Official Senate Announcements

Your Safety and Security. In light of recent spree of robberies on campus and our concern regarding the notification system for crimes, the Senate has invited Jim McShane, Associate VP of Public Safety, and Ricardo Morales, Crime Prevention Specialist, to the law school. Please join us on Monday at 12:15 pm in JGH 101 as they discuss notification protocols relative to hate crimes and bias incidents as well as other Public Safety issues that are of concern to students. You will also hear many things that Public Safety is doing to make Columbia a safer campus, including more information about laptop security and the new shuttle routes. Lunch will be served.

Halloween Cometh. The Senate’s big bash is almost here. The evening kicks off on Wednesday with a family-friendly pumpkin carving event at 5 pm in Lenfest Cafè. Reserve your pumpkin by e-mailing jason.lear@law.columbia.edu—best pumpkin wins a prize! Even if you won’t be carving, stop by to enjoy the show. At 6 pm, the costume party begins in Lenfest Cafè, with good food and good company. Costume judging will take place at 7:45, with best costume winning a prize. And together with BLSA, Senate is hosting Liq-or-Treat, during which groups go “door-to-door,” sampling various liquid treats and halloween games—you must sign up by Monday to participate by e-mailing mkhazell@gmail.com. Finally, the night climaxes at 9 pm with the annual all-NYC law schools party, this year at Public House, 140 E. 41st Street, between 3rd Avenue and Lexington, one block from Grand Central Station.

Meet a (Future) Doctor! The Senate, in cooperation with the “bar czars,” has organized a mixer with the Medical School and the General Studies School for Thursday, November 1st, at 10 PM. The fun will be going down at Evelyn Lounge, 380 Columbus Ave, at W. 78th St. Just take the 1 train down to the 79th Street station.

Clean Out Your Closet. The Senate is holding a CLOTHING DRIVE during the month of November! Please donate clothing (including suits) you no longer need or want to needy members of our community. All clothing will go to Goodwill and to Dress for Success, which collects interview-appropriate business clothing. Starting this Thursday, November 1st, there will be bins set up in JGH at the end of the first floor northeast corridor, next to room 106, one bin for each graduating class (2008, 2009, 2010). Whichever class donates the most clothing wins!

Allez Cuisine! The Senate invites you to show off your culinary skills in the first ever “Iron Chef CLS.” On the morning of Friday, November 9th, the secret theme ingredient will be announced, and you will have the day to prepare your dishes for presentation, tasting, and judgment at 6:30 pm. You can form teams of up to 5 people, or sign up individually and be assigned to a team. Each team will create and present 3 dishes using the theme ingredient, and will have the opportunity to try all of the other competing dishes. You will create 4 servings of each dish, and will be judged on taste, use of theme ingredient/creativity, and presentation. The full set of rules will be available soon. Register yourself or your team with MaxJDubin@gmail.com by Friday, November 2nd. Sign up ASAP to ensure that you can see whose cuisine reigns supreme!
The CLS Black Letter

Your 2007-2008 Student Senate

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 Tuesday at 9:00 PM in JGH 105. Meetings are generally open to the entire student body. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6 (not on October 30, as reported in the last issue). The agenda will be announced in the next issue of The CLS Black Letter, as well as posted online at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate/meetings.html. The meeting will be preceded by a CLS student town hall (details to follow next week).

If there is anything that you would like the Senate to address, you may contact any of your senators, or e-mail the e-board at senate@law.columbia.edu. In order to get on the agenda for a Senate general meeting, the request must be received by the executive board before 5 pm on the Wednesday before the meeting.
New ID Update. If you have not obtained your new Columbia ID card yet, you can pick it up from Student Services until this Friday (November 2nd). Cards will be available from 11 - 2 pm on the 5th floor of William and June Warren Hall. After that, you will have to go to Lerner Hall to pick up your card. Please remember that the old ID cards will not work as of Friday, November 16th.

Manhattanville Student Open House. As part of a variety of informational outreach sessions being conducted this semester about the University’s proposed long-term expansion into a section of the Manhattanville area of West Harlem, there will be an open house for students on Monday, between 5 and 8 pm. Stop by the John Jay Lounge (corner of Amsterdam and W. 114th) to learn about the current proposal, New York City’s Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, environmental design, community benefits and other topics that may interest you about Columbia’s future in Upper Manhattan. All students must show a valid Columbia University ID in order to be admitted to the event. Pizza and soda will be served. For details, contact Michael Novielli at mjn29@columbia.edu or visit www.campusplan.columbia.edu.

Externship Applications Due Thursday! If you would like to participate in an externship this spring, you must submit your application by 3:00 pm this Thursday, November 1st. There is a wide variety of externship offerings; the nine scheduled for Spring 2008 are: Clinical Seminar in Law and the Arts, Community Defense Externship, Community Development Law Externship, Externship at the United Nations, Externship on Pro Bono Practice and Design, Fair Housing Externship, Federal Appellate Court Externship, Federal Court Clerk Externship, New York Attorney General Public Advocacy Externship, and U.S. Attorneys Office: Eastern District of New York (pending faculty approval). For more information, visit http://www.law.columbia.edu/center_program/social_justice/externships/S08.

Jerome Greene “Turning Nine.” As you may have noticed, there’s been a bit of construction going on in JG since May. The main project is the completion of the 9th floor, which was left unfinished when money for the initial construction of the building ran out. This $12.5 million effort will add 29 faculty offices (bringing the total number up to 129), a new conference area (underwritten by a $1 million gift from the Sidley Austin Foundation and many of the firm’s partners), and a seminar room. Plans were designed by the award-winning architectural firm of Paul Segal Associates, which also designed the 1999-2000 renovations of the faculty offices and lounge, seminar rooms, and the Dean’s suite. Other renovations to the 9th floor will include replacement of three air-handling units, which will improve air circulation and temperature control throughout the building. Managed by F.J. Sciame Construction, the project kicked off with demolition of existing shelters scattered above the 8th-floor roof. During the summer, crews erected steel scaffolding and poured the concrete for the new 9th-floor roof. Installation of windows in the hollow spaces between existing vertical beams, begun in early September, is now complete, and skylight installation is slated for late fall.

The new 1,120-square-foot Sidley Austin Conference Room will support a range of activities for alumni, students, faculty and special guests of the Law School, such as lectures, panel discussions, study groups, student organization meetings and social functions. A lounge directly outside the conference room will serve as a common area for students and faculty, “underscoring Columbia Law School’s commitment to fostering intellectual exchange.”

If you have a news item that everyone should know about, please email senate@law.columbia.edu.
This Week at CLS
October 29 – November 4, 2007

Monday
- Clinical Faculty Presentation: Spring 2008 Course Offerings. 12:00 - 1:00 PM; JG 103.
- CalSoc: “Learn to be a lawyer: Working in Biotech.” 12:30 - 1:30 PM; JG Annex. *Space is limited, RSVP to CaliforniaSociety@law.columbia.edu with subject line “Biotech RSVP.”*
- HRI Practitioner Series: Olivier Bercault, Human Rights Watch. 12:05 - 1:05 PM; JG 546.
- Senate presents: CU Department of Public Safety. 12:15 - 1:00 PM; JG 101.
- Student Services: Children’s Costume Party. 3:30 - 6:00 PM; WJW 5th Floor.
- SALDF: Film Screening of *Legally Blonde 2*. 7:30 - 10:00 PM; JG 105.
- Drum Major Institute for Public Policy: “Preventing Wrongful Convictions and Exonerating the Innocent.” 8:00 - 10:30 PM; The Harvard Club, 35 W. 44th St.

Tuesday
- YJA/CJAN Panel Discussion: The School-to-Prison Pipeline. 12:20 - 1:00 PM; JG 105.
- Panel Discussion: “The Home Foreclosure Crisis.” 6:00 - 8:00 PM; JG 105.

HALLOWEEN
- Clinic Student Open House. 12:15 - 1:30 PM; JG Case Lounge.
- Senate Pumpkin Carve. 5:00 - 8:00 PM; JG Lenfest Café.
- Senate CLS Costume Party. 6:00 - 8:00 PM; JG Lenfest Café.
- BLSA/Senate: Liq-or-Treat. 6:30-7:30 PM; starts at JG Lenfest Café.
- Senate all-NYC law schools Halloween Party. 9:00 PM; Public House, 140 E. 41st St.

Thursday
- Senate presents: Law/Medical/GS Mixer. 10 PM; Evelyn Lounge, 380 Columbus Ave, at 78th St.

Friday

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