DEANS’ CUP TRIPLE TRIUMPH!
CLS Students, Faculty Dominate Games;
Public Interest Law Everywhere Wins

One year after a nail-biting contest ended in defeat, the CLS student basketball squad returned to the Coles Fitness Center at NYU determined to return the Deans’ Cup to an uptown location. In the end, it was a slam-dunk case, as we soundly routed our rival 83-68, in the seventh annual Deans’ Cup.

The event raised more than $140,000 for public interest law programs for each school, with half the money going to Columbia’s Public Interest Law Foundation, which helps fund public interest summers for CLS students and provides grants to innovative public interest law projects around the country.

A strong team effort led by Justin Waldie ’09 kept the downtown opponents on the defensive, as CLS dominated the game with sharp shooting and tenacious defense. After Andrew Lyle ’09 sunk the first basket of the night, CLS never trailed.

A passionate CLS crowd, armed with face paint and creative taunts, offered full-throated support throughout the contest, while the courtside cheering squad reciprocated by regularly pelting the fans with packets containing light blue CLS headbands reading “Lawyer in Training.” C.J. Martin’s steady foul shooting in the face of egregious NYU jeering and a ringing three-pointer by Pete Schwingler ’08 with nine minutes to go put the game out of reach.

With CLS leading by 11 points at half-time, the imposing CLS faculty squad (average height 6’ 3”) did battle with a team of NYU professors that lacked a single six-footer. The 10-minute game emphasized CLS domination. Seven-time Deans’ Cup participant and departing CLS professor Michael Dorf sunk an outside shot that won the game.

“It’s fitting that Mike hit the winner,” said teammate Professor Conrad Johnson.

Good cheer and sportsmanship abounded in the game. Professors Tim Wu and John Witt offered up ESPN-worthy commentary, describing NYU as a “worthy opponent” and their effort as “110 percent.”

Underlying this clamorous contest between two heavyweights of legal education is an extraordinarily cooperative and successful endeavor that, since 2002, has raised more than a half-million dollars for various causes in public interest law.

Official Senate Announcements

Meet Your New Senators!  Elections for the 2008-2009 2L and 3L senators were held this past Wednesday, April 9, and 30 talented and diverse students were selected by you to work on your behalf over the coming year. Those chosen to represent the class of 2009 are: Rajiv Batra; Stephen Chu; Stephen Cockrell; Dustin Crawford; Gabriel Gershowitz; Brian Goldberg; Craig Greiwe; Jason Lear; Amy Maffucci; Scott McJannet; Max M; Miller; Mikhaile Savary; Kathrin Schwesinger; Daniel Y; Shin; and Adam Sparks. The class of 2010 will be represented by: Elliott Ash; Esha Bhandari; Kelley Bolar; Benjamin Brickner; Max Dubin; Yael Fischer; Dimia Fogam; Jessica Isokawa; Will Leavitt; Ryan McDevitt; David Peters; Austin Thompson; Meredith Uhl; Eric Wolkoff; and Steven Wu. Elections for next year’s 1L and LL.M. classes will be held in August.

Senate E-board Elections Monday Night.  The Executive Board for next year’s Senate will be elected by the current members of the 2008-2009 Senate, listed above, at the transitional Senate meeting on Monday night at 9:10 p.m. The offices will be filled in the following order, with candidates for a position having already privately indicated to the outgoing president whether they would drop down to be considered for later-elected positions if not chosen for the first position: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian. The announced candidates for president are Craig Greiwe ’09, Max Miller ’09, and Kathrin Schwesinger ’09. The announced candidates for vice president are Will Leavitt ’10 and Meredith Uhl ’10. The announced candidate for treasurer is David Peters ’10. The announced candidates for secretary are Jessica Isokawa ’10 and Scott McJannet ’09. The announced candidate for parliamentarian is Ben Brickner. Drop-down decisions will not be publicly announced ahead of time so that such information does not affect the vote on any earlier-considered positions.

By-Laws Amended. The Senate’s by-laws were amended at our most recent meeting last Monday, April 7. You can visit http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate/meetings/minutes040708.pdf to view the marked-up document.
The CLS Black Letter

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Sharmila Achari
Aden Allen
Anne-Carmene Almonor
Zahra Egal
Arjun Garg
Shadrack Jones
John J. Kohn *
Saad Kahan *
Charlotte Lewis
Tiffany Meriweather
Siddhi Nair
Ashley Scott
Adam Sparks **
Aaron Spiwak
LaRue Robinson

Class of 2010

Elliot Ash
Esha Bhandari
Benjamin Brickner
Dave Cheng
Jennifer Clark
Max Dubin
Yael Fischer
Jessica Isokawa
Mary Kate Johnson
Will Leavitt
Charles Mckinney
David Peters
Ryan Russell
Meredith Uhl
Jia Wang

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The last meeting of the 2007-2008 Student Senate took place on Monday, April 14, at 9:10 PM in JGH 105.

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We have been pleased to represent you over the past year! Please remain engaged with your new Senate at senate@law.columbia.edu and http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate/.

Senate Business

Student Senate meetings are generally open to the entire student body. The transition meeting to the newly-elected 2008-2009 Student Senate will take place on Monday, April 14, at 9:10 PM in JGH 105.

Minutes for April 7, 2008, Senate Meeting

I. Roll Call. II. Amendments to by-laws. a. Tonight we are amending only our by-laws, because amending the constitution requires a school-wide referendum. b. Still, the E-board suggests that next year’s Senate amends the constitution as it sees fit. e. Diversity Council i. Stephen Cockrell’s introduction on creating the Diversity Council: This council would address diversity issues as they arise. It would collect and share information, and respond to incidents if necessary. The amendment here reflects this purpose. Council has six voting students, and five voting faculty and administration, with two ex officio members. It would be the Senate’s primary tool for understanding the campus climate and for addressing incidents. It is the Senate’s stand on diversity, and it is the Senate’s opportunity to get more involved in diversity. The official date for next year’s Senate is Tuesday, April 8, 2009. iii. Debate. 1. Rites of Spring could be a good idea, but it does not need to be in the by-laws. It should not be a Senate-only event, but should perhaps take place earlier in the year on a weekend outside of Columbia day. 2. If this is to remain a Senate meeting, then we should make sure that it is a Senate meeting. This is a good idea, but it should not be a Senate-only event. (b) on audits. Passes unanimously. ii. Budget Committee changes: (b) on allocations. 1. These are cosmetic changes. Consistent language is strived for. Passes unanimously. a. Yes, definitely. iii. Debate. 1. Rites of Spring could be a good idea, but it does not need to be in the by-laws. It should not be a Senate-only event, but should perhaps take place earlier in the year on a weekend outside of Columbia day. 2. If this is to remain a Senate meeting, then we should make sure that it is a Senate meeting. This is a good idea, but it should not be a Senate-only event. (b) on audits. Passes unanimously. i. Budget Committee changes: (b) on approval of the allocation budget. This language makes the by-laws part of the current committee practice, allowing the full Senate to accept, reject, or amend the committee’s recommendations. iii. Call for consent – this section unanimously passes. v. Budget committee changes: (f) on the appeals process. Again, this seeks to bring the language in line with current practice. i. Consent for – this section unanimously passes. Budget committee changes: (c) on application for funds – passes unanimously. b. Housing

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Please be kind and double-side your printouts!
News & Notes

CLS’s own John K. Johnson ’08 is co-ordinating the next Columbia University World Leaders Forum event. You are invited to attend: “Emerging Leaders: Students Making an Impact,” a panel discussion, this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in Low Library. Columbia President Lee Bollinger will host this discussion with Columbia students on the topic of student leadership. Held in partnership with the Student Affairs Caucus of the Columbia University Senate, the panelists are: Sashi Balasundaram, Mailman School of Public Health; Melissa D'Agostino, Columbia Business School; Emma Kaufman, Columbia College; Will Straw, School of International and Public Affairs; and Bilal Tanweer, School of the Arts. Introductory remarks will be made by Andrea Hauge and our John K. Johnson, Co-Chairs of the Student Affairs Caucus of the Columbia University Senate. A reception will follow the panel. Please register at: http://www.worldleaders.columbia.edu/.

The Future Healthcare Leaders student group at Columbia University is hosting a public health law panel entitled “What's Law Got to Do With It” on Wednesday, April 23, at 6:15 p.m. They invite CLS students to attend, as the law is essential to public health and health care. Come learn about the careers of lawyers that work in the health field and some projects they are currently working on. The panelists are: Adam G. Kurtz, JD, FACHE; Dwayne C. Turner Ph.D., J.D., M.P.H. Executive Agency Counsel/Chief Privacy Officer NYC DOHMH; Galen Leigh Sherwin, JD, Director of Reproductive Rights Project, NYCLU; Katherine Yang, JD, Assistant General Counsel, Pfizer Inc.. The panel will be moderated by Mailman School of Public Health Professor Magda Schaler-Haynes, JD, MPH, and will take place on the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Rosenfield Building.

You can join the victorious Deans’ Cup team on Monday for the official presentation of the return of the Deans’ Cup to Columbia Law School in Drapkin Lounge from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. There will be a special presentation to Professor Michael Dorf. The presentations will begin at 1:05 pm. Lunch will be served.

Don’t forget to vote by 5 p.m. on Monday for the annual CLS public interest awards. These awards, honoring three members of our community that have significantly contributed to public interest work, are unique as candidates are nominated and chosen entirely by law students. Vote by e-mailing clspublicinterestawards@gmail.com. Recipients will be announced at the Public Interest Honors Dinner hosted by the Center for Public Interest Law on April 24, 2008.

Amnesty International writes: Join us on Tuesday for “A Day for Change: Human Rights at Columbia,” a day of events about human rights. The day includes human rights tabling and a student photography exhibit in JG Hall from 11-4 PM, lunchtime movie discussion (non-pizza lunch) from 12:20-1:10 pm in JG102, and an evening event featuring Michael Heflin, Campaign Director of Amnesty International, speaking on the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights from 5-6:30 PM in JG102, followed by a sushi and wine reception. The day is co-sponsored by CJAN, DVP, SIRR, CUPID, CSIL, Rightslink, and ELS.

Student Services writes: The course schedule for the next academic year has been released. To assist you in course selection, please stop by Drapkin Lounge next Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Several members of the faculty will be holding open “office hours”. No appointment required. Snacks will be served. Sponsored by the Curricular Advisory Committee and Student Services.

Environmental Law Society writes: Starting this Monday through April 21, we will be running a Lightbulb Swap in the lobby of JGH (by room 104). Bring your incandescent lightbulbs (as many as you have in your apartment!), and exchange them for CFLs. We’ll have bulbs that are the equivalent of 60-Watt and 100-Watt incandescents. CFLs can use 75% less energy than incandescents and last 10 times longer, saving you on electric costs and reducing emissions of greenhouse gasses. According to EnergyStar, “If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, more than $600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.” Also, keep an eye out this week for emails from us with other tips about how you can save energy and otherwise care for our environment.

If you have a news item that everyone should know about, please email senate@law.columbia.edu.
### This Week at CLS
#### April 14 – 20, 2008

#### Monday
- **HRI:** “Beyond Guantánamo: How To Rescue the Constitution,” Vince Warren. 4:00 PM; JG 107.
- **Legal Theory Workshop:** Professor Jacob T. Levy. 4:10 PM; JG Case Lounge.
- **CPI:** 2L Public Interest Summer Job Search Orientation. 4:45 - 6:00 PM; JG 105.
- **YJA:** Schools-to-Prison Pipeline Dinner Discussion. 6:30 - 8:30 PM; JG 501.
- **SALDF:** *Planet Earth* Movie Screening. 7:30 - 9:30 PM; JG 102. *Vegan dinner.*

#### Tuesday
- **Stone Preview.** 12:25 - 1:10 PM; JG 104. *Greasy pizza.*
- **NHK Board Election and General Meeting.** 12:30 - 1:00 PM; JG 101. *Lunch.*
- **“The Challenges (and Rewards) of Working with Child Clients.”** 12:30 - 1:00 PM; JG 103.
- **Curricular Advisory Committee/Student Services:** “Building An Academic Program.” 4:00 PM; Drapkin Lounge.
- **CPI:** “Using your Summer as the Basis of a Note.” 4:30 - 6:00 PM; Jerome Greene Annex.
- **EASLS:** “Careers in Sports Panel.” 6:00 - 8:00 PM; JG 104. *Reception follows.*
- **APALSA:** EIP Information Session. 6:30 - 8:30 PM; JG 103. *Dinner.*
- **DeVinimus:** “Explore Kosher Wines!” 8:00 - 10:00 PM; JG 106. *RSVP to devinimus@gmail.com was due on Friday, 4/11.*

#### Wednesday
- **“De Schutter on Corporate Social Responsibility, European Style.”** 12:15 PM; WJW 600.
- **FedSoc/IMPACT/ACS/Outlaws:** “So You Want to be a Lobbyist?” 12:20 - 1:00 PM; JG 106. *Non-pizza.*
- **“Emerging Leaders: Students Making an Impact.”** 6:00 PM; Low Library. *Reception follows.*
- **LSFC:** Screening, *Unborn in the USA: Inside the War on Abortion.* 7:30 - 9:30 PM; JG 103. *Dinner.*

#### Thursday
- **Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court Final Round.** 4:00 PM; JGH.
- **DeVinimus/CLWA:** Women’s Tasting. 8:00 - 9:30 PM; JG 103. *RSVP to e-vite by 10 AM on Tuesday.*

#### Friday
- **Paul Robeson Conference & Luncheon.** 10:00 - 4:00 PM; JG 105 (Conference), Drapkin Lounge (Luncheon).

#### Saturday & Sunday
- **Everybody’s working for the weekend.**

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*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.*