Official Senate Announcements

Please Participate in Housing Survey. The Student Senate Housing Committee has prepared a survey to assess any inconveniences and needed improvements in student accommodations. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey so that we can help you to be more comfortable and less distracted. Just click the following link to complete the short (2-5 minutes) survey: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=sjEnbxvaNpfj_2bKccWG_2bDBA_3d_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=sjEnbxvaNpfj_2bKccWG_2bDBA_3d_3d).

Giving Back on Thanksgiving. While the Senate Thanksgiving dinner is full, there is still time to sign up to volunteer at the Broadway Community, Inc., soup kitchen on Thanksgiving Day. BCI is located right by campus, on W. 114th Street. There are two shifts: 10 am to 12 pm and 12 pm to 2 pm. If you would like to sign up to help with either shift, or have any questions about the dinner, please e-mail dys2101@columbia.edu.

News & Notes

Two members of the CLS community are taking part in “Upper Manhattan is Reading . . . ‘To Kill a Mockingbird.’” Funded by the National Endowment of the Arts’ “The Big Read” program, this series of events taking place throughout November is a Columbia University effort celebrating Nelle Harper Lee’s literary classic *To Kill A Mockingbird*. **Professor Robert Ferguson** and **Peter Harvey ’82**, former Attorney General of New Jersey, are leading a panel discussion entitled “Transformative People, Transformative Lawyers,” this **Monday, November 19, at 6 pm in JGH 102**. Focused on the Upper Manhattan community, the month-long program includes a variety of activities, such as film screenings, book readings, a book cover contest, and an essay contest, to engage a broad demographic in discussing the themes within the novel.

**LAW REVUE REPORTS:** The Columbia Law Revue Show. “Lights! Camera! Actionable!” was a smash hit this past Thursday and Saturday, attracting hordes of panty-waving and boxer-chucking fans both nights, as well as endorsement from Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. (“I wish I could be there. Break a leg, guys!”) The Revue is thankful for the enthusiastic support from the entire Columbia Law School community, and the nearly 500 people who turned out for the two performances.

For the huddled masses yearning for more entertainment

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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.

Senate Business

The full Student Senate typically meets every other Tuesday at 9:00 pm in JGH 105. The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2007. 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.

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Libel Lines
by Calder V. Jones

- Item 1: Students rejoice as Hamilton Deli goes 24 hours on Sundays.
- Item 2: CLS switching to iExam (Mac-only exam software) starting this semester; PC users must inform Registrar by Friday of intent to buy MacBooks or to hand write exams.
- Item 3: CU administrators to restrict CLS students to Law Library as undergrads express fear of "creepy law students" taking over other campus libraries.

Get to Know Your CLS
Spotlight on Tony Pallone

Tony Pallone is Director of Building Services and Operations.

Q. How long have you been at CLS? Do you live in the neighborhood?
A. I've been at CLS for 10 years. I live in Westchester County.

Q. What brought you to Columbia?
A. Back in 1997, the Law School had an opening for the Building Manager's position that I successfully interviewed for. Since that time, I've been involved with the following capital projects: opening of W&J Warren Hall, Greene Hall renovations of upper floors and 1st floor classrooms; as well as the ongoing first floor lobby/9th floor Project. Over the past decade, Building Services has been charged with maintaining the high standards established for our buildings.

Q. About what do students generally come to speak with you?
A. I tend to hear from students mostly about assistance required for clothing/book/food drives, security, custodial coverage for events and building maintenance issues.

Q. What has been your favorite job, aside from your current one?
A. Facilities Manager at the now defunct Melville Corporate Headquarters.

Q. What is your favorite restaurant in the area?
A. Amsterdam Cafe.

Q. Name something most people don't know about you?
A. I approach the game of golf much the way I do my job, with focus, enjoyment and desire for improvement.

Q. What's one thing every CLS student should do before they graduate?
A. Visit Yankee Stadium, before it closes down at the conclusion of the 2008 season; it's truly a field of dreams, much like the Columbia campus.
This Week at CLS
November 19 - 25, 2007

Monday
- HRIP Speaker Series: Larry Garber, CEO of the New Israel Fund. 12:05 - 1:05 PM; JG 546.
- Public Interest Law Foundation: Community Grants Presentation! 4:00 - 6:00 PM; JG 106. Food provided.

Tuesday
- CPIL Info Session: NYC Law Department Office of the Corporation Counsel Info Session, Summer Internships (1L/2L) and Spring Internship (2L/3L). 12:20 - 1:05 PM; WJW 101.
- Federalist Society: David Lat, Editor in Chief of Above the Law, Lunch, 12:25 - 1:05 PM, JG 107. Lunch provided.
- CJAN/CPIL: Public Defender Career Panel. 6:30 - 8:30 PM; JG 103. Dinner provided.

Wednesday
- Nothing doing.

Thanksgiving Day
- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Student Senate: Volunteering at BCI Soup Kitchen. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM; 601 West 114th Street. E-mail dys2101@columbia.edu to sign up.
- Student Senate: Thanksgiving Dinner. 3:00 PM. Registration deadline passed; e-mail dys2101@columbia.edu with questions.

Friday & Saturday & Sunday
- Thank goodness for holiday breaks!