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WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ~ HARRISBURG CAMPUS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LAW SCHOOL HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY BREAK

Widener University President James Harris has announced that the University's holiday break will include the week of December 27. Therefore, with the few exceptions listed below, Law School offices will be closed effective 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22nd and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2011.

* The **Sidebar** will close on Friday, December 17 and will reopen on Monday, January 10, 2011.

* **Campus Safety** will not be available December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1 and 2. They will be on duty December 27—30 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and can be reached at 717-541- 3948. In case of an emergency, Sgt. Jumper can be reached at 717-773-6810.

* **Campus Services** will have personnel on-call for emergencies at 717-541-3907.

* The **Legal Information Center** will close on December 23 at 8:00 p.m. and will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. Hours are listed on page 4.

Have a wonderful Holiday Break!!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

As final examinations approach, all students should take a few minutes to review the Law School rules relating to examinations. These rules may be found in Sections 607-609 of the Academic Code and Sections 203-205 of the Dean's Office Regulations.

According to Section 607(f)(1) of the Code, all examinations are graded anonymously. Students should not discuss the examination process, including the possibility of exam deferral or exam accommodations, with faculty members. Any attempt by a student to identify himself/herself to a professor by placing notes or messages on an examination or exam booklet compromises the anonymous grading system. All questions should be directed to the Office of the Dean of Students or the Registrar's Office. Any compromise of the anonymous grading system by a student constitutes a violation of the Code of Conduct and could result in suspension or expulsion.

Emergency deferrals will be granted to those students who, for medical reasons, are unable to sit for an examination when scheduled. A student who becomes ill and cannot take an examination when scheduled must call the Registrar's Office **before** the examination begins. If that student cannot appear in person or call the Registrar, he/she may miss the exam and apply for a deferral. An application for this type of deferral must be made within 48 hours of the original exam date and in no event later than the last day of regularly scheduled exams. The student must also provide the Registrar's Office with a letter from the attending physician which confirms that the student was unable to sit for the examination due to illness. **Students who begin an examination and leave due to illness may not make up the examination on the makeup day. The examination must be retaken at the end of the next semester in which the course is offered.**

Anonymous Numbers. Anonymous numbers must be placed on all examination booklets and on the examination itself.

Lavatory Breaks. You are reminded that the honor code applies during the entire exam and a lavatory break does not mean there is a break in the honor code rules.

Student ID. Finally, remember to bring your student ID to each of your examinations. **Students must be positively identified by the Registrar or exam proctor before sitting for each exam.**

Students are reminded that the Student Code of Conduct Section 202(1) requires you to report all Code of Conduct violations

REGISTRAR'S INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1941

STUDENT INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1939

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

6	***Last day of classes***
7-8	***Reading Period***
9-22	***Final Exams***
21	***First Day of Winter***
25	***Christmas Day***
26	***Kwanzaa Begins***

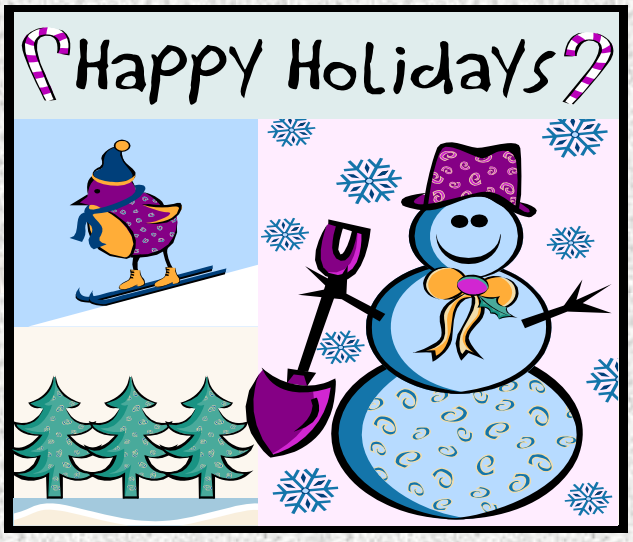
January

11	***Classes Begin***
17	***MLK Day (no classes)***
20	***MLK Presentation***
25	***Pizza & Policy in the Pit***

HARRISBURG LAW NEWS

Submission information:

The ***NEXT*** issue of ***The Digest*** will be published on **January 10, 2011.** All information should be submitted to ***Dorothy Koncar.*** (**dakoncar@widener.edu**), Administration Building, by **NOON, Tuesday, January 5th** in order for the news to be published.



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REMINDER: THE SIDEBAR IS OPEN DURING EXAMS UNTIL DECEMBER 17TH.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

What Are You Doing Next Summer?...

Think about traveling abroad to Sydney, Nairobi, Lausanne or Venice. Widener School of Law offers students an opportunity to study abroad during the summer of 2011. Students may travel to Lausanne, Sydney, Nairobi or Venice and earn credits while enjoying an enriching academic experience and the history and culture of a foreign country. For additional information, please contact the Coordinator of International Programs at Ext. 2248 or check out our website at law.widener.edu

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LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

EXAM HOURS/November 29-December 22

Nov. 29-Dec. 20	8:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m.
December 21,22	8:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BREAK HOURS

DECEMBER 23—JANUARY 9

Dec. 23	8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Dec. 24-Jan. 2	Closed
Jan. 3-Jan. 7	8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
January 8	9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
January 9	Noon—8:00 p.m.

Begin Regular Hours Monday, January 10, 2011

BLSA/MLSA COAT DRIVE

BLSA/MLSA would like to thank everyone who participated in their very successful coat drive. Fifty coats were received and given to the Bethesda Mission Men's and Women's shelters.

THANK YOU!!!

WJLER Winter Writing Competition

Membership Requirements:

- The competition is open to regular and extended division students who have completed at least 30 credits of academic coursework by the end of the Fall 2010 semester and will not be graduating in May of 2011 (2RD, 2ED, and 3ED students).

- Minimum GPA of 2.7/4.0 by the end of the Fall 2010 semester.

Winter Writing Competition General Guidelines:

- The winter writing competition will require: **1)** submission of a previously written scholarly work of at least 15 pages (open option) OR completion of the winter writing competition problem (closed option) AND **2)** completion of the Blue Book exercise.

- Students who wish to participate in the competition must e-mail WJLER1@gmail.com by December 16, 2010, to receive an anonymous number and the competition packet (this packet will contain instructions regarding both the open and closed options, the Blue Book problems, and an honor code).

- Participating students must submit their competition materials via e-mail to WJLER1@gmail.com by 5:00 P.M., January 7, 2011.

If you have any questions please contact:

Michelle Sanginiti (DE campus) – mlsanginiti@mail.widener.edu

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Student Animal Legal Defense Fund

BLANKET & SUPPLY DRIVE

Benefiting the Harrisburg Humane Society and Animal Rescue, Inc.

November 17th – December 18th in the Pit!

- **WHY BLANKETS?** Blankets, towels, sheets, and sleeping bags (used or new) provide comfort and warmth to animals that otherwise live on bare concrete, as well as providing an outlet for their nesting instincts. Animals at a no-kill shelter (like the HAHS) may live in kennels for extended periods of time, so every small comfort these animals are granted has great potential to increase their quality of life. Additionally, animals that cuddle with blankets are more likely to be adopted! Problematic behaviors associated with kennel life are reduced when stress is decreased and comfort is increased. This allows an animal's true personality to emerge and enables adopters to focus on the animal's positive qualities rather than everything that is "wrong" with the animal. Also, the image of a dog or cat curled up in a blanket is more endearing than one of an isolated and frightened animal that is sitting on concrete or old newspapers. This is emotionally appealing to adopters and draws visitors to that animal's pen.

- **WHAT ELSE CAN I DONATE?**
    - The Humane Society's website has a Wish List which can be accessed here:
        - http://www.humanesocietyhbg.org/wish-list
            - This list includes anything from pet food to office supplies.
    - Animal Rescue, Inc.'s website also has a Wish List which can be accessed here:
        - http://www.animalrescueinc.org/special_wishlist.asp
            - This list includes cleaning supplies, and even aluminum cans for their recycling fundraiser!

PLEASE take a little time this holiday season to remember your furry friends! All donations are GREATLY appreciated! We had an incredibly successful drive last year and would like to repeat that this year!

The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Widener-Harrisburg Chapter thanks you!