

Class of 2004 builds on a legacy

Last year, despite having an average educational debt of \$76,000, members of the Class of 2004 raised more than \$6,000 for the **Howard and Phyllis Eisenberg Fund**.

The Class of 2004 was the last one here at Marquette who knew Howard Eisenberg as its dean. "We felt it only fitting for Dean Eisenberg's last law school class to join in the celebration of his life by leaving a class gift in his memory," said Tim Casey who, along with Jacqueline Chada, Joan L. Conrad, Sarvan Singh, Thomas Stuck, Mark Vap, and Amireh Zeyghami, formed a committee and sent out both letters and e-mails to fellow classmates.

The resulting gift of \$6,000 was added to the gifts of alumni and friends to help raise more than \$100,000 for the fund during the 2003–2004 academic year. Dean Joseph D. Kearney, on behalf of the Law School, then matched that amount with an additional \$100,000 from fundraised dollars committed to the dean's discretion.

The Howard and Phyllis Eisenberg Fund is a way of helping ease the burden of student loans for recent Marquette Law School graduates undertaking public interest work. The fund now has an endowment of more than \$360,000 to help support the public interest work of new Marquette lawyers.

"It is important to the future of the Law School that we build upon Howard's work as dean," notes Dean Kearney. "I am very grateful to the members of the Class of 2004 for their imagination, interest, and initiative in putting together a class gift to help ensure that we can do so, as well as to those other alumni and friends who have been very generous in ensuring his legacy." •



Looking into Eisenberg Memorial Hall at night



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