

Carroll unveils new Catholic Studies Program

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Staff Writer

More than 30 students attended an information session discussing the new Catholic studies major and minor following the 12:20 p.m. Mass on Thursday, October 24, in the upper room, Chapel 201, of the All Saints Chapel.

The session was led by Eric Hall, associate professor of theology, philosophy, and Catholic studies; Mark Smillie, professor of philosophy and Catholic studies; and the Rev. Marc Lenneman, director of Campus Ministry and Chaplain here at Carroll.

"We hope to emulate the deepest and most profound intellectual and spiritual environments of the west, which are places where any reasoned voice is free to test, mediate, or defend the positions developed in the classes," said Hall. "Only through the freedom to pursue the truth authentically and without any form of censorship can we foster an integration of knowledge, life, morality, and spirituality."

Several of those who attended were freshmen students interested in learning about course opportunities and to see if the Catholic studies program was "right for them" to pair with their current major.

Although many upperclass students may not have the course availability to complete a new major alongside already-intensive studies, some students may be able to add a Catholic studies minor and still graduate on time.

And for some students, the Catholic studies curriculum simply offers new opportunities to come to a better intellectual understanding of the Catholic Church.

"I find it most interesting and exciting that the program seems to focus not only on the academic pursuit of truth, but also an intellectual formation for future growth within a post-graduate career," said Nathan Ruffatto, a junior computer sciences and mathematics major from Bellingham, Washington.

Major requirements include 32 semester credits of eight courses, 12 credits from a specialized track (truth, beauty, or goodness), and other co-curricular requirements.

As for the minor, only five "CATH" prefixed classes must be completed. The list and description of these courses is found in the Carroll course catalog.

Co-curricular activities could include school-side lectures, visiting an art gallery, attending a yearly retreat, or working with the Hunthausen Center for Peace and Justice in a service project.

The Catholic studies major will be offering its first two courses in Spring 2020 and are up for registration: CATH 205 Magisterium and Culture, which will be co-taught by Hall and the Rev. Christopher Lebsock from 6:30-9 p.m. on Mondays, and CATH 206 Catholic Anthropology, which will be taught by Lenneman from 9:30-10:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

See page 7 for a Q&A on the Catholic studies program with Hall and Smillie.

Carroll welcomes new bishop and chancellor of the college

Kelly Armstrong

Editor

The church bells in the steeple of the Cathedral of St. Helena rang loud and long early in the morning on Tuesday, October 8, to announce that Pope Francis had declared the Rev. Austin Vetter, then rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck, North Dakota, to be the 11th Bishop of Helena.

"I want to promise all the faithful of the diocese that you are in my daily prayers," said Bishop-Elect Vetter at the press conference following the official announcement. "I promise you all of my energy. All of it. I am yours."

Vetter, 52, has been a priest for 26 years in the Diocese of Bismarck. He has taught at two schools, St. Mary's Catholic Central and St. Mary University, as well as serving as spiritual director at the North American College in Rome for six years.

"The formation and Catholic education of young people is vital for our church and world today," said Vetter. "I must say that from the first moments of walking on the campus at Carroll College, I could see hope radiating in the joy and welcome of the student body, staff, and administration. I left so excited that I am going to be having a part in the continued mission of Carroll College, and I will work hard to fulfill the mandate given us by Saint John Paul II, to be that beacon to the church in the northwest and beyond."

His passion for youth and young adults is evident in his excitement for Carroll College.

"It's a beautiful blessing," said Vetter. "If we didn't have it, we would have to start it. It's so important. I see it as a vital part of the church. Young people, they aren't just the future, they are the present."

Following the press conference, Vetter made a trip to Carroll to see All Saints Chapel and meet the students.

"Bishop Vetter's joyful and enthusiastic manner stood out to me," said Emily McLean, a sophomore sociology and Spanish major from Bend, Oregon. "He seemed to very much embrace his new role as bishop and he was genuinely excited to be on campus meeting students."

After visiting Carroll, Vetter was excited for what the campus provides for its students.

"I was impressed with the beauty of the chapel and its focal point on campus," said Vetter. "That itself is a witness to the hope that Carroll College already instills in those who visit her. A great sign of what is happening at Carroll is that many of the students were at the Mass at the



Photo courtesy of John Cech
Bishop-Elect Vetter meets Carroll students.



Photo courtesy of Jeff Wald
Bishop-Elect Vetter shows off his new-found Carroll spirit.

Cathedral after my visit to the campus."

Vetter's installation and ordination is much anticipated by those at the college and those at the diocese.

"It is a monumental gift to have Bishop-Elect Vetter coming to the diocese of Helena and to Carroll College," said the Rev. Marc Lenneman, Carroll's chaplain and director of Campus Ministry. "People have been waiting and praying for a very long time for a good shepherd who would help our diocese and our college become more of what the Lord desires."

Once he is installed as Bishop of Helena, Vetter will be welcomed as Chancellor of the college and Chair of the Board of Trustees.

"Specific to Carroll," said Lenneman, "I believe he will point us toward Jesus Christ so that the transformative power of the Gospel can continue to elevate and expand every aspect of the work that takes place here. In my brief time speaking with our new bishop I am confident he will inspire us all to rededicate ourselves to that journey with renewed vigor, courage, and joy."

The bishop-elect already has some connections to Carroll in his interactions with Board of Trustee member and Vice President of Institutional Advancement Michael McMahon.

Prior to working at Carroll, McMahon and his wife lived in Bismarck. When presented with the opportunity to return to his alma mater, McMahon was unsure and sought counsel from his pastor, the Rev. Austin Vetter.

When McMahon heard the news of Vetter's appointment as the next Bishop

of Helena, he was overjoyed.

"You cannot imagine our surprise and joy, then, to learn that this priest, Father Austin Vetter of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Bismarck, had been named our new bishop," said McMahon. "I am confident that Bishop-Elect Vetter will inspire many stories like ours through his sincere love as he cares and shepherds those he serves here in the Diocese of Helena."

Knowing Vetter's history with youth and young adults, McMahon is certain that Vetter will do great things for young Catholics in the diocese and at Carroll.

"His personable and relatable style grants him gifts in connecting with young people. Also, I would say that it is telling that Bishop-Elect Vetter chose to visit Carroll's campus just minutes after his press conference, testifying to his support for Catholic education at all levels."

President John Cech agrees that the Bishop-Elect will do great things in the diocese and for Carroll.

"It will be an honor and privilege to have the opportunity to work closely with Bishop Vetter over the next several years to further Carroll's impact as a Catholic Diocesan College," said Cech. "Carroll's Catholic mission and identity is one of its top strengths. During Bishop Vetter's opening press conference, he mentioned several times how important Catholic education was to him at all levels. I feel Bishop Vetter will help us make a great deal of progress toward becoming the beacon we have been called to be. I could not be happier with his appointment."



Finding grace and love in our differences

Some of you may have noticed, Carroll is pushing its Catholic Identity. With the unveiling of the new Catholic Studies major, Carroll is working hard to make sure Catholics here have the tools and the means to delve into their faith and delve more into what the Catholic Church teaches.

Carroll also pushes academic excellence. With the acceptance rate of anthrozoology students into vet school being most if not all, and most if not all of the nurses passing the NCLEX on the first try, Carroll strives to achieve proficiency in all the fields students major in. This is evident in the numerous rankings Carroll holds, as we celebrated last month as Best in the West and continue to celebrate as more rankings come out.

The Catholic studies major strives to intertwine the best of both the Catholic identity and academic excellence.

Carroll is also entering into what may be a new era with a new bishop of Helena who would also serve as Chancellor of the college and Chair of the Board of Trustees. Bishop-Elect Vetter is passionate in his work with youth and young adults and as such plans on being present at Carroll's campus when he can be.

However, while most of the students at Carroll are Catholic, there are those that are not. There are those that come from Christian backgrounds and those that have little to no religious background at all. This is explored in a column titled A non-Catholic Perspective of the Catholic Church by Corinne Capodagli.

Part of embracing the Catholic identity, as well as the Christian identity, is ensuring that we love our neighbor, no matter who they are, what they have done, and where they come from.

It is also present on campus the question of free speech, as discussed during the discussion on free speech covered in this issue of the Prospector.

The newspaper, being a place on campus for free speech, is a place where all people in the Carroll community, can be represented, it is our job to ensure that the viewpoints, perspectives, and backgrounds are represented and accepted with the newspaper as a platform for the freedom of expression. We encourage this free speech and we ask you to take advantage of the Prospector as a platform for such.

We must remember that in pushing the Catholic identity, we consider that not everyone identifies as Catholic, not everyone is religious. Everyone, however, is human and as such deserve great respect, no matter the difference of opinion.

With that in mind, as Carroll embraces its Catholic identity, and together as we students push towards academic excellence, we must remember to not alienate those that are different, but to allow them space to express their ideas. We must remember to respect those ideas and those people, even, and especially, when we don't agree with the person's ideas.

*Love,
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Nursing students partake in Carroll tradition

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All of Carroll's nursing students gathered in the All Saints Chapel for the seventh annual Hand Blessing Ceremony and second annual White Coat Ceremony on September 25, 2019.

"This interfaith ceremony recognizes the dedication of nurses to bring comfort, kindness, respect, and spiritual support to patients through open hearts and caring hands," said Terri John, an administrative assistant for the nursing department.

Taylor Thompson, senior nursing student from Clancy, Montana, opened the ceremony with a prayer, followed by associate nursing professor Maria Brosnan, who discussed the importance of "Keeping Healthcare Human."

"It's important to recognize the humanity in nursing," said sophomore Olivia Wright, from Riverton, Wyoming. "Brosnan emphasised, for me personally, why I chose to become a nurse in the first place."

All nursing students who are at a 200, 300, and 400 level are pinned in their white coats. The ceremony typically focuses on level 200 students, as they further their education.

This ceremony is a right of passage for those who are dedicated to the care and compassion of others. The pins are provided by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which seeks to improve health care by stressing the importance of human value and dignity within the core of one's own being.

The pin is in the shape of a mobius loop, to symbolize the constant loop of trust.

"I love the ceremony," said Cheyenne



Photo courtesy of Gary Marshall
Sophomore nursing students at the ceremony.

Nicholson, a junior from Sandpoint, Idaho whose class was the first to initiate the White Coat Ceremony. "I think it's a great way to bond the Carroll community and nursing students before and during our careers."

The students then all restate the Nursing Pledge, which was led by Meredith Krutar, an assistant nursing professor.

The Hand Blessing Ceremony took place during the second half of the ceremony. The Hand Blessing Ceremony is intended for all nursing faculty, staff, and students. As each student walks up to the altar with oil on their hands, each nursing professor blesses the student.

"The smell of the oil is great and the experience of being able to have your professors bless your hands is really special," said Erika Seehafer, junior from Sitka, Alaska.

The Hand Blessing and White Coat Ceremony is a tradition that will be carried out for many years to come.

"One of the special things about the nursing program at Carroll is the feeling of family/community and the focus on humanistic, compassionate, holistic care," said John.



Carroll's nursing students pose for a group photo.

Photo courtesy of Gary Marshall



Lane Buus receives a blessing.

Photo courtesy of Gary Marshall

Saints spend time serving in Helena community

Emma Lambert

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Fifty-one students gathered in the All Saints Chapel for Service Saturday on Saturday, September 28, before being sent out to Good Samaritan, Hunter's Pointe, Edgewood, Options Clinic, or to help out on Carroll's campus.

"Service Saturday is an awesome way to get off campus, serve the Helena community, and get to know the Carroll community a little better," said Courteney Boyle, a sophomore nursing student from Yakima, Washington.

The group that went to Good Samaritan spent the morning organizing clothing donations.

"I love Service Saturday," said Maggie Phelan, a junior health science and public health major from Meeker, Colorado.

"Service Saturday is such a great reminder that our world is much bigger than just Carroll College and there is always something to be doing and someone to be servicing out in the greater community."

Students at Hunter's Pointe and Edgewood were able to visit with the elderly and help with some organizing.

"For Service Saturday I went to a nursing home and got to sit and chat with the residents there, helping them with some things they needed," said Grace Portmann, a freshman nursing major from Graham, Washington. "My favorite part was getting to help a lady with her cat and hearing all about her life."

The three students who served at the Options Clinic painted an office room the clinic was revamping.

"I haven't worked it [Service Saturday] too often," said Alex Dickey, a senior health science major from Phoenix, Arizona. "But whenever I do, I feel so humbled

and joyful."

Those who stayed at Carroll helped to move nursing equipment and furniture out of Simperman Hall for renovations.

"As a student of Carroll, I have received so much from the community and people of Helena," said Shae Bills, a history and philosophy major from Bozeman. "Service Saturday gave me, and many other students, a chance to give back to Carroll, its supporters and other organizations within the valley. We were able to get everything cleared out and received doughnuts for our hard work!"

The next Service Saturday will take place on Saturday, November 23, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the All Saints Chapel.



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Kelly Armstrong, Emma Lambert and Alex Dickey paint a room at the Options Clinic.



Kuda Nyahuma visits with residents at a retirement home.

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Freshmen sort clothes at Good Samaritan.

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Carroll bowling night with CSA

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Staff Writer

On the evening of Friday, October 4, Carroll students met at Sleeping Giant Lanes for some free bowling.

CSA bowling night has been a great activity for students to relax, enjoy good company, and play a sport that most everyone thinks is fun.

"I like it because it's really leisurely exercise and it's always an occasion for good laughs," said Anna Stockdill, a junior nursing and theology major from Spokane, Washington.

Bowling is an opportunity for students to laugh and be silly with friends.

"I love how bowling brings people together," said Jenny Meadowcroft, a junior computer science major from Spokane, Washington. "It's the one sport we can all be bad at and that's perfectly fine. Bowling takes off the pressure of school and gives you the chance to enjoy the company of your friends and even make new ones."

CSA puts on a lot more fun events throughout the year. If you missed going bowling this go around, CSA is putting on bowling again in the spring. It doesn't have a date yet so follow CSA on Insta-

gram for news on bowling as well as other events that are coming around the corner. "People should go bowling because if you can't knock your problems, you can knock some pins," Stockdill said.



Photo courtesy of CSA
Hayden Miller and Henry Smaldon celebrate a strike.



Photo courtesy of CSA
Students at Sleeping Giant Lanes bowling alley.

Texas Hold 'em tournament draws a crowd

Raymond Shipman

Staff Writer

The Texas Hold 'em Tournament kicked off the weekend on Friday, October 18, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Cube with two tables of six. It all came down to one winner, senior Kelly Armstrong, a theology and communications major from San Diego.

"The history of the Texas Hold 'em Tournament can be found on the Champions Trophy," said Harris. "Our first tournament was in 2005 and every winner since then has had their name engraved into Carroll history. I would have to say

2008 was a special year, but this year tops 2008 as we will engrave the name of our first female winner. I am very proud of Kelly. She played tough against the guys and beat them all."

When students arrived, they were given \$1000 in poker chips and assigned a table. The winner would receive the coveted champions bracelet and have their name "put on the esteemed Texas Hold 'em Tournament Trophy (in the HAC) where [it] will be recorded in Carroll history as one of our top Texas Hold 'em Tournament players," said ASCC Director Patrick Harris.

For the next two hours, students sang along to Kenny Rogers' "The Gambler," and with joy, played poker.

"I had played poker a bit with buddies back home, and I enjoyed that then, so I was sort of wanting to go to the event just for the fun of playing poker. I enjoy the



Photo courtesy of Kelly Armstrong
Kelly Armstrong takes the win.



Photo courtesy of Kelly Armstrong
Students engage in an intense round of Texas Hold 'em.

Students pitch their new ideas at ZinnStarter night

Megan McCormick

Staff Writer

The ZinnStarter Pitch night took place on September 26 and was a chance for students to present their business ideas in a Shark Tank-type event.

The students who presented had the opportunity to earn up to \$1000 in development funding to get their ideas off the ground.

One of the ideas presented came from junior business marketing major Alex Olmes from Benicia, California.

"I presented my idea called the Crush Pod," said Olmes. "It is a niche device for the fitness/nutrition industry that aims to make crushed ice for protein shakes and supplements available wherever you work out because no one likes the taste of warm protein shakes."

Going into the presentation Olmes was hopeful.

"The goal of presenting was to simulate a product or sales pitch to a group of people, which I felt would be beneficial going forward in my career path," said Olmes.

Another presenter was thinking of future career opportunities for her peers.

Lizzie Sheldon is a junior business major from Camas, Washington and she presented her idea for a program called Compass.

"Compass would be a website/app that helps young adults connect to possible employers," said Sheldon. "The 'compass' part is an idea that the kids using this online website would have a moral compass, ensuring that their future employers would be employing someone who was hard working, amounts to what they say they are on paper, etc."

For Sheldon, gaining experience was the main goal, but she was able to take away a variety of things from the experience.

"Having the confidence to present an

idea that I have was a bit intimidating and nerve-racking for me," said Sheldon. "I thought this would be a good place to get out of my comfort zone and take the step in turning an idea into a possible reality. I was also hoping to gain feedback from my peer group, teachers, and other entrepreneurs."

Thomas Austefjord, a senior business management major from Roseville, California, had the idea for another app.

"I presented Welcome Wagon, an app that helps people find stuff to do in the area. The target market for the app are people that are relatively new to the area," said Austefjord.

The event was a learning opportunity for all the student presenters, and they had different takeaways from the experience. They were also able to share some advice for anyone contemplating participating in next year's event.

"My advice to anyone presenting would be to be confident in yourself, as cliché as that sounds," said Olmes. "If you know your product or information, there is no need to second guess yourself or feel inadequate. Confidence sells!"

Not only does confidence sell, but so does a good idea.

"The advice I would give to someone thinking about presenting in the future would be to go for it. No idea is a dumb idea," said Sheldon. "This was a great first step in gaining confidence, experience, and feedback on my ideas."

Even if you aren't sure of yourself, it's good to try.

"I would advise that if you're even on the fence about presenting to do it, that way you can gain experience," said Austefjord.

ZinnStarter is an annual event that takes place on campus so keep creating and thinking of the next big thing because ZinnStarter could be your ticket to creating something great.

The next round of judging is later in November.

CAMP leads students on cavern clean-up and tour

Rylie Weeks

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On September 28, a small group of students from Carroll were joined by CAMP leader Ethan Viles at the Lewis and Clark Caverns for a clean-up tour to help the staff prepare the caves for the upcoming winter season.

The Lewis and Clark Caverns are a set of caves located just north of Yellowstone National Park. They are incredibly cold year-round and draw large crowds due to the abnormal variety of formations that can be found in the cave systems. The twisting staircases carved into the stone and the pools of crystal clear water give the caves unique features that keep guests coming back.

The CAMP event included 11 students and a tour guide along with staff supervision. The two-hour drive ended with a short hike into the cavern system, which holds a constant temperature of around 48 degrees.

The clean-up tour took about two hours as the group made its way through the caverns. The caverns are full of many connected caves that are full of stalagmites, stalactites, and connected columns. Making sure that the caverns were free of any garbage and unnatural objects in the cave was a large part of preparing the

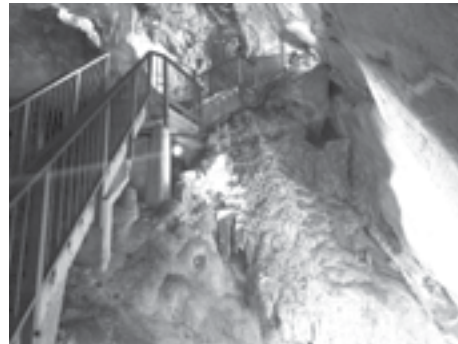


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Inside the cavern.

caverns for the winter, when tourists are not allowed into the caves. By making sure to keep the caves as clean and natural as possible, the continued growth and health of the caverns can be guaranteed.



Photo courtesy of Ethan Viles
Students exploring the caves.



Photo courtesy of Ethan Viles
Alli Buckner and Amber Pickering pose with the stalactites.

"The caverns are such a crazy place and everyone had a good time in them. We will definitely be going back next year," said Ethan Viles, a freshman biology major from Spokane.



Photo courtesy of Ethan Viles
Keaton Blair and Marin Underhill take a selfie in the cavern.



Photo courtesy of Ethan Viles
Students venture deeper into the cavern.

Trout Creek Canyon Hike is a fun experience for all

Emma Lambert

Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 5, a group of Carroll students embarked on a hike through Trout Creek Canyon.

The hike was organized by senior Melanie Tellinghusen, a nursing major from Terrebonne, Oregon.

"We chose Trout Creek because it is a beautiful hike that is close by and everyone living in this area should hike it at least once," said Tellinghusen. "It's a classic."

Participants hiked 3 miles in and 3 miles out through the canyon.

"There was a cave that a few campers climbed up to see," said Tellinghusen. "After the hike, we went to the York Bar and had some delicious burgers."

The hike was led by junior Amber Pickering, sophomore Logan Schuh, and senior Marin Underhill.

"It was really fun," said senior Reina Ishibashi, a computer science and mathematics major for secondary education from Yokohama, Japan. "I really liked the fall colors in the canyon and hiking with new and old friends."

CAMP's next weekend outing is yet to be determined, so be keeping an eye out for updates.



Photo courtesy of Rina Yamazaki
Students embark on their hike.

Saints go rock climbing

Emma Lambert

Staff Writer

Ten Carroll students scaled Sheep Rock on Sunday, October 6, and 11 students went rock climbing on Mount Helena on Friday, October 26 with CAMP.

Junior Keaton Blair, an engineering and computer science major from Seattle, attended the Sheep Rock climb.

"I like rock climbing because it's very challenging, but extremely rewarding," said Blair. "Every climb requires not only mental and physical strength, but creativity, patience and persistence. The Sheep Rock climb was very fun and everyone enjoyed it."

Katie Korbuszewski, a senior communications and theology major from Sumner, Washington, attended the Mount Helena excursion.

"Being able to hike up to Mount Helena and then climb some pretty cool routes was so much fun," said Korbuszewski. "It

was an absolutely gorgeous day even with the wind and the view from the top was breath taking."

Many of CAMP's rock climbing clinics accommodate all skill levels.

"CAMP's beginner climbing clinics are wonderful events because people with little or no climbing experience can go outside and get to climb to the top of a cliff face in a safe learning environment," said Blair.

Korbuszewski agreed. "Something I really enjoy about going climbing with the CAMP program is I never feel judged for my level of ability," said Korbuszewski. "They are always super kind and guide you through anything you need and make the whole experience really fun. I highly encourage anyone who even has a mild interest in climbing to just give it a try and go."

To stay updated on the next rocking climbing opportunity be sure to keep an eye out for CAMP's weekly emails.

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Honzel blows student minds at Great Faculty Debate

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Staff Writer

On Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m. in the Simperman Amphitheater the Great Faculty Debate took place to discuss the greatest unsolved mystery in modern science, which after a full evening of debate, was determined to be that of the human brain. This event was a sequel to the September 26 Math Debate that discussed the greatest data visualization of all time.

The professors present to demonstrate their arguments were Kelly Cline, associate professor of math and physics representing the physics department; Travis Almquist, assistant professor of biology representing the biology department; and Nikki Honzel, associate professor of psychology representing the psychology department.

Cline presented the question of what the universe is made of, bringing to attention the mysterious nature of the subject of dark matter and dark energy.

Almquist described the question of whether humans are “smart” enough to take control of the environment and produce limits to maintain a sustain-

able population. He focused heavily on human consumption of resources and the subsequent environmental effects of that consumption.

Honzel delineated the notion that the greatest mystery is the human brain, citing the numerous psychological phenomena observed in scientific research that cannot yet be fully explained.

The event had an overwhelmingly successful turnout, filling the amphitheater to the brim with well over 100 students and community members.

“I thought it was really great. It was some really fun content that they showed us and some really cool stuff to learn,” said Alexis Cabezas Tyler, a freshman from Santa Cruz de la Sierra in Bolivia majoring in biology at Carroll.

After the professors’ presentations, a short round of audience questions, and an electronic vote from the audience, Honzel’s mystery of the brain reigned victorious.

“I voted for Dr. Honzel because her material was not only relevant, but can relate to the audience that she was speaking to,” said Malyn McJunkin, a freshman from Red Lodge, Montana majoring in chemistry.



Kelly Cline, Travis Almquist and Nikki Honzel respond to student questions.

This event was great for students to not only hear about interesting ideas in different fields, but to also learn more about prospective fields.

Gwen Cooper, a junior biology major from Anchorage, Alaska also explained why she voted for Dr. Honzel’s argument.

“I want to go into neuroscience and so it was really cool learning about how

much we actually don’t know, because we think we know everything and we’re very confident in our science,” said Cooper. “To realize that we don’t even know about the self or consciousness is pretty amazing.”

Another interdisciplinary debate is intended to take place in the spring semester.

Cline's data graphic wins student vote at math debate

Megan McCormick

Staff Writer

On September 26, associate professors of mathematics Kelly Cline and Eric Sullivan debated the topic, “What is the greatest data graphic of all time?” in the Weigand Auditorium in Simperman for the much-anticipated fall math debate.

Cline took the stance that the John Snow graphic depicting the 1854 Cholera outbreak in London was the greatest graphic ever.

The graphic showed where the outbreaks were happening throughout the city and allowed medical investigators to determine which water source was infected and was causing the outbreak.

Sullivan took the stance that Minard’s graphic of Napoleon’s March on Moscow is superior.

“This particular graphic shows where Napoleon’s troops were, how large the army was, how devastating the battles

were, the direction that the troops were going, and just how horribly cold the winters were during that particular military campaign,” said Sullivan.

Minard’s graphic made it possible to combine all the dimensions of multiple graphs, loss of life at a time and location, temperature, geography and historical context, into one single graphic.

“This graphic is truly great because it captures so much of the history of that battle all in one streamlined and powerful way,” said Sullivan.

The two graphics are comparable because they were both able to convey data in a visual way in order to recognize the possible outcomes.

By the end of the debate, Cline was announced the winner.

“Going to the debates makes it so that we can see different sides of mathematics,” said Shirley Davidson, a junior mathematics, computer science and data science major from Escondido, California.

“I found that this debate was very interesting, I really like how Sullivan added the music into the presentation.”

Though many attendees found the debate interesting, they had differing opinions on who should have won.

“Cline was very persuasive and gave a better argument,” said Maddy Norton, a junior math major from Callao, Utah.

Debates allow the audience to think critically about the information that they are given.

“I always enjoy the debate because it is such a great place to learn about and grow a deeper appreciation for math in our modern world,” said Norton.

The annual math debate allows students to learn and take away different ideas in an environment that is different from the standard classroom.

“One thing that stuck with me is the importance of a good data graphic and how a good versus bad graphic can be life or death because the world doesn’t see the

data, they see the graphic and make their own assumptions based on it,” said Norton. “If it is a bad graphic then the viewer might not be convinced or be convinced of the wrong thing.”

At the end of the day for the professors it isn’t about winning or losing, it is about having fun and educating the general public on a topic they might not think about normally.

“Dr. Cline and I both agree that the best part of the math debates is that we can gather Carroll students, alumni, local middle and high school students, and local Helena-area residents all in one place to just enjoy some wonderful mathematics,” said Sullivan. “We have a great time poking fun at each other, educating everyone about some cool math, and just having fun doing what we do best, which is bringing excitement about math to other people.”

Keep your eyes out for more information to come, but there will be another Great Math Debate on campus in the spring.

Talking Saints win international recognition in Calgary, Alberta

Press Release

The Talking Saints won awards in two countries over the weekend of October 19-20.

The new team members advanced two

teams to the championship rounds at the University of Calgary Fall Open, held in Calgary, Alberta.

First year debaters Stefan Fiandeiro of San Jose, California, and Brady Clark of Madison Wisconsin, finished second to a

team from the University of Saskatchewan. Hellie Badaruddin of Missoula and Roisin O’Neill of Lake Oswego, Oregon, reached semi-finals in the BP World Debate event.

“This is such a classy event, run entirely for the benefit of first-year college students,” said coach Brent Northup. “The team got to see a bit of Calgary, meet students from throughout Western Canada and were treated to a tournament-ending banquet. To do well was frosting. The Canadians love that Carroll attends, and they welcome us so warmly.”

The students, passports in hand, enjoyed the outing.

“We learned a lot from them,” said Badaruddin. “We talked about everything from accents, to politics, to college prices.



Josh Mansfield and Kelsie Watkins hold their awards.

I was surprised about all the little things that were different, even though we’re so close.”

“They have weird words for things, such as tuques and bunny hugs,” laughed first year student Mariah Hurd of Seattle, referring to the beanies and sweatshirts she saw Canadian students wearing. “And I made some really great friends up there. We talk every day.”

Meanwhile, 1000 miles south at the University of Denver, the upperclass Carroll teams competed in the Rocky Mountain Championships, winning three awards.

Junior Josh Mansfield of Pocatello and senior Kelsie Watkins of Snohomish, Washington, reached the semi-finals in the 60-team event. Mansfield was named second-best speaker with Watkins in third. “This event has national-level teams, so it’s a challenging weekend,” said Northup. “Josh and Kelsie were ranked second after prelims, and were in contention to win the whole affair. Alas, a Regis team kept the trophy in Denver.”

Parts of the team heads to Spokane, Washington, October 26-27, and Casper, Wyoming, November 1-2, before the full squad heads to the first leg of the regional championships at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, Nov. 8-10.

Local pastor offers a different perspective on Christianity

Raymond Shipman

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 22, COR and VIA, Campus Ministry’s faith formation groups, were combined in the All Saints Chapel to ecumenically explore Christian thinking through a non-Catholic lens with the help of Pastor Adam Huschka from Helena’s Narrate Christian Church.

“This is part of a new series we are attempting each month to try and get perspective and wisdom from different community faith leaders in order to walk in more beautiful and intentional ecumenical relationships with a variety of denominations in the Helena valley,” said Campus Minister Dan Thies.

The Rev. Marc Lenneman invited Huschka to speak on his own faith journey and to talk about the meaning of the gospel and how to evangelize.

“I went to listen to Adam this Tuesday because he is the pastor at the church that I attend here in Helena, Narrate, and I wanted to listen to him speak in a less formal environment than a Sunday morning service,” said Payten Somes, a sophomore psychology major from Spokane, Washington.

Huschka explained that on the eve of

the 10-year anniversary of Narrate, he entered into deeper reflection in more officially articulating the beliefs Narrate holds as a whole. He asked himself, “What is the gospel?” While many denominations hold fast to a set of identified definitions of “gospel,” Huschka presented the argument that the gospel is not a what, but a who. In this sense, the gospel is the person of Jesus himself.

“I think that the talk Adam gave and the Q&A session that happened afterwards was important to the Carroll College student community because it was a different perspective on the Bible and Jesus as a person than we are used to hearing on campus from Fr. Marc,” said Somes. “I also think that it is important, in order to have a healthy faith life, that we hear different perspectives than our own denomination whether it be Catholic or Baptist or Presbyterian or non-denominational.”

Campus Minister Deidre Casey agreed that there was much to learn from Huschka.

“Pastor Adam is an extremely intelligent and engaging speaker and his laid back nature was very welcoming to questions and continued exploration of thought,” said Casey. “I think it was especially interesting when we realized as a group how differently Catholics and

other Christian denominations may interpret something as basic to our faith as the word “gospel.” Once we realized we were understanding that word differently, it opened up some great conversations that have continued on well past that original night.”

This discussion was an opportunity to create a dialogue between those of different faith traditions.

“I think that we can learn so much from each other. My favorite part of the talk was the way he talked about the gospels being the person rather than a creed or rules,” said Somes. “I love the different perspective that he framed in our heads that just transformed my view of how to have an intimate relationship with Jesus.”

Inviting speakers of different denominations is something Campus Ministry is looking to continue at least once every month.

“Campus Ministry recognizes the faith diversity of our campus community and is committed to walking with students wherever they are in their faith journeys,” said Casey. “We hope that these discussions will model and foster respectful and meaningful dialogue between people who may not agree, a practice that is so necessary in this current culture especially.”

Students engage in conversation on free speech

Vicente Gallardo

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 22, in the Weigand Auditorium Carroll students and Helena community members gathered to listen to a panel of experts discuss the pressing question, “Is there a free speech crisis on college campuses?”

The event opened with Rep. Hopkins speaking about the bill he had introduced in the Montana House of Representatives. House Bill 735 passed both the House and Senate before being vetoed by Governor Steve Bullock. The bill would have revised Montana’s laws regarding free speech on campuses, and make it possible for speech to occur on the whole campus not just a “free speech zone” like many campuses have.

Each speaker proceeded to give their opinion on the bill, and provided many different viewpoints. The speakers also spoke broadly about free speech in general from various political backgrounds. All the speakers talked about the fundamental differences in harmful speech, and productive uses of free speech. Street also provided the results of a spring survey about free speech at Carroll.

“It was interesting to hear their differing perspectives on an issue that’s so prevalent to us,” said Hellie Badaruddin, a freshman international relations major from Missoula. “Listening to their opinions on an issue with a lot of complexities gave me a better understanding.”

For anyone interested in examining free speech even further, Street will be leading a free speech reading group next semester.



The Carroll Chronicle

A look back from 1954

Carroll Freshmen Respond to English "Snow Theme" With Vivid Reflection

Carroll students returned from their Thanksgiving vacation to find Helena under snow. Through the steamed and frosted windows of the classrooms, Carroll's campus was a picture of Montana's "winter wonderland" in miniature. Father Beausoleil's class in English Composition that day was on the subject of "Description." The assignment for the next class—a paragraph of description, the subject—"The First Snowfall." The following selections were taken from the more than one hundred paragraphs Father received.

"In one night a whole city, towering mountains, vast lakes and deep green valleys are changed by the Divine Artist. He takes up his brush and using only one color, paints a picture of unspeakable loveliness. The city is covered downy and gleaming under a blanket of whiteness; the mountain trees bend to the ground with their wintry weight; the vast lake becomes frozen into a great mirror reflecting the crystal clearness of the heavens, and once green valleys are now carpeted in a sparkling expanse of ermine. This is the easel of the world's greatest Artist, and high among his masterpieces is "The First Snowfall."

—By Robert Shea, Butte

"Darkness slowly lowered on a chilly scene of brown, barren silhouettes. The leaves had long since abandoned the trees, and left them grotesque skeletons outlined against the horizon. There was a feeling of hushed anticipation suspended in the air. Gently the wind began blowing, gradually increasing in force until it left the naked branches swaying and groaning. Suddenly the blowing subsided, and in its place came soft, frosted particles that filled the night air in swirls of whiteness.

Breaking anecdotal habits: the importance of listening

Student Columnist

HENRY WALKER

Hopefully by this point in your academic career you’ve heard the word “anecdote.”

If you haven’t heard this word, it means “a personal story or account of a personal experience retold in order to reveal truth.”

Even if you’ve never heard the word, you’ve definitely heard an anecdote told before. Your dad probably averages 10 per conversation, as dads do.

Regardless, allow me to provide my own anecdote.

I’m sitting down for a meal at the STAC, and I am sitting with about 7 other people, none of whom are good friends of mine. They are having a conversation about high school teachers. So far so good.

As I listen and pick at my plate of spaghetti, I begin to notice an odd but naggingly persistent pattern in the conversation that starts to drive me crazy.

Everyone who speaks starts their sentence with “I.”

Every person says a personal and opinionated statement that is not regarded by anyone else at the table. No one comments on the statements that are presented. Everyone’s personal statements are presented and no sooner forgotten, like bubbles that are blown and pop without being seen by anyone.

Everyone is hoping that their statement will be found funny or interesting or at the very least worth commenting on, but time and time again they are not because another personal statement from someone else is already coming without any acknowledgment of what was just said.

This is not a conversation. This is an anecdote. “Anecdote” is a portmanteau of anecdote and synecdoche, the result of which is a word which colloquially means “a conversation in which everyone is talking but no one is listening.”

This is a rhetorical discussion in the presence of others where everyone is trying to make their own statement more important than the last—like some twisted game of superiority.

Many people don’t notice when this kind of conversation arises because I believe many people have grown up conversing this way and consider it to be fully normal. Not only is it not normal, it is a plague on dialogue.

When someone says something, it should be received and expanded upon—not ignored and one-upped by others.

Conversations should not be set up as a game with winners and losers. I believe that part of the reason we can’t seem to agree on anything in this world is because we are simply not listening to one another speak.

If you find yourself involved in an anecdote, break the cycle. Ask questions and expand upon the statements of others. Find truth in their point of view and don’t speak with the intention of being better than them.

In our deeply divided country, there is no room for selfish dialogue.



Tabitha Southworth
Photo courtesy of Ross Peter Nelson



Bailey Osborne
Photo courtesy of Ross Peter Nelson



Thomas Trangmoe
Photo courtesy of Ross Peter Nelson



April Kortz
Photo courtesy of Ross Peter Nelson

They promised

Rylie Weeks

Staff Writer

Carroll College's theatre department put on a production of "They Promised Her the Moon" by Laurel Ollstein in the Flex Theatre, with the show running from September 27 through October 6.

"The actors did an amazing job," said Katie Joy, a junior biology and anthrozoology major from Liberty Lake, Washington. "Their hearts were really in it. The set was super simple but super well-utilized and created an atmosphere that worked really well with the scene. I loved that it brought relevance to such

important female historical figures in the Space Race, who are often overlooked."

The play follows the life of Jerrie Cobb, a woman who strove to become America's first female astronaut but was ultimately denied. Her story has been largely forgotten from history.

"I loved getting the opportunity to explore Jerrie's story and see the motivations of everyone around her," said Thomas Trangmoe, a sophomore international relations and theatre major from Stevensville, Montana. "It's a fascinating piece of history that, as the play itself states, laid the groundwork for some of the most important scientific and social developments in 1970's America."

Many students were involved in the play, including sophomore Thomas

Trangmoe, senior Connor Jones, junior Joey Pesa, senior Fiona O'Donnell, senior DeAndrea Shackelford, senior Amanda Costinett, sophomore Syd Mammano, and sophomore Devon Dietlin. Multiple alumni were also involved in the play with the main character being played by Tabitha Southworth, of Berklee College of Music. The play was directed by guest director Dee Smith.

"I really enjoyed seeing 'They Promised Her the Moon,'" said junior Teigen Tremper, a communications major from Whitefish, Montana. "It artistically demonstrated how our past shapes our present and questioned how our personal need for success might align with or hinder the issues we hold closest to our hearts."



Tabitha Southworth and Nicole Laurén

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Connor Jones, Joey Pesa and Thomas Trangmoe

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Bailey Osborne and Tabitha Southworth
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A non-Catholic view of the Catholic Church

Student Columnist

CORINNE CAPODAGLI

As I walk up the steps toward the Chapel, I'm not sure what takes my breath away more, the auspicious view, or the fact that I just climbed Guad Hill. Stepping into the little, well, not so little Chapel, a lot of worries pervade my thoughts.

I've never really been a religious person, except if you count the occasional church outing on Christmas Eve and Easter.

Walking in, I feel like an impostor against a sea of people who I can only assume are so devoutly tied to God. I worry I made the wrong choice.

But, the cold hard truth is, no one's alienated me from church, religion, and even God, except for me. For years, I've neglected the value of my faith, always assuming that no one could really answer my questions, so why pursue something I perceived as so convoluted.

And let's not forget about the traditional phase of teenage rebellion and angst. As any good teenager tells you, rules are inconsequential and designed to be broken. While I'm still struggling my way through the last of my tumultuous teenage years, I can now see that part of my resounding inability to conform to religion stemmed from my perception of it being another set of rules and regulations.

I was scared of coming to Carroll at first because I thought people here would be so different than me and perhaps turned off by my lack of religious ties. However, something about the school still drew me in. Maybe it was the thought of standing out in a new envi-

ronment? Or, deep down I hoped that coming to a Catholic school would transform me in some way and help me find the clarity within myself that people who attend church often seem to possess.

Despite my initial apprehension, in my short yet meaningful time here, I've actually found people with lots of commonalities, some still searching for their faith, others unsure about the foundation of the Catholic Church. I figured if so many people here were Catholic and others were experiencing these new and wholesome opportunities, why not give it a try?

So, embarking on an odyssey of epic proportion—at least to me—I adopted the strategy of “fake it til you make it,” and ventured out to be more open minded with my spirituality.

Feeling as if I was an anthropologist, observing a whole new environment, I studied. I carefully watched as people around me bowed their heads, knowing exactly how to answer, “Peace be with you.” If you're a novice like me and are wondering, the correct response is, “And with your spirit,” which after several Mass attendances, I still mess up.

I felt so out of place at first, like I was wearing a sign that denoted “desperately unaware of how to do anything and seeking help.”

I fumbled my way through every Wednesday and Sunday Mass, anxiety plaguing me every time I had to walk up for Communion. Truth be told, I'm still not 100 percent sure what to do.

Yet, every time I sit down in a pew, I feel a sense of calm wash over me. Maybe it's just the incense working its strange magic, but maybe it's that I'm seeking something greater.

I still find myself coming to Mass every week, even after this article, not because I like getting my steps in every time I walk up the hill, but because it's

almost become habit.

I was so worried about standing out. Though Mass is certainly still a learning process for me—sorry to everyone who has to watch me awkwardly debate whether or not I should kneel before entering my seat or not—there's something so comforting about how traditional the church is. Though Fr. Marc does an amazing job at bringing flare to each new weekly sermon, I love the feeling of repeating the customary prayers, like I'm participating in a time-honored legacy that people have been building for centuries.

I've even gone so far as to memorize some of the traditional responses, relying on my friends for help. Before I went to my first Mass, someone taught me, line by line, how to say the Our Father. I put so much effort into learning it, so that I would at least look like I understood something. Every now and then, I still find myself repeating it when I'm alone, brushing up on how it goes, and when I get it right, I feel a small sense of accomplishment and a step closer to really becoming an insider.

At Carroll, I don't feel the pressure to be anyone I'm not, but I also feel such an amazing sense of relief comb through me whenever I sit down at a Sunday service, surrounded by my peers and people from all over Helena.

It's so beautiful to be a part of a community that welcomes people from all walks of life and varying degrees of faith.

Despite my initial apprehension of being here, I've learned so many amazing lessons, perhaps one of the most poignant, the value that prayer can have.

The other day, I was struggling to come to a resolution about something in my personal life. I was at a crossroads in how to schedule my major, and honestly, what I should do with the entirety of

my college career. Confiding in my peer minister, she told me to pray on it.

Three months ago, the phrase “pray on it” would have been something I rolled my eyes at or taken with a grain of salt. Praying felt more like a last minute resort to me, something reserved for times of desperate measure. I felt that if I were a better Christian, maybe God would hear me, but I had been so indignant for so long, that I worried and more realistically felt that I was just praying into a void.

But in my short time here at Carroll, I feel as if so much has changed. I'm not claiming to have reached transcendence or a certainty of anything beyond life. I still have questions and sometimes my doubts, but I am more open than I ever was before to the idea of God, heaven, and I do think there is something to be said about the contemplative power of prayer.

Stepping away from this, I think it's important to note how valuable trying new things is. While being unapologetic and unwavering in your beliefs may work for certain aspects of life, it holds us back from expanding and experiencing more.

I think a lot of the dissent we see today is rooted in an inability to understand a perspective other than our own. What this experience has taught me is to have an open mindset and to value and learn things from a new perspective.

It's hard to encapsulate in print how much I've changed over the past few months. While I may not be ready to fully commit to the church, I feel as if I've evolved as a person and in my faith.

Don't be fooled however, the journey for me isn't over because the article is, rather this is just the beginning of my quest for clarity and insight and I look forward to delving deeper as I continue to attend not only Mass, but also Carroll.

Q&A on Catholic studies program with Hall and Smillie

In addition to what was discussed at the information session and what can be found regarding the Catholic Studies Program online, Eric Hall and Mark Smillie shared a few extra answers to common questions and will be displayed in Q&A form below.

Would you share a bit about the origins of Catholic Studies and the process of getting the major and minor added to the catalog?

Dr. Mark Smillie (MS): The idea arose out of discussions between Dr. Hall and I while we read Cardinal Francis George's book, *Godly Humanism*, with some students in summer 2018. Fr. Marc pitched the idea to President Dr. John Cech, and he and Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Cathy Day encouraged us to flesh out our idea in more detail, and, if successful, pitch it to the Curriculum Committee and faculty. Meanwhile, Fr. Christopher Lebsack had a connection to a foundation that funds these sorts of initiatives, and we contacted them and eventually applied and received substantial funding. It is really hard to put together a program in the amount of time that we did (3 months). Our own understanding of Catholic Studies has grown a lot over the last year, and it continues to grow.

One of the biggest joys was the amount of help and support we found in some many people here at Carroll and among Carroll supporters!

What are you most looking forward to about Catholic Studies?

Dr. Eric Hall (EH): We hope to emulate the deepest and most profound intellectual and spiritual environments of the west, which are places where any reasoned voice is free to test, mediate, or defend the positions developed in the classes. Only through the freedom to pursue the true authentically and without any form of censorship can we foster an integration of knowledge, life, morality, and spirituality.

How might Catholic Studies affect culture on campus?

MS: We hope that more students will begin to see their faith in intellectual as well as effective terms. We see Catholic Studies as complementing the intentional integration that is part of the new CORE we passed last spring. We hope that the program will attract students to Carroll. We dream of sparking more faculty interest in the role of faith in their disciplinary offerings.

EH: It might be helpful to answer this question in the context of the new CORE. Its passage last year has sought a more intentional integration—something students and faculty alike have desired-- in the Liberal Arts curriculum, and it moves to do so at the level of natural reason: in terms of how academic disciplines relate to other academic disciplines and how students make sense of all of the truths discovered in all of their classes. Catholic Studies will double down on these efforts to build on this integration in the fullest sense of the term: through both faith and reason, which are inseparable from a Catholic intellectual perspective.

Would you comment on the relationship between Catholic Studies and other curricula here at Carroll, particularly Theology and Philosophy?

Both MS and EH: The relationship between Catholic Studies and Theology is the same as the relationship between Catholic Studies and every other major here at Carroll College. Catholic Studies provides its own piece of the catholic liberal arts curriculum and does not compete or interfere with any other major at the college. In the Idea of a University, St. John Henry Newman was very clear that a college or university needs all the majors taught in the curriculum, especially Theology. But he also argued that the curriculum needs to offer students a means to integrate the specialized majors together. In a Catholic college, Catholic Studies does this integration with its professors

fostering, demonstrating, and exemplifying this integration.

MS: I would emphasize that the Catholic Studies program was the joint efforts of Theology and Philosophy professors, who love and cherish Theology and Philosophy, see no conflict between any of these, and developed the program without prejudice to any other major. As noted above, Catholic Studies operates at a different level than all the majors at Carroll: Catholic Studies performs an integrating function in a liberal arts curriculum, which it cannot do without the other majors fulfilling their role in the curriculum. Our view is that Catholic Studies will enhance the educational experience for students in all majors at Carroll College. Students will have a better understanding of the goals of a Carroll education, which will make their experiences in any other major richer, more fulfilling, and more lasting.

How is Catholic Studies different from theology?

Theology presents Catholic doctrines and ideas critically. Catholic Studies takes the doctrines as a given and interprets the manner in which persons have lived them out. In other words, it engages in what Ludwig Wittgenstein calls “thick description” and its “grammar.” Catholic Studies also orients itself to the broad vision of integration in a way that the specialized fields of theology and philosophy cannot do. As noted above, Catholic Studies creates a second experience for students wishing to engage academically with the traditions and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Given Carroll's financial situation, can Carroll support a new program at this time?

Dr. Cech's plan is that Carroll grow itself out of its present financial crisis; so Carroll cannot support a new program at this time if it continues the decline in enrollment it has been experiencing, AND Carroll cannot risk not trying to grow and

expand itself, despite its current financial woes. We believe that increased enrollment numbers, especially of students who would not have otherwise attended Carroll, will meet the financial needs of a new program, as well as bolster the needs of other departments and programs. However, in addition, we have sought, and have now successfully acquired, new funding for Carroll of \$200,000, which will pay for three years of this program. With this support, we believe that adopting this program cannot hurt Carroll financially at this time.

The \$200,000 worth of funding for the Catholic Studies program has come from an outside foundation. This source will help fund the salary of a professor that will be brought to Carroll next Fall to help teach Catholic Studies. The Rev. Christopher Lebsack had a connection to a foundation that funds these sorts of initiatives, and we contacted them and eventually applied and received substantial funding.

In one or two sentences, what is the goal or mission of Catholic Studies?

MS: Catholic Studies aims to help students integrate faith and reason in its various forms. Catholic Studies champions unity of life.

EH: Catholic Studies will help students integrate the whole of their education from the standpoint of a Catholic worldview and imagination, one that takes with utmost seriousness both faith and reason.

For all the reasons above. Catholic Studies provides a solid curriculum consistent with the Liberal Arts and a funded opportunity to increase Carroll visibility and enrollment. Catholic Studies enhances our Catholic identity, and “owning and celebrating” Catholic identity has been a contributing factor to successful Catholic institutions. Students and their families are looking for schools with these programs. The program will provide avenues that complement current curricular offerings.

Voting makes a difference; it's your voice

Student Columnist

RACHEL PREVOST

Turning 18 is one of the best birthdays—because you can finally vote!

Now, I know that isn't exactly what everyone looks forward to when they turn 18. The general fact that you are now finally legally an adult and you can sign all of your own paperwork is pretty awesome, too. But voting is something that allows you to have a voice in our political process, which is really important and is vital for our democracy, so you should be excited about finally being old enough to vote.

Whether it is voting for the next President of the United States in the general election, or voting on a state ballot initiative, or voting for your state representative, your vote makes a difference. And at 18 years old, a time where most young adults are starting a new phase in their life—like some are starting a career or continuing education—you get to start using your voice and building and

forming your own opinions about issues and politics.

It is so important that we exercise our right to vote. In fact, according to an article from National Public Radio (NPR), “A Boatload Of Ballots: Midterm Voter Turnout Hit 50-Year High,” the 2018 midterm election showed that voters are doing just that, exercising our right to vote, with the highest midterm voter turnout in 50 years. This is pretty significant, because traditionally midterm elections have lower voter turnout than general elections, but according to the same NPR article, some voting districts saw higher or equal voter turnout for the 2018 midterm election as they did in the 2016 presidential election.

At Carroll, for the 2018 midterm election, the voter registration rate and voter turnout rate followed that trend. After receiving a report from the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE), the Carroll community now has the chance to see specific data regarding voting rates on our campus. Something that I think is pretty cool, is that the study even compares the voting registration and voting rates between the different departments on campus.

“First, I am grateful to Dr. Cech for signing the college up to receive this information, and to the many on campus who have been promoting student political engagement,” said Alex Street, associate professor of political science. “Second, I want to encourage every student at Carroll to vote.”

In the 2018 midterm election, according to the NSLVE report, Carroll boasted a 47.5 percent voting rate, which was a substantial increase from the 2014 midterm election, where the voting rate was only 22.8 percent. Carroll hit above the

average mark when compared to the 2018 voting rate for all institutions, which was 39.1 percent.

“The primary sensation I gathered from these results was pride in the Carroll community for stepping up and answering the call to perform their civic duty,” said Tom Trangmoe, a sophomore in international relations and theatre from Stevensville, Montana.

In the 2014 midterm election, according to the NSLVE report, Carroll had 982 students registered to vote, and only 334 actually voted in the 2014 midterm election. When compared to 2018 data, according to the NSLVE report, Carroll had 996 students registered to vote, 617 of whom voted in the midterm election.

“The sheer statistical difference shown between a mere four years is amazing to me, and it feels great to have been able to contribute to that cause and watch that engagement take shape in the community around me,” said Trangmoe.

For 2018, when it comes to the fields of study or majors on campus that had the highest voting rates, we see the history, social science, and the psychology departments take the lead with the highest voting rates on campus.

“I think the fact we vote at higher rates than other institutions is encouraging,” said Josh Mansfield, a junior in international relations from Pocatello, Idaho. “But I still think that with active participation from the college, we could get significantly higher levels of voting from our students.”

The class year that takes the cake for highest voting rate on Carroll's campus in the 2018 midterm election are the upper-level students (third year and above), with a 51.1 percent voting rate. First year students took second place with a 44.2

percent voting rate.

When I first read the data, I was so excited to see the major increase in not only the number of students who registered to vote, but the increase in students who actually voted.

“It's really exciting to see the increases in both the percentage of registered voters, as well as voter turnout,” said Sammi Trudeau, a senior in political science from Chewelah, Washington. “I know there was a lot of planning and work that went into [Carroll's] National Voter Registration Day event, and we can clearly see that it paid off!”

I really hope that this trend only continues to go upward, and that Carroll has an even higher voting rate percentage in the upcoming 2020 general election.

“It's refreshing to see such an increase in Carroll's voting rate. I'm hopeful the trend will continue,” said Faith Scow, a senior in political science from Helena.

As the 2020 election draws nearer, I hope the data in the NSLVE report inspires you to become more engaged and to get involved and use your voice. Because no matter what anyone tells you, your vote does matter and it can make a difference.

“I often hear from students who feel that they should not vote since they are not fully informed,” said Street. “I find this attitude admirable but deeply mistaken. No voter is fully informed! We are all drawing together incomplete evidence and relying on sources we trust, whether friends or family or celebrities or nonprofits. So, the question is whether you want to let the other imperfect voters decide for you, or whether you want to raise your voice, too.”

Carroll students for a renewable Helena

Student Columnist

CAITLIN TROYER

On September 20, Carroll students joined the Helena community in front of the city council building in advocating for Helena to have 100 percent renewable energy by 2030. This demonstration was part of a much larger worldwide march for climate action led by Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old activist from Sweden, in New York City. More than 150 countries and 4,500 cities held marches that included an estimated 7.6 million participants. Thunberg is credited with bringing global attention to the movement. Many local marches took on their own more specific causes such as the strike here in Helena, which more than 200 people gathered for and which promoted making Helena a 100 percent renewable city by 2030.

“It was great to see such a diverse group of people out to support such a pressing issue for Montana and for the whole world,” said Nathan Burns, a freshman civil engineering major from Arvada, Colorado.

Climate change is an issue that has become a growing concern. The Earth's temperature continues to rise as a result of excessive carbon emissions. This also causes sea levels to rise and creates an increase in severity of natural disasters. As the years go on the wildfires have burned hotter and for longer and the wild-fire season has continued to get longer. We have seen an increase in hurricanes,

tropical storms, tornadoes, and tsunamis among other things.

This change in the climate is somewhat natural, but has also been exacerbated by human impact. Climate change deniers refuse to believe that climate change exists or refuse to acknowledge that humans have caused it to speed up, but it is time that we listen to what scientists have to say about it rather than what politicians do.

The blame for most carbon emissions worldwide can be placed directly on corporations. While individuals also have some part to play in this their role is very small and climate change will not be slowed just because everyone starts using reusable straws. Corporations are not only responsible for the majority of emissions, they are also responsible for the amount of plastic being used by individuals. It is time that we as individuals start holding corporations accountable and encourage them to be more sustainable.

Our individual role goes beyond being sustainable ourselves. We have a duty to encourage others to do the same. If climate change is something you truly care about, and you should care about it, then go ahead and use your metal straw but don't stop there. Write to corporations, boycott them, buy only sustainable and recyclable products and encourage others to do the same, show up and protest, go out and vote on legislation or propose a bill yourself.

The idea that climate change will be solved if everyone starts using reusable products and focuses on recycling is an idea created by corporations to shift the blame from themselves onto individuals.

This mentality blames individuals for something that they can do very little about.

This also creates a class problem within this issue. People in the lower-middle and lower classes cannot afford to make sustainable decisions because they often do not have the money to do so or access to those resources. If corporations cut down on emissions and begin to sell more sustainable products, these things will eventually be available to everyone and will be able to be offered at a lower price.

This is not to say that it isn't good to encourage recycling or to have a reusable grocery bag. What isn't right is to shame and blame people who can't make those choices when a much larger entity is at fault.

Within the capitalist system that exists in the U.S. it is difficult to hold corporations accountable but it has to be done.

We have to stop electing politicians who continue to do nothing about the climate crisis. The most important thing you can do is to go out and vote. Your voice matters, and it could help to save this planet.



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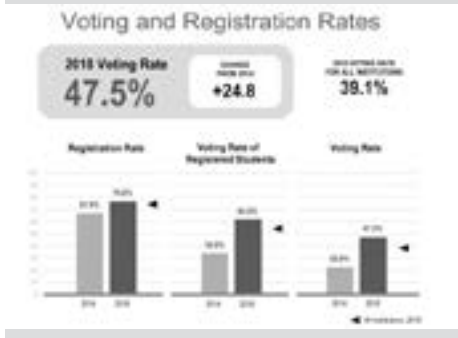
Students proudly display their signs.



Photo courtesy of Caitlin Troyer

Students and Helena community members join forces.

Student voting registration rates



SPORTS

Saints football runs over Rocky 51 - 17

Jaymin Bernhardt

Staff Writer

Carroll College beat Rocky Mountain College on October 26, 51-17 on a snowy day in Billings, Montana.

For the Saints it was the first road win of the season. At first it looked like it could be a tough game for the Saints when Rocky scored two first quarter touchdowns.

“Rocky came out ready to play and got up on us quick,” said Seamus Tully, junior defensive lineman from Bellows Falls Vermont. “I think it motivated us to come together as a team even more. Once we turned it on we could not be stopped.”

Tully was right about not being stopped. After being down 14-3, the Saints outscored the Bears 48-3. This included a Hail Mary at the end of the first half from red-shirt freshman quarterback Devan Bridgewater to junior wide receiver Kyle Pierce for a touchdown. Late in the game, freshman running back Matthew Burgess had a 68 yard touchdown run that put the final nail in the coffin. Carroll outran the Battlin’ Bears 474 yards to 339.

This game was an especially fun one for Tully who was celebrating his birthday.

“The best wins are team wins,” Tully said. “They are a lot more fun especially on my birthday. The win was the best present I could have asked for.”

Saints coach Troy Purcell was happy about the win but was mostly proud of the way his team responded to being down.

“The biggest takeaway is that we overcame adversity being down 14-3 and winning on the road,” Purcell said.



Photo courtesy of John Ramirez
Saints making a diving catch for the ball.



Photo courtesy of John Ramirez
Matthew Burgess looks at options before making the play.



Photo courtesy of John Ramirez
Matthew Burgess carries the ball for the Saints.

Men's soccer falls like the snow to Rocky Mountain

Jaymin Bernhardt

Staff Writer

The Saints men’s soccer team lost to Rocky Mountain College on October 27, at Nelson Stadium on a snowy but sunny day by a final score of 0-2.

The Saints have a 6-7-1 overall record this year and are 5-5 in conference play, making them number 6 Cascade Colle-

giate Conference.

In this game, Rocky Mountain had 21 shots on goal to Carroll’s 17. At the end of the first half Rocky Mountain had nine shots on goal to Carroll’s six. The two goals for Rocky were scored by Junior midfielder, Sky Swenson and Junior forward, Pablo Ferrira.

Carroll’s best scoring opportunity was in the second half when Freshman

forward Rory Bloy missed a penalty kick that went high over the crossbar.

Carroll coach Doug Mello was not happy about the result of the game.

“We battled hard but didn’t get the result we needed,” Mello said. “A missed penalty kick and a couple superb saves by the Rocky keeper kept us off the score-board. We need to put in our chances after working so hard to create them.”

The next game for the Saints will be senior day on November 2 against Providence at Nelson Stadium. They will need to win to a chance at getting to the postseason.

Coach Mello knows how important this week of practice will be.

“Our week long preparation for Providence needs to be spot on in order to get a positive result,” Mello said.

Women's basketball wins field trip game

Carroll Athletics

A power outage, thousands of fanatical schoolkids and, oh yeah, a women's basketball game.

Just another Field Trip Game, right?

The No.7 Carroll College women's team rebounded on Thursday to defeat the College of Idaho 79-54 in the PE Center. It was a contest delayed by about an hour as a power outage left most of Helena without electricity for over an hour.

The teams re-warmed up and showed no signs of slowing down due to a little extra downtime.

"We're definitely a long way away from being the seventh team in the country, but this is long, long season," Saints coach Rachelle Sayers said. "We have a lot to work on. But it's definitely a relief for the kids to come out, obviously, it was a tough start with the delay and not knowing where we were going to play."

Once the game got rolling, so did the

Saints. The Saints took a lead early, playing a faster pace of offense and creating havoc on defense. By halftime, Carroll led 41-29. The Saints won the third and fourth quarters to cruise to the victory.

The Saints played 13 players, four of which reached double figures led by Dani Wagner's 16 points. Joining her were Sienna Swannack with 14 points, Jaidyn Lyman with 12, and Emerald Toth with 10.

Kamden Hilborn added seven points, eight assists and five rebounds.

It was a turnaround game for the Saints, who opened the season 45 points against a tough Calgary team.

"I think I had our kids playing too conservatively against Calgary. We watched their two games and they forced a lot of turnovers," Sayers said. "We wanted to make sure we had ball security and control the tempo."

The Saints (1-1) now turn their focus to a game against Montana on October 29.

OSU defeats men's basketball

Carroll Athletics

The Carroll College men's basketball team competed, but ultimately fell 79-60 to Oregon State on Wednesday evening in Corvallis, Oregon.

Shamrock Campbell, 5-for-7 from deep, led the Saints with 15 points while three Beavers had double figures scoring: Kylor Kelly (16), Ethan Thompson (14) and Tres Tinkle (13).

Eleven Saints saw playing time against the Pac-12 opponent that the Saints hung with for half, trailing 32-31 at halftime.

The Beavers outscored the Saints 47-29 in the second half to secure the comfortable final margin.



Photo courtesy of Gary Marshall
Katie Fagg concentrates during a match.

Carroll golf takes 8-7 match play victory over Montana Tech

Carroll Athletics

The Carroll College golf team defeated Montana Tech 8-7 in the Battle for the Continental Divide match play at Green Meadow Golf Course on Friday.

"It was a challenge for both teams with the wind not only blowing most of the afternoon but with the leaves on the greens and fairways constantly swirling around," Saints coach Ben MacIntyre said. "We found ourselves down 3-2 after the first six holes but dominated the Chapman format to take four out of the possible five points available there, which was huge for us. We really executed as a team and had good chemistry to take control there heading into the final six holes and best ball format."

Heading into the final set, Carroll had a 6-4 lead. The Fighting Saints would get the two points they needed to secure victory and hold off a Tech rally for an 8-7 win.

"Josh Neth and Joseph Potkonjak buried some great putts on the final hole to really help us out in crunch time," said MacIntyre. "The pairing of Sydnee Nowlen and Josh Neth really delivered for us today. They got three out of a possible three points to shut out their opponents. Being the final group on the course for us today can't say enough about their effort because we needed it."

"Overall proud of our team and their fight today," said MacIntyre. "It's a great team win over a rival and perfect way to close out the fall schedule."

SPORTS

Saints volleyball sweep Rocky in dramatic fashion

Vicente Gallardo

Staff Writer

On Friday, October 25, Carroll students and supporters crowded the stands at the P.E Center to watch the 12-9 Saint's volleyball team sweep 16-7 Rocky Mountain College during the annual pink game in support of breast cancer awareness. The Saints won 25-19, 25-17, 25-21 against Rocky who is currently ranked first in the conference.

"I'm excited about the way they came out to play, the energy was incredible and the crowd was great," said Head Coach Moe Boyle. "They're a top 20 team in the country, and we've been top five team the last few years. They did a great job."

Sophomore outside Lexi Mikkelsen led the team with 16 kills in the game. Junior middle Taelyr Krantz had 11 kills and 3 blocks, and freshman outside Sophia Spoja had 10 kills and four blocks.

"It was a great all around effort," said Krantz. "We had everyone firing on all cylinders and that was really fun to watch. I think we had Rocky on their toes the whole time, and that was really fun to be a part of."

Carroll didn't just kill it at the net, they ruled the back row too. Senior libero Ayla Carpenter had a game high 25 digs and three service aces.

"Tonight we really came together," said Mikkelsen. "We've been working so hard in practice all week, and coach is not taking it easy on us at all. We've done the hardest drills, but its totally paid off. I

think tonight we had no idea of losing. We came here to win, and it definitely showed when we stepped on the court."

Saints take the court again on Friday, November 1 at Montana State-Northern.



Photo courtesy of Gary Marshall
Ayla Carpenter digs a hit.



Photo courtesy of Gary Marshall
Ali Williams sets up a kill.



Photo courtesy of Gary Marshall
Madi Quick gets a pancake.

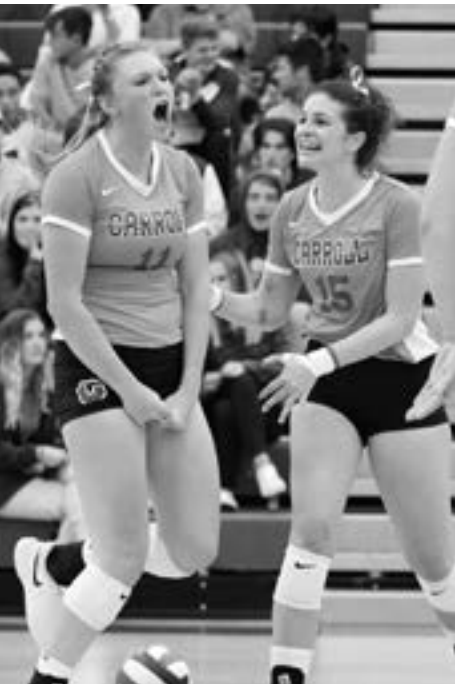


Photo courtesy of Gary Marshall
Taelyr Krantz and Sophia Spoja celebrate after a point.

Carroll women's soccer falls 1-0 to Rocky Mountain

Carroll Athletics

The Carroll College women's soccer team (8-6-2, 4-5-1 in Cascade Collegiate Conference) had their four-game winning streak ended on Sunday, losing to Rocky Mountain College 1-0 on Sunday at Nelson Stadium.

The lone score of the game belonged to Rocky's (10-3-1, 7-2-1 in CCC) Tiara Duford. The goal came off of a corner kick that bounced around the box and off of the crossbar before finding the net. Rocky outshot Carroll on the day 14-8, applying offensive pressure the majority of the game.

Carroll's Head Coach Dave Thorvilson

said "we always tend to have close, physical matches with Rocky. I thought it could be anyone's game for 90 minutes, and it came down to a little mistake we made on the corner kick that allowed them to score."

The Fighting Saints have one remaining regular season game, a matchup against the University of Providence scheduled

for a 1:30 p.m. start time next Saturday, November 2 at Nelson Stadium. The game will be senior day for the women's and men's soccer programs.

Carroll looks to improve their conference ranking, currently seventh, with hopes of continuing their season into the conference tournament.

Cross-country runs races in Billings and Great Falls

Emma Lambert

Staff Writer

Carroll's men and women's cross country teams competed in Dillon, Montana where they placed first and second respectively overall on Friday, October 18.

"We are excited about the progress we made at Dillon," said coach Shannon Flynn. "The windy conditions required strategic running, and we executed our race plan which was great to see. Despite the weather, multiple runners had their best times of the season which bodes well for Conference."

For the men's race, sophomore Spencer Swaim from Spokane, Washington placed first overall and for Carroll with a time of 26 minutes and 39.6 seconds.

Second for Carroll and seventh overall was Jesse McMurtrey, a freshman from Helena with a time of 27:28.3.

With back-to-back finishes were sophomore Noah Majerus from Lewiston, Montana and senior John Cooney from Spokane, Washington with times of 27:44.8 and 27:54.2, respectively.

"The conditions weren't ideal but we stuck together and raced smart which paid off in the end," said Majerus. "If we keep that momentum going into conference I think we can surprise some people."

Freshman Joe O'Sullivan from Olympia, Washington ran a time of 28:54.2, putting him in 20th place overall.

Wrapping the race up for Carroll was Alex Olmes, a junior from Vallejo, California with a time of 30:41.2 in 27th place and Anthony Langton, a freshman from Portland, Oregon with a time of 33:33.2



Photo courtesy of Emma Lambert
Jesse McMurtrey and John Cooney close in on Rocky runners.

in 33rd place.

"Despite having some adversity with wind, high elevation, lack of conference competition and a slow start to the race, we had some great performances," said Taylor Leistiko, a sophomore from Missoula. "There were multiple lifetime and season personal bests and we now have our top five running sub-20 [minutes]. We're happy and looking toward conference with high hopes and expectations."

For the women's team, freshman Reghan Worley from Evanston, Wyoming finished first for Carroll and second overall with a time of 18:50.9.

Junior Elly Machado from Castleford, Idaho placed 8th overall with a finishing time of 19:34.5, and placing right

after was freshman Natalie Yocum from Frenchtown, Montana with a time of 19:35.9.

Fourth place for the team and 11th overall was Kendyl Pierson, a junior from Livingston, Montana with a time of 19:40.00.

Placing 15th overall was freshman Katelyn McKay from Helena with a time of 19:55.1, followed by freshman Peyton Lipp from Billings in 25th with a time of 21:21.5.

Next for the team was Leistiko with a time of 21:43.9 in 27th place.

Wrapping up the women's team was freshman Traci Johnston from Three Forks, Montana in 37th place with a time of 23:14.1.



Photo courtesy of Emma Lambert
Natalie Yocum, Kendyl Pierson, and Elly Machado demonstrate strength in numbers.

"Our goal has been to be our best and fastest at the end of the season," said Flynn. "The individual and team successes over the past few weeks indicate that we have a good chance of meeting that goal. I'm optimistic that if we approach Conference with focus and confidence and that if we run hard and compete in the race, we'll have success and hopefully send a large group of athletes to Nationals."

The Saints compete at the Frontier Conference Championship in Billings on Friday, November 8 to see who moves on the National Championship.

Campus events

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
NOVEMBER 2019					1	2
					5:30 p.m. Founders Gala	Noon Football @ MSU Northern 1:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Rocky Mountain 3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Providence
3 8 p.m. Sunday Night Mass	4 Selection of spring classes Carroll Theatre Alumni Week 11 a.m. Flu Shot Spot 12:15 p.m. Study Abroad: Oxford and Cambridge	5 Selection of spring classes Carroll Theatre Alumni Week 8:30 p.m. Cor & Via Formation Groups	6 Selection of spring classes Carroll Theatre Alumni Week Literary Festival 6 p.m. Poems on Many Tongues 7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Montana Tech 7 p.m. Congressman Gianforte: Developing MT Entrepreneurs	7 Selection of spring classes Carroll Theatre Alumni Week Literary Festival 12:30 p.m. Pharmacy at the U of Montana 7 p.m. Flipping Fun Park-Indoor Trampoline Night	8 Selection of spring classes Carroll Theatre Alumni Week Literary Festival 7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Lewis-Clark State 8 p.m. CAMP AMP Mini Film Fest	9 12 p.m. Football vs. Montana Tech
10 8 p.m. Sunday Night Mass	11 7 p.m. Foreign Film: Summer 1993	12 5:30 p.m. Mental Health & Exercise @ the HAC 7 p.m. Lecture: Racial Discrimination in Helping 8:30 p.m. Cor & Via Formation Groups	13 7:30 p.m. Theatre: She Persisted	14 7:30 p.m. Theatre: She Persisted	15 Fall Search Admission Open House 7 p.m. CSA Movie Night 7:30 p.m. Theatre: She Persisted	16 Fall Search 1 p.m. Football @ Eastern Oregon 7:30 p.m. Theatre: She Persisted
17 Fall Search 8 p.m. Sunday Night Mass	18	19 Last Day to Withdraw 7:30 p.m. Theatre: Believe Me Xantippe 8:30 p.m. Cor & Via Formation Groups	20 6 p.m. Gobble Gobble Bingo	21	22 7 p.m. CSA Night at Broadwater	23 8:30 a.m. Service Saturday
24 8 p.m. Sunday Night Mass	25 2:15 p.m. International Health Field Shadowing	26 8:30 p.m. Cor & Via Formation Groups	27 Thanksgiving Break	28 Thanksgiving Break	29	30

Update from Associated Students of Carroll College

Emma Nylin
ASCC President

Hey Saints!
I hope you all have had a great fall so far! ASCC has been pretty busy this semester!

Sexual Assault Prevention
On October 23, ASCC Task Force “Sexual Assault Prevention” held an event in the upper cube. This event consisted of resources for survivors and anyone who wants to help with this cause, teal sexual assault awareness ribbons, and materials for what everyone’s role is in preventing sexual assault. Thank you for stopping by and engaging in conversation about this incredibly important topic. We hope you were all able to stop by, but if not and you want more information or resources please reach out to someone on ASCC! If you or someone you know needs help with a sexual violence issue, the 24 hour

Friendship Center number is: 406-442-6800.

Halloween
ASCC, CSA, Residential Living, and Sodexo are all putting on a Halloween party October 31 in the lower cube! From October 30 (starting at dinner time) to November 2 (through breakfast), the STAC will be closed due to the Founder’s Gala, so all students with meal plans will be eating their meals in the downstairs cube. During dinner in the lower cube on October 31, we will have a costume contest, pumpkin carving contest, music, candy and more! Come get dinner and have fun with all these student organizations putting on this event!

Can the Diggers
The week of November 9, when our Fighting Saints football team plays Montana Tech, we will be hosting a food drive competition against Tech. November

4- November 8, we will be in the CUBE collecting canned foods, and money donations for the Helena Food Bank. While we are doing this here in Helena, Tech will also be doing this in Butte. Our goal is to collect more canned food items and money than Tech. On the day of the game (November 9), we will also have Carroll buckets placed throughout the tailgate to drop off food cans in. During halftime, we will be competing with Tech in a challenge and the losing team will get pied by the winning team. The winning school of the food drive will be announced at the half, as well as the trophy pass off. Come and support the Helena Community as we Can the Diggers, not only in football but in community service. If you have any questions, please contact Krysten Abboud at kabboud@carroll.edu.

Thanks for a great year so far Saints! My email is enylin@carroll.edu if you have questions, comments or concerns!

Message from CSA

Hi there Saints!
This next month Carroll Student Activities is putting on some fun (and free) events for students!
Thursday, November 7, 7-9 p.m.
CSA Night at Flipping Family Fun Trampoline Park
Saturday, November 9:
Tailgate with CSA. Grab a bite to eat before the final home game of the season against Montana Tech.
Wednesday, November 20, 6-8 p.m.
Join us for Goble Gobble Bingo in the Upper Cube!
Friday, November 22, 7-10 pm.
CSA Night at Broadwater
Want to be involved with planning events on campus or have any ideas of what you want to see at Carroll? Come to our meetings 7 p.m. every Sunday in the ASCC/CSA office in the Upper Cube.

Students enjoy the night at Chi Alpha barn dance

Raymond Shipman
Staff Writer

On Saturday, October 19, Carroll College students among others, enjoyed a night of live music, dancing, pumpkin pie, and fellowship at the annual Helena Chi Alpha Barn Dance at the Kleffner Ranch outside of East Helena.
“I went to the barn dance because it seemed like a fun time,” said Daniel Hirshorn, a freshman anthrozoology major from West Harrison, New York. “I am from an area where swing dancing is not popular, and there are definitely no barn dances near me. Swing dancing is an activity I’ve really taken a liking to, so it was fun to have an organized event in which I could dance with my friends. Overall, I was impressed with the turnout.”
The Barn Dance has been held for several years now.
“The Barn Dance tradition began in 2007,” said Haylee Petrusha, director of Helena Chi Alpha. “That was the first year we shoveled manure and mud out of the basement of the barn.”
Since 2007, Helena Chi Alpha has maintained a strong relationship with Denis and Stacy Young, the owners of the Kleffner Ranch.
Attendance ranged between 300 and 400 students, though several came from neighboring schools including The University of Montana Tech and Montana State University.
“I learned some new moves and was able to replicate them pretty quickly, which was surprising,” said Hirshorn. “I asked a friend to film me and a friend dancing, and I put it into my family group chat. According to my mom, it was the



Students socialize during the dance.

Photo courtesy of Kelly Armstrong

‘most exciting thing in the group chat in a long time’ and everybody watched it multiple times.”
Carroll students enjoyed an interesting juxtaposition with the ancient rivalry with Tech. When a Montana Tech student, donned with a green “Digger” hat, won a prize from the raffle, students booted, but within two minutes he was dancing with a Fighting Saint and both were smiling. Other such unifying actions were displayed by most students throughout the night as an aura of goodness was in the air.
“The mission of Chi Alpha is to grow in real relationship with God and others, and the Barn Dance was just that,” said

Jenna Starke, a senior health science and anthrozoology major from Helena, Montana. “I loved seeing such a diverse group of people come together under one roof to dance, laugh, chat, and live in the joy of the Lord. The Barn Dance this year was the best year yet! The barn was more full than I have ever seen it before, from start to finish.”
As the attitude of ministry and rivalry continued, the Barn Dance, as usual, posed an attitude of both with the annual Swing Dance Competition. Twelve teams participated in a close match. Two heats of six partners each were judged by Chi Alpha officials.

After the final round with the top two teams from each heat, partners Shae Bills and Katie Korbuszewski took the title.
“Katie and I were in the final round and there were some pretty stellar dancers doing crazy stunts,” said Shae Bills, a sophomore history and philosophy major from Bozeman, Montana. “I looked at her and said, ‘Hey if we want to win this thing we’re gonna have to do something really flashy. Let’s do the princess dip, but instead of me catching you, you should catch me.’ So we went for it. I leapt into Katie’s arms and the rest is history.”
Yet fun times were not limited to those students who had entered the competition, or even to those on the dance floor.
“There was live music and short introductions to the way Chi Alpha conducts ministry,” said Starke. “I know that through the Barn Dance, there are a few people who were seeking community and have now found it because of this outreach. I was able to relish the relationships I have with people from all facets of campus and appreciate the friendships that are in my life.”
There was much to enjoy other than dancing at the Barn Dance.
“Whether you are an avid swing dancer or prefer to sit on the side and socialize while appreciating the moves of those more talented than you, there is something for everyone,” said Starke. “There are memories to be made and relationships to be formed at the Barn Dance.”
The Barn Dance is an opportunity for the Carroll community to get together and just have fun.
“To anyone who didn’t attend,” said Starke, “I would say this is one of those ‘Carroll experiences’ that you need to be a part of at least once while you are at Carroll. ‘When else are you going to throw on some boots and a flannel for a night and dance the night away in one of the most beautiful barns in Montana?’”
Overall, the Chi Alpha Barn Dance aimed at building relationship between students from different colleges and universities, of different religious denominations, and of different dancing abilities.



Photo courtesy of Kelly Armstrong
Shae Bills and Katie Korbuszewski win dance competition.

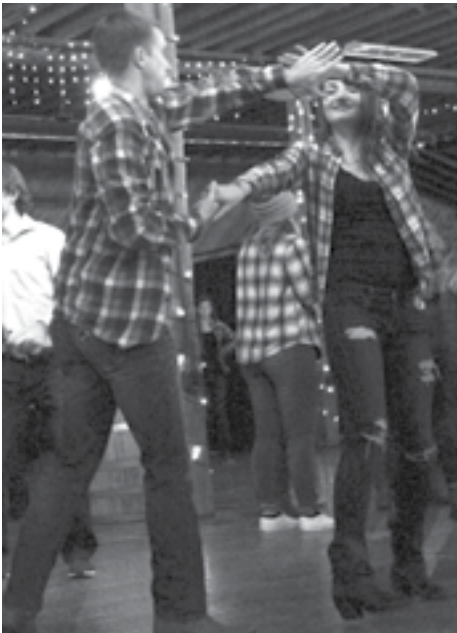


Photo courtesy of Kelly Armstrong
John Cooney and Emma Lambert bust a move.



Photo courtesy of Kelly Armstrong
Tayten Lizama and Sabrina Crooks compete in competition.



Photo courtesy of Kelly Armstrong
Maija Hadwin and Kendall Rogers practice for their wedding dance.

The Carroll Chronicle

A look back from 1968

Editor, The Prospector:
It's Saturday night at the Catacombs. Primitive rhythmic beats filter out of the dimly lit dance hall. There are approximately 300 students present for one of the famous Carroll College "stand-ins." About half of these students are of the female sex. Their carefully groomed figures are poised against the walls as they gracefully shift from one foot to the other. The other half of the students are of the male sex. They slouch, their hands in their pockets, in front of these girls. Occasionally there is a rare combination of both species dancing in the middle of the room.
While viewing this scene a few questions come to mind:
1. Is Carroll really co-ed?
2. Why is it that Carroll boys will pay one whole dollar to stand around at a dance?
3. Do Carroll girls want varicose veins all that badly?
4. Are Carroll boys afraid that one dance will lead them to the altar?
5. Would it help if the Catacombs had sufficient lighting so that the boys could tell themselves from the girls?
How about it guys?
Signed,
Some Interested Observers

“The best part of the night for me was seeing the neat retreat opportunities Chi Alpha provides as well as meeting new people from different perspectives,” said Reed Allen, a junior history major from Spring Creek, Nevada.
The annual Barn Dance is one of those opportunities to grow in relationship with God, others, and self.
“Through this community, my relationship with God was rekindled,” said Starke. “I learned how to seek Him daily, experiencing peace and joy along the way, and I found purpose for my life as I discern His will. If there is anyone out there interested in getting more involved in this type of community, whether it be in Chi Alpha, Campus Ministry, or any of the sort, do it. God desires relationship with each of us, and community is a great way to grow in that together.”
As Director of Chi Alpha, Petrusha explained more details about the organization. “Chi Alpha is a movement of students across the nation and we are on over 300 campuses,” said Petrusha, “Chi Alpha stands for the Greek letters coming from ‘Christ Ambassadors’ which comes from 2 Corinthians 5:20 ‘We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors as though he were making an appeal through us, we implore you on Christ’s behalf to be reconciled to God.’”
“Personally, I enjoy seeing everyone smiling and making a great memory,” Petrusha continued, “I love that this event requires only that you be yourself and all have a great time. It’s also fun to see everyone get out on that dance floor, even if they have never tried before. The beautiful setting makes for a great atmosphere. As a Carroll Alumni, I learned swing dancing in Quad Lounge. It’s a part of our culture, a part of our tradition. Getting to see all having a great time doing something in a place with so much Montana history is such a gift!”



Blessing of the Animals

Megan McCormick

Staff Writer

Friday, October 4, Carroll celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, with the annual Blessing of the Animals.

Carroll creates a unique opportunity for the community as a whole by tying faith in with different thing that students find important.

The anthrozoology program and the abundance of animals on campus is one of the things that makes Carroll so special, so it is no surprise that there was a great deal of animals at the blessing.

The grass area by the Sladich Fountain in front of the cube was filled with anthrozoology dogs along with a handful of pets.

People brought their animals to be blessed for a variety of reasons.

Bridgette Hughes, a senior psychology major from Gig Harbor, Washington, brought her dog to the blessing not only for the fun exposure, but for her dog to engage in a social setting.

“It is a great experience for my dog to meet other dogs,” said Hughes. “It was a fun exposure opportunity.”

The animals present for the blessing were able to meet new faces. No only other animals, but when dogs and pets gather outside the cube, every student who walks by feels a desire to go over and pet all the good boys and girls.

“I feel it was important to bring Cartwright to the blessing of the animals because it is always good to get him out of his room and into nature and getting him blessed by a priest was an added bonus,” said Jaymin Bernhardt, a senior communications major from Beaverton, Oregon. “Cartwright has also always been pretty good around dogs and to further advance his ability to be around dogs, taking him to an event where there's a lot of dogs is really beneficial for him.”

Something that makes the Blessing of the Animals so special is that all animals are encouraged to partake in the event no matter how small.

Delaney Lester, a senior anthrozoology major from Omak, Washington, brought her dorm room fish to the blessing.

“I bought some fish a little bit ago, but they didn't live very long,” said Lester. “I brought my zebra danio fish to get blessed

because I wanted them to live longer than four days.”

The connection between humans and animals is special, from emotional support companionship all the way to professional relationships through anthrozoology training.

“The bond between animals and humans is so unique and it is such a cool part of campus,” said Hughes.

Bernhardt has a more emotional connection with his cat and the bond they share is unmatched.

“I was born in Romania and was in an orphanage for two years before being adopted and brought to America. I wasn't held as a baby so in effect, I have had to rock myself to sleep every night to this day,” said Bernhardt. “When I got Cartwright, he calmed me down enough that I don't have to rock myself to sleep nearly as much anymore which is nothing short of a miracle. No pill could've done that except for the love of an animal.”

Even if the animals don't realize the impact they are having on their humans, the human-animal connection is something that is cherished.

The animals were all so well behaved and the blessing went smoothly. Father Marc was able to bless all the animals present.

“The cats and dogs were great, and the fish were even better,” said the Rev. Marc Lenneman.



Photo courtesy of Jeff Wald
Anna Wurzer and her pup pose for a picture.



Photo courtesy of Jeff Wald
Monica Houser and her ANZ dog are excited for their blessing.



Photo courtesy of Jeff Wald
Madeline Gillard and dog Rula chat with the Rev. Marc Lenneman.



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Bridgette Hughes and her dog smile after the blessing.



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Joyce Lui and Jaymin Bernhardt pose with his cat, Cartwright.



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Carroll students and beloved pets pose for group photo.