Official Senate Announcements

Valentine’s Day Carnation Sale. Let your friends, significant others, or that cutie from Con Law know you’re thinking about them this Valentine’s Day! The Student Senate is taking orders for carnations Monday through Wednesday in the lobby of JGH. Stop by our table from 11 am to 1 pm, and fill out a card with a personal message. We’ll e-mail all the recipients, who can come by on Valentine's Day to pick up their “flowergrams” at our table. Each Valentine is only $1, so send one to all of your friends!!

Win Free Barristers’ Tickets with My Meet Sheet. It’s just for fun, so don’t forget to fill out the short quiz to find out who your “perfect law school match” is! Our “high-powered matching machine” will provide you with the best and worst matches of all who have entered, and by taking the quiz, you will be entered in a random drawing to win two free tickets to Barristers’!! So visit http://myMeetSheet.com/barristers2008 before 11 pm on Tuesday, February 12th. You can pick up your results (and find out if you’ve won the tickets) for $1 at our table in the lobby of Jerome Greene. If you didn't win you, can buy Barristers’ Ball tickets when they go on sale the following week.

Mark Your Calendars for Barristers’ Ball. Be sure to mark your calendars for the big bash, taking place this year on Saturday, March 8th, at 9 pm in Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall. Details to follow soon on ticket sales policies and procedures.

President’s & Provost’s Student Event Fund Applications Now Available. The P&P Fund is available to all recognized Columbia University Student Groups, providing financial support to events which benefit the University community through collaboration and creative programming on campus. The eligibility requirements include the following: the initiative should be held on-campus; the initiative should be advertised and open to the University community; the initiative may be artistic, cultural, educational, or social; and funds awarded may only be applied to the event as described on application. Applications and backup documentation must be submitted to University Event Management in 704 Lerner Hall by Friday, Feb. 22, at 5 pm.

SURVEY: Mental Health at CLS

We want to know how you feel about access to mental health support at CLS. Currently, Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) offers weekly office hours at several other schools and residence halls at the University. By answering a quick, two-question, completely anonymous survey, we will better be able to represent your needs and interests.

Please visit this link by noon next Wednesday, February 20th: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=lQuQ_2bhMLFLc4fguKXIETPw_3d_3d. Thanks!
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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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Senate Business

The full Student Senate typically meets every other Monday at 9:10 PM in JGH 105. Meetings are generally open to the entire student body. Our next meeting will take place this Monday, February 11, 2008.

Agenda for February 11, 2008, Senate Meeting
I. Roll Call
II. Officer Reports
III. Committee Reports
IV. JG Receptionist Resolution
V. Announcements
VI. Adjourn

Text of Proposed Resolution

Resolution to Express Support for the Employment of a Receptionist in the Lobby of Jerome Greene Hall

Sponsors: Dan Y. Shin ’09 and Kathrin Schwesinger ’09

WHEREAS Columbia Law School is a world-class institution that continuously attracts a large number of visitors, ranging from distinguished practitioners and academics to prospective students;

WHEREAS many commonly-sought destinations within the various buildings that comprise Columbia Law School, as well as many commonly-used facilities within Jerome Greene Hall itself, are relatively difficult to find without guidance;

WHEREAS Columbia Law School currently does not offer its visitors any greeting of welcome or offer of guidance upon their entry into Jerome Greene Hall;

WHEREAS these visitors are often forced to ask whatever individuals may happen to be around the lobby or first floor hallways of Jerome Greene Hall, who may or may not be familiar with the visitors’ destinations, for direction;

WHEREAS Columbia Law School currently does not offer its visitors any greeting of welcome or offer of guidance upon their entry into Jerome Greene Hall;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

THAT it is the sense of the Columbia Law School Student Senate that the employment of a receptionist to be stationed in the lobby of Jerome Greene Hall, at least during peak visiting hours, would be a valuable and worthwhile addition to the law school environment and enhance its profile in the eyes of visitors; and

THAT the Columbia Law School Student Senate expresses its support of zealous administration efforts to create this position, should it not prove cost-prohibitive.
News & Notes

Columbia Law Women’s Association is hosting a Celebrate Love Valentine’s Day Event. Come celebrate Valentine’s day on Wednesday the 13th, at 8 pm in JG Annex with wine, cheese and desserts. Nearly one-third of American women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives, according to a 1998 Commonwealth Fund Survey. CLWA is raising money to benefit Sanctuary for Families, a counseling, legal assistance, and other services’ organization that works to end domestic violence and its impact through outreach, education, and advocacy to create a world where every woman and child lives with dignity. Tickets are $5 and they will be tabling Monday through Wednesday outside of JG 104 from 10:30 to 1:30. Co-sponsored with the Domestic Violence Project, with support from Journal of Gender and Law and Outlaws.

The Career Services Office presents: “The Business of a Law Firm: Understanding its Structure and Economics.” Panelists will discuss various business issues such as: How do Partners, Associates, and support staff further a law firm's business goals? How are Partners selected? What are the roles of Associates in client development? What is the law firms’ role in a global economy?

Date: Tuesday, February 12th, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Location: JG 103
Panelists: Gary Sellers CLS ’78, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Rossie Turman III, CLS ’98, Skadden Arps
Binta Niambi Brown, CLS ’98, Kirkland & Ellis
Heidi Levine, UB ’95, DLA Piper

The registration deadline is Friday for this year’s Robert M. Cover Public Interest Law Retreat, a gathering of public interest law students, lawyers, and professors from schools across the country. There will be workshops, panels, speakers, socializing, and the building of a strong network of public interest law friends and connections. The retreat is relaxing, students take breaks to go snow tubing, cross country skiing, or chat around the fire. This year’s retreat will take place February 29 through March 2, at the Retreat Center in Peterborough, NH. For more info, visit http://www.law.yale.edu/news/coverretreat.asp. NY area schools are encouraged to contact Ben Smilowitz at smilowitzlaw@gmail.com for carpool info.

The Project on Security, Military and US Society / Institute for Social & Economic Research & Policy is hosting a talk entitled “Go Directly to Jail: The Punitive Turn in America Life in the 1970s” on Tuesday from 4:15 to 6:00 pm in Room 270 of the International Affairs Building. Michael Sherry, the Richard W. Leopold Professor of History at Northwestern University, works on war, politics and culture in 20th-century United States. The Project on Security, Military and U.S. Society fosters research and discussion about political, sociological and historical intersections of U.S. civil society and security, its military and related issues. To join its listserv or for more information, visit http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/centers/security.html.

Public Safety Crime Prevention will be engraving and registering laptops and other electronics on Wednesday from 11 am to 2 pm in the lobby of Butler Library for free. The Property Engraving program makes it very difficult for a thief to sell your iPod or cell phone on the street or to a pawn shop. Also available will be the NYPD Blue Light Program (Invisible Ink) and discount PC Guardian Laptop Locks and Stop Theft Tags. Students can also bring their laptops to get Mac Phone Home or PC Phone Home for Vista for free. Windows users can also still get PC Phone Home free from the CUIT website at www.columbia.edu/acis/software/pcphonehome. These programs locate lost or stolen laptops & PCs. Any student, faculty or staff who joins any of the effective crime prevention programs will receive a raffle ticket for an iPod and an i-Home docking station, in addition to a “Take a Bite Out of Crime” wrist band.
This Week at CLS
February 11 - 17, 2008

Monday
• Ropes & Gray LLP: 1L Reception. 6:30 - 8:30 PM; Terrace in the Sky. RSVP to Christina.Meincke@ropesgray.com.

Tuesday
• Kernochan Center Speaker Series: Secondary Liability Under Copyright. 12:10 - 1:00 pm; JG 101. Pizza and soda.
• Civil Rights Law Society: Career Panel. 6:30 - 8:00 PM; JG Case Lounge. Dinner.
• ISERP: “Go Directly to Jail: The Punitive Turn in America Life in the 1970s,” Professor Michael Sherry. 4:15 - 6:00 PM; SIPA 270.
• SIRR: “Documenting Displacement: A preview of the documentary Between Earth & Sky and a panel on the issues facing Iraqi refugees.” 7:00 - 9:00 PM; JG 104.

Wednesday
• Student Services: “1Ls, Going Forward.” 12:15 - 1:15 PM; JG 106. Lunch.
• CLWA/DVP: VDAY Women’s Event. 8:00 - 9:30 PM; JG Annex. $5 tickets on sale in JG Lobby Monday - Wednesday, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Thursday
• Happy Valentine’s Day!

Friday
• Society for Chinese Law: “Chinese New Year Celebration: Authentic Hot Pot at Grand Sichuan.” 6:00 PM; JG Lobby OR 7:00 PM; Grand Sichuan (33rd and Lexington). $10 per person; RSVP to Xinlin Li (xl2180@columbia.edu) by Monday.

Saturday & Sunday
• All quiet on the weekend front.

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 10 am on Thursday, the week BEFORE your event. http://www.law.columbia.edu/current_student/studentorgs_abc/studentorgevent/eventform.