**From the Dean**

**Growing Up**

Welcome to a new class, a new school year, and to a wonderful new home, William H. Gates Hall! Our move to this extraordinary new building is the realization of a long-held and long-awaited dream. It has taken twelve years, three deans and countless numbers of people to get us to this day. Let me begin by thanking everyone for your contributions, patience and most of all, your promise.

Our move also heralds a new dawn of expectations for our school. Now that we have a world class facility, so very many people will look to us to provide a new type of leadership. The opening of this facility will mean little if we don’t rise to the occasion and work together to make ours a world class law school. I believe that we can and should serve as the centerpiece for a world class university. I am also delighted to welcome everyone to task of meeting this challenge.

A little more than two weeks ago, we dedicated our building, naming it after an alumnus who continues to provide a true example of the very best our profession has to offer. Bill Gates is someone who represents the very best of the legal profession. Whatever the task, he has brought energy, a keen intellect and a profound personal commitment to making true community, whether here in Seattle or around the globe. His career of service and dedication to the public good is a fitting tribute to our law school’s long history and to our bright future as a training ground for tomorrow’s next generation of community servants for the world. During my remarks at our dedication, I referred to a phrase told to me early in life and one I often repeat—‘of those of us who have been given much, much is to be expected’.

My dream for students, staff and faculty as we begin a new era in this new building is that we aspire to the values of excellence, of compassion, of professionalism and public service.

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My hope is that we will build a new and different community of professionals who recognize the gifts they have been given, and who know how to return those gifts by thoughts, words and deeds.

Our alumni and friends have helped to create a grand opportunity for us. Those same people have great expectations for us. They dream of seeing us grow as an institution—from small steps to great strides, from narrow paths of individual accomplishment to grand avenues of community contribution and achievement. The expectations are high and we are growing to meet them!

W.H. Knight (Joe)

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Welcome to the 2003-2004 Academic Year!
I hope that everyone has had a great summer! All of the scholarship funds have been either posted on your student account or will come to you in the form of a check shortly. If you have any questions about your scholarship please contact me. Check your MyUW to see if your Stafford, Perkins, Private and Departmental Loans have disbursed. Baring any problems your tuition and other fees should be paid and any remaining funds should have gone direct deposit at this point. In some cases problems will occur. First thing to remember is that we have until the tuition due date to resolve any problems with your aid. Tuition due date is always the third Friday of the Quarter (Fall/October 17th). I encourage all students to contact me by email, phone or my favorite in person, if you have any questions or concerns.

Scholarship Recipients
An email detailing your scholarship award fund or funds and name to which your thank you letter should be addressed will be sent next week. Please return all thank you letters to my office 362 WHG Hall by October 17th.

E-Signature for Stafford and Perkins Loans
You may sign your Stafford Master Promissory Note (MPN) electronically on the internet at the Direct Loans MPN Website. If you have chosen to accept a Federal Perkins loan, you will now need to sign only one promissory note (MPN) while enrolled at the UW. As of Autumn 2003, you may sign your note electronically over the internet. To access your e-note, logon to MyUW and click on Financial Aid Status where you will find the Perkins e-note link.

Alternative Signature Methods
If you do not want to sign your Master Promissory Note (MPN) electronically and would prefer a paper copy, contact Student Fiscal Service's Customer Service Unit. Your request (phone, email, letter) should include your full name, current mailing address and student ID number.

AID DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE
• If you signed up for direct deposit through MyUW, any financial aid funds that you receive in excess of tuition will be deposited directly into your bank account. Even if you didn’t sign up for direct deposit this quarter, you should sign up for the rest of the year—it’s a great way to avoid standing in long lines!
• If you have a Private/Alternative loan (such as LawLoans, Law Achiever or Law Access), go to 129 Schmitz Hall to get your signature and check.
• If you do not have a Private/Alternative loan, go directly to the check disbursement area in 129 Schmitz Hall.
• For general questions about student loans, scholarships & financial aid, tuition & related fees, and student finances FAQs, check out the UW Student Fiscal Services website at http://www.washington.edu/students/sfs/.

CHECK YOUR AID ONLINE!
You can view your tuition bill using myUW. Go to: http://myuw.washington.edu/.
You can view your financial aid award there as well. Keep in mind, though, that your Law School Scholarship (if you have one) may not show on the myUW screen—so don’t panic if you don’t see it!

STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE
Students can choose to receive health insurance through the University of Washington by electing to do so through STAR. Keep in mind that you can only make changes to the plan through the 7th DAY OF THE QUARTER. After that, you can no longer add, change or cancel the plan. In most cases your financial aid will automatically pay the insurance premium.

MINIMUM CREDIT LOAD
Scholarship Recipients
In order to be eligible for grants, work-study and Perkins loans, J.D. students need to take at least 12 credits each quarter, and complete all 12 credits. If you drop below full-time enrollment and your aid has already been disbursed to you, you will need to repay your aid (so, barring extremely unusual circumstances, make sure you don’t do this!). You can be eligible for Stafford loans as long as you have 6 or more credits.

OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & WRITING CONTESTS
Pacific Northwest Scholarship opportunities

From the College Planning Network:

The Scholarship Guide - Online is a personal, step-by-step tool, designed for you. Unlike all other scholarship searches on the Internet, this Guide is free, requires no personal profile for use and provides you access to 100 percent of the scholarship data. The nonprofit College Planning Network, serving students of the Pacific Northwest, maintains it.

http://www.collegeplan.org/cpnow/pnwguide/pnwguide.htm

NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund

Scholarships are being awarded to law students who submit articles on the constitutional right to keep and bear arms of quality suitable for publication in a law review journal. Students should be entering their third year. Prizes of $12,500 to $2,500 are awarded each year. Deadline for articles is June 1, 2004.

Northwest Indian Bar Association Scholarship

The purpose of the NIBA scholarship is to aid Native law students who are committed to advancing the goals and visions of Native Communities and people through legal representation and advocacy.

Helen M. Overly Memorial Scholarship

The Helen M. Overly Memorial Scholarship was established in 1981 by the Women’s Transportation Seminar to encourage women to pursue career paths in transportation or a related field. Deadline for submissions is October 24th, 2003.

Asian Law Journal


NOTICES AND POSTINGS IN GATES HALL

Most classrooms and seminar rooms will have a designated posting areas. This will take the form of a large, identified paper sheet where notices of events can be taped. Please do not tape notices anywhere else but on these areas.

All notices need to be pre-approved at the Academic Services Office prior to posting in these nine rooms. Notices for events at the UW require the accommodation statement be included. That statement reads: To request disability accommodation, contact the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at: 206.543.6450/V, 206.543.6452/TTY, 206.685.7264 (FAX), or dso@u.washington.edu.

Sarah Hollingsworth, Editor

WELCOME!

We welcome all new and returning law students, LL.M. candidates, and visiting scholars to the remarkable new home of the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library in William Gates Hall. The purpose of the weekly Law Library News column is to acquaint you with existing Law Library resources, to inform you about new services, books, journals, and databases we have acquired, and to tell you about research strategies and techniques that may help make your law school experience a little bit easier. We like to have fun, too---so be sure to look for our famous trivia contests, many of which are combined with our equally famous fabulous prizes!

There are many exciting things to share with all members of the law school community about our new facility, but details about the Law Library will be left to upcoming editions of the Law Library News. For now, please note that our hours are:

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Tours of the Law Library will be offered on a regular basis during the first few weeks of Autumn Quarter. They are currently scheduled Monday through Friday at 12:30 pm and again at 3:30 pm, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Please join us on one of these guided tours so that your use of our new facility can be as enhanced as possible.

Finally, a tremendous amount of information is available on the Law Library website, located at http://lib.law.washington.edu/. We invite you to explore it thoroughly in the days and weeks ahead.
Hello everyone and welcome back to a new year at the Law School. Let me extend a very warm welcome to our new 1L and LL.M. students, and to our new faculty members. As our law school community continues to grow, we look forward to what the future promises to provide.

These are exciting times at the University of Washington School of Law. We start this new school year in a beautiful state-of-the-art building, William H. Gates Hall. We welcome over 300 diverse new students to our community. And, we celebrate a talented group of faculty and staff. We are the best and brightest. Gates Hall is but a symbol of the quality and dedication that the Law School community has always possessed.

My name is Maurice Classen, and I am your Student Bar Association (“SBA”) President. I am extremely lucky to be surrounded by an exceptional group of students who serve as SBA Board members. They are:

Alena Ciecko, Vice President
Dustin Yeager, Treasurer
Andrea Howard-Arnold, Secretary
Selina Davis, ABA Representative
Patrick McKenna, GPSS Senator
A.J. Rei-Perrine, GPSS Senator
Abigail Daquiz, 3L Representative
Courtney Popp, 3L Representative
David Phelan, 2L Representative
Suzie Love, 2L Representative

As many of you know, the purpose of the SBA is to act as the student voice. Our job is to communicate with the deans, the faculty and the larger legal community about issues that matter to students. On a day-to-day level we manage student activities and coordinate student organizations. In addition to this primary job, the SBA Board has selected four larger goals for the year which include (1) improving career planning services, (2) ensuring that public service remains a priority at the school, (3) sustaining community health and well-being, and (4) developing the institutional memory of our student organizations. I will write in-depth about each of these four goals in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Law School, or if you would like to get involved in SBA, please do not hesitate to send me an e-mail at mclassen@u.washington.edu. Any of the SBA Board members listed above will be happy to lend assistance or give advice to help make your time at the Law School as enjoyable as possible.

Lastly, I will be writing this column every week during the school year. I plan to use this column to commend student accomplishments and address student concerns. Please feel free to send me any suggestions you might have for column topics. And, if you are interested in a specific issue, I welcome you to participate as a guest columnist.

During this first week back at school, I look forward to meeting each and every one of our new students and reconnecting with old friends and colleagues. Have a great week and see all of you soon.

All the best,

Maurice

FACULTY MEETINGS

The University of Washington School of Law Faculty Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from October to June. The next Regular Faculty Meeting is scheduled for October 2 at 3:30 pm in the Perkins Coie Room #115. Faculty meetings are open to the public subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. For more information on the public meetings act and disclosure laws see http://depts.washington.edu/urelat/pubrec.html. If you have any questions or wish to submit an agenda item, please contact Lynda Larsen at lalarsen@u.washington.edu or by phone at (206) 543-2586.

To request disability accommodation, contact the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at: 206.543.6450/V, 206.543.6452/TTY, 206.685.7264 (FAX), or dso@u.washington.edu.

IMMIGRANT FAMILY ADVOCACY PROJECT

The Immigrant Families Advocacy Project will hold its first meeting of the year during lunch on Wed., Oct. 1 in room 207. IFAP represents immigrant victims of domestic violence and immigrant children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected. 1Ls, come learn more about how to get your own client before you've even taken a law school exam.