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Gifford credits three alumni leaders with turning on that light: Frank B. Burch Jr. ’74, Chair of the law school campaign; Paul D. Bekman ’71, Co-Chair; and Joe Hardiman ’62, Chair of the School of Law’s Board of Visitors and also Chair of the capital campaign for the University System of Maryland.

“All three have taken ownership of this effort,” Gifford says. “They have personally solicited prospects, they’ve worked closely with us on coordinating our strategy. Without their work, we would not have a new building.”

And a new building they—and you—shall have. Watch this space for regular updates on the progress of the new School of Law building. And, as Yogi Berra said, “It ain’t over until it’s over.” Join the other hundreds of alums who have made this project possible. Your dollars may be what will enable the new building to have the extra little touches that will improve the quality of student life and attract outstanding new faculty. The funding for things like videotaping systems for the clinic and the moot court rooms is far from complete. And, there is time to have your name commemorated on a student organization office ($25,000), faculty office ($15,000) or a brick in the new courtyard ($1,000). Pledges are needed now; gifts need not be received before June 30, 2002.

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