William Carey University (WCU) is a unique vision. It is an institution that will not just concentrate on academics but will integrate socio-economic and environmental realities in NE India. Universities have become academic “ivory towers” and merely operating as degree mills. WCU is set to change this paradigm.

Established by the Gazette of Meghalaya No. 76 William Carey Act 2005, authorising ACTS to establish the William Carey University, we have begun our activities in Shillong. UGC recognition will be sought in due time.

WCU has made steady progress with various programmes that will fulfil our vision. Our collaboration with Grace City in Umsning will be a practical demonstration of education that will bring socio-economic transformation. Jobs will be created. We are also partnering with other universities worldwide for internationally acceptable academic programmes.

Groundbreaking was held for a new men’s residence hall at William Carey University on October 31.

The new building will adjoin Davis Hall, a women’s residence hall completed in 2013, and will be behind Braswell Hall on the south end of the Hattiesburg campus. It will be directly across from the Fail Softball Field.

The three-story building will alleviate a severe housing crunch at the university. It will house approximately 100 male residents in 50 rooms, each with a private bathroom. The residence hall is expected to be ready for occupancy in August 2015.

During the groundbreaking, Dr. Tommy King, WCU president, recognized guests, including members of the WCU Board of Trustees and representatives from the architect, Landry and Lewis, and the general contractor, Larry J. Sumrall Contractors. He spoke to the growth of the university, which has led to a need for the new building. Lane Williamson, a freshman biology major from Pontotoc, brought a student testimony, followed by the turning of the shovels.