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Update on New Library System. The Library is continuing its migration to the new Innovative Interfaces software with the completion of serials (periodicals) training. Over the next few weeks magazine and journal holdings that the library receives in paper or microform will be entered into the new PioPac online catalog. Currently library users can search for periodical titles in the new catalog but have to switch to the old catalog for the actual dates of issues we own. On the back side, library staff will now be using an integrated ordering, receiving, claiming and binding tracking system for periodicals.

The next module implemented will be acquisitions. This will be used by library staff to order and receive new books. As with all the new modules being implemented, the ease and flexibility of creating reports and statistics is greatly improved. Circulation statistics can be tracked by subject, by new books purchased in a subject, or by the department or librarian ordering books. This information will help us do a better job of buying books that will be used by students in their coursework.

Late in the semester the Web Access Management feature will be activated and will allow off campus access to the library's indexes and databases by students, staff and faculty. This will require users to configure their browsers for the library's proxy server. A valid Carroll College ID number is also needed.

When the Library Director was leaving for France this past summer he made some comments about moving ahead with the new system as soon as possible. Library staff took him literally and planned an aggressive implementation. This was in spite of repeated warnings from Innovative that always began "we strongly discourage....." By the time he returned to the library our data profile was finished and we were ready to start testing and evaluating. Our full data load was completed August 14 and cataloging training was completed the week after. Normally circulation training and migration of records and data takes about a month. Since we were so close to the beginning of the fall semester, staff decided to go live with circulation on

September 11 after spending the weekend entering course reserves. Another week was spent transferring checked-out materials and fines.

Response to the public catalog - PioPac - has been extremely positive, and Innovative recently released a free upgrade to the system that included enhanced searching capabilities. Upgrade D was installed in October. Now no matter what you enter for search terms, the catalog will return records as close to what was entered as possible. You will never have "no records found."

The aggressive implementation of the new system has resulted in significant financial savings since we are freed of paying maintenance and update fees for the old system. These savings, about \$18,000, are being invested in the book collection. Although the implementation schedule was a tough one, library staff and patrons agree the effort was worth it. The Innovative Interfaces Millennium system was chosen because of its quality and rich functionality. The library now has a fully-integrated and fully-functional system, which offers flexibility and reliability.

Recent Library Purchases. Primary sources provide firsthand accounts about a person or event. By allowing one to see history as more than just dates and names, a primary source brings life to past events. Because it contains material which is contemporary to an event to be studied, a primary source enables the researcher to get as close as possible to the truth of what actually happened during an historical event or time period. Because of their value, the Library has made a decision to focus some of our book purchasing monies on providing for our student researchers more access to primary resources.

For those who would undertake a study of the social history of England or Ireland during the nineteenth century, a recent library purchase of 25 volumes of the Irish University Press republication of the British Parliamentary Papers should provide a useful tool. Similar to our Congressional Record, the British Parliamentary Papers provide, for Parliament's information, a written record of bills, debates, reports, letters, and evidence taken by select committees. As they began to be made available to the public, the papers themselves were gathered into separate sets organized by years of Parliamentary session rather than by subject. Since the volumes for the years 1801-1900 numbered over 1000, researchers had difficulty finding material on any given subject. To alleviate this problem, the Irish University Press has, over the past years, gathered together all parliamentary material on a given subject and published it in related subject volumes; the library has been able to purchase eight volumes which speak of the Great Famine which struck Ireland between 1845 and 1852. Ranging from correspondence on government relief measures to statistical detailed reports from the Board of Health regarding workhouse conditions, the content will provide supporting material for the History student researching that era. The nine volumes on the education of the poorer classes detail the development of an educational system in a post-Industrial Revolution society from a voluntary religious movement in the early 1800's to one which began to recognize, by the end of that century, the need for government intervention to offer children of the poor more individual care. Eight volumes on civil disorder which deal with the growth of trade unionism as well as the origin, nature, and extent of the Orange institution in England and her colonies conclude the library's purchase. All of these volumes are located in the oversize area in the main reading room of the library and can be found by a PioPAC title search for British Parliamentary Papers.

A second series which will perhaps prove more readable to the lay person consists of nine volumes from the Documentary History of the Truman Presidency. For scholars of the Truman presidency, of course, the place to visit is the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri. For those researchers unable to make such a journey, archivists at the presidential library have identified and copied a group of especially important documents that shed vivid light on the pressing issues that President Truman faced. While the entire set will number 35 volumes, we have decided to purchase selected volumes which we judge to be most useful for our History students. And so we have chosen one volume containing those documents related around the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan, one on the Truman doctrine and the beginning of the Cold War, one on civil rights, and several on the continuation of the Cold War. Those surrounding the establishment of the Central Intelligence Agency will prove particularly interesting to students interested in peacetime espionage. The Documentary History of the Truman Presidency comprises a rich variety of materials—official and personal correspondence, diary excerpts, telegrams, memoranda, reports, maps, drawings, and press releases; documents from presidential appointment files, speech files, political files, and legislative files; segments of press conference transcripts and government publications, and much more. There are formerly classified materials relating to foreign policy and national security, including highly sensitive CIA and NSC reports. A subject search for Truman, Harry in PioPAC will locate these volumes.

From the College Archives. Attached to this issue of Library Currents is the latest issue of a newsletter from the College Archives. Published irregularly, it is now called Heirlooms & Keepsakes.

An archive, be it family or institutional, is filled with both heirlooms and keepsakes. Heirlooms are those items of special value that are handed on from one generation to another, such as Walter Rankin's family Bible and original minutes of the Board of Trustees. These heirlooms have been "in the family" for years, and each generation shares the importance of their historical value. Keepsakes, on the other hand, are kept around to remind us of special times or people more recent, such as a ticket stub or a pressed corsage. Keepsakes, if not discarded, can become heirlooms in time.

We hope you enjoy the occasional Heirlooms & Keepsakes as we continue to preserve the collective memory of Wisconsin's pioneer college.

A new display in the library's lobby features panoramic photographs. The College Archives has at least eight examples of these photographs taken by cameras that were mounted on motors that panned 150-180 degrees of the scene being shot. The photographs measure 10 inches high and from 36 to 48 inches in length. Several from the 1930's are family photographs of the student body. One is the 1923 football squad and another shows the Student Army Training Corps (S.A.T.C.) in 1918 that trained soldiers while they continued their college studies.

Several of the panoramic photographs that had been tightly rolled up had become quite brittle over the years. They were given preservation attention this summer and can now be stored away from sunlight in flat containers.

New Books. A list of all newly purchased books cataloged is attached to the electronic version of this issue of **Library Currents** and is available on the library's webpage by selecting "Recent Acquisitions."

Heirlooms & Keepsakes

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One Hundred Years Ago . . .

We take this opportunity at the beginning of the Twenty-first Century to recall how the *Carroll Echo* newspaper recorded events on campus during the first decade of the Twentieth Century. Could it be that the more things change, the more they stay the same?

In our last number we spoke with regret of the fact that Dr. Rankin had resigned the presidency of Carroll. In this we herald the glad news that Dr. Wilbur O. Carrier of Belden Ave. Presbyterian church (Chicago), has accepted the position vacated by Dr. Rankin.

--December, 1903.

The college authorities have arranged with Misses Luella and Lucile Cooke to open up an art department in the college. Instruction will be given in charcoal, china, oil, water color painting and kindred art.

--March 1904.

Eat at Goff's, the Ideal Restaurant (located where Mama Mia's is today).

--June 1904.

We rejoice to announce in this number that the first Bachelor's degree awarded by Carroll College in her new career as a college, and the first degree conferred since 1860, will be conferred upon Miss May N. Rankin in June, 1905.

--December, 1904.

The largest Alumni Banquet ever held by the Alumni Association of Carroll College occurred on Wednesday evening...One hundred and forty-two covers (place-settings) were laid and the affair was one of much mirth and jollity as must be the case when old college friends meet.

--June 1905.

One thing Carroll lacks and this deficiency has materially hindered the increase in students, "A ladies' dormitory" has been the cry for some time. However, it will not be many months before this need will be supplied, for by a magnanimous gift of \$35,000 by Mr. Ralph Voorhees, of New Jersey, Carroll's noble benefactor, a dormitory has been assured.

--November, 1905.

On January 19th, the program (of the campus literary society) included an exceedingly interesting debate on the subject: Resolved, "That the evils of intercollegiate foot ball as played to-day, overbalance its good effects." . . . the affirmative won by only a small margin. (Other questions debated were "Should saloons be abolished by law?" and "Is lynching ever justifiable?")

--February, 1906.

A favorite toast: "here's to our parents and teachers; may they never meet."

--February, 1906.

It was an extraordinary event when, on the morning of June 13th, the three corner stones, of the three new buildings (Voorhees Hall, Rankin Hall, and the president's house where Shattuck now stands) were laid.

--June, 1906.

School opened on September 18th with but fair prospects for a winning football team. (No mention made of the game on September 5 when the first forward pass in football history was thrown against Carroll by St. Louis University)

--October, 1906.

Sociology and a department of Education will become a part of the college course next fall...There is an increasing demand for this line of instruction and Carroll is the first college to establish this department in Wisconsin.

--February, 1907.

Interest in athletics has certainly risen this year among the Carroll girls...a petition was circulated among the girls and handed to the faculty signed by nearly every girl in school asking that we be allowed to play basket ball with the girls' teams of other institutions. This was granted.

--February, 1907.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, 1908, two of the most exciting events of the school year occurred. The first was the arrival in our city of William H. Taft. The second was the decision of the faculty to dismiss classes for a short time in the afternoon so as to allow the students to hear the prophetic words of our next President.

--October, 1908.

Let everybody take notice that Carroll is to prove to the world that it is an institution of the first class. The final step that is to accomplish this end is the publication of the Hinakaga, our first college annual. The Hinakaga will represent everything and everybody connected with Carroll...In after years one may find herein the pictures and writings of his class, one of the strongest bonds to hold him to the old school.

--February, 1908.

The Board of Trustees of Carroll College held its second regular semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, October 5...A freshman class of sixty with a total enrollment in the collegiate department of one hundred and twenty is a splendid opening; this with an enrollment of one hundred and ten in the preparatory (academy) department is surely inspiring. It is not unjust praise to say that the student body as a whole outranks that of any former years in the history of Carroll...The affiliation of Carroll with the Milwaukee College of Physicians and Surgeons promises great things for both institutions...Carroll has been the recipient of a number of valuable gifts within the last few months:--A new thousand dollar grand piano from the Shattuck family of Neenah; the Athletic field with its equipment from Mr. A.J. Frame of Waukesha...a set of the American Encyclopedia by Hon. H.P. Bird, the president of the board...At this last meeting the trustees decided to put down cement walks inside the campus--this is another step forward. --October, 1909.

Some people at Carroll are aware of the fact that our president (Wilbur O. Carrier) is not only president of Carroll but of the anti-saloon league. Imagine the surprise of a student on seeing him draw forth a pocket booklet with this inscription on it: "Blatz--the best beer in America."

--February, 1910.

The (basketball) season has given many stances of the unjustifiable display of "temper" and "feeling" on the part of the players. This ought not to be.

--March, 1910.

We wish to note here that some of the students have been carrying on a little medical research work in connection with the athletic work. The blood pressure and some analytical work has been done on each runner, after his long jaunt over the road. The use of sulpho-cyanide of sodium is also being tried for its effect upon the respiratory system and as a preventative for that objectionable "side cramps", which presents itself in so many cases.

--March, 1910.

The successful tour of the state by our Glee and Mandolin clubs should be a source of self-congratulation to all Carrollites

--April, 1910.

For the first time we must chronicle the complete triumph of socialism in the instance of the election of the social democratic candidate, Emil Seidel, to the mayoralty of Milwaukee.

--April, 1910.

When Halley's comet comes in contact with this busy earth of ours, which of the two bodies will change its course?

--April, 1910.

Yes it happened again--A freshman couldn't find any H_2O in the chemical lab.

--April, 1910.

Carroll may well be proud of the three freshmen who won the debate from the Lawrence freshmen...The question was, "Resolved, That it would be advisable to have a federal income tax, constitutionality granted." The Carroll debaters supported the negative.

--April, 1910.