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Reunion Gifts Are Growing

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Reunion gifts
A great way to say thank you

Every year UB Law School alumnae/i gather to mark the anniversaries of their graduations. Classes reaching milestone anniversaries plan celebrations ranging from informal one-night socials to full-fledged weekend extravaganzas. Old friends reunite and news is exchanged, phone numbers are traded and photographs of growing families are passed around the room.

Recent class reunions have continued to offer large doses of nostalgia, while also adding a new dimension that is broadening the definition of class spirit. Alumni are now contributing toward class gifts in honor of their anniversaries as symbols of their collective commitment to the Law School.

Members of the Class of 1959 honored the Law School with a class gift to date of $92,435, with $16,739 going to the annual fund — double the class annual giving of the previous year. The remainder of the class gift, $75,000, is an endowment gift from one of the class members.

Thomas R. Beecher Jr., of Ballynoe L.L.C., consistently devotes his time and dollars to UB Law and to his community. Beecher chaired his 1959 class reunion committee and led his class’ cumulative efforts to give back to their Law School. “I support the Law School because it is my way of saying thank you to the school, and to the wonderful professors I had for giving me an opportunity to acquire a very good legal education,” says Beecher, who is also chair of this year’s annual fund drive. “It has been the basis of many friendships and relationships that have enabled me to contribute to the community, and it provides an opportunity for the next generation to attain that same grade of legal education.

“I would support the Law School even if I were not an alum,” Beecher says. “There is tremendous value to the community in having a strong law school. It adds to the culture, it adds to the quality of legal life, it provides a basis for jurisprudence in the community, and it has produced a lot of community leaders. Lawyers are great givers and great community participants. Having them home-grown at our own law school only adds to the strength of that.”

“When one of my classmates suggested that we give a class gift in connection with our 20-year reunion, it seemed to be the perfect way to thank the Law School for the many opportunities it made

If you are interested in becoming involved with UB Law’s reunion program, contact Deborah Scott at (716) 645-6429 or e-mail her at devdm@acsu.buffalo.edu

Upcoming Class Reunions:

■ Class of 1950
50-year reunion will be celebrated
June 9, 2000
Chaired by Carl A. Green

■ Class of 1970
30-year reunion will be celebrated
June 16 and 17, 2000
Chaired by Hon. Margaret J. Quinn

■ Class of 1975
25-year reunion will be celebrated
May 5 and 6, 2000
Chaired by Linda H. Joseph

■ Class of 1980
20-year reunion will be celebrated
July 28 and 29, 2000
Chaired by Michael M. Mohun
possible for each of us," says Jean C. Powers '79, a partner in the Buffalo law firm of Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, L.L.P. "Through the Law School, many of us have formed lasting bonds of friendships with our classmates, professors and colleagues.

"UB Law not only made our law school experience challenging and exciting, but also — to the extent possible — warm and collegial," says Powers. The Class of '79 commemorated their reunion with a gift to the Charles B. Sears Law Library totaling more than $14,000. "The library was central to our education, so we thought it most appropriate to direct our gift there," Powers explains.

Shared goals for each reunion class were established, and classmates prevailed upon their peers to increase the amount of their individual pledges in order to meet that goal. "The results have been incredible," says Deborah Scott, assistant dean for development, "with increases in annual class gifts ranging from 50 to 100 percent — and more importantly, increases in participation.

"Many of our alumni do not realize that UB Law is no longer state supported, but state assisted," Scott says. Because less than 35 percent of the Law School budget comes from New York State, we rely heavily on tuition and alumni support.

"Reunions give us a perfect opportunity to pass along information about the Law School and encourage class members to assist financially. The most prominent law schools in the nation have enjoyed successful reunion programs for decades. We think the time is right for UB Law to launch its own."

Other classes that commemorated milestone anniversaries with class gifts include: the Class of 1949, which celebrated its 50-year reunion and has, to date, tripled class participation in annual giving; the Class of 1969, which welcomed its 30-year anniversary with a class gift of more than $13,000 to date, double the previous year's gift; and the Class of 1974, which planned a 25-year reunion event and has supported the Law School annual fund with a class gift of over $14,000 to date.

Upcoming reunion celebrations are already in the works, and the concept of a class gift has led to spirited competition among the classes.

Michael M. Mohun '80, a solo practitioner and chair of the Class of 1980's 20-year reunion committee, has high hopes that his class will amass the largest class contribution to the annual fund in the 2000 calendar year. Mohun has individually contributed $2,500.

"If I had not attended and graduated from UB Law, all that I have accomplished in the past 20 years would not have occurred," says Mohun, president of the Wyoming County Bar Association. "I am forever grateful to the Law School for the opportunity I have been given. My gifts to the Law School are but a small token of my appreciation."

Hon. Margaret J. Quinn '70, chief administrative law judge, Buffalo Office of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration, is chair of the Class of 1970's 30-year reunion scheduled for this summer. Quinn, a steadfast supporter of the Law School, echoes Mohun's sentiment. "UB Law prepares you for your life's work. And many of us have greatly benefited from our life's work," says Quinn. "It is our responsibility to make sure that the same educational opportunities that we have benefited from are offered to others."

The reunion program has fueled the group giving efforts of other classes that are not involved in celebrating milestone years. Friendly competition between classes has evolved now that the Law School lists the collective giving totals for each graduation year. Members of the Class of 1961, for example, have decided to be a model for Law School annual giving. The Law School, of course, is delighted by the recent attention that its graduates are giving to class giving totals, and looks forward to declaring a "winner."

"The generous support of our alumni enables us to continually move forward and improve our academic program and facilities," says Dean R. Nils Olsen. "The recent growth in class gifts is extremely encouraging. It reflects a lasting sense of unity among classmates well after their graduation from the Law School."
1980
Donors 54
Dollars $9,435
Participation 23%

Note: class reunion gift in process, 1999-00

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1981
Donors 50
Dollars $7,606
Participation 22%

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1978
Donors 38
Dollars $87,749
Participation 15%

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Herbert P. Butcher
Thomas C. Carey
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1979
Donors 59
Dollars $14,602
Participation 27%

Note: class reunion gift in process, 1999-00

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1986
Donors 38
Dollars $4,285
Participation 16%

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1987
Donors 34
Dollars $3,727
Participation 12%

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1988
Donors 33
Dollars $3,832
Participation 14%

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1989
Donors 28
Dollars $2,040
Participation 11%

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1990
Donors 23
Dollars $1,697
Participation 10%

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Donors 20
Dollars $2,090
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1993
Donors 19
Dollars $1,540
Participation 7.1%

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1994
Donors 21
Dollars $1,745
Participation 9%

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1995
Donors 12
Dollars $875
Participation 5%

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