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RECOLLECTIONS OF MARIAN GOULD GALLAGHER

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As I think back over many years of happy association with Marian Gallagher, I find that my memories of her fall into three categories. The earliest concern her role as librarian of the University of Washington Law School Library. In August 1958, after I came to the University of Washington, it became evident that the library support system of the entire University needed special attention. Suzzalo Library was filled to capacity and needed a sizeable expansion. The crowding had encouraged the development of a plethora of small, often poorly-staffed departmental libraries. There was also need for an expanded, professionally-trained library staff to serve a growing faculty and student population.

In 1960, with the appointment of Marion Milczewski as Director of Libraries, a program upgrading the professional qualifications of the library staff was introduced. In conjunction with this program, the Medical School Library, which had previously been placed under the administrative control of the Medical School Dean, was placed under the general supervision of the Director of Libraries.

The Law Library, however, retained its independence. The separate status of law school libraries within universities did become a topic of dispute in the 1960s. On one occasion, for example, I attended a meeting of university presidents in Denver where the separate and independent status of law libraries was a topic of animated and unfriendly discussion. When I explored this topic on my return home to the University of Washington, however, the loyalty of the law school faculty to the Law Library and to Marian's management of the Law Library was evident. Their appreciation of the quality of her operation was tremendous. And while Marian had numerous opportunities to move to other institutions, she too remained loyal to the University of Washington and to the Law Library. It was apparent that this was one of those times that it is best to leave a good thing alone!

I came to respect and appreciate another facet of Marian's service to the University of Washington as I became increasingly well-acquainted with members of the Washington State Legislature, and

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with their respect and appreciation for Marian. Newly-elected members of the House and Senate often had little familiarity with the complex procedures by which state laws are promulgated. For a number of years, Marian Gallagher presented a short course on the legislative process to freshman legislators. She did so with her usual combination of wit and wisdom. Many grateful legislators expressed their appreciation for Marian's helpfulness in introducing them to the legislative process, as well as their sheer enjoyment of her good-humored presentations. Indeed, my exposure to Marian's playful humor in her frequent presentations to a variety of audiences on the University of Washington campus over the years made it obvious why the legislators so appreciated Marian's presentations.

Finally, I think of Marian and her long and intimate friendship with Helen Hoagland who, for many of my years as University president, was my very competent administrative assistant. Both were deeply dedicated to the University. And both were loyal Huskies who enjoyed to the fullest Husky victories. My wife and I enjoyed their company on many occasions. Even in difficult times, Marian and Helen could always lift one's spirits.

Marian's dedication to the law, lawyers, and the Law Library was apparent. But others both within the University and without were also beneficiaries of her good spirits. We too shall miss her.