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Week of November 29, 2010

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 29**

9:05 a.m. Open Drop-in hours for Section B with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

10:10 a.m. Open Drop-in hours for Section C with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

11:15 a.m. Open Drop-in hours for Section E with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

12:20 p.m. Open Drop-in hours for Section F with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

1:25 p.m. Open Drop-in hours for Section D with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

2:30 p.m. Open Drop-in hours for Section A with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

12:20-1:15 p.m. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 263. Office hours for students with Dean Schwab. Details on page 2, Dean Schwab’s column.

3:30-5:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). “How I Got My Worst Grade In Law School: Exam Tips for 1L, 2L, and 3L courses. Details on page 5, John Mollenkamp’s column.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

12:20-2:20 p.m. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

1:30-4:30 p.m. Room 322. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 5, Maurice Halton/CAPS column.
3:00-4:00 p.m. Foyer. The Weekly Perk-Faculty/Student Coffee. Stop by for a cup! Details on page 3, Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s column.

4:00-7:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. End of Semester Massage Party sponsored by the Offices of the Dean and Dean of Students, the Cornell Law Students Association (CLSA) and LEXIS. Details on page 3, Associate Dean Lukingbeal’s column.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
9:00-11:00 a.m. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

12:20-2:20 p.m. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

3:30-5:00 p.m. Open Drop-in hours with John Mollenkamp, Director of Academic Support.

3:30-4:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (Room G90). Mandatory Exam Procedure Session for LL.M. and Exchange Students. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean Cramton’s column.

FROM STEWART J. SCHWAB, THE ALLAN R. TESSLER DEAN
Office Hours for Students
I will be holding office hours for students on Tuesday afternoons between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Students wishing to see me may either sign up in advance with Liz Flint in room 263, email es232@cornell.edu, or call 607-255-3539.

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR
Fall 2010
• Fall Term Examination Period
  Examinations begin Wednesday, December 8
  Examinations end Friday, December 17

• First Year Students Lawyering for the 2011 Spring Term begins Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

• Grades - Assuming no unusual computer difficulties either here at the Law School or in the University Registrars Office, grades for Fall 2010 will be available to view online at the University Student Center on Monday, January 10, 2011.

• Tuition Statements - Students are reminded to check their billing address, for Spring 2011 tuition statements, in the University system by using the online Student Center (http://studentcenter.cornell.edu).

• Summer/Winter Study - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take law courses in summer-school 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 law studies. Petition forms are available on line at the Registrar’s site in the Forms and Requests section: 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 April 1 for summer 2011 programs.
• 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. See me in the Law School Registrar’s Office for more information.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS
• The Weekly Perk for Faculty and Students
  Wednesday, December 1
  3:00-4:00 p.m. Foyer
  Co-sponsored by the Dean’s Office, the Dean of Students Office, and CLSA. Enjoy a cup of coffee with your faculty and friends, every Wednesday at 3:00 except during fall break.

  The first Weekly Perk for the spring semester will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2011.

• End of Semester Massage Party
  On Wednesday, December 1, the Offices of the Dean and the Dean of Students, the Cornell Law Students Association (CLSA), and LEXIS will 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. There will be drawings by a LEXIS representative. Healthy snacks will be served. Faculty and staff are welcome from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

FROM JOHN DE ROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AND CAREER SERVICES, SUZANNE HESS, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES, AND LYNDSEY BULLOCK, CAREER SERVICES ASSOCIATE

1L Students:
  Free Business Cards: The Career Office is happy to offer all 1L students 4 dozen FREE business cards. Visit http://digitalprintservices.cornell.edu/lawbc.html and follow the directions to create your personalized Cornell Law School business card. Please direct any questions in person or by email to Lyndsey Bullock in Room 140 in the Career Office, lyndsey-bullock@lawschool.cornell.edu

FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

Friday, December 3
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)
Exam Procedure Session for LL.M. and Exchange Students
  Nan Colvin and Nancy Osborn from the Registrar’s Office and I will review examination procedures at the law school. This session is mandatory for all LL.M. and Exchange students.
FROM PATINA JANISKO, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID AND ADMISSIONS

Office Hours for the Academic Year
(Drop in hours)
Monday: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:30-11:30 a.m., 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Thursday: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Friday: 10:30-11:30 a.m., 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Or by appointment: (607) 255-5141 or financialaid@lawschool.cornell.edu
The financial aid staff is also available to help with any questions that you may have if I am out of the office or meeting with another person.

FROM MICHAEL PADO, FACILITIES MANAGER

• Study Rooms: Monday, December 6 through Thursday, December 16, 2010. 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 3, 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. Almost every semester at about this time, at least one unsuspecting student loses precious outlines, notes, or even their entire backpack due to theft. Sadly, not all students seem to understand that such an item left unattended for a mere five minutes in a carrel can disappear. Of course, the police are called and certainly investigate, but it is generally too late. Please do not leave your belongings unattended for any amount of time!

FROM MAURICE HALTOM, COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

Let’s Talk: Free and confidential support is available to all students.
No appointment necessary. Just drop in.
* stress * academic problems * anxiety * relationships
* adjustments to a new culture * family problems
* depression * financial * other concerns
When: Wednesdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. September 1-December 15
Where: Myron Taylor Hall, Room 322
Who: Maurice Haltom, LMSW, Counselor from Gannett Health Services
For additional hours and counselor biographies: www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk
FROM JOHN MOLLENKAMP, ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- **Office Hours the week of November 29**
  - **Monday:** Section-Specific Drop-in Hours
    - Section B: 9:05 a.m.
    - Section C: 10:10 a.m.
    - Section E: 11:15 a.m.
    - Section F: 12:20 p.m.
    - Section D: 1:25 p.m.
    - Section A: 2:30 p.m.
  - **Tuesday:** 12:20-1:15 p.m. open drop-in
  - **Wednesday:** 12:20-2:20 p.m. open drop-in
  - **Friday:** 9:00-11:00 a.m., 12:20-2:20 p.m., and 3:30-5:00 p.m. open drop-in
  - **Or by appointment:** (607) 255-0146; John-mollenkamp@lawschool.cornell.edu

- I know that sometimes I seem to focus my attention on the 1L class. That’s intentional because they are the ones who are newest to the building and have the most questions. But, I know exams are coming for everyone. I also know that the second and third years of law school are not exactly cakewalks. So, I’m holding a **special “open to everyone” session on Exam Taking** on **Tuesday, November 30, at 3:30 p.m. in G90**. We’ll talk about strategies and techniques for maximizing exam success (for everyone, not just for 1Ls). I’m also glad to meet with any Cornell Law Student during open drop-ins or by appointment. This is a rushed time of year, but making time to plan will benefit you in the long run (and the short run, actually). I look forward to seeing you.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Professors Eisenberg and Kalantry seek several research assistants for the summer of 2011 to work on an empirical study of the Indian Supreme Court. Research assistants who are able to stay in Ithaca during the summer will be given preference, but we will consider students who wish to work remotely from elsewhere. Research assistants will learn international law research as well as empirical approaches to the study of law. If you would like to apply, please send a resume to Professors Kalantry (skalantry@cornell.edu) and Eisenberg (Ted-Eisenberg@lawschool.cornell.edu).

**WRITING COMPETITIONS**

- The Willamette University College of Law Center for Law and Government announces the **Peterson Prize National Writing Competition** on the 10th Amendment of the United States Constitution for Professors and Scholars. The contest is open to LLM and JSD students and professors of law, history, political science or related disciplines. The deadline for submission is **March 18, 2011**. Complete competition guidelines are available at: [http://www.willamette.edu/wucl/clg/writing/](http://www.willamette.edu/wucl/clg/writing/)

- The Sixth Annual “Endangered Environmental Laws” Student Writing Competition (2010-11) co-sponsored by The Environmental Law Institute, The American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources and the National Association of Environmental Law Societies. The U.S. Constitution has long been interpreted by the courts and understood by most Americans to support comprehensive environmental protections. However, arguments questioning the constitutional legitimacy of environmental law have continued to gain traction in the federal courts. In response to this trend, ELI, ABA/SEER, and NAELS invite law students to submit papers exploring current issues of constitutional environmental law. Students currently enrolled in law school (in the U.S. or abroad) are eligible, including students who will graduate in the spring or summer of 2011. Submission can be on any topic addressing recent developments or trends in U.S. environmental law that have a
significant constitutional or "federalism" component. Entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. ET on April 11, 2011. For competition and submission requirements please visit:
http://www.eli.org/writing_contest.cfm

• The Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago is pleased to announce the Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition. The scope of permissible topics for the writing competition is broad - any aspect of tax law is acceptable. Students are encouraged to submit a paper on a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine, a comment on a statute or the need for statutory modification, or a comment on a common law doctrine. Any currently enrolled law school student, JD or LLM candidate, attending an ABA - accredited law school in the United States may enter. All entries must be received by April 15, 2011. Competition guidelines are available at:
http://www.jmls.edu/academics/tax_eb_law/faherty.shtml

UNIVERSITY SEEKING GRADUATE COMMUNITY ADVISORS (GCAS) FOR 2011-12 ACADEMIC YEAR

Are you interested in applying to be a GCA (Graduate Community Advisor) for the 2011-2012 academic year? GCAs live in graduate and professional student residences (Hasbrouck Apartments/Thurston Court, Maplewood Park, Hughes Hall) and create a positive living community through programs, communication, and service. Please visit the GCA website for more information about the position and to apply:
http://www.campuslife.cornell.edu/campuslife/housing/graduate-community-advisor-program.cfm

We invite you to also attend one of our information sessions:
   Wednesday, December 1: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Maplewood Community Center
   Thursday, December 2: 3:30-4:30 p.m. International Coffee Hour, Big Red Barn
   Thursday, December 2: 7:00-8:00 p.m. Hasbrouck Community Center
   Friday, December 3: 3:30-4:30 p.m. Big Red Barn

If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Laura Davis, Graduate Residence Manager - Maplewood Park (lbd37@cornell.edu) or Mary Ann Krisa, Graduate Residence Manager - Hasbrouck, Hughes, & Thurston (mck35@cornell.edu).

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