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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back for the winter term. You may notice that some changes have been made to the library website at <library.noctrl.edu>. Our site is a great deal more user friendly now, and there is a good deal more interactivity. Most of the information users typically look for has been moved to more accessible locations, and panels now slide around freely, making more information available on one major page.

If you try clicking on the major topic headings, you see some movement that opens up a new section. That allows us to save on screen size, and to bring everything you're used to finding into a smaller footprint. One of the most obvious changes is the sliding image and text box near the bottom of the screen. We'll use this section for a number of activities, but it will usually focus on new items and services, and on time sensitive sorts of programs.

This project was undertaken by our Coordinator of User Experience, Aimee Walker, and her student assistant, Steve Oliveri, over the course of the fall term, and is now live. I hope you'll take the opportunity to look at the work they've done, and that you find it a more useful site than ever before.

John J. Small  
Clare and Lucy Oesterle Director of Library Services



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA by Tom Gill

Have you ever wanted to show a short video during a PowerPoint presentation, but found it cumbersome to switch the projector between the computer input and the VCR/DVD input just to watch the video? Did you know you can imbed video clips right in your PowerPoint slide and never have to leave the presentation? It's easy! If you missed the last Technology Training Day session demonstrating this technique, don't fear - step by step video instructions are available on the Instructional Media website!

There are nine step-by-step video demonstrations available showing everything from inserting simple text, all the way to placing audio and video clips into a presentation. The instructions can be found in the "How To Section" of the Equipment Directions page, along with helpful tips and instructions for other audiovisual equipment and meeting rooms and classrooms. <[http://library.noctrl.edu/instructional\\_media/instructions.htm](http://library.noctrl.edu/instructional_media/instructions.htm)>

To get a video clip prepared to insert into your PowerPoint presentation or any other online application, you will need to digitize the video. The Instructional Media Lab is available for just such a project. The lab has the equipment for digitizing video and audio, tape to video conversions, video editing, 35mm slide conversions, and photo enhancement. We also provide step-by-step assistance and can teach you the entire process. The lab is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm, whenever the Instructional Media Coordinator is available. Appointments are encouraged and can be made by calling extension 5723 to schedule a time.

## ARCHIVES EXHIBIT: A NEW HOME FOR ATHLETICS: NORTH CENTRAL'S USE OF THE FORT HILL CAMPUS by Kim Butler

In January, 2010, the Carius Track in the new Res/Rec Center will open for competition. The winter term Archives Exhibit looks at the College's use of the Fort Hill area as its home for athletics. The College purchased the former Heatherston Estate (pictured on right) in 1924, more than doubling its acreage. The purchase is still the largest physical expansion of the College in its history. The College immediately built areas for football and baseball games, but it was not until after a February 1929, fire completely destroyed Nichols Hall, the gymnasium building for North Central College, that the College began construction of buildings to house its athletic programs.



Merner Field House (pictured on left) was completed in 1931, a new state-of-the-art athletics facility which was, at that time, the 2nd largest college athletics facility in the state. The new building included a dirt floor arena with a portable basketball court, a second upstairs gymnasium, and a natatorium.

Due to the floods in the summer of 1996, the previous football stadium had to be replaced. Benedetti-Wehrli Stadium (pictured on right) was first used for commencement in June 1999 and houses a variety of spaces, including the Dyson Wellness Center, faculty offices, and classrooms, in addition to its athletic facilities. The most recent addition to campus is the Res/Rec Center, opened in fall 2009, combining a residence hall wrapped around a 91,000 square-foot recreation center to preserve valuable green space on campus. The Res/Rec Center's recreation component features an NCAA-regulation 200-meter indoor running track (to be named the Carius Track in honor of Hall of Fame track & field and cross country coach Al Carius), an elevated walking track, four multipurpose athletics courts, training room and fitness center that are open to all students on campus.



The Archives display case in the lobby of Oesterle Library focuses on the athletic facilities at Fort Hill campus. An additional display in the lobby of Old Main shows the Fort Hill campus history and residential uses by the College. Display cases in the lobby of the Res/Rec Center highlight the College's rich athletic history.

### INTRODUCING...



Diana LeVerso Canina, Oesterle Library's new Secretary, has come full circle as she returns to North Central, where she earned a degree in sociology in 2003. The skills she developed running the office of a small court reporting agency for the past 6 years make her eminently qualified to handle the bookkeeping, correspondence, reports, statistics gathering, and many other tasks that support the smooth operation of the library.

Diana is new to the library world, having worked in Admissions as an undergraduate. She is, "looking forward to working in an academic environment, being back on campus, and working with other campus staff, in addition to working with the Director and the students."

Married to NCC alum Joe Canina '03, Diana enjoys knitting, music, and spending time with family and friends in her spare time. If you haven't already met Diana, stop in and say hello.

## CELEBRATING 400 YEARS OF DISCOVERY

On November 10 Oesterle Library was one of 152 institutions nationwide participating in the International Year of Astronomy, “a global celebration of astronomy and its contributions to society and culture,” by hosting a celebration unveiling NASA’s mural-sized images of the core of the Milky Way galaxy (photo at right). The stunning images offered visitors a peek at the progress astronomers have made during the 400 years since Galileo first turned his telescope to the heavens in 1609. Guest speaker William S. Higgins, a physicist at Fermi Nuclear Accelerator Laboratory and volunteer Solar System Ambassador, offered insights into the role that NASA’s Great Observatories (Hubble Space Telescope, Chandra X-Ray Observatory and Spitzer Space Telescope) played in the creation of NASA’s stunning images of the turbulent heart of our Milky Way galaxy.



Trustee Jeff Oesterle peers through a Galileoscope, a modern telescope that allows users to see the sky in the same way Galileo would have with his telescope.

Vying for attention was the display of Oesterle Library’s rare first edition copy of Galileo’s *Dialogo (Dialogue of the Two Chief World Systems)*, published in Florence in 1632 and banned by Pope Urban VII in 1633 as heresy. *Dialogo*, more than any of his other works, symbolizes the 17th century astronomer and philosopher’s life-long struggle for freedom of science. *Dialogo* was the one hundred ten thousandth book added to the College’s library in January, 1971, a gift of Dr. Philip Sang and his wife Elsie.

Other speakers at the event included professors Rich Wilders, Mike de Brauw, and John Zenchak discussing Galileo’s vision, which helped prove that the Earth and other planets revolve around the sun.

## PHOTO CONTEST: RETURN TO NORTH CENTRAL

Oesterle Library amateur photographers’ latest charge in the ongoing library photo contest was to capture the spirit of “Return to North Central,” a theme focusing on the beginning of fall term. Judges John Small and Tom Gill selected Periodicals Assistant Jennie Johnson’s shot of fallen leaves from an assortment of spectacular images of fall color on the North Central campus.

When asked how she chose her subject, Jennie stated, “I took this on a brisk and windy day and I really loved the way the leaves had blown to the edges of the sidewalk just to the east of Old Main. The mix of yellows and reds and oranges captured my eye as well.” Jennie’s interest in photography was nurtured by her dad, who taught her about cameras and photo composition when she was growing up. She worked in the darkroom while on yearbook staff in high school, and took photography classes during college. “There’s a magical component to photography; some of my favorite pictures have resulted from the chance aligning of lighting, space, expression. What results is more than what you were expecting: a twinkle in my nephew’s eye or my dog mid-yawn.



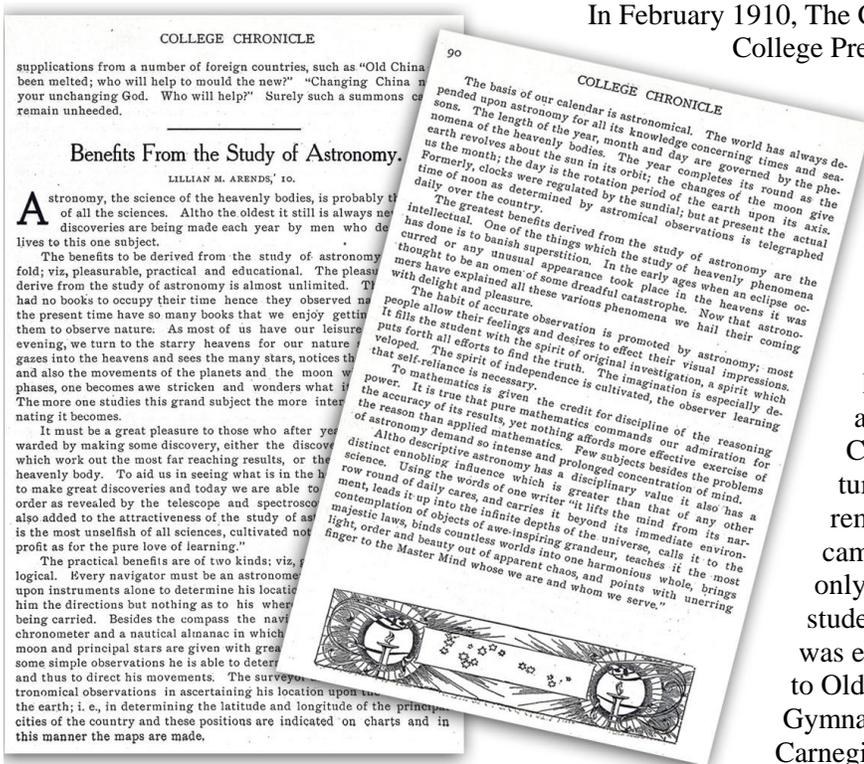
Winning photos are on display in the library’s Reference Room.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES: 100 YEARS AGO THIS TERM by Kim Butler



The College has begun plans to celebrate its 150th anniversary in the 2011-2012 academic year. Leading up to this event, the College will be sharing its history through various outlets. In this column "From the Archives: 100 Years Ago This Term," Kim Butler, the College Archivist, will highlight items of interest that happened 100 years ago in the history of the College. This installment features two separate items from The College Chronicle.

The January 1910 College Chronicle included an essay by senior Lillian M. Ahrends titled "The Benefits of Studying Astronomy", which made arguments as to the relevancy of astronomy to every day life. This essay is noteworthy given the current celebration of the International Year of Astronomy and the Library's recent celebration with its rare Galileo book and new NASA images. Also, though, the essay itself makes a point. During this time period, the Chronicle was published monthly and had many aspects of a literary journal. In addition to local campus news and updates on athletics and club events, the Chronicle also published many essays on a variety of subjects written by current students and recent alums.



In February 1910, The College Chronicle announced the resignation of College President H. J. Kiekhoefer, effective at the end of the term. Selected in 1889, President

Kiekhoefer led then North-Western College through many changes during his twenty-one year tenure. When President Kiekhoefer took office, he replaced H. H. Rassweiler, who was ousted by the Board of Trustees in a precursor move to a split in the sponsoring denomination, the Evangelical Association. In fact, the church did split in 1891, leaving Kiekhoefer to serve during a time of upheaval and legal challenges to the ownership of the College which were successfully resolved by the turn of the century. Kiekhoefer is perhaps best remembered for the alteration to the physical campus. When he took office, Old Main was the only building on campus, serving all functions to the students and faculty. During his tenure, the campus was expanded: first, with the addition of a south tower to Old Main in 1891, then the construction of Nichols Gymnasium in 1902. A connection made with Andrew Carnegie, founder of US Steel and later philanthropist, resulted ultimately in the construction of a separate

library building and science laboratory on campus. In April 1908, Carnegie Library, Goldspohn Science Hall, and the Heating Plant were all dedicated simultaneously. President Kiekhoefer tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees in November 1909, citing many years of uninterrupted work and a resulting need for rest.

In December 2008, the Archives had the North Central College Chronicle converted into a digital format for increased accessibility. The Chronicle is now keyword searchable and delivered via the web site: <https://www.arcsearch.com/us/nc/>

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