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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of November 27, 2006

All events will be held in Myron Taylor Hall unless otherwise noted.

This is the last issue of *Scoops* for the fall semester.
Good luck on your exams.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students with **Maurice Haltom** Therapist/Counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services. Details on page 5, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

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FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

- **Fall Term Examination Period**

Examinations begin **Thursday, December 7**

Examinations end **Wednesday, December 20**

- **Laptops for exams**

To use a laptop for exams, there were two steps you had to complete. If you did not complete both steps, you have been assigned to a handwriting room for your exams.

1. You must have the current version of Secureexam installed and received a Confirmation email from Software Secure. Versions used in previous semesters will not be permitted. Students who do not install the software will be assigned to a handwriting room.

2. You must have registered for your exams at the Registrar's site. If you can't remember if you did this, you can check at Registrar's site, at the “Check Your Laptop Registration” link:

<https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/students/studentLogin.cfm?action=CheckExamRegistration>

In addition, please note: any student who has been notified that their laptop does not have North American versions of Windows (or Mac operating system) and Word, or who has not completed and returned the Laptop Information form from Orientation, will not be permitted to use their laptop for exams.

- **Winter Weather and University Operating Status** - To find out if the University is open or closed due to inclement weather conditions. Check the University Operating status website: <http://www.cornell.edu/about/status/index.cfm> or call the Inclement Weather Phone (24 hours) (607) 255-3377. The Law School's schedule will be determined by the operating status of the University.

- **Winter Intersession and Summer Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take law courses in summer-school programs or winter intersession programs of other ABA-approved law schools, and upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward their Cornell J.D. degree. In no case is credit in excess of 6 hours granted for all such summer or intersession law studies. **Petition forms are available on line at the Registrar's site under Course Registration/Registration Forms** (https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Summer_Winter_Credit_Petition.pdf). Interested students should submit this form request to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) by **November 1 for winter intersession programs** and by **April 1 for summer 2007 programs**.

- **Tuition Statements** - Students are reminded to check their billing address, for Spring 2007 tuition statements, in the University system by using Just the Facts (JTF).

- **First Year Students - Lawyering** for the 2007 Spring Term begins **Tuesday, January 16, 2007**.
- **Grades** - (Assuming no unusual computer difficulties either here at the Law School or in the University Registrar's Office). Grades for Fall '06 will be available at the Law School Registrar's Office beginning at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2007**. Students needing official transcripts with Fall '06 grades included may request and pick up an official transcript at the Office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall beginning **Monday, January 15, 2007**. Upperclass students who will not be in Ithaca when grades are released may view their grades on-line through **Just the Facts** available through **UPortal** (<http://www.uportal.cornell.edu>).
- **Past Notices** - Refer to previous issues of *Scoops* (available on-line in the Back Issues section) for information pertaining to transcript requests, certifications, bar registration, attendance and absences, etc.

FROM PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

Registration with the Bar Authorities. Deadlines may be approaching. The rules of certain states (not New York) require either notifying the bar admission authorities of intent to begin the study of law or registering with the authorities when law studies begin. Students should obtain instructions from the proper source (usually the state board of bar examiners or the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which they intend to practice. Failure to comply with the instructions may substantially delay admission to the bar. For current bar requirements, applicants should consult the *Official American Bar Association Guide to Approved Law Schools* (call number: KF 266.A512.), published annually by the American Bar Association. This book is on reserve in the Law School Library. See me in the Law School Registrar's Office for more information.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

End of semester Massage Party

On **Wednesday, November 29**, **Cornell Law Students Association (CLSA)**, **LEXIS** and the **Offices of the Dean and the Dean of Students** will jointly sponsor a therapeutic massage party in the **Saperston Student Lounge from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Please stop by and enjoy a free 10-minute chair massage from one of seven licensed massage therapists. Sign up for door prizes to be presented by a representative from LEXIS. In addition, there will be healthy fruits, vegetables, and other healthy snacks. Even if you can only come for a little while, please stop by. Faculty and staff are also welcome!

FROM CHARLES D. CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE

LEGAL STUDIES

- **Exam-Taking Skills in Law School.** On **Monday, November 27 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in room G85**, **Prof. Robert Hockett** will be sharing his thoughts on American law school exams and techniques on how to take them. For LL.M. and foreign exchange students. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about exam-taking strategies from one of our professors.
- On **Wednesday, November 29 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in room G85** don't miss the **Safe Driving in Winter Program**. A must for all new to driving in snowy, icy conditions! Cornell Police Officer **George Sutfin** will present tips on driving safely in winter on Ithaca's hilly streets (and a good refresher session for those who have driven in snow). Afterwards, international and non-New York State drivers can learn how to obtain a New York State driver's license. Co-sponsored by the **Graduate Legal Studies Program, ISSO** and **Cornell Police**. Refreshments will be served. **Open to the entire law school and Cornell community.**
- **LL.M. and J.S.D. Student Intersession Travel Survey.** If you have not yet returned your **Intersession Travel Survey** to **Ms. Ginny Starr** in room 105, please do so as soon as possible and definitely before you leave town for the holidays following exams. Thank you.

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

- **As you study for exams:** Hornbooks, study aids, and casebooks are on reserve at the Circulation Desk. These and other library resources can be useful for your outlining and studying. Overnight checkout at 8:00 p.m. is available for reserve books.
- **Study Rooms:** Group study rooms in the Law Library are available to law students on the fourth floor and in the Casual Study Room (at the top of the stairs at the east end of the Reading Room). Study rooms and unreserved carrels are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Food and Drinks. Drinks are allowed** in the library in containers that have covers, such as water bottles, coffee cups with lids, and soda cans. **Food is not allowed** in the library, in order to protect the materials and to prevent attracting rodents and bugs.
- **Cell phones.** Be sure to turn off the ringer on your cell phone while in the library, and please leave the library when you conduct a cell phone conversation.
- **Building Hours Friday, December 1 - Tuesday, December 19.** The building will be locked at 5:00 p.m. Non-Law School community people should not be in the building after 5:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your Cornell ID card if you want to get in the building after 5:00 p.m. Contact the Facilities Office, room G62, if you do not have a pink authorization card which is needed if you are in the building after 5:00 p.m..

• Law Library Hours

Exam Period Extended hours for Law Students (December 1-December 19, 2006)

Friday, December 1	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 2 & Sunday, December 3	12:00 Noon-10:00 p.m.
Monday, December 4 - Friday, December 8	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 9 & Sunday, December 10	12:00 Noon-10:00 p.m.
Monday, December 11 - Friday, December 15	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17	12:00 Noon-10:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18 - Tuesday, December 19	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Semester Break (December 20, 2006-January 16, 2007)

Wednesday, December 20 - Friday, December 22	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 23 - Monday, January 1, 2007	Closed
Tuesday, January 2 - Friday, January 5	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 6 & Sunday, January 7	Closed
Monday, January 8 - Friday, January 12	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 13 & Sunday, January 14	Closed
Monday, January 15	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 16	Resume Regular Hours

Regular Schedule (beginning Tuesday, January 16, 2007)

Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 Noon-10:00 p.m.

- **Visiting other libraries: The Law Library is a member of the Research Library Group (RLG)**, an international consortium of major research libraries. The SHARES Program of RLG allows students and faculty to gain access to the collections of those libraries in the program by showing their institutional ID card. You will not be able to check out materials, but will be able to have full use of the collection within

the library you visit. Click [here http://www.rlg.org/en/page.php?Page_ID=634](http://www.rlg.org/en/page.php?Page_ID=634) for a list of participating SHARES libraries (www.rlg.org). **It is recommended that you make your initial contact during the day** at whatever law library you visit; full-time staff who are aware of the reciprocal arrangements are around then to make your entry easier.

Access to non-SHARES libraries cannot be guaranteed. For institutions not participating in the SHARES program, it is recommended that you bring a letter of introduction in addition to your Cornell ID. You can get a letter from **Crystal Hackett**, in room 360. We ask that you request such a letter at least 48 hours in advance.

FROM MICHAEL PADO, FACILITIES MANAGER

- **Study Rooms: Monday, December 4 through Tuesday, December 19, 2006.** The following rooms (G80, G81, 273, 387 and 389) will be available as study rooms, no reservations required. Daytime hours may vary, so please check the daily schedule, available at the Registrar's Office, for the exact hours the rooms will be open. And of course, the daytime schedule is subject to change if room(s) are needed for exams.

- **A reminder to law students that you need to carry your Cornell picture ID and your pink authorization card when you are in the Law School after hours.** You need to have both these cards to remain in the building after it is closed; Law School Monitors, library staff, and Cornell Police may request to see them. The Law School has not authorized law students to have guests with them after hours and all guests are required to leave when the library and building closes. As of December 1, monitors work to make sure non-law school people are out of the building at closing time: 5:00 p.m. **If you need an authorization card, you may request another from the Facilities Office, room G62, during business hours.**

- **Reminder.** Please do not leave any personal belongings unattended in the library. This is the time of year when laptops, wallets, and backpacks are stolen. If you must leave for any length of time, please ask the person sitting next to you to watch your belongings until you return.

FROM WALTER BUBLÉ, ACADEMIC SUPPORT COUNSELOR

Office hours for individual consultations on academic matters with 1L JD students

Tuesdays 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 p.m., room 305. Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at: wgb7@cornell.edu

FROM MAURICE HALTOM, COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), in collaboration with the Law School Dean of Students' Office, have arranged for the continuation of services in the Law School during the Fall 2006 semester.

When: Wednesday, August 30 through Wednesday, December 13, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., room 252 Myron Taylor Hall.

Who: Any law student registered in the Law School wanting to consult about:

- personal growth and challenges
- depression, anxiety and stress
- relationship issues
- family issues
- cultural, racial and ethnic issues
- sexual health concerns
- negotiating academic environment

- any other issue of concerns
- referral and information

How: No need to make an appointment. Just stop by and follow the instructions on the door.

Contact: **Maurice Haltom**, Therapist/Counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services, Gannett: Student Health Services, 255-5208, mh84@cornell.edu

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Briggs Society for International Affairs**

The **Briggs Society for International Affairs** will be holding a **Bake Sale** on **Friday, December 1** to raise money for World AIDS day. All proceeds will go to the Ubuntu Fund, an organization that raises money for AIDS education and medicine in South Africa. Come to the **Foyer between 11:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** to buy some treats and contribute to a great cause! Questions? Contact **Amy Garber** at: aeg44@cornell.edu

- **Cornell Advocates for Human Rights (CAHR)**

Monday, November 27, 6:30 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. **Cornell Advocates for Human Rights (CAHR)** will be screening "*Outlawed: Extraordinary Rendition, Torture and Disappearances in the War on Terror.*" The film will be **followed by a discussion** of human rights abuses in the War on Terror with **Gitanjali Gutierrez** of the Center for Constitutional Rights and Cornell Law School's International Human Rights Clinic. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact **Heidi Craig** at hlc26@cornell.edu

- **Cornell Law Students Association (CLSA)**

To all students: The Faculty Appointments Committee has invited three additional entry level candidates for interviews on campus. They are scheduled as follows:

Vlad Perju - Wednesday, December 13

Fields of interest: Comparative Law (including Civil & Roman Law, Law of Emerging Nations), International Law, Constitutional Law

Adam Levitin - Monday, December 18

Fields of interest: Commercial Law (including Sales, Secured Transactions), Creditors & Debtors Rights (including Bankruptcy)

Camille Rich - Monday, January 22, 2007

Fields of interest: Employment Discrimination, Torts, Women and the Law

Please contact **Jamie Rogers**, CLSA Sr. Vice-President at jpr46@cornell.edu (for December 18 interview contact **Augusta Wilson** at acw37@cornell.edu) if you are interested in participating in the Student Advisory Committee to Faculty Appointments (SACFA) or otherwise attend an interview.

- **Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)**

On **November 30 Phi Alpha Delta** will be hosting a **Blood Drive** in **Anabel Taylor Hall**. If you are interested in donating blood, please contact **Amanda Klopff** at ajk49@cornell.edu or **come and sign up** when PAD tables in the **Foyer on Tuesday, November 28 or Wednesday, November 29.**

WRITING COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

- The **Roscoe Pound Foundation** announces this year's **Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest**. Any student currently enrolled in an accredited American law school may submit a legal essay on the topic: "Whose Earth is it Anyway? How Far can Environmental Protections Extend under Current 5th Amendment Takings Doctrine?" **An Intent to Enter form**, due by **January 31, 2007**, must be

submitted by a student's faculty advisor. **Final essays** must be received by the Roscoe Pound Foundation office by **March 30, 2007**. For a copy of the competition rules and an Intent-to-Enter form, please **visit their website** at: www.poundinstitute.org or **contact the Pound Civil Justice Foundation by email** at: pound@rosecoepound.org with the subject line of: "Environmental Law Essay Contest."

- **The Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women Working in Health Care Law** is sponsored by the **Roscoe Pound Institute**. Candidates for the award must be women currently enrolled in an accredited American law school on a full or part-time basis. Candidates must be nominated by their law school dean or professor. The nomination must be received by Registrar's Office by **Monday, February 12, 2007** in order to meet the Roscoe Pound Institute deadline. Please stop by the Law School Registrar's Office for more information or **visit the website**: www.poundinstitute.org or **contact the Pound Civil Justice Foundation by email** at: pound@rosecoepound.org

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2007-08

Like people? Want to help students adjust to Cornell? Think you could do a good job as a Graduate Community Assistant (GCA), live-in staff at one of Cornell's housing complexes?

Graduate and Professional Student Housing (part of Campus Life) is hiring GCAs for its graduate housing areas for 2007-08. This is a position in which 2Ls or 3Ls receive housing, utilities, ResNet, local telephone and a stipend, at Hughes. In other residential areas you have the opportunity to work and live with people from all around the world and make a difference in their lives.

Duties include advising, creating and running activities and programs, building a community and maintaining its standards, being on-call, attending training sessions and staff meetings, and dealing with general administrative/facility issues. It is a great experience. GCAs also work with other GCAs concerning programs and the general welfare of the residents. To obtain an application online and to find out more go to: http://campuslife.cornell.edu/graduate_housing/employment_opportunities.asp. Printed applications are available at the Hughes Service Center or the Law School Registrar's Office. **Completed application packets must be turned in by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2007.** If you turn in your completed application early, we will interview you first.

UNIVERSITY EVENT

Friday, December 1, 1:00-5:30 p.m. 105 Ives Hall

A Symposium: Deconstructing the Unemployment System in the U.S. Presented by an interdisciplinary panel of Cornell faculty and government experts. Opening remarks by **Harry Katz**, Dean of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations followed by **Dean Stewart Schwab** speaking on **"The Common, Statute, and Cultural Laws of Mass Dismissal."** All are welcome to attend.

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