

ITEM 140-1501-R0708

Professor Emeritus of Psychology: David S. Carter;
Montana Tech of The University of Montana

THAT:

Upon the occasion of the retirement of Professor David S. Carter from the faculty of Montana Tech of The University of Montana, the faculty wishes to express its appreciation for his years of dedicated and valued service to the university, the Department of Professional and Technical Communication, and the State of Montana by recommending that the rank of Professor Emeritus be conferred upon him by the Board of Regents of the Montana University System.

EXPLANATION:

Dave Carter was born in 1946 in Pasadena, California and spent his formative years growing up in San Diego. After graduating from high school, Dave attended two years of college as a Psychology student at the University of California at Riverside before enlisting in the Army in 1966. Once in the Army, he was admitted to Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia and graduated from there in 1967. As a brand new 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry, Dave joined the 11th Light Infantry Brigade in Hawaii and shipped to Vietnam with that unit in December of 1967. Dave spent seven months as a combat infantry platoon leader before losing his right arm in a fire-fight in July 1968. While in Vietnam, Dave earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

After receiving a disability retirement from the army in January of 1969, Dave went back to school in Riverside and graduated from there with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 1972. His next stop was the Master's program in Psychology at California State University, Fullerton where he had the opportunity to teach his first Psychology course. While at Fullerton Dave fell in love both with teaching and a beautiful young co-ed by the name of Gloria Alvarado. In 1975, after receiving his master's degree at Fullerton, Dave married Gloria and started the doctorate program in Psychology at the University of California at Riverside. While at Riverside, Dave and Gloria had two beautiful children, both of whom were to later attend and graduate from Montana Tech. Dave did his dissertation research with Mockingbird song and was again hired by his department to teach. While finishing his dissertation, Dave was hired by the US Forest Service to work as a statistician. His experience at the Forest Service convinced him that teaching was a lot more fun than number crunching and he was hired at Montana Tech in the fall of 1980 to cover most of Tech's Psychology courses.

While at Tech, Dave has taught a wide variety of Psychology and related classes. He has served on numerous committees, received several teaching awards, and has avoided administrative positions like the plague. At Tech, Dave has been an enthusiastic proponent of adopting teaching technology in the classroom. He was the first faculty at Tech to have all of his classes converted to digital format, was one of the first users of Blackboard, and he was the first among Tech faculty to adopt a student digital response system in the classroom.

Outside of school, Dave is an avid hiker, photographer, woodworker, and stamp collector. For the last three years, he has published a calendar featuring photos of Butte headframes.

For these and numerous other contributions, the faculty of the Department of Professional and Technical Communication is pleased to nominate Dr. David S. Carter for the Rank of Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Montana Tech of The University of Montana.