SPRINGTIME FOR COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL AND YOU!

Welcome back to yet another mid-winter night’s dream in the hallowed halls of the “Toaster,” a.k.a. Jerome Greene Hall. As 1Ls anxiously await their first batch of grades to come trickling back to them and 3Ls much less anxiously try to figure out if they’ve taken care of pesky graduation requirements, *The CLS Black Letter* begins its second semester of connecting you to the larger CLS community.

Inside this welcome-back issue, you will find a message from the Graduation Committee chairs, with a calendar of the fun-filled graduation events planned this semester for all you 3Ls and LLMs (page 3). In addition, note below some key dates for all of us this semester. Also inside are the results from last issue’s Reader Poll (page 3).

Finally, we hope that you will stop by to grab a bite at our traditional bagels & brownies breakfast on the first day of classes (Monday, 1/14), from 9 to 11 am in the lobby of JGH!

Sincerely,

Student Senate
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**SPRING 2008 KEY DATES**

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**News & Notes**

**PILF Bookstore Open for Business.** Every semester, CLS’s Public Interest Law Foundation sells inexpensive used casebooks and study aids that have been donated by previous generations of students. The proceeds go toward supporting public interest law, including CLS’s Guaranteed Summer Funding (GSF) program. All casebooks sell for $20, while everything else goes for $10. The PILF bookstore will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This will be the last time the bookstore is open until the end of the semester for study guide sales.

**New face at Student Services!** At the end of last semester, CLS finally found someone to step into the big shoes of Gail Heatherly. Marta Galan Ricardo ’94 is the new Director of Student Organizations and Academic Counseling, and will be joining the tremendous team of Elizabeth Grainger, Ilene Strauss, Teba Besada, Bernice Garcia, Matt Rafalow, and Dean Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin. Stop by the fifth floor of William & June Warren Hall to welcome her (perhaps over some of those yummy cookies and coffee!).

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*If you have a news item that everyone should know about, please email senate@law.columbia.edu.*
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Please contact us with questions or concerns! We are working hard to represent you.

E-mail us at senate@law.columbia.edu, and visit us at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate/.

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Kathrin Schwesinger, Parliamentarian

Senate Business

The regular Student Senate meeting time for this semester has not yet been scheduled, but should be finalized this week.

At the end of last semester, on November 30, the Student Activities Council (a body composed of representatives from every recognized student organization) held its second meeting. Highlights of the meeting included feedback on the student leader training run by Student Services, a quick presentation on the budget allocations process for this coming semester, and an open discussion on other issues of concern to student organizations.

A reminder to all student groups that their requests for spring event funding are indeed due by 10 pm on Friday, January 18. Requests (and questions) should be directed to CLSBudgetCmte@gmail.com.

READER POLL RESULTS

Who would you like to see profiled in future “Get to Know Your CLS” columns?

- Professors - 60
- Administrators - 18
- Support Staff - 20
- Non-CLS University Employees - 4
- Neighborhood Personalities - 30
- Alumni - 29
- Students - 3
- Roar-ee the Lion - 2
- Other - 4
A MESSAGE FROM THE GRADUATION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a restful break because we're finally in the home stretch! There's one last semester of law school left, and the Graduation Committee wants to make it as enjoyable as possible. For this semester, we have planned several events that we hope you will attend. The tentative event schedule is listed below.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact either of us at graduation@law.columbia.edu, or any of the graduation committee members: Sharmila Achari, Anne-Carmene Almonord, Zahra Egal, Eelco Keij, Jason Lear, Charlotte Lewis, Tiffany Meriweather, Simrin Parmar, Francesco Pezone, Kathrin Schwesinger, Adam Sparks, Aaron Spiwak, Ernesto Velazquez, Ann Sofie Cloots, Heather Mitchell, Ikhlas Rashid, Margaret Winterkorn-Meikle, Alexandra Reeve, Anna Kolontyrsky, and Anish Monga.

All events are open to graduating class members (3Ls & LLMs).

Without further ado, here are our spring semester happenings:

**Welcome Back Party @ Parlour:** To kick off the semester, we will host this open-bar event and may even include our very own resident 3L DJ.
*Date:* Thursday, January 31, 2008  
*Cost to you:* $5

**Bowling:** We are arranging to rent a section of the bowling alley at Chelsea Piers in mid-February. This event will provide an opportunity for members of the graduating class to cheer each other on in a friendly bowling competition. In past years, this has been an extremely popular and well-attended event...we hope you will join us and continue that tradition.
*Date:* Mid-February  
*Cost to you:* TBA

**Alumni Development Kick-off:** Join us in Casa Italiana as the Office of Development and Alumni Relations hosts a kick-off party for the Class of 2008.
*Date:* March 27, 2008  
*Cost to you:* NOTHING!

**Community Outreach Day:** Columbia University’s annual Community Outreach Day begins on Low Plaza at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 29, 2008. Volunteers check in, get a volunteer t-shirt and eat breakfast. At 10:00 am, there is an opening ceremony with public speakers and school officials. Once the ceremony has ended, volunteers are sent out to various service projects throughout New York arranged by the CCO members. The day is spent working at volunteer sites completing activities from painting a mural at a school to reorganizing a school library. We will offer students the opportunity to be on a Graduating Class Team. Additionally, we will co-host a Student Senate Party immediately following the event for those who volunteered. Keep an eye out for sign-up tables and join the Class of 2008 team!
*Date:* March 29, 2008  
*Cost to you:* Nothing!

**Champagne Toast:** To celebrate the end of classes on April 28, we will invite graduating students, faculty, and administrators to a Champagne Toast on Revson Plaza. This is a wonderful and festive way to celebrate and mark the end of our formal academic career.
*Date:* April 28, 2008  
*Cost to you:* NOTHING!

**Graduation Ball:** Our biggest event of the year will be the Graduation Ball, an annual highlight for the graduating class. The event will be held at Pier Sixty. Graduating students will be treated to a five-hour party including a full dinner and premium open bar. This event will be a black tie affair with a dinner, dancing, and an audio visual presentation.
*Date:* May 18  
*Cost to you:* TBA*  
*Keep an eye out for early bird specials on tickets!*

We hope you will join us at these events, and remember if there are other events you would like to see, please email graduation@law.columbia.edu with your suggestions.

See you on January 31 at Parlour!

Best regards,

Shawndra Jones & Devora Whitman  
Grad Committee Co-Chairs
This Week at CLS
January 14 - 21, 2008

Monday
• Happy first day of classes!
• Student Senate: Bagels & Brownies. 9 AM - 11 AM; JG Lobby. Brought to you in part by BAR/BRI.
• PILF Bookstore Hours: 10 AM - 2 PM.

Tuesday
• PILF Bookstore Hours: 10 AM - 2 PM.

Wednesday
• PILF Bookstore Hours: 10 AM - 2 PM.
• Career Services: “Preparing for the Job Fair.” 12:10 PM; JG 102.

Thursday
• PILF Bookstore Hours: 10 AM - 2 PM.

Friday
• Your event here.

Saturday
• All quiet on the weekend front.

Sunday
• Get back to work!

Event information is taken from the Advisor, a Student Services e-publication. To have your event listed, follow the link below and submit the on-line form. These must be submitted by 10am on Thursday, the week BEFORE your event. http://www.law.columbia.edu/current_student/studentorgs_abc/studentorgevent/eventform.