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\$10,000 GIFT ESTABLISHES SOCRATES FUND AT LAW SCHOOL

MISSOULA--

A custodian and part-time student at The University of Montana has donated \$10,000 to establish an endowment for international law students.

David Logan's gift to the School of Law created the Socrates Fund to assist students from former Communist countries and developing nations. The endowment is named for the ancient Greek philosopher and teacher of Plato.

Logan, who is taking classes in philosophy and anthropology at UM, was inspired to make the gift by his belief that international law students can go on to have a profound effect on the world.

"We are at a very unique crossroad in time," Logan said, "where we have the former Eastern Bloc nations and developing nations reaching out to what we call the free world for guidance in the changes they're trying to make in their own countries. It is through the School of Law and through law itself that these changes will be made."

In addition to his initial gift, Logan has offered to match 50 percent of up to \$10,000 worth of donations made by others.

"I sincerely hope that this fund will be embraced by other people and that it will grow into a scholarship," he said. "It will receive continuing support from me."

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Socrates Fund award recipients will be selected by a committee composed of the law dean and two advisers of his choice, who also will administer the fund and determine award amounts.

Logan has worked at the law school since February 2000 while pursuing a degree. A strong supporter of UM's law school, he believes that Missoula's finest product is its lawyers.

"If anyone entertains the idea that our law school cannot compete with Harvard University or Yale or any of the other big names, they need to remember that it is The University of Montana that makes them shake in their boots in National Moot Court Competition."

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