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NOTES FROM THE SBA PRESIDENT

HARVEST HOPE VOLUNTEER

The Law School will be sending groups of volunteers to Harvest Hope Food Bank on Friday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:30 this spring. Your services are needed!! Please feel free to sign up your organization or just bring yourself. We will be sending a group on the following dates: February 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th, and March 21st and 28th. Please email Robert Hawk (rbhawk@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up.

CAREERWEEK 2008 – COMING SOON!

Career week will be held January 28th – 31st. Each day a group of attorney panelists will hold a lunchtime discussion on a specific area of the law in the Auditorium. Lunch will be served. The Career Celebration will culminate in a fabulous reception on Thursday, January 31st at City Art in the Vista. The Topics to be Covered:

Monday: Legal Jobs in the Government Sector

Tuesday: Firm Life

Wednesday: Alternative Careers in the Legal World

Thursday: Judicial Clerkships

More information to come!

STUDENT INSURANCE

If you have health insurance through the University's program, Pearce & Pearce, Inc., you need to re-register online at the beginning of each semester. Log on to www.studentinsurance.com for registration information.

SBA SPRING DATES

Get pumped! Lots of exciting SBA events coming at you this semester! Please note the date change for Barristers Ball.

Career Week Reception- Thursday, January 31

Barristers Ball- Saturday, February 23

Golf Tournament- Friday, March 21

Carolina Cup- Saturday, March 29

UPCOMING SBA ELECTIONS

Get ready for upcoming SBA Elections! Please consider running for a spot on the

THIS WEEK - BREAKDOWN

Monday, Jan. 21

Tuesday, Jan. 22

12:40

Room 135

Career Services Seminar:
"Dress and Etiquette for
Legal Interviews, Cocktail
Parties, and Summer Jobs"
Lunch will be served

7:00

Room 230

SBA Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 23

12:40

Room 345

Environmental Law Society
Meeting

Room 135

Women In Law Meeting

Room 230

Moot Court Meeting

Room 138

Public Interest Law Society
Meeting

Room 333

Christian Legal Society
Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 24

Friday, Jan. 25

Executive Council (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer), the Legislative Council (8 Class Representatives) or the Honor Council (3 Class Representatives). Executive council elections will take place in early February, with Legislative and Honor Council elections soon thereafter. More information to come shortly.

DEAN'S TOWN HALL MEETINGS FOR THE SEMESTER

Dean Pratt has two more Town Hall Meetings scheduled during the lunch hour this semester: Wednesday, February 13 and Wednesday, April 9. Please do not schedule organization meetings at these times.

GENERAL COMPLAINTS

Straight from Dean Pratt's mouth at the Town Hall Meeting, the administration is committed to making your stay at USC Law a better experience. If you have a complaint, let someone in administration know! Talk to Beth Davis or send an email to someone on SBA - but please don't let your valid complaints go unheard!

SBA MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to purchase an SBA Membership, please put a check in SBA Secretary Leigha Blackwell's student mailbox (2L). Make sure your name is on the check! Please email Leigha with any questions: leigha.blackwell@gmail.com
1yr SBA Membership: \$35, 2yr Membership: \$55, 3yr Membership: \$75.

UVA NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNEY

The UVA School of Law is hosting its world famous softball tourney, the unofficial "law school national softball championship," the weekend of April 4-6th, 2008. USC Law sent a quality team to the tourney last year, put on a spectacular run and nearly knocked off the UVA gold team, the eventual tournament champion. We'd like to send another team this year to attempt to break the UVA juggernaut.

Due to the tournament's proximity to exams, and students' propensity to hunker down pre-exams, we are gauging interest to see if fielding a team is even a possibility. If we have enough interest, tryouts will be held in the early spring and the USC law team will play in the USC spring intramural league.

For more information on the Law School Invitational, please see www.ngsl.com. Please email Brooks Fuller if you are interested in playing on the team or have any questions: fuller.brooks@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

3L CLASS GIFT

A BBQ lunch will be provided for all 3Ls on Wednesday, February 6 at 12:40 pm as the kick-off to the Class of 2008's Class Gift campaign. Please plan to join your classmates for BBQ (ed. note: expertly) cooked by Ben Bruner and friends. Any questions about the Class Gift can be sent to Carol Mitchell at mitcheca@gwm.sc.edu.

SAFETY ALERT!

A Law Student was recently robbed in the parking lot next to the Colonial Center. (<http://www.les.sc.edu/crimealerts/index.asp>) We have met with the Campus Law Enforcement and Safety Director to request additional police

patrol in the parking lot areas. Students are encouraged to use the police escort system, which can be reached at 777-4215, or walk in groups to outlying parking areas. That number can also be used to report suspicious activity or persons in the Law School building and on the USC campus. Please keep in mind these safety tips: be aware of your surroundings; if you are approached by someone suspicious, contact police by calling 911; carry a noise making device, such as a whistle or screech alarm; and watch out for unknown persons loitering in parking lots. Trust your instincts, if a place doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

CAREER SERVICES SEMINAR

Tuesday, January 22, 12:40, Room 135

Experienced lawyer, John Emerson, gives an amusing and helpful presentation on surprising mistakes that even socially savvy law students make when it comes to their dress and etiquette in various social and professional situations. Lunch will be served.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 12:40, Room 345

We will be hosting Blan Holman from the Southeastern Environmental Law Center.

WOMEN IN LAW MEETING

Wednesday, January 23, 12:40, Room 135

Women in Law continues our speaker series with Rosalyn Frierson, Esq., Director of Court Administration. Lunch will be served.

MICROSOFT'S ULTIMATE STEAL

Don't forget to take advantage of this incredible offer! As a qualifying student, you are eligible to purchase the entire Office 2007 Ultimate bundle for only \$59.95. The following applications are included: Access™ 2007, Accounting Express 2007, Excel® 2007, InfoPath® 2007, Groove® 2007, OneNote® 2007, Outlook® with Business Contact Manager, PowerPoint® 2007, Publisher 2007, and Word 2007. That's a \$679.95 value for only \$59.95. For more details or to take advantage of this offer, visit www.theultimatesteal.com. (ed. note: no affiliation with Microsoft; no money is being made)

BLSA SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONVENTION

The Black Law Students Association at the University of South Carolina School of Law will host the 37th Annual Southern Regional Convention for the National Black Law Students Association. The Southern Regional Convention will kick off on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at the Columbia Marriott.

NBLSA is the largest student run organization in the nation. Three USC students currently serve on the Southern Regional Executive Board of NBLSA. As convention coordinators, Alicia Gibson and Adam Landy planned the SRBLSA Convention. As public relations director, Charlene Burton helped to secure

corporate sponsors for the convention.

Yvonne Murray-Boyles, Lambert Guinn, Brooke Johnson, and Byron Wratee will participate in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, with Tracy Pinnock as team manager. Joseph Dickey and Omeeka Loggins will participate in the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, with Alexandra Lyles as team manager. The BLSA Chapter at USC will also compete for Chapter of the Year. Good luck to all the competitors!

SPRING 2008 ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Attention all 1Ls. Tutoring for Spring 2008 will begin the week of January 21, 2008 and continue until the week of April 7, 2008. Signs will be posted throughout the law school with day, time, and room information. All 1Ls are encouraged to attend.

RACE JUDICATA

Women in Law's annual Race Judicata 5K Run / Walk in Shandon will be Saturday, February 16th at 9am. The race begins at Hand Middle School. Cost is \$20, which includes a T-Shirt, and all proceeds benefit the Women's Shelter. Register online at StrictlyRunning.com, or for additional information, see the pdf brochure available at law.sc.edu or email RaceJudicata@gmail.com. It's only 3 miles, it's right here in Columbia, and it's for a great cause!

NOTES FROM THE REGISTRAR

MAY 2008 GRADUATES

Your student mailbox has the following forms: graduation application, graduation checklist and commencement program & degree verification; please return these forms to the law registrar/academic services office (suite 137) by Friday, January 25, 2008.

FALL 2007 CLASS RANKS

The law registrar anticipates class ranks to be available around Monday, January 28, 2008.

NOTES FROM STUDENT SERVICES

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE

If classes are delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, students are to follow the University directives which you will find on the USC web page or you can call the USC Emergency Network, (803) 777-5700.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES

Students designated to receive Cali Awards will receive letters in their mailboxes this week. The letters request a response from you so please check your mailboxes. Mailboxes should be checked at least twice a week.

2008 MPRE TEST DATES AND APPLICATION DEADLINES

The receipt deadline for the Saturday, March 8th MPRE exam is January 29, 2008. You can register on the web, mpre.registration@act.org The fee is \$60.00. The other 2008 MPRE test dates are: Friday, August 8 and Saturday, November 8th.

MPRE REVIEW COURSE APPLICATION

The review course for the March 8th MPRE exam is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m. in room 333. It will also be offered in Charleston on this date. You can register in Student Services, rm. 131-K. If you pay \$250 on your Barbri bar review account, you will be eligible to receive this course free.

2008 BRIDGE THE GAP DATES

Attention May Grads! The Bridge the Gap program is a 3 day program (M-W) sanctioned by the SC Supreme Court which focuses on the practical nuts and bolts skills needed to practice law. 2008 dates are as follows: March 10-12, May 12-14, August 4-6 and October 13-15. Applications are available in Student Services, rm. 131-K. 2Ls are eligible to take the Bridge the Gap program also.

CONGRATULATIONS

Nicole Fessler, 3L, and Eric Wagner were married on Saturday, January 5, 2008.

