

## Sterling Memorial Library nave restoration reaches half-way point



Last week marked the half-way point of the nave restoration project in Sterling Memorial Library. The sixteen-month project began on June 3, 2013 and is scheduled for completion before the beginning of the fall semester this year. Much has been accomplished on the project so far. Cleaning of all the stone walls and tracery around the windows is now finished; more than half of the decorative windows have been repaired and have been received new exterior protective coverings; and both plaster and wooden ceilings have been fully cleaned and restored. In the coming weeks, work will begin to restore the mural of Alma Mater behind the circulation desk and new heating and cooling units will arrive and be installed. The restoration of the Sterling Memorial Library nave is being funded by a generous gift from Richard Gilder ('54) and his wife, Lois Chiles.

The restoration progress can be seen in a series of photographs on the Library's restoration Flickr site at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/sml-naverestoration/sets/> [1]

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