

THIS ISSUE OF THE IDAHO LAW REVIEW IS DEDICATED TO JAMES R. CARLSON, JR.

"The Riddler," Big Guy, Uncle Jim—these are but a few of the affectionate appellations applied by an applauding and appreciative audience to Jim Carlson, who has served as the Associate Law Librarian for Public Services at the University of Idaho College of Law Library since July, 1988. A lawyer/librarian who truly relishes the practice of both disciplines, Jim has been a font of legal and law-related wisdom, direction and comfort to the anxious first-year law student trying to navigate the nightmarish maze of the law library; the overconfident undergraduate in media law just beginning his research on First Amendment issues for a seven-page paper due the next morning; the faculty member whose traditional legal research skills do not immediately translate into facility with Lexis or Westlaw; the fledgling law review candidate or seminar student in search of a "hot topic" for her comment or research paper; the Board of Student Advocates member in need of software advice for her final brief; the University staffer researching the status of other constitutionally-created institutions of higher education; the harried practitioner who needs the magical form to file in court within the next half hour; and the farm couple from Genessee trying to find regulations on pesticides.

With ready humor, infinite cheerfulness, a seemingly inexhaustible "bag-of-tricks," and a genuine zest for the intellectual challenges presented by patrons' inquiries, Jim is in his element when advising his constituents on effective approaches to their research problems, and instructing them in the use of appropriate resources. One of Jim's particular talents is to impart to his clients his own infectious enthusiasm for the research quest at hand. An ever-vigilant advocate for all library users, but particularly on behalf of our law students, Jim has an arsenal of creative schemes for improving the College of Law and Law Library environment, resources and services for and to students, many of which have been implemented during his tenure.

Before coming here, Jim served as Head of Public Services at Thormodsgard Law Library, University of North Dakota; as County Attorney for Treasure County, Montana; as a private practitioner in Montana; and as law clerk to Montana Supreme Court Justice John C. Harrison. Regrettably for us, Jim is returning to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where Diana Wells, his wife of eighteen years and a Ph.D. in

Mathematics from Washington State University, has secured a faculty position at the University of North Dakota. Jim departs with our warmest gratitude and best wishes for the future, and leaves an inordinately high standard of performance for his successor.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions and devoted service to the College of Law, the Law Review staff dedicates this issue of the *Idaho Law Review* to Jim Carlson.

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