkester and Lila D. Noonkester. He and Naomi married in 1947 and have been married for 65 years.

Above: Dr. Noonkester, 1957, in The Crusader yearbook. Left: Dr. Noonkester and wife, Naomi. Below: Dr. Noonkester and son, Myron, the dean of the Ralph and Naomi Noonkester School of Arts and Letters.

Dr. Ralph Noonkester, Carey’s retired president, was still active at Carey even in his retirement. Myron arrived in 1957, followed by Lila in 1961. The Noonkester School of Arts and Letters, of which Myron Noonkester serves as dean, is named in this former president and his wife’s honor.

At the time of his death, Dr. Noonkester was still active at Carey, serving as an adjunct professor teaching New Testament and as president emeritus. He was often seen on campus visiting with faculty, staff, and students and was beloved by all he encountered.

“J. Ralph Noonkester’s impact on Mississippi Woman’s College and William Carey College is immeasurable. He came to Woman’s College at a time of great difficulty and ushered in the William Carey College era. Achieving full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, purchase of the coast campus, initiating the graduate program, and establishing the school of nursing are just a few of his accomplishments. He will always be remembered as an outstanding leader at a time when leadership was sorely needed.” – Dr. Tommy King, WCU president

“He was such an incredible man with so much passion and zeal for life. He always spoke to me and made me feel so important. He will truly be missed.” – Brian Brister, Carey alumni

“My husband and I were students in the late seventies…early eighties…and he was president then, and then when we saw him again on happenance in 2011, we could see he lived WC – he was about to give another test to his students. He will truly be missed!” – Lilly Jolly Landis, Carey alumna

“Whether in the classroom, the church, the dean’s office, the president’s office, or the board rooms throughout Hattiesburg and the southeast, Ralph Noonkester made disciples by teaching and demonstrating to people things the Savior had commanded. From his first classes in 1952 to his last class sixty years later just three weeks ago, students admired him, saying, Dr. Noonkester was a ‘wonderful man of God, one of our Father’s gentler souls here on earth,’ ‘a kind, thoughtful, honorable man whose faith and vision were truly inspiring’…a ‘caring man who provided profound leadership,’…a consummate gentleman – gentle soul – interested in my thoughts. An excellent listener.’…’He treated us as colleagues.’” – Dr. Bennie Crockett, WCU vice president of institutional effectiveness and long-range planning and professor of religion and philosophy, giving the eulogy at Dr. Noonkester’s funeral

Remembrances of Dr. Noonkester

The Cobbler

Welcome to your newspaper.

The Cobbler is the newspaper of William Carey University. It has operated since the 1920s, when it was known as The Scissors, before being renamed in 1956 after the name change from Mississippi Woman’s College to William Carey College. The advisor is Dr. Marilyn Ellzey.

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Dykes leads revival of WCU instrumental music dept.

By Randi Clark
Senior Staff Writer

William Carey’s marching band, Spirit of Carey, made its debut during freshman orientation and performed again at the first regular chapel of the year.

The indoor marching band consists of 27 brass and percussion musicians under the leadership of Wes Dykes, coordinator of instrumental activities and assistant professor of music. Dykes was hired by the university last spring to orchestrate a “rebirth” of the instrumental department.

Dykes received his bachelor’s degree at the University of Southern Mississippi, his master’s degree at the University of South Carolina, and is currently working on his doctorate in conducting through USM. Originally from Pensacola, Fla., Dykes was a college band director until God called him to serve as a worship minister.

“Allie and Sarah, you see, they are where God wanted me at some point in my life to teach the next generations,” said Dykes.

Dykes started recruiting for the new instrumental department last spring. He began with approximately 18 students and now Symphonic Winds, the concert band that includes all instrumental students, has between 50 and 60 members. Additional debut groups include Grace Notes, Tuscan Reeds, and a revamped William Carey Jazz Band.

Grace Notes is a woodwind group made of five members. They performed at a reception during the recent Mississippi Association of College and Universities conference, which was hosted by WCU. Tuscan Reeds is a six-member saxophone group while the jazz band has approximately 25 musicians. These groups play music ranging from “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” to standard jazz tunes to a saxophone rendition of “Eleonor Rigby.”

All of the groups are recruiting tools for the university, pulling in students involved in all realms of academia. The ensembles will play around 70 concerts this year and Dykes has already had to turn down some offers to “protect the students” with their already busy schedules.

“The marching band was one of the main reasons I chose to come to Carey,” said Tyler Ford, a freshman music major from Mobile recruited by Dykes.

The new band is not limited to students in the Winters School of Music. April Jowers, a freshman chemistry major, is a member of three different musical ensembles.

New recruits aren’t the only members of the new instrumental activities, either. “I was excited about the prospect of the band when it was announced last year,” said Zach Wilson, a sophomore church music major and bass drum player for the Spirit of Carey. “I enjoy being part of a big group.”

The different ensembles will be performing at chapel services throughout the year as well as churches and high schools. The Carey family is asked to support these groups by attending performances and spreading excitement as the university continues to build the instrumental music program.

LeBoeuf sisters make home, friends, great grades at Carey

By Joshua Wilson Editor-in-Chief

Three sisters with roots in Mississippi but parents in Oklahoma have returned to the Magnolia State to attend William Carey University.

The LeBoeuf sisters, including fraternal twins Allie and Sarah, 19, and Madeline, 17, were born and raised in Mississippi but relocated several times to follow their father’s career. Their father, Jeffrey, served as executive director of the Mississippi Osteopathic Medical Association during the formation of WCU’s College of Osteopathic Medicine and was instrumental in the formation of the medical college.

Jeffrey and his wife, Ronda, have six children, of which Allie is the oldest.

“I was born two minutes before Sarah, so I’m the oldest,” said Allie, with Sarah grimacing in the background.

“She never lets me forget it, either,” she said.

The three sisters are only half of the LeBoeuf sisters. The other three sisters still live at their parents’ home in Collinsville, Okla., including 13-year-old Olivia, 10-year-old Bridget, and 8-year-old Mary.

The three sisters at WCU said the university attracted them because of its strong scholarship program, family atmosphere.

“Allie and Sarah being here and loving it made them OK with each other and claim they “almost never fight,” even though Allie and Sarah live in the same dorm room in Bass Hall. Madeline also lives close to her sisters in the same building.

“We never really fight,” said Sarah. Her sisters shock their heads in agreement, although Madeline looked a little skeptical.

“Maybe we do just a little,” she said with a smile.

The three sisters have proved to be outstanding students at WCU. Each sister currently has a perfect 4.0 grade point average, something they all intend to keep.

They were homeschooled by their mother and finished high school very early, with Madeline finishing at age 16. Each sister then started to work on their college requirements through concurrent education at colleges near their home in Oklahoma.

The sisters said they love WCU, its faculty and staff, and their fellow students.

“We love all of the people,” said Sarah. “Everyone has been so nice and welcoming to us.”

From left to right: Sarah, Allie, and Madeline LeBoeuf.

Photo by Joshua Wilson

Dykes

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Print still preferred, survey finds

We live in an age of mass amounts of information. Our days revolve around various types of information and how to access it. The main vein of obtaining such information is, of course, a book.

Personally, I’m one of the nerds reveling in the thought of having a vast library with shelves upon shelves of books. I don’t even mind that my backpack usu-

ally weighs 100 pounds. I’m aware, however, that individuals exist who disagree with me on that topic, but not because they don’t read. Their disagreement stems from their new and peculiar love of electron-

ic books, known more widely as e-books.

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Kindle. The Kindle’s wide array of options makes books almost unlimited. Thousands of other purchasable titles do sound intriguing. Barnes and Noble followed suit with their e-

reader, the Nook. These devices lay claim to a plethora of benefits, such as convenience and easy access. These claims are certainly fair be-

cause one device can hold all your books in one place, and you can in-

stantly buy virtually any book you want. E-readers sound perfect, but do they make life easier. However, are they already more popular than traditional books?

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Amazon.com truly changed the game with their release of the ‘most presidential’ throughout the debates and who avoided the most conflict by uttering the least amount of words.”

We’ve been warned for months now that these two candidates are radically different, and that our votes are of the utmost importance this year. I have yet to see a significant difference between the two men. Throughout the presidential debates all I noticed between the two candidates was an apparent competition to see who could promise the most change, with the least amount of actual changes to anything.

As I’ve considered my electoral options this year, I’ve been assured that my only option consists of Mitt Romney and Barack Obama. I’m told to vote for President Obama because Mitt Romney only wishes to hand over the benefits of only 1% of America, as well as return to George Bush-era Middle East foreign policy.

Regarding Obama’s supposed more peaceful foreign policy, nothing could be farther from the truth. We are in fact more involved in foreign affairs and nation building than we ever were under George Bush. The president has greatly intensified our drone bombing policies in countries such as Pakistan, Yemen and other innocents to be killed than actual terrorists. Barack Obama, when elected, promised to reduce the debt, reduce the executive office’s unconstitutionally assumed power, and reduce the intrusion of the growing national security state. He has done none of those things.

However, on the other end of the perceived spectrum, we have Governor Mitt Romney, the true conservative in the race. For those who claim Mitt Romney is what conservatives America needs right now, I urge you to view a few YouTube clips. There you see he supported abortion, increased gun control, and nationally mandated health care from the federal level. He claimed he was more liberal than Ted Kennedy. But, as the argument goes, “he’s changed.”

Yes, he’s changed just in time for his presidential bid. Mitt Romney has yet to propose any actual cuts he would make to our deficit ridden budget as president, but rather has promised trade wars with China, an imminent invasion of Iran, and a “Repeal and Replace” strategy to Obamacare.

Now, many on the right will concede with honesty, that, “yes, Mitt Romney may not be best, but he is better than Obama, and the far lesser of the two evils.” I say this argument is complete rubbish; just because Mitt Romney is a Republican does not make him somehow inherently better than Obama. His budget proposals are no different than Obama’s. His views of the role of the federal government, and government in general, are seemingly indistinguishable from the current president’s.

At least with Barack Obama I have some idea of what he will do as a second-term president, since he proposed nothing new from his first term. But with Mitt Romney, considering how flimsily and flappantly he changes his positions, I really have no idea what he will do in office. So then, what is it that makes Mitt Romney the ‘lesser evil’?

Why do we continue to support this? Why do we do so violently defend our own, but turn on the other, when there is really nothing to disagree about between the two major parties? How about not voting for either? The problem in Washington is with both parties being essentially the same entity. One party is “progressive,” but all it does is further progress the consistent decline of American liberty and economic prosperity. The other party is “conservative,” but only proves to conserve the very thing the other party progresses. Most agree Washington needs to change. But which party? One or the other party to change it when it’s so obvious both parties that are the problem.

Washington needs a change. Yes. But Obama has proven that not to be his true ambition, and nobody looks at Mitt Romney and thinks, “There is a man who will change Washington.” Does anyone really believe that our voting ballots would not be better served if they contained instead a single, purple-colored line that read “Robomney?” I believe that at least we would be better served to keep our delusion with American politics forever squabble over what party will rule victorious. All the while, one particular party will continue to lose: us.

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The time for issue-driven debates and passionate discourse, radio and television ads, electoral energy and enthusiasm, perpetual political commentary setto a 24-hour news cycle, and tirelessly televised pleas for voters’ support and involvement has come again. This is, of course, the 2012 presidential election. We experience this thrill every four years, and every four years the excitement never fails. But this year is different. For this is the ‘election of our lifetime,’ and what an election it has proven to be!

This election we have before us two candidates with clearly differing and distinct ideologies. We have two candidates who represent radically opposite ends of the political spectrum. We have a true and clearly defined choice as to whom we wish to lead us and upon which candidate seemed the most likely to serve the benefits of the top 1% of America, as well as return to George Bush-era Middle East foreign policy.

I must admit to you that when I peer just beyond the thin veil of heated rhetoric, I see no real difference between our two candidates. As I review the past few months of campaigning, all I can remember is that the two candidates seriously discussing is whether Big Bird and his Sesame Street pals will have jobs come January.

Our country is currently 16 trillion dollars in debt, with a nearly 2-1 deficit to revenue ratio in our annual budget. We are involved in military conflicts with over seven countries at once. We have a running war that is exuding signs of instability, and the most prominent discussion in the great American discourse of 2012 fixated upon which candidate seemed the most likely to serve the benefits of the top 1% of America, as well as return to George Bush-era Middle East foreign policy.

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Running To Greatness

Osoro a star in cross-country competition

BY MICHAEL COELHO
SPORTS EDITOR

Joash Osoro is a person who cares, a person who cares not only about his sport, but his teammates, his community, and above all else, his academics.

William Carey University cross-country star Joash Osoro comes to Hattiesburg after competing at NCAA Division-I University of Port-land just a year ago. After deeming University of Portland a bad fit, the Kenyan native went on the market and shopped his talents to other major schools looking for the op-portunity to run at a new school.

“I did not like Portland,” said Osoro. “My relationship with the coaches, teammates, and people in the community made me feel isolated.”

Upon the influx of scholar-ship offers from many Divi-sion I schools hoping to have the talented transfer, one particular small school stood out more so than any other.

“Coach Ben (Smith) made William Carey sound like a place I wanted to be,” he said.

Osoro said that his conversa-tions with Smith, the William Carey cross-country coach, made him choose the close-knit nature of a school like William Carey over the busy and fast-paced life at a larger secular school.

“I could tell Coach Ben really cared about me as a person and did not view me as simply an ath-lete,” said Osoro.

Being more than an athlete is something that Osoro takes very seriously. Majoring in biology, Osoro also hopes to also start working towards a nursing degree before applying to medical school.

“When I told other coaches about my academic ambitions, they tried to deter me and said that such a rigorous academic schedule would not work with the demanding hours of being a student athlete. Coach Ben was much more willing to work around my academics and told me if it took getting up at 6 a.m. everyday to help me train then he would be willing,” he said.

The hard work from Smith and Osoro has paid off big. Osoro has won every race he competed in this season and is the favorite to win the 2012 SSAC conference meet.

Osoro attributes his success to a rigorous training schedule, which includes running 80 miles a week in addition to weight training. Osoro’s hard work and dedication has given his teammates and school some-thing to be proud of and the William Carey family can continue to expect nothing but greatness throughout the remainder of Osoro’s career.

Soccer teams wrap up regular season play

BY MICHAEL COELHO
SPORTS EDITOR

An incredible 2012 campaign is winding down for the William Carey women’s soccer team and head coach Danny Owens has his team poised to make a run at the Southern States Athletic Confer-ence (SSAC) Championship as well as the NAIA National Champi-onship in Orange Beach, Ala.

As of Oct. 25, the Lady Crusaders have compiled a 13-3-1 record and are ranked fifth in the latest NAIA Coaches Poll. This puts the Crusaders in the top 10 for the first time since 2010.

Leading the charge for the Crusaders are seniors Tori McDe-vitt and Sasha Rodriguez, who lead the team in goals. Freshman Linfa Jones has been a wall in the net, allowing just nine goals in 1,119 minutes.

The strength of schedule for the Crusaders has played a large part in reviving the program after a disappointing 2011 season. The Saders have compiled a 6-2-1 record in non-conference games including a win against seventh-ranked Embry-Riddle (Fla.) and a draw with the nation’s top-ranked team Concordia (Ore.).

The 2012 regular season will wrap up with conference game against Belhaven.

Postseason play begins Nov. 3 with the opening round of the SSAC Tournament.

The men’s soccer team currently has an overall record of 8-7-1 with a conference record of 5-4. The team posted an impressive 7-0 victory against Faulkner (Ala.) during Senior Night on Oct. 20. The women’s team defeated Faulkner the same night 3-1.
BROWNING ‘DIGS UP’ UNEXPECTED PATH

BY RANDI CLARK
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

“I’ve come to view life as an option offense … you need to have a plan, but also a willingness to change direction” was how Dr. Daniel Browning began the story of his journey to William Carey, a story that proves no matter how set your life’s plan, never believe it incapable of changing.

Most freshmen and many up-perclassmen believe Dr. Browning, a professor of religion and history, was born teaching and digging. In fact, students seem to believe all successful adults knew what they would be and accomplish without any life experiences. Therefore, when a freshman enters college unsure about their major, they panic. When their sophomore year begins and little has changed, they believe they will never discover what they were meant to do. What they don’t realize is they, like Dr. Browning, have no idea how quick and drastic the game plan can change.

In the fall of 1974, young Dan Browning would have called anyone crazy who predicted in 16 years he would teach religion at a small college in south Mississippi and spend his summers leading students on archaeological digs in Israel. The Georgia Tech freshman from Huntsville, Ala., was on his way to become a third-generation engineer. While at home working as a co-op student for NASA in the summer of 1976, Browning and six Christian friends began a Bible study that in two months grew to include 60 people with Brownings as the leader. “The thing had wheels and there was no one else to do it,” recalls Browning. That was when he committed to the change. He would stay and continue the Bible study, transfer to the University of Arkansas at Huntsville in industrial engineering, and explore attending seminary after graduation, an idea that had recently been suggested by a friend.

In 1980, Browning entered Southwest Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. In his first class, archaeology, the professor talked about leading a dig in Tmimnah, Israel and Browning was committed to the idea. The next summer he spent at the dig site and in his own words, “fell in love with that whole field.”

As fate would have it, the day he returned to Fort Worth he met Felicia Jernigan, the young lady that would become Mrs. Daniel Browning seven months later and is currently an instructor of nursing at William Carey University. Two more years passed and Mr. and Mrs. Browning participated in a summer dig together and returned knowing that Daniel would pursue a Ph.D. in archaeology.

After another year to complete his Master’s of Divinity, three years of coursework, and a year of dissertation research, including five months living in Israel with a toddler, Dr. Daniel Browning emerged jobless. The next two years were filled with part-time jobs, the welcoming of another baby, and rough times.

Browning recalls, “Life was tough. I sold my shotgun to make a house payment.” In the spring of 1990, things looked up when a full-time teaching position was promised but the official offer never came. He then turned back to engineering, but his Ph.D. in archeology hindered that search.

One evening in mid-June 1990, far past the usual window of hiring for the fall term, Browning received a phone call from the academic vice president at William Carey College, an institution he had sent a resume to two years previously. The vice president was looking for a religion professor who could also start an archaeology program. Within four weeks, Browning was hired and bought a house in Hattiesburg. In the fall of 1990, he began the job he still holds today.

Browning will tell you there was no “dramatic God moment,” but he knows this is where he is supposed to be. Too many variables were involved for it to have all been chance – the Bible study, the idea of ministry, the Christian ethics professor who mentioned his name to the vice president at William Carey all got Browning to the point where he gets to honestly say, “I love coming to work every day.”

How does this relate to today’s college students? Browning sees it as proof that you have to explore things. He counsels against doing things out of guilt or to fulfill a commitment by you or others for the wrong reasons. Browning’s story is an encouragement to all those who are still taking it one trimester at a time and doubting they will find a job that makes them happy.

Anyone who knows Browning knows that he doesn’t just tell you what you want to hear. Therefore, when he says you have to follow your heart and always go with what you know in faith and family, it isn’t just a cliché. You can never know how the people you are meeting and the choices you are making might be the small steps that will lead you to your successful career, future spouse, and happy ending.

Wright’s Christian passion perfect fit for Career Services

BY KELSEY WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Brandon Wright recently joined the university staff as a career services counselor with additional duties in student support services.

The Stuggage, Ark., native holds a bachelor of science in business administration/marketing and management and a master of science degree in college student personnel from Arkansas Technical University.

Having played football in college, Wright still enjoys any competitive sport, along with working with people and spending time with his family and wife. Above all the other parts of his life, however, Wright is passionate about his relationship with Christ. A major factor in my decision to work at William Carey was that I wanted to work at a Christian university,” said Wright. He also emphasized his love for studying the Bible and his desire to further his religious education in the future.

In his position as a career services counselor, Wright uses his passion for helping people as a way to guide college students in making career path choices. He works closely with each individual student to help discover the student’s academic strengths.

“My job is not to tell people where to work, but to assist them in finding who they are,” said Wright.

To help guide students, Wright gives assessment tests and special projects to a student and evaluates the results. The results determine which career paths may prove most successful and enjoyable for the student. Another avenue that Wright uses with students for assessment is the Focus 2 software, which gives a series of online assessment tests that take little time to complete but can offer a wealth of information. Wright offers student assistance when applying for a job.

He helps students improve interview skills and reviews resumes and cover letters. Wright also helps keep the student body informed of local job opportunities through email and postings in Lawrence Hall.

Wright and career services can be found in Lawrence Hall, room 122. He is happy to assist any student in discovering his academic strengths. A career services page is also available on the university website under campus life which provides tips for resumes and interviews.

“Do not quit searching for your place in higher education,” said Wright as advice to all students.

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.
A VERY SCARY CAREY COSTUME BALL

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Dr. Waddle honored for 45 years of service to WCU

**BY JOSHUA WILSON**
**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Dr. Benjamin Waddle, professor of health, physical education, and recreation at William Carey University, was recently honored for his 45 years of service to the university at the annual faculty and staff meeting on Aug. 23.

Waddle has served as a full professor and chairman of the health, physical education, and recreation department at WCU since arriving at the university in 1967. He continues to teach a full class load during the academic year and also serves as the assistant intramurals director.

Upon receiving his Doctor in Education degree in 1967, Waddle joined the faculty at WCU after meeting with then-WCU President Dr. Ralph Noonkester. Waddle said to this day he has no idea how Noonkester found him.

“I don’t know how he got a hold of me,” said the smiling Waddle. “I was on vacation in South Carolina for two weeks and had applied at the University of West Florida, but somehow Dr. Noonkester contacted me and convinced me to meet with him at Carey.” After visiting the university, Waddle accepted the position that he would hold for the next 45 years and counting.

“When I got here, it was a much smaller place,” he said. “It’s amazing how much we’ve grown in 45 years.”

Waddle’s lengthy career at WCU has also included eight years as the university’s interim athletic director from 1974-1982. He also headed the university’s intramurals program for many years.

In addition to his service at WCU, Waddle is also active in the community and in academic circles, serving as a life member of the National Education Association, a member of the Mississippi Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (MAHPER), and a member of Phi Epsilon Kappa Professional Fraternity. He served as chairman of MAHPER’s Eighth District from 1967-1984 and was named to Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers in the 2003-2004 year. He has also received multiple other honors throughout his career and is active in his church, Parkway Heights United Methodist, as a Sunday school teacher and committee member.

Waddle said he is proud to have served at Carey and that he looks forward to work each day.

“I just like to work,” he said. “I love teaching, I love working with students, and I’m so impressed with the rate at which WCU has grown.”

He added that even after 45 years, he is still going strong.

“I’m not planning on retiring, but I just go a year at a time,” he said. “I’m already working on the next school year!”

The longtime physical education professor also offered a bit of advice that he shares with his students and colleagues.

“Eat fruits, veggies, and grains and lay off the red meat,” he said. “Oh, and exercise daily...and you’ll be set!”

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**Miss WCU Finalists**

*Staff Photo*

Winners of the 2013 Miss WCU Scholarship Pageant are (left to right) Ashleigh Torres, of Kiln, second runner-up; Krissy Wilson, of Laurel, first runner-up, talent winner, and evening gown winner; Jennifer DeMelo, of Kenner, La., Miss WCU 2013 and interview winner; Uniqua Evans, of Heidelberg, third runner-up; and Courtney “Dani” Ellzey, of Leakesville, fourth runner-up.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Nov. 4:** Standard Time Returns
- **Nov. 6-11:** Tri-Break
- **Nov. 12:** Winter Classes Begin
- **Nov. 13:** Late Night Movie & S’mores at 8:30 p.m. behind Byrd/Braswell
- **Nov. 15:** Pi Omega Bake Auction from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at SCC, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- **Nov. 17:** Dorms close, noon
- **Nov. 19-27:** Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 25:** All dorms re-open at 8 a.m. following the break

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**The Cobbler**

A Very Hairy Carey Beard Contest

The second annual No Shave November beard contest will begin Nov. 1 and continue until Nov. 30. Show off your manliness by growing a great beard or mustache! Facial hair photos must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30 in order to be judged by our expert panel. The winner will receive a great gift and the title of mostl man/beard champion on the Carey campus. For more information, write us at cobbler@wncarey.edu.

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