

Library Links

Library Director Scottie Cochrane Retires

After 10 years of service to Denison University's William Howard Doane Library, Director Dr. Lynn Scott Cochrane retired on January 28. Cochrane, fondly known as Scottie on the Denison campus, joins her husband, Louis Middleman at their new home in Washington, D.C.

During her years at Denison Scottie has had many accomplishments. She worked to make the building a more inviting, functional and comfortable physical space. But more important is her work to provide direct access to millions of items throughout Ohio for all library users.

During her tenure here she was committed to creating a more diverse workforce for the library. On her watch the library staff wrote the first "Values Statement". She also implemented the Liaison Library model in which the liaison librarians each focus on one of the four academic divisions of the college.

In her announcement to the library staff, Scottie said, "I will truly miss working with all of you - the best group of library staff imaginable, but the time has come."

Mary Prophet, Deputy Director, has been appointed Interim Director.



Deputy Director Mary Prophet, right, gives final "good byes" to Scottie, left, on behalf of the entire library staff.



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From the Archives

Heather Lyle, University Archivist & Special Collections Librarian

There were few Black students attending Denison then, but by the spring of 1970 they had organized to demand equal opportunities and better treatment on campus.

Like many American universities, Denison became involved in the struggle for civil rights during the later 1960s. There were few Black students attending Denison then, but by the spring of 1970 they had organized to demand equal opportunities and

result was that Rev. Arthur Zebbs became the director of the new Center for Black Studies.



Providing swimming lessons for the children of Blanche.



The Denison Christian Association (DCA) promoted equal rights in a number of ways. Student members were active locally, tutoring in the Newark public schools, volunteering at the orphanage in Newark, and working with the children at Blanche. Located west of Pataskala, Blanche housed low-income families. DCA students tutored there and organized parties for the children, besides providing swimming lessons at Denison's pool.

One DCA member, Newark native Chuck Henry, presented lectures on Black history to students in Newark public schools, and worked on public welfare issues in central Ohio.

DCA also was involved with the Columbus group that recruited marchers for the Poor People's Campaign, which resulted in May 1968 protests in Washington, D.C. Organized by Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the campaign emphasized the need for

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better treatment on campus. Members of the Black Student Union asked Denison administrators and the Board of Trustees to begin recruiting more students, staff and faculty of color. Classes on diversity issues were needed, as well. Numerous students and faculty supported the demands through class boycotts, campus sit-ins and vigils. One

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JAZZMAN'S CAFÉ HOURS

Sunday - Thursday
8:00 PM to Midnight
Friday - Saturday
CLOSED

Smooth, rich, coffee and artful baked goods set the stage at Jazzman's Cafe & Bakery. But that's just for openers! Jazzman's Cafe & Bakery offers a broad food menu that you'll find at no other specialty coffee house. Here you'll find bakery classics, all freshly prepared on site, and affordably priced.

From the Director

An excerpt from my first *Library Links* column dated March 26, 2001:

Hello, I'm Scottie Cochrane, Director of Libraries at Denison since August 1, 2000, and I'm unabashedly delighted to be here. Denison and Ohio are great places to practice librarianship.

First, a story. Even our youngest newsletter readers will probably recall the scene in the perennial Christmas movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," where a despondent James Stewart envisions life in Bedford Falls if he had never existed, especially the shriveled fate of lonely town librarian played by Donna Reed. As she closes the library on a snowy evening, spinster Reed (in wire-rimmed glasses, thin coat and hat, crepe-soled shoes, and a bun at the nape of her neck) is frightened by the ghost of Stewart. This, my friends, is the quintessential stereotype of a librarian. Of course, Stewart did exist, and he saved her from this horrible fate by marrying her and becoming the father of her children.

Folks, if that version of librarianship ever existed, it's long gone. Here at Doane Library I'm surrounded by smart, active professionals in a setting that has to be one of the most dynamic places on campus. As I approach the end of my first academic year at Denison, I'm very proud and grateful to be here, where I can share my professional and personal life with such a group of colleagues. Not one of them hints at the Bedford Falls version of librarians.

All of what I said 10 years ago in that first column is still true. AND, the library staff and I have made Doane Library even more inviting and exciting, while expanding the number, format, and range of information resources and services available to the Denison community, as well as state, national, and international communities.

I'm proud of the work we've done together, and I shall truly miss the daily interactions with my colleagues. It can't be said too often, they are the BEST.

Finally, I hope the Denison community at large will exhibit more often than it does now the honest respect and recognition deserved by all who work in the library (and our colleagues in ITS, Academic Support, Financial Aid, etc.). Discrimination on the basis of profession is no more acceptable than discrimination on the basis of gender, race, or sexual orientation. Genuine recognition costs nothing, and the rewards will be rich.

One of the many benefits of being a Denison retiree is a lifetime e-mail account, so let me hear from you cochrane@denison.edu.



Scottie Cochrane

Featured Microfilm Collection: Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee Papers, 1959 – 1972

Josh Finnell, Humanities Liaison Librarian



The *Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)* was a civil rights organization founded in 1960 by African American students at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. The group pioneered the use of the sit-in as a tactic of nonviolent civil disobedience, and it was instrumental in momentous civil rights events such as Freedom Summer and the founding of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, both in 1964. High-profile leaders of the civil rights movement like the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. initially supported SNCC and shared resources with the young group. But SNCC grew more and more radical in its outlook and eventually broke with King's group, the *Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)*. SNCC leaders believed the tactics of nonviolence and accommodation of whites to be ineffective, and they questioned not only the tactics but also the entire system and institutions of American liberalism.

-Heather Marie Stur "Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee" *Encyclopedia of African American History, 1896 to the Present*. Paul Finkelman, Editor in Chief. Oxford University Press 2009.

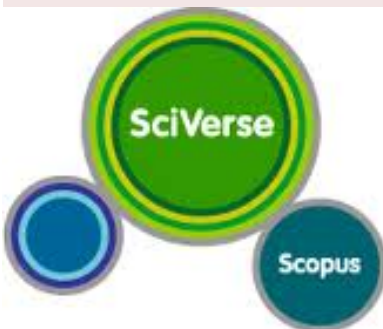
Beginning in the spring of 2011, Denison students now have access to the full archive of SNCC committee papers. The papers provide detailed documentation of the founding of SNCC, the internal workings of the organization, local conditions throughout the South, white resistance to civil rights workers, and SNCC's increasing awareness of international affairs. The Denison Microfilm Collection is located on the first floor of the library.

Scopus

Moriana Garcia, Natural Sciences Liaison Librarian

The Science community at Denison has access to a new database this semester: *Scopus* from Elsevier. *Scopus*, a multidisciplinary citation database, is the main rival of *Web of Science (WS)*. Both were involved in an OhioLINK campus trial at the end of 2009. At the time, OhioLINK decided to continue with WS but recommended *Scopus* as a complementary database; a recommendation that has crystallized in this new 3 year trial access to *Scopus*.

Scopus claims access to more than 41 million records from nearly 18,000 peer-reviewed titles, including many international journals not included in other databases. It was released as a new product in 2004 and includes records going back to the 19th century for some journals. However, only records after 1996 contain cited references. The refinement options in *Scopus* searches are more varied than WS, including web documents and patents, and the citation analysis tools seem easier to navigate. Access to *Scopus* is available through the catalog or the Online Resources page. So, go ahead and give it a trial. In relation to databases, I believe "the more the merrier".



Library Participates in 2011 Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Monday, January 24, the Denison Library staff were once again honored to be part of the extended Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. This is the 6th year that the library has hosted the reception for Denison students, faculty and staff.

During the reception speakers Diane Nash, Bakari Kitwana, and Amy Lazarus Nash held informal discussions with students, faculty and staff.



Students listen as Diane Nash talks informally.



Speaker Bakari Kitwana, Steve Flores '11, Sarah Ray (Library Associate III and member of the MLK Event planning committee) and Brandon Hummons '13



Vanessa Butler '11 (right) with speaker Diane Nash at the Library Reception.

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economic justice in the nation; most of its volunteers were women focused on increasing income and available housing for the nation's poorest citizens.

To further promote civil rights, DCA members traveled to work camps during summers and break periods. The Fayette-Haywood work camp, near Brownsville, Tennessee, was organized by Ohio Quaker activist Virgie Hortenstine. There, Denison students taught in freedom schools, drove bookmobiles, and registered voters, along with other projects to assist the rural black residents. DCA students participated in work camps in Ohio and in other states, as well.

Three Denison students had a photograph taken with Ralph Abernathy, Jesse Jackson and Martin Luther King, Jr., during the Memphis sanitation workers' strike. The students were privileged to hear Dr. King's last speech, "To the Mountaintop," before he was assassinated in the city the next day. The Denison University Archives is fortunate to have the issue of the Fayette-Haywood Newsletter that published the photograph, taken by a noted civil rights photographer.

Be sure to see this newsletter and other related archival materials that are featured in the main floor library exhibition, "The Civil Rights Era and Denison."

Library Diversity Statement

The Library strives to provide an inclusive environment -- a place where community members of all backgrounds feel comfortable working, reading and learning. We are saddened by acts of discrimination and harassment anywhere on campus.

If your library experience is diminished by offensive graffiti or behavior, we want to know immediately. The Library is a large building and we cannot be everywhere all the time; we ask for your help in maintaining a welcoming atmosphere.

December 12, 2007

Staff Notes



Library Associate III Sandy Blaine's daughter Kelly (Blaine) Shafer earned her Master's Degree AYA Integrated Social Studies and received her License to Teach (6-12th grade) from Muskingum University.

Peggy Rector, Assistant to the Director, has two children participating in the Upward basketball program. Peggy's daughter, Molly and granddaughter, Kaylee are both on the same team in the 5 & 6th grade division.



Beverly Gage, Library Associate II in Government Documents, celebrates 5 generations of family. Beverly (Great Grandmother) is in the back. Her daughter, Denise Juillard is the Grandmother. Holding baby Kinsey Reich is Great Great Grandmother Barbara Lewis. Renee Reich, the new mother, is on the right.

2nd Floor Atrium Area Receives Facelift

By Sheryl Pustay

As you walk down the main staircase to the second floor you will see lots of changes. Over the winter break new carpeting was added and the existing furniture was rearranged. A browsing nook was created for the current magazines and newspapers. The collection includes popular magazine titles, as well as academic journals.

The recent rearrangement of furniture in this area was designed to utilize as much natural light as

possible. Three white board tables for group work, plus couches and comfortable chairs remain. Tables and desks of various sizes complete the area. Future plans include moving the video collection to shelves in the atrium area. Students will then be able to browse and easily find titles of videos they wish to view. In addition, there is a new cart of New York Times best sellers for browsing and checking out. More best sellers are found on the main floor near the library exit.

Do you have any suggestions for future improvements to the library environment? Please drop them in the Suggestion Box on the 3rd floor near the Government Documents.

Editor's note: Snack foods are available on the 2nd level in the "Breaking Point" vending room during open hours and at Jazzman's coffee cart (hours are posted).



The browsing Periodicals shelves previously took up most of this space. It is now open to the atrium and provides more seating for group study.



The browsing shelves now create walls for a cozy reading nook at the back of the second floor study area.

