Official Senate Announcements

The Gift of Life. Student Senate is hosting a blood drive in conjunction with the NY Blood Center on Tuesday (11/06) in Drapkin Lounge from 11 am to 6 pm. There is a critical blood shortage in New York, and we hope you will donate if you are able, and will encourage others to do so if you cannot. There are few things that are so quick, so simple, or so important. If you've never given blood before or are not sure about your eligibility, check out the literature around the law school.

The Senate also supports Outlaws in opposing the FDA’s discriminatory policy that bans “any man who has had sex with another man since 1977” from donating blood. During the blood drive, Outlaws will be holding a petition drive to ask the FDA to change the policy. Because people from every nationality, ethnicity and sexual orientation are saved by blood transfusions every day, Outlaws joins the Student Senate in asking you to donate if you can.

If you have questions, please email jason.lear@law.columbia.edu. The drive will be open to the entire Columbia campus and you can bring anyone else who wants to donate. While CLS has a lackluster history in this area (as a percentage of our community, we donate far less than almost any law firm or law school in New York), our last blood drive was a big improvement and we want to continue this trend. You can make an online appointment ahead of time in order to expedite the process. If you are not yet registered with NY Blood Center, sign up at: https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/publicscheduler/RegistrantCreate.aspx. You can then schedule your appointment at: https://drm.nybloodcenter.org/publicscheduler/BloodDriveDonationType.aspx?Day=11/6/2007&SchedulingID=1929&DonationSiteID=15046&DriveName=Columbia%20University%20-%20Law%20School.

Student Town Hall. The Senate invites you to join us for a school-wide open forum to be held on Tuesday (11/06) at 9 pm in JG 105. During the forum, students can share concerns about the law school, make suggestions as to ways to improve it, and ask any questions that are on their minds. The Senate will then take these questions and concerns into account going forward. In short, the forum is a quick and easy way to shape the student government's agenda. If you can't make it on Tuesday but want to share thoughts or questions with the Senate in connection with the forum, please e-mail senate@law.columbia.edu by Tuesday afternoon.

Last Call for Thanksgiving Dinner! The deadline to RSVP for CLS Thanksgiving Dinner is fast approaching! Staying in NYC for Thanksgiving? You can have a great traditional meal with friends and family at the Annual CLS Thanksgiving Dinner! For those students who want to contribute to the community on this special day, Student Senate is also organizing a Thanksgiving trip to a local soup kitchen just before the dinner. There will be a small contribution for the cost of the dinner; however, we will waive that if you participate in the community service project. Please RSVP to dys2101@columbia.edu by noon on Tuesday (11/06) for the dinner and/or community service project. Spouses, partners, and children are welcome, so please include those folks when you RSVP.

News & Notes

Flu-Free is the Way to Be. Don’t want to get the flu this year? Health Services has scheduled free “Flu Shot Fairs” for all University students, faculty, and staff. During the month of November, the vaccine will be administered at various campus locations; on Wednesday (11/07), from 11 am - 3 pm, a Flu Shot Fair will be held in the Jerome Greene Hall lobby. Members of the Law School community are also welcome to attend any of the other scheduled fairs or to make an appointment (at 212-854-7426 or http://www.health.columbia.edu/). Please contact Elizabeth Grainger with questions about the CLS Fair at egrain@law.columbia.edu or 212-854-2343.

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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 this Tuesday, November 6.

Agenda for the November 6, 2007, Senate Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Open Forum (9:00 – 9:30 PM)
3. Officer Reports
4. Committee Reports
5. MTA Discussion
6. Faculty Curriculum Committee Brainstorming Session
7. Announcements & Other Business
8. Adjourn

If there is ever anything that you would like us 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.
News & Notes (continued from p. 1)

JLSP Inaugural Student Workshop. As part of its commitment to student scholarship and the dissemination of innovative solutions to social problems, the Journal of Law and Social Problems kicks off a new series of student workshops this Tuesday (11/06) at noon, giving its authors a forum to share their research with the rest of the Law School community. Students and faculty are invited to join the Journal to promote discussion of interesting legal questions and the role of student scholarship in the law school. 1Ls interested in learning about the JLSP are particularly welcome to attend, as are students considering entering the Farnsworth Student Notes Competition.

This first event will take place in the Levien Room on the 10th floor of Little Warren. Adam Pulver ’08 will be presenting “An Imperfect Fit: Obesity, Public Health and Disability Anti-Discrimination Law,” with a response by Visiting Professor Stephen Sugarman. The paper will be available on the JLSP website (http://www.columbia.edu/cu/jlsp/) for review one week prior to the event.

The JLSP is the only entirely student written journal at CLS, and the most cited student-written journal in the country. It publishes four issues a year dealing with the application of law to issues of contemporary social concern.

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

Get to Know Your CLS

Spotlight on Nkonye Iwerebon

Nkonye Iwerebon is Dean of Admissions.

Q. How long have you been at CLS? Do you live in the neighborhood?
A. I have been around CLS for a total of 8 years. I first came here as a law student, but moved to Chicago after graduation. I joined the CLS Office of Admissions in 2002 as an Associate Director and have lived on the Upper West Side since my return to New York in 2000.

Q. What brought you to Columbia?
A. Law school: As an applicant, I loved all that Columbia had to offer, and the thought of living in New York truly excited me. As an admissions professional, I really could not imagine working anywhere else because Columbia has the right mix of students, faculty, and curricular offerings.

Q. About what do students generally come to speak with you?
A. I see most students while they are deciding where to spend the next three years of their lives. After matriculation, students often update me on their progress in law school. It is really rewarding to hear about the great things in which CLS students are involved.

Q. What has been your favorite job, aside from your current one?
A. When I was much younger, my mother owned a poultry farm where I would spend some time during the summer. There was something really appealing about collecting freshly-laid warm eggs. You could not get me to go near a bunch of chickens now!

Q. What is your favorite restaurant in the area?
A. I am so happy about the new Thai Market. I also enjoy Sushi of Gari, which is a little further down.

Q. Name something most people don't know about you?
A. I only recently became a U.S. citizen.

Q. What's one thing every CLS student should do before they graduate?
A. Travel as extensively as possible.
This Week at CLS
November 5 - 11, 2007

Monday
- CPIL Info Session: DLA Piper’s Access to Education Project (pro bono credit). 12:20 - 1:05 PM; WJW 101.
- CalSoC: 1L Summer Job Search Workshop & Panel. 12:20 - 1:10 PM; JG Annex.
- CPIL: PUBLIC INTEREST JOB SEARCH ORIENTATION. 4:15 - 6:00 PM; JG 102.
- Alumni Panel: “Why Clerk?” 5:00 - 6:30 PM; JG 103.
- SJI/CPIL Alumni Panel: U.S. Government Lawyering (Domestic) 101. 6:30 - 8:30 PM; JG Case Lounge.

Tuesday
- Student Senate presents: CLS Blood Drive. 11 AM - 6 PM; JG Drapkin Lounge.
- JLSP Student Scholarship Workshop: “Obesity, Disability, and Public Health.” 12:00 - 1:00 PM; Li’l Warren 10th Floor.
- ACLU Panel: “Administration of Torture,” Jameel Jaaffer and Amrit Singh. 6:15 - 8:00 PM; JG 105.
- APALSA: 1L Summer Job Search Workshop. 6:30 - 8:00 PM; JG 104.
- Panel Discussion: “Prosecuting the War on Terror...Literally.” 6:30 - 8:00 PM; JG 106.
- DeVinimus: Malbec Tasting. 8:00 - 10:00 PM; JG 102. RSVP to devinimus@gmail.com by 9:00 AM on 11/05.
- Student Senate: Town Hall Meeting. 9:00 - 9:30 PM; JG 105.

Wednesday
  12:15 - 1:15 PM; JG 105.
- ELSC: “EU Terrorism Listings, Fundamental Rights and UN Security Council Resolutions: In Search of the Right Fit.”
  12:15; WJW 600.
- NALSA Lecture: “Intro to Federal Indian Law.” 6:10 - 8:00 PM; JG 304.
- SIRR: Sentenced Home Film Screening. 7:00 - 8:30 PM; JG 106.
- PILF: Student-to-Student Job Fair. 7:00 - 9:00 PM; WJW basement.

Thursday
- EASLS: Sports and Entertainment Career Advice Lunch. 12:05 - 1:00 PM; JG 102.
- CGLP: “Widening the Universal,” Jean Coicaud. 12:00 - 1:05 PM; JG 101.
- SIRR: Career Panel. 12:15 - 1:00 PM; JG 304.
- SJ IL American Speaker Series: Professor Roberto Gargarella. 12:20 - 1:20 PM; Li’l Warren 10th Floor.

Friday
- Career Services: 1L ORIENTATION. 4:00 - 5:00 PM; Low Library.
- Student Senate presents: Iron Chef CLS. 6:30 - 9:00 PM; JG Lenfest Café. Register with maxjdubin@gmail.com by noon on 11/05.

Saturday
- SALSA: Mela. 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM; Low Library. $12 tickets on sale in JGH from 11/05 to 11/09.

Sunday
- Your event here!

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