Welcome (Back) to Columbia!

Whether you are entering your \( n \)th year or your first semester, or are somewhere in between, the Student Senate welcomes you to the 150th (or is it 215th?) year of the Columbia University School of Law. We are looking forward to a great year of fun, and if you’re not careful, you may learn something before it’s done!

Regardless of how veteran a member of the CLS community you are, this newsletter is something new to you. This e-publication will be presented weekly by the Student Senate for your reading pleasure and as a handy reference to the week’s events—carrying around the back page of this document will help you to keep track of the plethora of events that are happening every day.

We will pack The CLS Black Letter with the latest on what’s happening in the world of CLS and information to help you navigate your student life needs. In addition, we will spotlight some of the personalities who make our community so special. And we will count on you to help make this new endeavor as relevant as possible by contributing your news, questions, and ruminations.

Finally, look to The CLS Black Letter as the source for information on Senate affairs. It is crucial to the well-being of our community that everyone is able to stay informed about what we’re up to. Remember, we represent you, and we count on you to help guide our work on your behalf. Senate meetings are normally open to the entire CLS student body, and we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Student Senate
senate@law.columbia.edu

IL Scavenger Hunt Results

Congratulations to “Where’s the Uptown B??”—our winners of the 2008 Student Senate Scavenger Hunt and a $250 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice! Racing frantically between Columbia and the Statue of Liberty, this band of motivated students earned 970 points. Members included: Jonathan Friedman, Seth Linder, Gavin Snyder, Michael Holloway, Taylor Kirkland, Elisabeth Page. Second place went to “Team Are We Really Going to Do All This? Hell Yes We Are!” with 857 points and third place went to “Soul Jurisdiction” which came in with 856 pts.

The winning team Where’s the Uptown B??
Elections - Attention New Students!

Become a Student Senator!
The Student Senate invites you to become a Student Senator and take an active part in shaping your time at the Law School. There are fifteen Senate seats open to the J.D. Class of 2011 and five seats open to LL.M. and J.S.D. students. Elections for these positions will be held Wednesday, September 10.

As the representative body for all law students, the Senate is active in many aspects of student life including student-faculty and student-administration relations, student group funding, school-wide social activities, housing, curriculum changes and many other issues. If you are community-oriented or are interested in improving the quality of student life at the Law School, we strongly encourage you to become a Student Senator.

Candidate submissions are due Sunday, September 7. Forms and instructions are available on the Senate website: www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate.
Official Senate Announcements

**B(LAW)CK PARTY**
**THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

The Student Senate will host the first B(law)ck Party, a festival featuring CLS student organizations, food, and fun!

The all-school party will take place on Friday, September 5 from 1-4 p.m. out on Revson Plaza. More than 50 booths with food, drinks, sangria, beer, games at an amazing carnival! All students are welcome to attend for free!

There is no need to RSVP, but you should pick up your entry wristband before Friday to avoid the crowd and line at the door.

Student Senate will be tabling every day this week in Jerome Greene Lobby from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and pick up your wristband. Welcome back snacks will also be provided on Tuesday!

We look forward to seeing you there!

---

**Seventh Annual Fun Run this Friday**

President Bollinger will once again lead this 5K Run/Walk for students, faculty and staff the entire University community on Friday, September 5, 2008, rain or shine. Check-in will take place from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m. on the South Lawn (south of College Walk, in front of Butler Library), and the Fun Run will start at 8:30 a.m. from College Walk (116th Street between Broadway & Amsterdam). Pre-registration is currently full, but more information can be found at [http://universityprograms.columbia.edu/president-lee-c-bollingeramp039s-7th-annual-fun-run](http://universityprograms.columbia.edu/president-lee-c-bollingeramp039s-7th-annual-fun-run).

---

**If you have a news item that everyone should know about, please email senate@law.columbia.edu.**

---

**Join the Graduation Committee**

The Student Senate Graduation Committee organizes events for our graduating 3Ls and LLMs. Along with our Graduation Chairs, Craig Greiwe and Kathrin Schwesinger, the Committee will plan various events throughout the year including our end-of-year Graduation Ball.

We are currently accepting applications from students interested in being a part of this years graduation planning. You do not need to be a 3L or LLM to apply. All are welcome! To apply, please submit a brief statement (500 words or less) to senate@law.columbia.edu by September 5 at 12 p.m. In your statement, please explain why you’d like to be a part of the Graduation Committee and your past experience in event planning. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and help to make this a fun and exciting year for our graduates!
This Week at CLS
September 2-7, 2008

Monday
• Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday
• Happy first day of classes!
• Environmental Law Society/Brewmasters Organic Happy Hour – 5:30-7:30 p.m., Revson Plaza

Wednesday
• Student Services: Health & Wellness Fair
  ● Tabling 9:30 a.m. – 12p.m. East Hallway of 1st Floor, Jerome Greene
  ● Panel with Public Safety, Counseling/Psych Services and Health Services in JG 104
• Amnesty International/Rightslink/Society for Immigrant and Refugee Rights – International Human Rights Dinner, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Lenfest Café
• Transfer and Visiting Student Organization (TVSO) Dinner, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday
• 1L Welcome Dinner. 6:00 p.m. Low Memorial Library.
• First Bar Review of the Semester! Location TBD!

Friday
• Student Senate B(LAW)CK Party, 1-4 p.m., Revson Plaza
• President’s Fun Run. Check-in from 7:15 - 8:00 a.m.; run starts at 8:30 a.m. on College Walk. (Pre-registration required, see details in Senate Announcements above.)
• Student Animal Legal Defense Fund: Dinner. 7 - 9 p.m. Massawa Restaurant.
• Strategic Simulation Society Party, 8 p.m. -10 p.m., JG 304

Saturday
• J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Dinner with Mitt, 6:30-9:00 p.m., Grimaldi’s Pizzeria

Sunday
• Asian Pacific American Law Students Association/ Society for Chinese Law/ NHK, Dinner, 6-8 p.m., Drapkin Lounge

Event information is taken from the Student Services Event Calendar 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