Official Senate Announcements

**Kitchen Kings Crowned!**  The Student Senate hosted the first-ever “Iron Chef CLS” competition this past Friday, November 9th, in Lenfest Café. Sixty students on twelve teams competed by each creating three courses featuring the secret ingredient — winter squash. The theme ingredient, provided by the local farmers’ market, was announced at high noon, and the teams spent the rest of the day cooking and plating their food. The teams prepared elaborate meals turning pumpkins and squash into surprising dishes. Students paid attention to every detail, from garnishings of homemade pumpkin brittle and bourbon whipped cream to restaurant-worthy platings. The judging panel, full from trying over forty delectable dishes, couldn’t pick just one champion, and deemed “The Spice Weasels” and “Harmony Hall” the co-victors. The competitors also got to try each other’s dishes, and chose “Motion to Squash” as the People’s Choice winner. By the end of the night, 150 pounds of squash had been used, and everyone left full and looking forward to a rematch.

**Blood Drive Breaks Record!**  Thanks to the hard work of the Blood Drive co-chairs — Sen. Jason Lear, Sen. Kathrin Schwesinger, Julian Dunn, and Sen. Will Leavitt — and the New York Blood Center, the November 6th blood drive was a great success. As a community, we came together to continue improving our previously lackluster donation record and help other people in need. At this drive, we managed, despite huge scheduling obstacles and a late start, to actually increase our fantastic performance at the last blood drive. We collected 83 units of blood with another three dozen students who attempted to give. Thanks so much for giving and please come out to donate again at the Spring drive.

**Student Senate Exam Prep Series Continues!**  The Senate brings you two more events this week to help you get ready for the rapidly approaching finals. First, this Wednesday, November 14th, at 12:15 pm in JGH 105, we present helpful hints for outlining and studying; three upperclass Teaching Fellows will be available to discuss how they did it. Then, the very next day at 4:00 pm in JG 104, we bring you the one-and-only Professor Joseph Glannon, author of *Civil Procedure: Examples & Explanations*, who will discuss helpful strategies for answering exam questions and the main pitfalls of bad student answers. He will also distribute and analyze a civil procedure exam question. Keep your eyes peeled for other upcoming events in the series!

News & Notes

**The Justice Has Landed.**  As first reported to you in *The CLS Black Letter* two months ago, the Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor, retired associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, will be visiting our school this week. She will first be presenting the Harold Leventhal Memorial Lecture on Monday at 5 pm in JGH 104/106. Students are to enter by the outer doors, as the middle doors are reserved for faculty, administrators, and alumni. The event is oversubscribed, so you will want to show up early — doors open at 4:30, and once tickets run out, you will have to watch the simulcast in JGH 101 or 103. Please note that bags and laptops will not be allowed in the room, so leave them in your locker or at the coat check in the lobby. The next day, Justice O’Connor will be having breakfast in the law school with a small group of lucky students who won the Student Services lottery last week.

**Great American Smokeout.**  This Thursday, November 15th, from 11 am to 3 pm, Columbia Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) will be participating in the Great American Smokeout. For over three decades, this annual event has encouraged many to quit smoking. So stop smoking and visit their table on College Walk and Barnard Campus for hot chocolate, delicious baked goods, and t-shirts with clever slogans, with all proceeds

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Libel Lines
by Calder V. Jones

- Item 1: CLS student leaders shocked as US News interviewer asks how they feel about being ranked sixth in upcoming 2009 law school rankings.
- Item 2: Administration pledges to ventilate JGH first floor men’s restroom after 2 students overcome by fumes.
- Item 3: Hunger strike enters third day as protest continues over lack of power outlets in Lenfest Café.

Get to Know Your CLS
Spotlight on Nalini Macedo

Nalini Macedo is an Administrative Assistant at the Office of Registration Services.

Q. How long have you been at CLS? Do you live in the neighborhood?
A. I have been at CLS for almost four years. I live pretty close by, in central Harlem.

Q. What brought you to Columbia?
A. I had moved to New York City from Seattle, and I found this job through an agency. I had worked in higher education before, so this job was a pretty smooth transition. I have been here ever since.

Q. About what do students generally come to speak with you? What is the strangest request/inquiry you have ever gotten?
A. Grades, class schedules, graduation and registration – we get it all. Pretty run of the mill questions. The oddest inquiries usually come from the FBI when they are doing background checks; I think even they have seen one too many X-Files episodes.

Q. What has been your favorite job, aside from your current one?
A. I worked at the Experience Music Project (an interactive music museum) in Seattle. I got the opportunity to meet a lot of my favorite musicians, and more importantly... Brad Pitt.

Q. What is your favorite restaurant in the area?
A. It changes from day to day, but you can’t go wrong with Dinosaur Barbecue. Good food, good beer, good times!

Q. Name something most people don’t know about you?
A. I once dressed up like a chicken for a radio contest to win the opportunity to meet Marilyn Manson, Courtney Love and their respective bands. I won.

Q. What’s one thing every CLS student should do before they graduate?
A. Shout out to Student Services – read the graduation handbook! And have fun and enjoy the city before you start working 80 hour weeks!
This Week at CLS
November 12 - 19, 2007

Monday
- ALSA: “Snack Attack” Sale. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM; SIPA Lobby.
- CalSoc Mentoring Lunch: Dean Zipser. 12:15 - 1:00 PM, JG Annex.
- CPIL presents: “The Institute for Justice” Summer Fellowship. 12:20 - 1:10 PM; WJW 103.
- HRI Speaker Series: Paul Hoffman, ACLU of Southern California. 12:20 - 1:05 PM; JG 546.
- Study Abroad Info Session: China. 12:15; WJW 600.
- Harold Leventhal Memorial Lecture by The Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor. 5:00 PM; JG 104/106. Doors open at 4:30; simulcast in JG 101 and JG 103.

Tuesday
- CalSoc: NorCal Public Interest Pizza Lunch. 12:15 - 1:00 PM, WJW L104.
- HRI Speaker Series: Nicolas Burniat, Human Rights First. 12:20 - 1:20 PM; JG 646.
- CPIL/Career Services: Resume and Job Application Workshop. 4:15pm; JG 104.
- YJA: “Children and Advertising” Dinner. 6:30 - 8:00 PM; JG 502.
- IP Practitioners Panel. 6:30 - 8:30 PM; JG 105.
- DeVinimus: Port Tasting. 7:30 - 10:00 PM; JG 103. RSVP to devinimus@gmail.com by 10:00 PM on 11/11.

Wednesday
- Senate Exam Prep Series: Outlining and Study Tips. 12:15 - 1:00 PM; JG 105.
- Double Degree Info Session: Paris. 12:15 PM; WJW 600.
- HRI Speaker Series: Denise Bell, Campaign to Save Darfur. 12:20 - 1:20 PM; JG 646.
- Visiting Scholars’ Forum: Cornelis Jaap Wouter Baaij and Ann-Sophie Vanderberghede. 12:30 PM; WJW 600.
- “Corporate Law: The Art of the Deal.” 6:00 PM; JG Drapkin Lounge.
- Panel Discussion: “Taking Action: New Thoughts on Achieving Racial, Ethnic and Gender Diversity in the Legal Profession.” 6:15 - 7:30 PM (reception to follow); location TBA. RSVP to ccevents@cliffordchance.com.

Thursday
- CalSoc: SoCal Public Interest Pizza Lunch. 12:15 - 1:00 PM; WJW L104.
- HRI Speaker Series: Elavarthi Manohar, Sangama. 12:20 - 1:20 PM; JG 546.
- EASLS: Happy Hour. 5:30 PM; Radio Perfecto.
- CPIL Panel Discussion: Careers in Prosecution. 6:00 - 7:30; JG 105.
- Senate Exam Prep Series: “Exam Strategies that Work…and some that don’t,” Prof. Joseph Glannon. 6 - 8 PM; JG 104.
- Law Revue Fall Show Opening Night: ‘Lights, Camera, Actionable!” 8:00 - 10:00 PM; Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall. $5 tickets on sale this week in the JG Lobby.

Friday
- Madrigals and Polyphony, 12:15, JG 501.
- Panel Discussion: “The Meaning of Diversity in the University.” 4:00 - 6:00 PM; JG 106.

Saturday
- Law Revue Fall Show Closing Night: ‘Lights, Camera, Actionable!” 8:00 - 10:00 PM; Arledge Auditorium, Lerner Hall. $5 tickets on sale this week in the JG Lobby.

Sunday
- Your event here!

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