The Crier consists of Law School announcements and meeting notices, Law Library news, and Student calendar and news. Items for all sections should be submitted to Academic Services by 12:00pm on the Thursday prior. Academic Services produces The Crier. E-mail submissions may be sent to: lawnews@u.washington.edu.

**Dates to Keep in Mind**

| March 11 | Last day of classes |
| March 14-18 | Final exams |

**SPRING QUARTER REGISTRATION**

Registration for Spring Quarter has begun. **Sunday, March 6th** is the deadline to use all add codes currently issued. On March 7th, unused add codes will be revoked and wait lists will be updated.

Please see the Spring registration instructions at [http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/registration/Spring05RegistrationInstructions.pdf](http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/registration/Spring05RegistrationInstructions.pdf) for more details. Students may request changes to their schedule by emailing lawnews@u.washington.edu.

**SUMMER 2005 COURSE SCHEDULE**

The class schedule for Summer Quarter can be found online at [www.law.washington.edu/students](http://www.law.washington.edu/students). Summer registration will begin in April. There is no summer pre-registration, as most classes do not fill during summer quarter.

**WINTER QUARTER EXAM NUMBERS!**

All 1Ls will receive new exam numbers. Please come by Academic Services to pick them up prior to the day of your first exam.

Other students will use the same number from Autumn Quarter unless a new exam number is specifically requested.

All students need to have their exam numbers prior to exam week (March 14-18).

**Exam Instructions and Schedule** can be found at [http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/examInstructions.html](http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/examInstructions.html). Each student is responsible for knowing and following these instructions.

**DO NOT DISCUSS RESCHEDULING AN EXAM WITH YOUR PROFESSOR!**

**STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPEAKER GRANTS**

The School of Law has allocated up to $5000 to bring speakers to campus at the invitation of student organizations. For each speaker, there is a maximum grant of $500. The grants are limited to covering expenses for inviting the speakers (transportation, lodging, meals, reception, etc., but not an honorarium). The Lectureship Committee, which is comprised of faculty and students, will review and approve applications from organizations. Preference will be given to speakers who will be of interest to a large segment of the student body. Because there are limited funds, organizations are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The committee will notify you by email within about two weeks if your grant has been approved.

Once a grant is approved, the organization is responsible for all of the logistics involved in inviting and hosting the event. The organization must agree to advertise the event to the entire school. After the event is concluded, the organization must submit a brief report to the Lectureship Committee, including (a) an itemization of expenditures, and (b) a count of the total number of students who attended. The Business Office will reimburse appropriate expenditures in connection with the event, but it is the organization's responsibility to submit receipts and other appropriate documentation to the Business Office. The organization also must agree to send a prompt thank-you note to the speaker.

To apply for a grant, an organization should send an e-mail application to Prof. Stewart Jay, who is the chair of the Lectureship Committee this year (smj@u.washington.edu). In the application, please provide the following:

1. The name of the speaker and biographical information.
2. The approximate date (e.g., early Spring Quarter) for the lecture.
3. A projected budget for the event. Indicate how much you are requesting (up to $500) and itemize the approximate costs.
4. Explain why the speaker would be interesting and informative to the student body.
5. Indicate who in your organization will be responsible for handling the logistics of the event.
Financial Aid Coordinator:  
Arlo Hammontree  
Room 362  
206-543-4552  
wlawaid@u.washington.edu

Mary Ellen Krug Scholarship for 3L's  
Applications are now being accepted for the Mary Ellen Krug Scholarship Award. An award will be made to the student or students who have demonstrated both an interest and proficiency in the fields of labor and employment law and related subjects. The amount of the awards may vary. Recipients will be selected by the Dean upon the recommendation of faculty members teaching labor and employment law. Applications should include (1) a cover letter explaining the applicant's qualifications, (2) a resume, and (3) two letters of recommendation (preferably faculty members). Applications should be submitted to Arlo Hammontree in the Financial Aid Office (362). The deadline for submission is March 4, 2005.

John H. and George V. Powell Endowed Award for Human Rights  
I am very pleased to announce the forth annual John H. and George V. Powell Award for Human Rights. This award provides assistance to J.D. students doing summer internships or externships in the area of Human Rights and Justice. The scholarship fund will award $1,000 in financial assistance. Applicants will submit a one-page paper describing their Human Rights summer opportunity. Recipients will be selected by the Dean upon the recommendation of faculty members in accordance with the donor’s terms. The deadline is April 8, 2005. Papers should be submitted to Arlo Hammontree in the Financial Aid Office in room 362.

ROBERT C. FINLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2005-2006  
The Robert C. Finley Scholarship Fund was created in recognition of Justice Robert Finley’s extraordinary record of service to the legal profession, the system of justice, and the people of the State of Washington. Justice Finley served on the Supreme Court of Washington for 25 years, from 1951 to 1976. During his years on the bench he was known for his compassionate and caring approach and his genuine concern for fairness and justice. Justice Finley was a firm believer in the obligation of citizens to participate in community activities, and led by example in this area through his personal involvement in a wide range of programs and efforts at the local and state levels. He was also a strong advocate of public understanding about the law and was an active leader in advancing Bench - Bar - Press relationships and educational efforts.

This scholarship is specifically restricted to applicants who will be second-year students during the 2005-2006 academic year. The 2004-2005 award was $6,100.

Evaluation of your application will be based on your demonstrated financial need and your response to the following essay question:

Describe your personal interest and involvement in civic or community activities particularly as they may relate to current and emerging societal issues and concerns such as (but not limited to) the environment, the provision of legal services to the poor and under-represented segments of the population, and public understanding of the law.

Although not required, you may also submit a letter of recommendation and a resume as part of your application. Application deadline is April 1st, 2005.

Attention winter grads! Consider consolidating your loans now.  
If you are graduating after winter quarter and have been receiving Federal Stafford Loans this might be a good time to consolidate. I encourage you to do your own investigating but I think that the interest rates may go up this year. The change will be made on July 1, 2005. You can consolidate while in-school at the current rate and still receive your full grace period. If you decide to wait, if you consolidate in your grace, you will go into repayment after 6 weeks. This is a good opportunity to get a great consolidation rate. Please schedule an appointment with me if you have questions.

Federal Direct Consolidation Loans Information Center  
1-800-557-7392  
http://loanconsolidation.ed.gov/

OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & WRITING CONTESTS  
Copies of materials for the fellowships, scholarships & writing competitions listed below and further information is available in room 362.

The National Lesbian & Gay Law Association  
Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition  
Established in memory of Michael Greenberg, former NLGLA board member and Philadelphia attorney who died in 1996 from complications of AIDS, this exciting competition is dedicated to encouraging and recognizing outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex persons. First place award is $1,000. Submission Deadline: June 15, 2005
The Importance of a Solid Foundation: Real World Application of Basic Legal Skills
--Pegeen Mulhern, Reference Intern

Did you ever feel that law school should be a time to study important legal concepts, investigate social justice, and delve into arcane legal precedents without being bogged down with learning basic legal skills? Well, it turns out that not only will clients and fellow attorneys expect well-crafted and edited written work, but judges can be particularly unforgiving of deficient or careless work. Here are just a couple of cases to consider.

First, consider the attorney in a Utah case Meadowbrook, LLC v. Flower, 959 P.2d 115 (Utah 1998) who was chastised by the judge for failing to check the citations in his brief. In Flower, defendant’s counsel was admonished for failing to ensure the validity of all the cases in his brief. The attorney had cited an appellate case from another jurisdiction which had been reversed by that state’s supreme court. The court noted that counsel had failed to comply with Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure Rule 24(j) requiring that all briefs be “concise, presented with accuracy …and free from burdensome, irrelevant, immaterial or scandalous matters." Flower at 120 n.11. The court further noted that “[t]he process of ‘Shepardizing’ a case is fundamental to legal research and can be completed in a matter of minutes, especially when done with the aid of a computer” id., proving one should know how and when to cite check and never cite to a case that’s no longer good law.

Next, consider that a court may reduce hard-earned award of attorney fees in case of sloppy written work. That is just what happened to the attorney for the prevailing party in Devore v. City of Philadelphia, No. CIV.A.00-3598, 2004 WL 414085 (E.D. Pa. Feb. 20, 2004). In Devore, the magistrate judge reduced the attorney's fee from $300.00 to $150.00 per hour for the hours spent on drafting because the written work was “careless to the point of disrespectful.” Devore, 2004 WL 414085 at *3. Throughout the litigation, the attorney referred to the Eastern District as the “Easter District,” to which the judge quipped, “[c]onsidering the religious persuasion of the presiding officer, the Passover District would have been more appropriate.” Id. at *2. He also got the judge's name wrong, referring to Magistrate Judge Jacob Hart as the “Honorable Jacon Hart” to which the judge responded, “I appreciate the elevation to what sounds like a character of the Lord of the Rings, but alas, I am but a judge.” Id. at *3. The judge concluded by noting, “If these mistakes were purposeful, they would have been brilliant.” Id. So know that the proper application of the basic research and writing skills you learned in BLS will serve you long and well, and may even earn you money.

If you would like to see more cases like this, and even learn how to search for them, take a look at an article by Gallagher Law Library’s own Mary Whisner, When Judges Scold Lawyers, 96 LAW LIBR. J. 557 (2004), available at http://www.aallnet.org/products/2004-34.pdf.

The moral of the story – validate all citations and review your pleadings before filing!

Faster Access to Library Resources
--Cheryl Nyberg

The UW Libraries now offers a faster way to access commercial research databases from your home computer. Installing the proxy bookmarklet, http://www.lib.washington.edu/help/proxyTools.html, on your browser toolbar will let you gain access to restricted resources with just a click of a button. After installing the bookmarklet, whenever you are on a page that links to commercial resources such as LegalTrac, Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, BNA, or other resources, http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/dbind.html, just click on the bookmarklet on your toolbar.

The bookmarklet is a small bit of javascript and works on Internet Explorer, Mozilla, and other popular browsers.

This is one of several ways you can access library resources from home if you have Internet access via a cable or DSL modem, or a wireless network. The other methods are described at Connecting to Online Library Resources, http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/computing.html.

Crime-busting Librarians

Kudos to two members of the library staff who reported suspicious activity in the library and helped police apprehend a theft suspect. This occurred at 8:00am on a busy Monday morning which shows that theft can occur at any time that the library is open. Do not leave your backpack or laptop unattended, even for a short time – it takes only seconds for someone to steal your things.

There are anti-theft loops underneath all carrels and tables in the library. We highly recommend that you secure your laptop with a 6-foot Kensington lock cable (available at the University Bookstore for $39.95). Imagine how sad and upset you’d be if your laptop...
suddenly disappeared with all your class notes and other valuable documents.

If you notice a suspicious person or an activity in the library, please notify a library staff.

Valentine’s Day Trivia – Winners

Congratulations to Danika Adams, David Orange, Scott Holleman, and Hendrianto Hendrianto for answering all the trivia questions correctly and winning a prize.


Teaching Assistant Positions
Sponsored by
Center for Advanced Study and Research on Intellectual Property (CASRIP)
University of Washington School of Law

TA benefits:
Full tuition waiver of registration fees for CASRIP’s three-week Summer Institute and High Technology Protection Summit Conference (July 13-29, 2005).

Compensation for time spent with international participants in a small study group and for preparing class notes for them.* ($15/hour)

Responsibilities:
(1) Taking notes for students in the classroom;
(2) Organizing a small study group with assigned international participants after the core courses each day;
(3) Assisting with classroom administration and with the High Technology Protection Summit Conference.

Qualifications:
The Teaching Assistant positions are open to any JD or LLM student who is currently enrolled in an ABA accredited law school. However, we are most interested in students with a demonstrated long-term interest in an IP law practice.

To apply for a Teaching Assistant position, please forward a current resume, a letter of recommendation from a law school professor, and a brief statement outlining your interest in IP law to: Ms. Signe H. Brunstad, CASRIP, University of Washington School of Law, William H. Gates Hall, Box 353020, Seattle, WA 98195-3020. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled, but first consideration will be given to those who apply before April 1, 2005.

* Teaching Assistants will not be paid for time spent taking notes in class, but will be compensated for time spent outside of class organizing and arranging the notes.

Career Services Center
Room 346
8:30am-6:00pm, M-TH
8:30am-5:00pm, F
206-543-9097
careers@u.washington.edu
pserve@u.washington.edu (for externships)

CAREER SERVICES EVENTS CALENDAR & GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to RSVP via Symplicity for all events. You may NOT make a reservation by sending an email to the CSC.

The week of 2/28-3/4

Thursday, 3/3 from 12:30-1:20 in Room 133
City Attorney’s Office Externship Information Session.
Phil Brenneman from the City Attorney’s Office will discuss an exciting new Rule 9 externship possibility in his office targeted at 2Ls and 3Ls. This is an opportunity to gain experience as a Junior Prosecutor as a spring, summer or fall extern. Come and find out how to apply and what the positions entail. All students are welcome. RSVP now.

Tuesday, 3/1 from 12:30-1:20 in Room 115
The Air Force Information Session
Captain Christopher Jones will be here to meet with interested students and provide an overview of jobs within the air force.
STUDENT CALENDAR & NEWS

Monday, February 28
Law Womens Caucus Steering Committee meeting, 12:30, room 212
Interview: Dean of Development Candidate: 1:30, room 115
Tax Lecture: Is Social Security Really Secure?, 3:30, room 133

Tuesday, March 1
Career Services: US Air Force JAG Information Session, 12:30, room 115BC
IFAP Steering Committee meeting, 12:30, room 212

Wednesday, March 2
Faculty Colloquium Series: Prof. Hicks, 12:30, room 115

Thursday, March 3
SBA meeting, 12:30, room 119
Career Services: Externship Information Session, 12:30, room 133
Christian Legal Society weekly meeting, 12:30, room 212
Pac Rim Journal Leadership Seminar, 12:30, room 127
Debate on Tort Reform with Professors Wolcher & Epstein, 5:00, room 133

Friday, March 4
Parents Attending Law School Coffee Session, 10:30, Burke Cafe

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.

SBA COLUMN

Help us Name the Law School’s Coffee Shop- Vote This Week!

Our coffee shop is finally going to be named, and we need your help to decide on a name. Thank you to all students who submitted potential names last week. It’s certainly a creative list! Sean Kellogg and I are particularly fond of “Law-tays!” (Yes, it comes complete with an exclamation point, and can only be properly said with some attitude and when the ‘tays’ part is drawn out a bit.)

For those of you who may not be as excited about “Law-tays!” as Sean, do not despair. All students will be able to vote this week; the results of which will be used to determine the new name of the coffee shop. Everyone will have two opportunities to vote- one to narrow down our current list to 10 finalist names, and then a final vote. Watch lawdawgs for more information and for the catalyst voting surveys.

Stress Management Support Group

Everyone knows that law school can be a stressful time for students, and many of us have experienced this first hand. Between a demanding course load, looking for a job, involvement in student organizations, and family and personal commitments, it is easy to feel overwhelmed.

The SBA remains committed to helping law students be as healthy as possible. This quarter, we are going to try something new that I’m hopeful will be beneficial and meaningful for students. Dr. Andy Benjamin has volunteered to host a student support group. (In addition to teaching at the law school, Dr. Benjamin is a counselor for the school. He is a great resource for students because, among other things, he has a JD and has a first hand understanding of the pressures of law school.)

Here’s the basic information: the group will consist of 6-8 students and will meet with Dr. Benjamin one time for a few hours. This is free and all participants will be requested to respect confidentiality. Among other topics, the group will discuss sources of stress, stress reduction techniques, and ways to manage stress when it is unavoidable.

I am optimistic that the small size and interactive nature of the group will make it a meaningful and valuable experience for the students who participate. In addition to learning about stress reduction strategies, sometimes it can be helpful just to hear that other students are dealing with some of the same problems as you might be.

If you would like to participate, please e-mail Dr. Benjamin directly at: gahb54@u.washington.edu. You may also e-mail Dr. Benjamin if you have any questions or concerns about the stress management support group.

Thank you, Dr. Benjamin, for graciously volunteering to assist with this, and for all of the support you provide students. We appreciate it!
Women as Leaders

Last week, I had the privilege of attending a dinner in honor of international women leaders. The speakers were inspiring and uplifting, and I left feeling hopeful that the number of women taking on leadership roles both in the US and abroad will continue to grow.

While the focus of the dinner was much larger than the law school, I couldn’t help but reflect on gender dynamics within our own school and profession. As you all know, the composition of our student body includes more women than men. Unfortunately, some look at this statistic as indicative of the fact that women have broken all gender barriers that previously existed in the legal profession. This, however, is not the case.

Certainly women have made great strides, and the number of women enrolled in law schools around the country is evidence of positive change. However, there are still real and significant obstacles that women in the legal profession face. For example, a higher percentage of men become partners in law firms, and more men are hired into tenure track positions at law schools nationwide.

Of course, all major social change takes time, and I remain optimistic that the future for women in the legal profession is bright. I write only to remind everyone that a significant discrepancy still exists, and, as a result, we should not be lulled into a sense of complacency because of the gender composition of the student body. Instead, I hope that we can look to past accomplishments to remember that change is possible, and that knowledge may be used to inform current efforts and keep us moving in the right direction.

Have a great week,

Suzie Love
SBA President
loves@u.washington.edu

PALS COFFEE AT THE BURKE CAFE
The next PALS (Parents Attending Law School) coffee session is on Friday, March 4th, at 10:30 AM. Come enjoy a latte! PALS buys the coffee and you get a chance to chat about parenting with other law students. PALS is social network for law students who have or are considering having children. We welcome children of law students into the law school community with open arms and strive to create an environment in which students and their children can grow and learn together. Children and significant others are welcome.

LEGAL RESEARCH POSITION
Professor Robert Aronson is in need of one or more students to serve as Legal Research Assistant(s) beginning in the summer, 2005. Research assistants will research such issues as Evidence, Criminal Law, Professional Responsibility, Law, Literature & Film, and Sports and the Law, and will draft and edit memoranda and portions of books and articles in those areas. Research and writing on pending legal malpractice cases may also be required.

Students who think they may be interested in the position should submit an application to Professor Aronson (Rm. 308, 543-7423, raron@u.washington.edu) or Francis Timlin (Rm. 385, 685-1549, ft@u.washington.edu). The application should contain a resume (need not be formal), a writing sample, the name of the student's Basic Legal Skills professor, and a statement of the minimum and desired number of hours per week the student would like to work. Students who are likely to be work-study qualified should so indicate; that factor is important, and but not necessarily decisive. First-year students are encouraged to apply, although second-year students will of course also be considered. Professor Aronson will begin considering applicants as soon as he has a reasonable number of applications.

Those students desiring additional information concerning the nature of the job, working conditions, etc., should contact Professor Aronson or present and previous research assistants: Holly Vance (third year) or Mari Matsumoto, Dana Jacob, Jennifer Lauren, Laura Sherman (second year).

BAR REVIEW INFORMATION SESSION
Rigos Bar Review will host an informational session on their services on Monday, March 7th at 12:30-1:20pm (room TBD). All students are invited; pizza to be provided.

A past UW Law School graduate who took their course will share experiences on preparing for the Washington State bar examination.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY DEBATE ON TORT REFORM
Thursday March 3, The Federalist Society invites you to a debate on Tort Reform between Professor Wolcher and Professor Epstein of the University of Chicago.

There are many myths and misrepresentations in the debate on tort reform. Come hear two distinguished scholars debate the merits both for and against. The debate will be held from 5-6:30pm in room 133; space is limited so come early. The Professors will take questions at the end of the debate.