

## First MLA Leadership Institute at St. Kate's

By Carol Johnson, Director, Library

This year, in honor of the College of St. Catherine's centennial and all of our many library science graduates, the College of St. Catherine Libraries and the Master's of Library and Information Science Program co-sponsored the MLA Leadership Institute. This was a collaborative effort with the Minnesota Library Association, the Minnesota Library Foundation, and the State Library. The first Leadership Institute was held at St. Kate's March 29-31. It provided 25 library staff with an opportunity to come together to learn about challenges and opportunities within the library community and to develop and build leadership skills for the future.

Participants in the Institute will continue leadership development activities and their 18-month commitment will end with the MLA Conference in 2006. Additional activities will be organized to provide communication and networking opportunities during this time.



### Library Leaders in the 21st Century

#### Characteristics

- Global Thinking
- Cooperativeness
- Political Thinking
- Strategic Thinking
- Competitiveness
- Continuous Learning
- Flexibility
- Intellectual Curiosity
- Ability to Multi-Task
- Sense of Humor
- Resiliency

#### Skills

- Communication
- Teaching
- Customer Service
- Technology
- Stress Management
- Advocacy
- Conflict Management



## College Celebrates Centennial:

### Archives is a popular place

By Anika Fajardo, Reference Librarian

Sister Margery Smith, the College Archivist, reports that the College Archives has been a busy place this year with the College of St. Catherine celebrating its Centennial. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni have used the Archives to study the College's past.

Researchers looked through historical copies of *La Concha* and *Etos*, the College's yearbook; *Ariston*, the annual literary and art magazine; *The Wheel*, the College newspaper; and old College Catalogues. The Archives' rich photograph collections have also been featured in Centennial celebrations around campus and in cyberspace. Visit the Centennial homepage (<http://www.stkate.edu/centennial/>) to see photos of the College, past and present. Look for the Alumnae Association's displays around campus containing artifacts, letters, and other items that highlight the history of the College.

Located on the Lower Level of the Library, the College Archives stores and preserves documents pertaining to the history of the College. It includes: administrative and departmental reports; college, student and alumnae publications; faculty theses, dissertations, books and compositions; and published materials about faculty and administrators. Also found in the Archives is a large collection of photographs reflecting campus life, personalities and activities. These wonderful documents give us a picture of life at St. Kate's over the past one hundred years.

Questions regarding the Archives may be directed to **Sister Margery Smith** at (651) 690-6553 or visit [www.stkate.edu/library/spcoll](http://www.stkate.edu/library/spcoll)



## Ask a (Minneapolis) Librarian

By Christine Dent, Librarian and Circulation Supervisor, Minneapolis Campus

**Q:**

How do I find a nursing research article about diabetes written by an RN?

**A:**

Your best bet for finding nursing research is to use the database **CINAHL (Ovid)** and search for "diabetes." A search on diabetes brings up 7570 results - way too many to go through!

Now you need to set some limits. Click on the Limit button above the search history box. First you need to limit your search to "research" by checking the box. You also need to limit your search to nursing articles. Use the box labeled "journal subsets" and scroll down to click on "Core Nursing Journals." Click on the Limit Search button. Your results have dropped from 7570 to 81—much more manageable.

How do you know if one of these articles was written by an RN? Well, that's the tricky part...you need to look at the article itself to determine the author's accreditation. Check out the information about the authors (this is often near the top or start of an article) and look at the first author. Hopefully his or her name will be followed by "RN." If not, you have to keep looking.

Whew! Remember... you can always ask a librarian if you get stuck on this or any question.

### Ask a Librarian

#### In Minneapolis:

Contact

Christy Dent 651-690-7898

Cindy Stromgren 651-690-7780

or swing by the Circulation Desk and ask to speak with a librarian.

#### In St. Paul:

Call 651-690-6652 to speak with a librarian or stop by the reference desk.



## NEWS from the Masters of Library & Information Science Program

By Mary Wagner, Director, MLIS

### Accreditation

In January 2005 the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association extended accreditation of its Dominican MLIS program until Fall 2008.

**Great News!** In April 2005 the College of St. Catherine was approved for pre-candidacy for its own MLIS program.

### Student Accomplishments

Two MLIS students, Erik Moore and Jenny Bruenger, will be presenting at national conferences this spring and summer. Erik has a paper accepted for presentation and publication by the Society of American Archivists and Jenny presented a paper at the spring conference of the American College and Research Libraries Association. Professor Helen Humeston will address a Forum on Libraries and the Patriot Act.

### Student Associations

A student chapter of the Progressive Librarians Guild formed recently and sponsored a presentation and discussion with Sanford Berman and Chris Dodge on progressive librarianship, professional ethics, and social justice. The student chapter of the Special Libraries Association continues sponsoring get-togethers and tours of area libraries. In February the group visited the Target Corporation Library and in March visited the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library.

### Alumni News

Alumnae Kristine Spanier and Deb Rash had an article published in the February issue of *Information Outlook*, the journal of the Special Library Association.



## Conference Held in the Twin Cities

By Anika Fajardo and Deborah Kloiber, Reference Librarians

Hordes of academic and research library professionals descended upon the Twin Cities as the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) held its 12th national conference in Minneapolis this year. The conference explored the many issues, major challenges and opportunities facing academic and research librarianship. The biennial ACRL conference is the only conference dedicated to the needs of the academic library community.

The College of St. Catherine Learning Commons was well represented on the presentation side of the conference as well as the attendance side. Deborah Kloiber (Library), Cyndy Krey (Academic Computing), and Jenny Bruenger (MLIS student), along with Psychology professor David Schmit conducted a panel session on "Re-Imaging Learning: A Campus-wide Digitization Project." The session discussed the Digital ImageBase featured in the Spring 2004 issue of this newsletter. In addition, Jenny Bruenger was one of two Student Paper Award recipients. Her paper, entitled "The Young and the Paperless: Electronic Information Technologies and English Graduate Students," offers insight into contemporary trends in the information-seeking behavior among the younger generation of humanities scholars.



## The O'Neill Center: Celebrating Sr. Sarah O'Neill

By Sr. Joan Kain and  
Thelma Obah, Director, O'Neill Center

On April 22nd the O'Neill Center for Academic Development celebrated 20 years since its dedication and naming in honor of Sr. Sarah O'Neill.

The O'Neill Center for Academic Development (ONC) is a many faceted resource at CSC, and for over two decades has shared the College's commitment to moral values and social justice issues in educating women in the liberal arts and in professional programs. Sarah O'Neill, its third director from 1980 to 1984, nurtured the ONC's liberal arts spirit through her emphasis on the foundational importance of language.

Sister Sarah's interests in education were broad and the Center reflects this creativity. During her directorship the O'Neill Center grew from a writing center with a reading component to include a math center and, later, a program to accommodate students with differing abilities. Supplemental instruction was developed as an outreach program focusing on classes perceived as challenging – usually in the science field. Today the O'Neill Center continues to provide academic support in all these areas and others including study skills, English as a second language, and testing accommodations.

The philosophy of the Center reflects Sarah's positive and personal acceptance of all students whatever their needs:

*The greatest good we can do for others  
Is not just to share our riches with them  
But to reveal their riches to themselves.*  
~Anon.

## Twin Cities School Media Specialists Hold Annual Discussion at St. Kate's Library

By Jim Newsome, Head of Library Public Services

The St. Paul campus library recently hosted the Twin Cities Area Independent School Media Specialists for their annual issue discussion meeting. The group includes librarians from a variety of institutions, including Catholic high schools and notable college prep schools. The topic of discussion was: *What should high school librarians do to help prepare students for doing college level library research?*

Librarians from St. Thomas, Macalester, and St. Kate's were invited to talk about what they would like incoming students to know about library research. The consensus of the college librarians was that Google and the Web are impacting students. The first recommendation was to wean high school students off the idea that everything is on Google. This is becoming a real problem, even at the high-end prep schools, according to the school media specialists. "Teach them to evaluate Web sources before they get to college" was a second recommendation of the college librarians. They also advocated other skills including learning how to use online book catalogs and journal databases and how to create a search strategy.

In addition, the group of media specialists was urged to attempt something which has become difficult at the college library level: to instill a joy of reading in addition to the pleasures of doing the detective work and synthesis required for library research. A grounding in the love of reading, whether off the pages of a book or the screen of a computer, is essential for developing full human potential and inspiring the imagination and creativity necessary in our constantly changing twenty-first century world.

The group was also given a tour of the library, archives, and special collections here at the St. Paul campus library. The Independent School Media Specialists in the Twin Cities are an articulate and dedicated group who deserve the wholehearted support and appreciation of academia as they train our students of tomorrow.



## Friends of the Libraries

By Adam Marsnik, President

The Friends of the Library annual thank you event was held Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and the group had much to be thankful for! The Friends raised \$35,000 since June 2004 and 497 books were purchased with Friends funding. The June Smith Endowment for Multicultural Materials reached the \$25,000 level required for endowment status, due in part to generous donations by June Smith and the estate of Mary Conley. This event was marked by an official signing of endowment papers by Friends Board President Adam Marsnik, June Smith, and Gretchen Wronka, Mary Conley's cousin. Thank you Mary, June, and all the Friends who helped us reach our goal. The main attraction of the evening was CSC English professor and author Cecilia Konchar Farr who read from, discussed, and answered questions about her book, **Reading Oprah: How Oprah's Book Club Changed the Way America Reads**. As always, the event ended with fabulous door prizes. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> annual gala event this fall.

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### ***The Learning Commons Newsletter***

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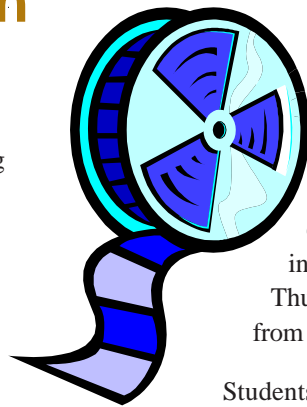
The Newsletter is published once every semester, in the Fall and in the Spring.

## **Media Services Supports the Silver Screen**

By John Lange, Media Manager

Did you know that shooting and editing video is becoming popular among St. Kate's students for class projects, extracurricular activities, and other uses? Media Services now has a small video studio and two video editing rooms in the Coeur de Catherine, in rooms 010, 011, and 012 adjacent to the atrium on the ground floor .

All three rooms are being used this semester by students in Bill Kruse's Filmmaking III class. Eight students have already shot and edited their documentary video projects and, after more scripting and shooting, the narrative videos will be completed. The students shoot on MiniDV camcorders and edit on one of the four eMac computers.



The final projects for the class will be shown in room 010 on Thursday, May 12th from 5 - 7 pm.

Students also used the rooms to prepare film for the International Potluck on April 16th. A student from Abu Dhabi borrowed our digital camcorder to shoot a short video about marriage in her culture. A Cambodian student shot a video as part of a play she presented at the Potluck.

As part of the St. Catherine Centennial celebration we are videotaping selected alumnae from past graduating classes.

This video/oral history project will be assembled as an archive of thoughts and remembrances of the College.

Current students, faculty, and staff interested in video projects can sign up to borrow a camcorder, lights, tripod, and microphones on 24-hour loan by calling Ann Piotrowski (ext. 6658) or John Lange (ext. 6643) in Media Services. Angela Stevermer in the Instructional Technology Resource Center (ext. 6623) can provide video editing instruction.