Official Senate Announcements

Legal Practice Workshop Focus Group. Calling all 1Ls! We are working with Professor Philip Genty to host a student focus group on the effectiveness of the CLS first year legal writing and research curriculum. The focus group will be held on Thursday, February 7th at 5:00 PM and the meeting will last approximately one hour. Food will be provided.

If you are interested in participating, please submit the following information to senate@law.columbia.edu by 11:00 PM on Wednesday, January 30th:

Name:
Legal Practice Workshop Instructor:
Moot Court:
One sentence about your Legal Practice Workshop experience:

If you are selected, we will be in touch with you by Monday, February 4th. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

News & Notes

H.F. Gerry Lenfest ’58 received the 2008 Medal For Excellence, our most prestigious award, at CLS’s Winter Luncheon on Friday. Five former deans attended the event at the Waldorf-Astoria, which launched the U.S. celebration of the law school’s sesquicentennial.

CLS has “produced no finer role model than Gerry Lenfest,” said Dean Schizer as he presented the award. He described Lenfest as one “with a profound integrity and a real passion for improving the world,” someone who is “incredibly insightful about people” and “the most modest person” he knows.

The Luncheon also featured a 10-minute video that described the accomplishments of CLS’s six previous deans while in office. “In everything we do, we are standing on the shoulders of giants,” Dean Schizer said during introductory remarks. “I am tremendously lucky to follow a group of truly remarkable deans. We all benefit from their wisdom, their energy and their passion for our Law School. It means a great deal to me to be able to thank them, today, for all that they have done.” Former deans Michael Sovern (1970-1979), Benno Schmidt (1984-1986), Barbara Aronstein Black (1986-1991), Lance Liebman (1991-1996) and David Leebron (1996-2004), Albert Rosenthal (1979-1984), who could not attend, was also featured in the video.

About 275 faculty, alumni, students and family members sat beneath the gold- and silver-flecked ceiling of the Waldorf’s Grand Ballroom during the Winter Luncheon and watched the sesquicentennial video on four large screens suspended from the balcony.

Lenfest has given $33 million to the Law School, including more than $15 million to build Lenfest Hall, which opened in 2003. He is also helping the Law School endow 10 new professors’ chairs with matching gifts. “We’re really here today to celebrate the records of the deans,” Lenfest said in his speech. “We should be very proud of this great Law School.”

The event also celebrated the alums who serve as judges in local, state and federal courts. About 35 attended the event and were presented with a red rose boutonniere in the Silver Corridor before entering the East Foyer for a cocktail reception prior to the lunch.

The dental insurance enrollment deadline for Spring 2008 is February 1. Coverage is available through the Columbia Student Medical Insurance Plan for the following types of accidental dental injury and for the

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Senate Business

The first Student Senate meeting of 2008 will take place this Wednesday, January 30th, at 9:15 PM in JGH 105. (Please note that this will not be our regular meeting time—ordinarily we will meet every other Monday at 9:10 PM in JGH 105.) Meetings are generally open to the entire student body.

Agenda for January 30, 2008, Senate Meeting

I. Roll Call
II. Officer Reports
III. Committee Reports
   a. Graduation
   b. Housing
   c. IT
   d. University Senate
   e. Faculty Committees
IV. Budget Recommendations
V. Free Coffee Resolution
VI. Announcements
VIII. Adjourn

Text of Proposed Resolution

Resolution to Provide Free Coffee to Columbia Law School Students

Sponsors: Benjamin Brickner ’10
          David Cheng ’10
          Max Dublin ’10
          Yael Fischer ’10
          William Leavitt ’10
          Mary Kate Johnson ’10
          David Peters ’10
          Francesco Pezone LLM ’08
          Meredith Uhl ’10

January 30, 2008

WHEREAS Columbia Law School students are generally sleep-deprived and income-less,

WHEREAS coffee, when consumed as a complimentary beverage, has been shown to reverse the effects of sleep deprivation without promoting indebtedness,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the CLS Student Senate, working through committee and with the Law School Administration, shall see that free coffee is provided to CLS students within Jerome Greene Hall and outside the normal business hours of Lenfest Café.

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/.

Your 2007-2008 Student Senate

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Benjamin Brickner & David Peters, co-chairs

Graduation.
Shawndra Jones & Devora Whitman, co-chairs

Housing & Facilities.
Ryan Russell, chair.

Recognition.
Kathrin Schwesinger, chair

Student Issues & Academic Affairs.
Tope Yusuf, chair

Student Life & Social Activities.
Dan Y. Shin, chair
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treatment of certain serious dental conditions: emergency treatment of accidental injuries to sound, natural teeth; non-emergency treatment of accidental injury to sound, natural teeth; extraction of impacted wisdom teeth; treatment of dental abscesses. Coverage for true emergency treatment of accidental dental injury is the same when provided by Preferred and Non-Preferred Providers. The Aetna Advantage Dental Plan provides preventative dental care following a $5 per visit copay. Annual premium is $239 per student or $869 for the Student and Family Plan. For more information or to enroll in the Aetna Advantage Dental Plan, please visit http://www.health.columbia.edu/index.html and click on the link: Aetna Advantage Dental Plan Spring Enrollment. You do not need to be enrolled in the Columbia Student Medical Insurance Plan to enroll in the Aetna Advantage Dental Plan. Coverage is available under Advantage Dental for the full year even if you graduate after the fall term.

At the Biz School Hickey Freeman franchise’s sale this Thursday, top-quality custom and off-the-rack men’s business and formal attire is 40% off retail prices. From 10 am to 5 pm, you can stop by Uris Hall’s Hepburn Lounge (by Uris Deli) to see the selection of men’s custom tailored suits, tuxedos, and shirts. To make an appointment or with any questions, email coconnor08@gsb.columbia.edu or cbebee08@gsb.columbia.edu.

Columbia’s Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy presents a discussion on the 2008 election with leading public opinion and election experts Robert Erikson, Andrew Gelman, and Robert Shapiro this Thursday at 4:30 pm in SIPA’s 7th floor Lindsay Rogers Room.

Get to Know Your CLS

Spotlight on Scott Hemphill

Scott Hemphill is an Associate Professor of Law.

Q. How long have you been at CLS? Do you live in the neighborhood?
A. This is my second year as a faculty member. Before that, I was a fellow at the law school. I live in the West Village.

Q. What brought you to Columbia?
A. A terrific group of colleagues, and the chance to live and work in New York.

Q. About what do students generally come to speak with you? What is the strangest or best experience you have had as a professor here?
A. Professional advice and writing projects, mostly. The most memorable teaching experience so far has been to take my 1L elective, Principles of Intellectual Property, to see The Farnsworth Invention, a play about the race to invent and secure patents for television, and then have class sessions based on the play. That was fun.

Q. What has been your favorite job, aside from your current one?
A. I spent two years doing fieldwork in Asia, Europe, and South America, as an analyst at a strategy consulting firm. The travel was really extraordinary.

Q. What is your favorite restaurant in the area?
A. Max Soha.

Q. Name something most people don’t know about you?
A. I grew up in east Tennessee.

Q. What’s one thing every CLS student should do before they graduate?
A. Go to Dinosaur—but only if you like barbecue.
This Week at CLS
January 28 - February 3, 2008

Monday
- “Activism and the Practice of Wisdom with Charlie Halpern.” 12:20 - 1:10 PM; JG 105.
- PILF Community Grants Training. 12:20 - 1:00; WJWH 103. Pizza.
- Innovators in Public Interest Law Speaker Series: Charlie Halpern. 4:00 - 5:15 PM; JG 107. Coffee and cookies.
- CalSoc: California Bar Workshop. 4:30 - 6:00 PM; JG 101.
- BLSA/LaLSA/APALSA/CLWA: “Clerkships: A View From the Bench.” 6:00 - 9:00 PM; Drapkin Lounge. Reception to follow.
- Irell & Manella Reception. 7:00pm - 9:00pm; Amsterdam Café.

Tuesday
- PILF Community Grants Training. 12:20 - 1:00; WJW 103. Pizza.
- CalSoc: California Bar Dinner. 6:00 - 8:00 PM; JG Annex. RSVP with “Bar dinner” subject line to CaliforniaSociety@law.columbia.edu.
- Kernochan: Annual Young Alumni in IP and Entertainment Law Panel. 6:00 PM; JG 107.
- Pro Bono Project Training: Legal Clinic for the Homeless. 6:10 - 9:00 PM; WJW L104. Pizza.

Wednesday
- CSIL - Career Symposium. 6:00 - 9:00 PM; JG 104/106.

Thursday
- CJAN: Girlhood Film Screening. 7:30 - 9:00 PM; JG 103.

Friday, Saturday
- All quiet on the weekend front.

Sunday
- Senate: Super Bowl XLII Party. Details TBA.

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.