

## STANFORD LAW SCHOOL RECEIVES LARGEST GIFT IN HISTORY OF LEGAL EDUCATION

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Munger donate \$43.5 million for residential hall.

IN AUGUST, Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Vice Chairman Charles T. Munger and his wife, Nancy B. Munger (BA '45), donated \$43.5 million worth of Berkshire Hathaway stock to Stanford Law School. It is the largest individual gift ever given outright to a United States law school.

The money will be used to build a new graduate student residence that will house several hundred law students along with graduate students from other parts of the university. The apartments will be built adjacent to the existing law school, creating an integrated campus for the school. There will also be common facilities available to the entire graduate student community.

"The Mungers' extraordinary generosity will enable future generations of students to live together in a vibrant community that integrates living with learning," said Kathleen M. Sullivan, Stanley Morrison Professor of Law and former dean. The gift was finalized just days before the end of her tenure as dean. "When Charlie first saw our strategic plan that called for a new residential hall for law students, he thought it was a no-brainer," said Sullivan.

Law school students are currently housed in a variety of on- and off-campus housing. A large percentage of law students now reside off campus. "We were in danger of becoming a commuter law school," said Sullivan. The new facility will probably open in the fall of 2007, allowing the law school to guarantee every student housing for each of the three years.

"In recent years there have been few more pressing

issues at Stanford than the need to construct student housing, especially for graduate students," Stanford President John Hennessy said. "This magnificent gift of Charlie and Nancy Munger is especially meaningful because it will so directly benefit our students. We are deeply appreciative of their tremendous generosity." The Mungers' gift is larger than the total of all previous gifts to Stanford University for student housing.

"If you build really good housing it will be a huge advantage for Stanford," Charles Munger told the *Stanford Daily* earlier this year. "It will form a community that doesn't yet exist in American education. The students will educate each other."

Charles Munger, 80, was founder of the law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson. He and Warren Buffett are managing partners of the holding company Berkshire Hathaway in Omaha, Nebraska.

Nancy Munger is an alumna of Stanford University and has served on its board of trustees. The Mungers' daughter Emilie Munger Ogden (BA '82) graduated from Stanford Law School in 1989 and daughter Wendy (BA '72) is a university trustee.



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**On June 13, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor '52 (BA '50) delivered her second Stanford University commencement address, urging students to strive for equality and devote some portion of their lives to public service.**



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**Four Stanford Law School graduates are clerking at the U.S. Supreme Court for the 2004–05 term. (Left to right) Aimee Athena Feinberg '02 is clerking for Justice Stephen G. Breyer (BA '59); Roberto J. Gonzalez '03, for Justice John Paul Stevens; Kathryn Rose Haun '00, for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (BA '58); and Joshua A. Klein '02, for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor '52 (BA '50).**