

OVERVIEW

History of Carroll College

At the beginning of the 20th century, Bishop John Patrick Carroll, second Bishop of the Diocese of Helena, had a dream to build a Catholic college in western Montana. In 1909, that dream became reality when William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States, helped lay the cornerstone of St. Charles Hall.

In September 1910, Mount Saint Charles College opened its doors for classes, and the first college student graduated in 1916. In 1932, the school's name was changed to Carroll College in honor of its founder. Since then, Carroll has progressively expanded its programs, facilities, and reputation for academic excellence. Carroll remains committed to a value-oriented education, one that prepares students for careers while providing for the intellectual, spiritual, imaginative, moral, personal and social development of each individual.

Campus Buildings

Borromeo Hall (1957): The quietest place around, known campus-wide simply as Borro, accommodates sixty-two (62) and houses a chapel, lounges, recreation rooms, classrooms, and faculty offices.

Carroll Campus Center (1961) renovated 1998: The most popular student appellation for this hub of campus life is The Cube, but there's nothing square about it. The Cube contains the student center, main dining hall, private dining and meeting rooms, Saints Shoppe (bookstore), snack bar and coffee bar, multipurpose areas, acting studios, a dance studio and ASCC and student club offices.

Civil Engineering Laboratory (2003): Housing a laboratory, a 24-seat classroom and two offices, the Civil Engineering Laboratory was completed in spring 2003 as the newest addition to Carroll's nationally award-winning CE program. The 4,290 square-foot laboratory facility provides our junior- and senior-level civil engineering students with materials, hydraulics, machinery and structures-testing capabilities and offers a location where they can work on the American Society of Civil Engineers' concrete canoe and bridge design competitions.

Fortin Science Center (2000): This state-of-the-art building, outfitted with new, high-tech research equipment, holds eight laboratories for general science and chemistry plus faculty offices, study areas, a computer lab, and a lobby. The Stokes plaza in the center of the facility offers an open courtyard used for summer theatre performances.

Guadalupe Hall (1961): The spirited residents of Guad, Carroll's residence hall, host the most bewitching trick-or-treating in all of Helena each year by spookily decorating the corridors of this residence hall and hosting tiny ghouls for safe, friendly Halloween fun. Accommodating three hundred and

nineteen (319) and offering a lounge, chapel, Student Development Center and Wellness Center, Guad is fun year-round.

Library (1979): Named in honor of Jack and Sallie Corette, Carroll's library provides reading and study areas, reference, reading, music, microfilm, periodical, computer access, biomedical areas and audiovisual resources.

Neuman Observatory (1937): Montana's oldest astronomical observatory houses a 12-inch reflector telescope and is home to Carroll's Neuman Astronomical Society, which offers celestial viewing sessions open to the college community.

Nelson Stadium (2001): Home of the 2002 NAIA Champions, Carroll College now boasts Montana's finest spectator stadium, seating 4,000 outdoors plus inside vista suites, press box, coaches booth, theater seats, concessions, restrooms and team rooms. The stadium contains a regulation football and soccer field, alumni plaza, tailgating area and paved parking.

New Residence Hall (2003): This brand-new, juniors- and seniors-only living space offers suite accommodations, with each of the 51 four-person and eight-person suites containing a living room, bathroom, full-sized kitchens, and bedrooms. Unlike most dorms, apartments and residential housing in Helena, this residence hall provides air conditioning and indoor bike storage. An in-house computer lab, free high-speed Internet access and free local phone top off the amenities.

O'Connell Hall (1966): If you've got a problem with authority figures, this is the building to avoid. Within its hallowed upstairs corridors lie administration and faculty offices, including the president's office. However, you'll be frequenting the lower level, which provides classrooms, including an updated, large multi-media classroom, the campus computer information systems, webmaster and tech helpline offices and the Education Resource Laboratory.

Old North Performing Arts Center (1917): Pack it over to the PAC to take in highbrow entertainment or a rip-roaring comedy throughout the academic year. The PAC's artsy image belies its beginnings as the college's original gymnasium. Now purged of its athletic roots, the PAC is now used for instruction, performance and display by the performing arts, visual arts, dance and music programs.

Physical Education Center (1970): Home to what many revere as Helena's coolest swimming pool, the PE Center is a multipurpose facility also featuring a gymnasium, fitness center, athletic training facilities, classrooms and offices.

Simperman Hall (1957 renovated in 2000): Where does the Fortin Center end and Simperman begin? Alas, the two science facilities are conjoined like a cell undergoing mitosis. Within Simperman are a vast lecture hall, classrooms, laboratories,

computer labs, clinics for science and nursing, an academic resource center and faculty offices.

St. Albert's (1925). St. Al's was originally built to house the Dominican Sisters whom Bishop Carroll brought to campus to cook for, maintain and clean the entire campus. Since the nuns left, this facility has been the student center, faculty offices, and then the Office for International Programs. Today St. Al's is the Alumni and Development Center for Carroll.

St. Charles Hall (1909): This is where it all began and where it's still going on. The founding structure of the original Mount St. Charles College, the hall today continues as a lively co-ed residence hall for 140, plus houses the Kirchen Pastoral Center (chapel and Campus Ministry offices), visual arts studio, mail room, faculty offices, International Programs offices and classrooms. The gymnasium and west wing were added in the 1920's.

Television Station (1998): How many schools can say they have a network TV station right on campus? Carroll is one of the few that can. Sunbelt Communications, Inc. constructed their NBC affiliate station, KTVH Channel 12, on the campus' southern fringe. Carroll also has a dedicated multi-media classroom in the building.

Waterbarn (renovated 1994): We may never know what was christened this building, but today it's a haven for the theatre crowd with in-barn performing arts studios, a costume shop, classrooms and faculty offices that remain surprisingly dry throughout the year.

Educational Facilities

Biology Labs

The biology program (second and third floors of Simperman Hall) maintains three laboratories for general courses, four laboratories for advanced courses, two laboratories for student research, a greenhouse, animal rooms and a cell culture laboratory. Equipment includes fluorescence and differential interference contrast microscopes, an ultracentrifuge (shared with chemistry) and a PCR thermocycler.

Chemistry Lab

The chemistry program (first and second floors of the Fortin Science Center) has four instructional laboratories and two instrumentation rooms. Equipment includes NMR, FT-IR and uv-vis spectrometers.

Civil Engineering Lab

The 4,290 square-foot laboratory facility provides civil engineering students materials, hydraulics, machinery and structures-testing capabilities and offers a location where they can work on the American Society of Civil Engineers' concrete canoe and bridge design competitions.

Nursing Lab

The fourth floor of Simperman Hall houses the nursing program, including a four-bed model ward. Also located on the fourth floor are conference-classrooms and departmental offices.

Music Lab

The music program maintains a 12-piano studio, wired for both individual and group instruction, and an electronic synthesizer.

Learning Research Laboratory

Carroll's Psychology Department maintains a six-station learning research laboratory, adaptable for either human or animal

research, an observation facility and a wide range of testing materials to serve students and faculty.

Education Lab

The Department of Education: Health, Physical and Teacher maintains an Educational Resource Laboratory for students majoring in elementary and secondary education. In addition to a wide selection of children's textbooks, teacher's manuals and curriculum guides, the laboratory serves as a center for the construction of classroom-related materials and as a depository of audio-visual resources. The pre-service teacher is encouraged to use the varied resources of this center.

Library

The Corette Library offers a variety of study areas for group and individual study and a computer lab. The Library's collection includes 94,000 volumes, 3,000+ LP records, 800 cassette and reel-to-reel tapes, over 200 video cassettes and 700 current journal titles with periodical holdings of over 900 titles. The Corette Library is a partial depository for United States Documents and maintains membership in various organizations to promote effective service to the College's faculty and students. The Corette Library is a member of the Consortium of Academic and Special Libraries in Montana (CASLIM), the Helena Area Health Science Libraries Consortium (HAHSLC), Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR), Northwest Association of Private Colleges and Universities (NAPCU), On-Line Computer Library Center (OCLC), Montana FAXNET and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

The Corette Library catalogs via computer with OCLC. In 1993, the Corette Library inaugurated an integrated on-line book catalog (OPAC) and circulation system. CD-ROM indices available for student use include Academic Index, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), ERIC and the GPO Monthly Catalog. Services offered by the Corette Library include reference, interlibrary loans, bibliographic instruction, orientation and on-line reference service with Dialog, EPIC and Medlars.

Physical Education Center

Facilities of the P.E. Center include a multipurpose arena, 25-yard swimming pool, four handball courts, six (6) locker and shower rooms, athletic weight training facilities, a fitness center with cardio machines and selecterized weight machines, a dance studio, five classrooms, a conference room and faculty offices. Community and area facilities are utilized for instruction and competition in bowling, golf, softball and skiing. All Carroll students are admitted to the P.E. Center free of charge by presenting their student ID card.