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NOTES FROM THE SBA PRESIDENT

SBA ELECTIONS & CANDIDATE FORUMS

Congratulations to the following winners of this past Thursday's elections!

Vice President- Adam Landy
Secretary- Price Sumner
Treasurer- Whitney Harrison

A runoff for SBA President between Leigha Blackwell and Joe Harris and will be held on Tuesday, February 12. Vote in the lobby 9am to 4 pm.

SBA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND HONOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for SBA Class Representatives and Honor Council will be held on Thursday, February 14th.

The SBA Class Representative and Honor Council Forum scheduled for Monday has been cancelled. Please remember to vote in both the Presidential runoff election on Tuesday and the Class Representative and Honor Council elections on Thursday.

Please contact Lir Derieg, Election Committee Chairman, with any election questions: lirderieg@hotmail.com.

DEAN'S TOWN HALL MEETING

Please come out to Dean Pratt's Town Hall Meeting this Wednesday, February 13 at 12:40 in the Law School Auditorium. Lunch will be served.

LOAN CONSOLIDATION LUNCH

Don't miss the free seminar, "How to Effectively Manage Your Student Debt: Best Practices for Law Students," presented by Todd Balsley from Graduate Leverage, Harvard Business School '05. Monday, February 25th at 12:40 in Room 231. Lunch will be served.

SPORTSMAN'S DELIGHT - THURSDAY NIGHT BOWLING

What better way to spend a Thursday night than dressed in a costume and celebrating the great sport of bowling with your friends? If you can't think of one, this is the event for you! Bowling teams are made up of 3 girls and 3 boys. These teams will receive points based on bowling scores, theme participation and a few other incidentals... There will be three exceptional nights: March 20, March 27, April 3, all at the same location of Park Triangle Bowling right across the river in Cayce.

THIS WEEK - BREAKDOWN

Monday, Feb. 11

Tuesday, Feb. 12

9:00

Law Lobby
SBA President Runoff
Election

9:45

Law Lobby
Student-Faculty Coffee

12:40

Room 135
Career Services Panel:
"How to Get a Summer
Job"

Wednesday, Feb. 13

12:40

Law Auditorium
Dean's Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 14

9:00

Law Lobby
SBA Legislative and
Honor Council Election

Friday, Feb. 15

Saturday, Feb. 16

9:00

Hand Middle School
Race Judicata

The price per team member is \$40 and the deadline to sign up is Thursday, February 29. Price includes shoe rental and 3 games per night. Sign up in Beth Davis's office. Payment by cash or check. Please contact Jennifer Harris with any questions: jlh83@aol.com.

Men's 8v8 Outdoor Soccer Schedule- Team Learned Hand, Division 8
http://129.252.123.246/IMTRACKSCHEDULES/Spring_2008_Outdoor_SoccerMens.html

Dodgeball Schedule- Tyler's Team, Co-Rec Division 3
http://129.252.123.246/IMTRACKSCHEDULES/Spring_2008_DodgeballCoRec.html

Softball

If you'd like to play on the Men's softball team, please contact Brooks Fuller at: fuller.brooks@gmail.com. Space is limited!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH ST. LAWRENCE PLACE

St. Lawrence Place needs part-time and full-time help in its child care program over the week of March 24-28. If interested in helping out or if you have any questions, please contact Bronwyn McKnew at BronwynKelson@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH HARVEST HOPE

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 15th and 29th
March 21st and 28th

Please email Robert Hawk (rbhawk@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up.

NEW COPIERS FOR LAW LIBRARY PATRONS

The Law Library is pleased to announce the arrival of new photocopiers. These copiers will arrive in the next couple of weeks, and they will have duplexing capability, faster copying speed, handicap accessibility with larger, touch screens and the ability to maneuver the copying surface.

In addition, we will be adding a coin-op machine to the copier that currently accepts only the Carolina Card, allowing for both coins and the Carolina Card to be used in it. The other copier will continue to accept coins only.

Due to increased costs, both for the photocopiers and supplies (paper, toner, etc.), the charge for copies, which had not risen in over 15 years, will now be \$.20 per page. As always, the Circulation staff will be happy to assist patrons with using the new copiers.

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

GRADUATE FAIR

The Office of Student Affairs, in conjunction with the School of Law bookstore, will be hosting a Graduate Fair on Thursday, February 28th, for our 2008 grads. At the Fair, you will be able to order your cap and gown, purchase graduation announcements and diploma frames, and receive more information about the

Graduation Celebration, to be held the evening of May 8. Please make plans to attend. The time of the Fair will be announced in the next e-brief.

FROM THE 3L CLASS GIFT COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who came out to the 3L Class Gift Campaign Kickoff BBQ, and special thanks to Ben Bruner who prepared the wonderful BBQ and sides and to Laura Figueroa, his skilled assistant! The terrific weather, fabulous food, and class of 2008 graduates made the BBQ a huge success. Over \$11,000 was pledged last Wednesday towards the 2008 Class Gift of law school scholarships, and we hope to raise much more by the end of the semester. Congratulations to Kristina Cooper, who won the one night's stay at the Inn at USC. Please see a Class Gift Committee member or pick up a pledge card in Beth Davis's office if you would like to make a donation.

NEW LAW REVIEW EDITOR

On February 7, 2008 the membership of the South Carolina Law Review elected Jason Phillip Luther as the Editor in Chief of Volume 60. Jason has a BA in History from Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia, and expects to receive his JD from USC in 2009. Before law school, Jason helped found a construction business that rebuilt homes in hurricane damaged south Florida. He has also worked as a paralegal and project assistant in law firms in South Carolina and Tennessee. Jason's note, *A Tale of Two Cities: Is Lozano v. City of Hazelton the Judicial Epilogue to the Story of Local Immigration Regulation in Beaufort County, South Carolina?*, will be published in the Law Review's Survey of South Carolina Law in April 2008.

2008 LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM

The South Carolina Law Review and the University of South Carolina School of Law invite you to attend our 2008 symposium, *The Roberts Court & Equal Protection: Gender, Race, and Class*. The symposium will address recent Supreme Court decisions regarding equal protection, including the school desegregation cases and the partial-birth abortion case, and possible areas for new litigation. The presenters, including former USC Professor Andrew Siegel, will focus on the Court's constitutional philosophy regarding equal protection in the areas of gender, race, and class. The symposium will be held in the auditorium at the University of South Carolina School of Law on Friday, February 29, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

VALENTINE'S DAY CARNATIONS

Children's Advocacy Law Society will be selling Valentine's Day Carnations in the lobby February 11, 12 & 13 from 9 until 3. The flowers will be delivered with a message attached either to his/her law school mailbox or at a location (other than class) where he/she regularly works. The message can also be anonymous. You can buy one carnation for \$2 or three for \$5.

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 on the USC website 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 PRO BONO

GREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Pro Bono Program is seeking a very few good men and women. People who think they are great communicators and yet have the patience to work with teenagers. This involves a pilot project that places law student volunteers in the role of "professor", teaching a curriculum called "Choices: Legal Awareness Sessions for Youth." Times and dates to be determined but plenty of opportunity for teamwork! Training will be provided. If you believe you have a special knack for talking to teens, come talk to the Director of the Pro Bono Program ASAP.

TAX PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS

Tax Season! Volunteer law students will be preparing tax returns for low income and elderly clients starting on Feb 9th. They will be in the lobby in February and March on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings providing a valuable service to the public. These volunteers are certified... by the IRS! If you think you might want to be a part of this process drop in to observe and see how simple this really can be. Think you can't get any "hands on" training in law school? Wrong- this a great interview skill building exercise!

FOOD DRIVE

There are rumors that the Spring "Best Class" Food Drive will be huge this year. Get a head start by learning more about what really goes on at Harvest Hope Food Bank. Volunteer work crews are needed on Feb. 8th, 15, 29, Mar. 21 and 28th from 1:30- 3:30. Sign up in the Pro Bono Office, or email Robert Hawk at: Rbhawk@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM CAREER SERVICES

ATTENTION 1Ls

On Tuesday, February 12, 12:40 in Room 135 there will be a panel of students discussing "How to Get a Summer Job." Pizza will be served.

NOTES FROM STUDENT SERVICES

THANKS TO OUR BLOOD DONORS

Thanks for saving a life! The Red Cross collected 33 units of blood on Tuesday, February 5. Many thanks to the following donors: Kathleen Coughlin, Lindsay Joyner, David Williams, Randi Powell, Derek Shoemake, Tyler Arnold, Tai Nguyen, Sarah Popell, James Anderson, Amanda Bernard, Professor Stravitz, Lyn Written, Kathryn Ward, Elizabeth Whicker, David Demasters, John Williams, George Moxley, William Geddings, Caroline Ford, Virginia Sheftall, Emily Keane, Tandi Ross, Lisa Bentley, Olin Towery, Nancy Brannon, Erica Parker, Nicole Fessler-Wagner, Burl Williams, Mandy Willkerson, Lir Derieg, Stacey Etheredge, Margaret Haley, Micah

Caskey and Megan Seiner.

MPRE REVIEW COURSE

The MPRE Review course for the March 8th exam is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m - 2:30 p.m. in room 333. You can register for the course in Columbia and take it at the Charleston School of Law. If you pay \$250 on your BarBri Review course account, you will be eligible to receive this course free. Register in Student Services, rm. 131-K.

STUDENT-FACULTY COFFEE

All students and faculty are invited to our Valentine Student-Faculty coffee on Tuesday, February 12 at 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. in the law lobby. We want you to meet our new legal writing instructors who have been with us for the 2007-08 academic year: Liz Dalzell, Ami Leventis and Amy Milligan. Come enjoy a bagel or Krispy Kreme donut and a cup of coffee. See you there!

BRIDGE THE GAP

The registration deadline for the Spring Break Bridge the Gap, March 10-12 is February 29. You can register on line: <http://www.scbare.org/bridgethegap> or bring your completed application to Student Services, rm. 131-k and place it in the envelope. The fee is \$300. All candidates for admission to the SC Bar must complete the Bridge the Gap program. 2L students can attend at this time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2008-2009 NEW EDITORS

The new Editor in Chief of the 2008-2009 South Carolina Law Review is Jason Luther; Blaire Lowery is the new editor of the Law and Education Journal and Angela Rayl, is the Editor in Chief of the Real Property, Probate & Trust Journal.