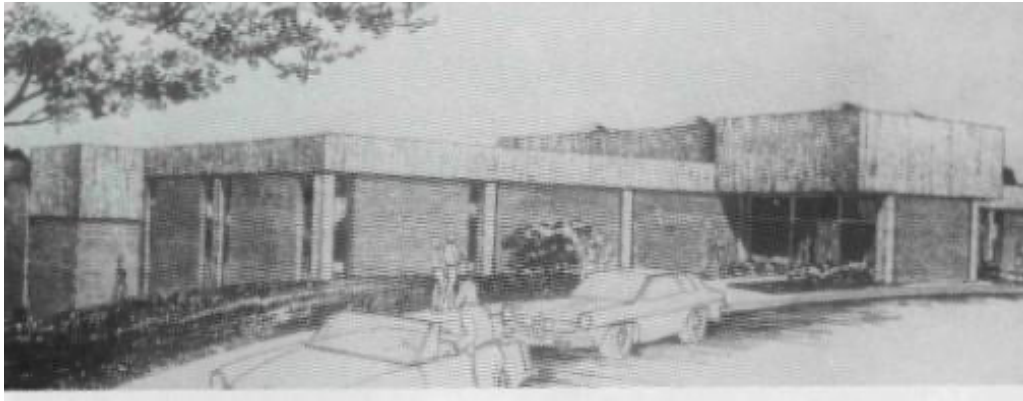




Carroll College

History of the Library



Artist rendering of the library building in 1976



Groundbreaking of the library building in 1976

The original library building was built in 1977. From 2011-2014 renovations were made to include technology-enhanced classrooms. The lower level renovations were made in 2018-2019 to include study rooms, archive space, a writing center and communications lab, a lightboard studio recording room, and a makerspace lab. The main-level renovations were completed in February 2024.

J.E. Corette

Jack was born in Butte in 1908, and attended the University of Montana and the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, where he graduated in 1930 with an LL.B. and Juris Doctorate. He began his legal career with the firm of Murphy and Whitlock in Missoula.

In 1932, Jack married Elsie Pauly. Elsie Pauly Corette was born in 1907 to Peter and Mary Pauly of Deer Lodge. Peter was a co-founder of the Williams and Pauly Ranch, which by the early 1950s stretched from east of Drummond to near the top of McDonald Pass.

Elsie earned her Bachelor's degree from Trinity College in 1929 and studied for her Master's degree in English from both UCLA and the University of Montana.

In 1934, Jack and his father formed the law firm Corette and Corette, in Butte, and Jack became counsel for the Montana Power Company.

Following Elsie's death in 1971, Jack and his children Joan Corette Hanley, J.E. "Shaun" Corette III, William Pauly Corette, and Diane Corette Simperman created the Elsie Corette Memorial Scholarship for Carroll students planning to attend medical school.

In 1972, Jack married Sarahjane "Sallie" Murphy Sheridan Corette. Sallie was born in Anaconda in 1918. She attended the University of Montana and worked as a secretary at the University for several years. In 1941 she married Leslie M. Sheridan of Butte, and they had five sons, Jim, Dan, Bill, David, and Brian. In 1971, Les and Dan were killed when their LearJet, which they were piloting and co-piloting, crashed near Butte.

Jack Corette's distinguished career included over three decades as CEO of the Montana Power Company and its subsidiaries. He also served on the board of directors for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, was a director and Advisory Council Member for the Stanford Research Institute, and held board positions with both the Northern Pacific Railway and Burlington Northern Railway. Additionally, he was a director for First Bank System – Minneapolis. From 1976 to 1984, he was a member of Carroll College's Board of Trustees.

Jack's autobiography, *Exceptional Man, Exceptional Times* is available in the Carroll archives.

Roy and Frances Simperman

Roy Simperman was an entrepreneur and lifelong supporter of educational access.

A Carroll College graduate of the class of 1962, Simperman paid his way through school, graduating nearly debt-free by working as a truck driver in the summers and a rock and jazz musician on weekends. He majored in math and minored in physics, history, English, and philosophy, completing five years of work in just four years, and graduating cum laude. He pursued a master's degree in physics at the University of Nebraska before attending the University of Washington, where he later earned an MBA in finance and economics.

In 1965, Roy married Diane Corette (1943-2000), daughter of Jack and Elsie Corette. The couple moved to Seattle, where Simperman went to work for Boeing, coding and calculating trajectories for NASA lunar orbiter computer simulations, creating software for NASA mission navigation and guidance control, and working on a fusing system for a nuclear warhead in a missile. He later worked at Weyerhaeuser Timber, where he designed and developed a computer simulation to model the forestry program—from genetics to timber harvest—enhancing the company's profitability.

In 1985, he purchased Audio Control, a manufacturer of equalizers and signal processors for audiophiles. He also bought a stock photography company which sold photos online before the Internet was widely known. Simperman's work at the stock photo company led to the creation of his company, Semaphore, in 1994.

Following Diane's death in 2000, Roy served as the family manager for the Elsie P. Corette Scholarship.

In 2001, Simperman began dating Frances Rogers, owner of Image East and Printex Press, a successful printing business in Seattle. She and Roy co-designed their home in Hawaii and married in 2004.

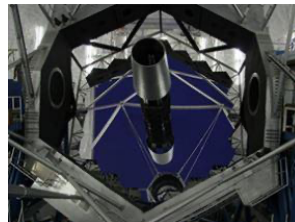
Having achieved his own goals, and recognizing the importance of education in creating a rewarding and impactful life, Simperman has dedicated time and funding to helping others achieve their educational goals.

In 2009, Roy and Frances created the Simperman Math and Science Scholarships at Carroll College, later expanded to include nursing. Over the years, the Simperman and Corette Scholarships have provided **over \$2.8 million dollars** in scholarships to over 332 deserving students.

The Simpermans were also instrumental in helping fund lab equipment in the sciences, the nursing simulation center, and other health-related programs. The William Lannan Endowed Chair in Physics was made possible by the Simpermans. Additionally, Roy's generosity enabled the construction of Simperman Hall, the science building on the southeast end of the campus.

In 2008, Mr. Simperman was awarded the Carroll College Insignis Award, the highest honor bestowed by Carroll College. He was recognized as being a servant leader who achieved success in his life and translated it into a legacy of generosity to Carroll College and to those in need.

Carroll's Partnership with the W. M. Keck Observatory



Roy and Frances Simperman were instrumental in creating a partnership between Carroll's Data Science Program and the W.M. Keck Observatory on the Big Island of Hawaii. Thanks to their generosity, Carroll is the only undergraduate institution in the nation to have developed a post-graduate paid fellowship with the Keck Observatory, which houses the world's largest optical and infrared telescopes.

The W.M. Keck Observatory telescopes are among the most scientifically productive on Earth. The two 10-meter optical/infrared telescopes atop Mauna Kea on the island of Hawaii feature a suite of advanced instruments including imagers, multi-object spectrographs, high-resolution spectrographs, integral-field spectrometers, and world-leading laser guide star adaptive optics systems.

Each telescope weighs 300 tons and operates with nanometer precision.



John E. (Shaun) Corette, III (1936-2017)

Shaun served on the Carroll College Board of Trustees from 2007-2015, chaired the Investment Committee, and joined the Board Fellows in August 2015. He and his wife Mary Ann were very generous benefactors to the college over the years providing for student scholarships and funding for several significant projects in the library named in honor of his parents Jack & Sallie Corette. He had a long and distinguished career in law, retiring from practice in 2011 as a partner at the international law firm DLA Piper US LLP, in Washington, D.C.