News & Notes

ADD/DROP period ends THIS TUESDAY, 9/11, at 4:00 PM. Did you notice the Registrar has already gotten you your finals schedule? You can use the finals schedule to help you decide which classes you want to take this semester! Avoid being surprised by back-to-back-to-back-to-back exams in December by checking the finals schedule now.

Academic Planning Panel on tape. A program organized by Student Services for 2Ls and 3Ls took place on Friday, September 7, at 12:15 PM in JG 104, covering such issues as the new rules for the J.D. degree and strategies for making the most of one’s credits in law school. The panel consisted of Professors Peter [continued on p. 3]

Official Senate Announcements

The Senate hosts CLS’s annual Fall Welcome Back BBQ on Monday from noon ‘til two on Revson Plaza. Come share grilled delights, frozen treats, and imported libations with friends old and new. Browse the various student organization tables, at which you will be woosed with sonorous self-descriptions. But don’t forget your CLS ID—law students only at this fete! (Rain site: Jerome Greene Hall Lobby.)

The student group recognition deadline is Thursday, September 13, at noon. Please submit the required documentation to senate@law.columbia.edu by then. For questions on the process, contact Senate Parliamentarian Kathrin Schwesinger at sks2139@columbia.edu.

Senate Budget Committee members were elected by acclamation at our first Senate meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. The fourteen senators who will be working with student organizations to determine funding allocations are: 3Ls Adam Sparks, Aaron Spiwak, Ashley Scott; 2Ls Jason Lear, Stephen Cockrell, Rajiv Batra; 1Ls Esha Bhandari, Dave Cheng, Yael Fischer, Jessica Isokawa, Will Leavitt, David Peters, Jia Wang; and LLM Francesco Pezone.

Budget requests from student organizations are due at 10PM on Monday, September 10. Budget Request Forms should be e-mailed to CLSBudgetCmte@gmail.com.

The Senate held a budget guidelines discussion this past Friday, September 7, at 2:00 PM in JG 104. At the meeting, student leaders shared their perspectives on funding priorities for the coming year. Senate Treasurer Max Miller and the Budget Committee will take the viewpoints expressed at the open forum into consideration as we prepare for the upcoming allocation meetings. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

Letter to the Editor

Professor Peter Strauss shared with us his appreciation for this new publishing endeavor; however, he did have “[o]ne nit.” It regards our dating of the Law School’s age in our welcome message from last week’s issue.

[As the Dean has correctly been saying, this is the 150th year (one's 150th birthday comes at its end not its beginning -- think about when your first birthday was) not the 149th of continuous legal education here. Goebel's "The School of Law" reports that six students were enrolled in the new School of Jurisprudence in the Fall of 1857 (so maybe this is actually our 151st consecutive year), but the Law School, as such, dates from fall 1858. Thus, fall 2008 is when our 150th birthday falls.

As for the longer period, Kent's Professorship was authorized in December 1793, salary paid from that date, with lectures from Nov. 1794.

Please be kind and double-side your printouts!
Your 2007-2008 Student Senate

Please contact us with questions or concerns! We are working hard to represent you.

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Senate Business

The year’s first senate meeting was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. Here are the minutes:

I. Call to Order at 12:30 pm.

II. Senator Introductions. There was a lot of sentiment about helping foster a sense of community and a supportive environment, as well as working with the Administration on various student needs and concerns. New senators want to learn about how things work and getting involved. Also, several senators expressed a desire to help make meetings run smoothly.

III. Budget Committee Elections. 14 Nominees. 1L: Dave Peters, Will Leavitt, Yael Fischer, Jia Wang, Jessica Isokawa, David Cheng, Esha Bhandari. 2L: Stephen Cockrell, Jason Lear, Rajiv Batra. 3L: Ashley Scott, Adam Sparks, Aaron Spiwak. LLM: Francesco Pezone. Motion to acclaim. Seconded. No objections.

IV. Officer Reports.

a. President. Goal: meeting twice a month. Some exceptions, e.g. budget allocations meeting, Dean’s meeting with the Senate. Will receive agenda ahead of time, at least three days. Agenda on board or overhead.

b. Secretary. Attendance policy in By-laws §3 – you must be at every meeting. Notify Secretary at least six hours ahead of time. Sign up for listserv if haven’t yet.

c. Vice-President. Fall BBQ 9/10/2007 Noon – 2pm. Newsletter - contributions welcome from all senators. Senate dinner coming up soon, and date will be announced later.

d. Treasurer. End of last year raised SAF from $67 to $100 per semester. Graduation ball last spring ticket sales didn’t offset costs; this year’s senate will pay for the difference. Budget will increase by 50% for student groups, but we’ll be limited on Senate event expansion. Budget guidelines need to be approved. Friday: event for whole school on budget guidelines. Vote at next meeting to approve the guidelines.

e. Parliamentarian. Recognition process takes place at beginning of semester.

V. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

The next full Student Senate meeting is a Special Meeting this Tuesday at 9:00 PM, in JGH 105. (The regular meeting time has not been determined as of yet.)

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Strauss and Mary Zulack, Adrienne Fitzgerald of the Center for Public Interest Law, and Ilene Strauss of Student Services. For those who missed this valuable session, contact Student Services for information on how to access the videotape of the event.

Tuition Due! Don’t forget to pay your bill to the University by this Thursday.

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

Get to Know Your CLS
Spotlight on Elizabeth Grainger

Q. How long have you been at CLS? Do you live in the neighborhood?

Q. What brought you to Columbia?
A. I moved to NYC after college to be with my (then) girlfriend, who was in a band. I thought it would be helpful to have something to do in the city, so I got an MFA in poetry at Columbia School of the Arts, and worked at the University Apartment Housing (UAH) Office.

Q. About what do students generally come to speak with you?
A. It might be easier to say it this way: What do students not discuss with me?

Q. What has been your favorite job, aside from your current one?
A. I taught "senior infants" (the equivalent of kindergarten) in Galway, Ireland, for a year. It was wonderful!

Q. What is your favorite restaurant in the area?
A. I love Ajanta, the Indian restaurant on Amsterdam and W 121st St. I always order the same thing: saag paneer -- I highly recommend it. I've always wanted to eat at No Pork On My Fork, just off 125th St on 7th Ave, but I haven't been there yet.

Q. Name something most people don't know about you?
A. I worked on an STD awareness campaign for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene a few years ago; it was a cartoon strip about chlamydia, and it ran on the subways. It focused on a girl named Lydia. I never knew so many things could rhyme with chlamydia.

Q. What's one thing every CLS student should do before they graduate?
A. Take a clinic! And take advantage of living in this amazing neighborhood, and in New York City. There are fantastic places to visit, just within a few blocks of the law school -- the garden at St John the Divine, the grave "of an Amiable Child" near Grant's Tomb, the ice-skating rink at Central Park....
This Week at CLS
September 10 - 17, 2007

Monday
- Student Senate: Fall BBQ and Student Organizations Expo. 12 - 2 PM. Revson Plaza (rain site: JGH lobby).

Tuesday
- Info Session: Human Rights Watch/Sandler Fellowship. 12:20 - 1:10 PM. Li’lWarr 10th FL.
- Society for Immigrant & Refugee Rights: Annual General Meeting. 1:00 PM. JG 101.

Wednesday
- Student Services Health & Wellness – Public Safety. 12:25 - 1:05 PM. JG 106.
- Info Session: Jessup International Law Moot Court. 12:30 - 1:00 PM. JG 101.
- American Constitution Society/Federalist Society: Quizzo. 7 - 9 PM. Lenfest Cafe.

Thursday

Friday
- "Taxi to the Dark Side" screening and Q&A with director Alex Gibney. 4 PM. Dodge Hall 513. Space is limited; RSVP to antonia.grilikhes.lasky@gmail.com by Tues, 9/11.
- Japanese Festival. 5 - 8 PM. Lenfest Café.
- Softball Club: Softball Game. Time and Location TBD.

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