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NOTES FROM THE SBA PRESIDENT

SBA ELECTIONS & CANDIDATE FORUMS

Congratulations to the following individuals who will be representing the student body of USC Law next year on the SBA and Honor Council:

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

3L Class Representatives:

Mallory Brady
Bill Davis
Sara Friedman
Meg Haley
Lindsey Lovingood
Meredith McMillan
Yvonne Murray-Boyles
Katie Waites

2L Class Representative:

Bryan Blair
Bridget Brown
Jess Jubick
Haley Liss
Blake McKie
Kathy Minotti
Ryan Whicker
Bentley White

3L Honor Council:

Walker Barnes
Sarah Batson
Mac McQuillin

2L Honor Council:

Micah Caskey
Sandra Vriesinga
Beth Warren

THIS WEEK - BREAKDOWN

Monday, Feb. 18

Tuesday, Feb. 19

12:40

Room 135
New Student Organization
Interest Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 20

12:40

Room 135
Women In Law Meeting

Room 338
Intellectual Property Law
Society Meeting

Room 231
Law Democrats Meeting

Room 138
Moot Court Competition
Interest Meeting

Room 335
International Law Society
Meeting

Room 345
Service Members and
Veterans in Law Meeting

Room 333
Christian Legal Society
Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 21

7:00

Law Auditorium

Thanks to you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president over the past year. It has been an honor and a privilege. Next week: Joe takes the reins!

GET WELL!

As many of you have noticed, there are a lot of sick people around USC law these days. My advice: if you're too sick to come to class, don't come! I know a lot of folks are worried about brushing up against the mandatory attendance policy, but according to Dean Wilcox: "when a waiver is requested for excessive absences, and the violation of the [absence] rule has been caused by illness, a waiver is routinely granted, as long as the total number of absences has not exceeded 30%. Generally we do not require any documentation of the illness absent special circumstances." So, if you are ill- do your fellow law students a favor: stay at home, drink fluids, get some rest and get well as quickly as you can.

LOAN CONSOLIDATION LUNCH

Don't miss the free seminar, "How to Effectively Manage Your Student Debt: Best Practices for Law Students," presented by Todd Baisley 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.

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 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 29th

March 21st and 28th

Please email Robert Hawk (rbhawk@gmail.com) if you would like to sign up or see the sign up sheet in the Pro Bono Office.

Talent/No Talent Show

Friday, Feb. 22

Saturday, Feb. 23

8:00

*EdVenture Children's
Museum*

Barrister's Ball

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, from 11a to 2p, 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.

NEW STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, February 19, 12:40, Room 135

Want to take a stand? Do you have a keen personal interest in a local or national issue that you would like to share with the student body? Do you want to be more involved in social issues but just don't have the time?

If you answered YES to any of these questions - you need to come to the interest meeting on Tuesday, 2/19 at 12.40pm in room 135 for a new student group.

I'm not really sure what to call the group but a few names that I have thought of are Sustainability Coalition or Law Students for Social Activism.

Law school has a tendency to take over 'life' in general and I'm interested in starting a group that provides convenient avenues for students to gain information and be able to take action on the most pressing issues in our world today. My main interest is energy policy/climate change (economic implications as well as social ramifications) but I'm also very interested in education, healthcare, the environment and basically any social justice issue (affordable housing, environmental justice, human rights, etc).

If you have a strong interest that you want to share with the student body dealing with any of these issues or others and would be interested in spending an hour to five hours a month developing avenues to inform other students by partnering with other student groups, holding information sessions, tabling in the student lobby, and whatever else we can think of - please come to the initial meeting for this coalition of law students for civic engagement and social activism to improve our economy, our health, & our world.

If you have any questions or will not be able to make the meeting but are interested in the group – please contact Tina Larney, cjlarney@hotmail.com.

WOMEN IN LAW MEETING

Wednesday, February 20, 12:40, Room 135

Nicole Howland, Lexington County Criminal Domestic Violence Prosecutor, will be speaking. Students interested in family law or trial work in general are invited to join a discussion group of fellow students and practitioners organized by former USC faculty and current litigator Dr. Judith Whiting. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, February 29th at noon at the SC Trial Lawyer's Associate building, 1901 Gadsen Street. Please bring a bag lunch. Contact Carolyn Bone at carolynbone@hotmail.com with any questions. Lunch will be served.

MOOT COURT COMPETITION INTEREST MEETING

Wednesday, February 20, 12:40, Room 138

2Ls and 3Ls – come find out about the J. Woodrow Lewis Moot Court Competition. You don't have to be a member of Moot Court to compete. Prizes are awarded to the competition winner, and the finalists get to argue before the Supreme Court of South Carolina! Lunch (Firehouse subs) will be served.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY MEETING

Wednesday, February 20, 12:40, Room 333

Josh Davey will be speaking to us about his experience as a plaintiff in a 1st Amendment establishment clause case that was eventually decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. (You can find it in your ConLaw textbook - Locke v. Davey.) Josh attended Northwest University and is a graduate of the Harvard School of Law, where he served as the Managing Editor of the Journal of Law and Public Policy. Josh is also a Blackstone Fellow. He is currently clerking for Judge Shedd of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals. Lunch (Chick-Fil-A) will be served.

BARRISTER'S BALL

Saturday, February 23, 8:00, EdVenture Children's Museum

We will have access to the entire museum, including exhibits during the event. Tickets are going to be \$25 for SBA members, \$30 for non-SBA members, and \$40 at the door. Tickets will be available in the lobby during the week of Feb. 18th. Tickets are also available in the Barnes & Noble bookstore on the first floor of the law school. The website for EdVenture is www.edventure.org.

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. For more information, visit our web site at <http://sclawreview.org/symposium/index.php>.

USC OUTLAW

We are an organization whose mission is to provide a safe haven for LGBT law students at USC-Law. As a part of that mission, we invite anyone who identifies as LGBT or who has a friend or family member who identifies as LGBT to join. We also welcome anyone who may be struggling with this issue, and we extend that invitation to anyone who supports LGBT issues. In short, we welcome anyone who welcomes us. If you are interested, then please sign up on our TWEN site. For the sake of privacy and paternalism, the site is password protected. Getting the password is as easy as asking Rebekah Maxwell or me. Thanks and I look forward

to hearing from you. Eric Lee (samuelelee@aol.com)

KAPLAN PMBR

We will be having a table in the lobby this Thursday. All 3Ls who enroll for the comprehensive MBE review program will receive a free MPRE study guide. All students that stop by can enter a drawing to win \$100 off their course.

Also, it is not too late for 2Ls to sign up for and receive their success kit!

TALENT-NO TALENT SHOW

PILS presents the 8th Annual Talent/No Talent Show February 21 at 7:00 pm! Acts range the broadest of spectrums-come out and support the PILS Summer Grant Program. Tickets will be on sale all week in the lobby where various and sundry activities will precede the show.

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.

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. 29, Mar. 21 and 28 from 1:30- 3:30. Sign up in the Pro Bono Office, or email Robert Hawk at: Rbhawk@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM STUDENT SERVICES

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW LEXIS REPRESENTATIVE

We welcome Shanda Lewis, our new Lexis representative for our law school. She is offering a 20 minute session to 1L's on "fine tuning the research in your Appellate Brief". These FREE lunch sessions will be held on Tuesday, February 19th in room 231. They will be given at 12:40-1:00 pm; 1:00-1:20 pm; and 1:20-1:40 pm. You can earn 400 points for attending one of these sessions.

THOSE PARKING TICKETS WE RECEIVE EACH DAY!

The City of Columbia parking fines begin at \$7, and if they are unpaid after 7 days, they increase to \$12. After a month of delinquency, the fine increases to \$17 and after another month it doubles to \$34. They do become expensive if we don't pay them when we receive them!

MPRE REVIEW COURSE

Have you registered for the March 8th MPRE exam? If you would like to participate in the MPRE Review course, sign up on the web or register in Student Services, rm. 131-K. The 4 hour course is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in rm. 333. If you pay \$250 on your BarBri Review course account, you are eligible to take this course free.

SUMMER SC BAR BRI COURSE

What is the deadline to pay for this course? BarBri representatives will be in the law lobby on Tuesday, March 18th from 9:00 - 12:00 noon to answer questions and collect payment for the summer course. The payment (\$2309.75) is due on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. A late payment fee of \$75 will be assessed on all accounts not paid in full on April 1, 2008. There will be an envelope in the Student Services office, rm. 131-k, after (March 18th - April 1) to insert your registration and payment.

RACE JUDICATA

Thanks to all who participated in the Women in Law Race Judicata on Saturday. A big THANK YOU to Colleen Quinlan and her WIL committee for their leadership in this event.

BRAVO TO OUR LAW SCHOOL MYRTLE BEACH MARATHON PARTICIPANTS

Congratulations to Dan Canedo, Lindsay Joyner, Eric Montalvo, Carrie Raines, Ginny Watson, Michael Wright, Jonny McCoy, our ½ marathon runners; to Miles Coleman, Sara Parrish, Robert Sansbury and Dan Wiley, our full marathon runners.