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Letter from Ed Edmonds

During the next few weeks, four valuable veterans of the Kresge Law Library will be retiring. Mary Cowsert, Jeff Morgan, Patti Ogden, and Barb Ritty have contributed a combined 110 years of dedicated service to our faculty, staff, and students. As Mary, Jeff, Patti, and Barb end their full-time careers at NDLS, I want to acknowledge my gratitude in calling them colleagues for the past six years. They have all exhibited a devotion to our joint enterprise, and they have shared their talents and gifts in so many ways during their years here. All four have forged a legacy of service that will forever be remembered and celebrated. The outpouring of feeling for Mary, Jeff, Patti, and Barb displayed during the reception on March 20 is a testament to their impact amongst us. To say they will be missed is too small and insignificant a gesture towards such wonderful friends and co-workers. We send them forth in peace and enduring love.

-Ed Edmonds

Distraught Over These Departures or the End of Break?

Whether you’re upset that so many familiar faces are leaving the library, bummed that break is over (or that despite working through break you still are not caught up), down because it’s a rainy day, or are actually quite content, but would like a little boost anyway, Happy News is the place for you! An encouraging refuge from the gloom and doom that is a staple of most news sources, Happy News reports only inspiring news. Sometimes, that means feature stories of little global significance like “Man Who Learned to Read at 91 Pens Book at 98” or “Cat Rescues Owner Hours After Adoption.” However, Happy News’ penchant for individual successes does not preclude it from covering national and international events with stories like “Ford to Give Raises to Salaried Workers.”

Congratulations and Bon Voyage! Mary Cowsert (35 years), Barb Ritty (30 years), Jeff Morgan (23 years), and Patti Ogden (not pictured — 22 years) have spent a total of 110 years in the service of Our Lady’s University!

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Farewell to our retirees:  
Barb, Jeff, Mary, & Patti

Barb, Jeff, and Mary have a combined 88 years with the law library! Above, and below left, Jeff models the “Crusty” shirt which Eric McCartney’s wife Nan made for him.

Barb with Laurel Cochrane (above) and with current and former law library directors Ed Edmonds and Roger Jacobs (below).

Above: Mary with Madeline and Claire Gillen, sisters who both work in the law library.