

THE DIGEST

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ABA Hosts Blood Drive At Widener Law

When: Tuesday, November 30, 2010

Where: The "Pit"

Time: Noon - 6pm



Some facts about Blood Donations:

- *The #1 reason donors say they give blood is because they "want to help others"*
- *Two most common reasons cited by people who don't give blood are: "Never thought about it" and "I don't like needles"*
- *The actual blood donation typically takes less than 10-12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes about an hour.*
- *Statistics show that 25 percent or more of us will require blood at least once in our lifetime.*
- *Whole blood donors can donate as frequently as every 56 days. A benefit from donating this often is that you receive a mini-physical once every two months.*
- *Each whole blood donation can help as many as three people. One unit is divided into three parts: red blood cells, platelets, and plasma.*

***If you have additional questions, or wish to sign up email: 3rdcircuitgovernor@gmail.com.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

30 ABA Blood Drive

December

1 Hanukkah Begins at Sunset

6 Last day of classes

7-8 Reading Period

9-22 Final Exams

21 First Day of Winter

25 Christmas Day

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 **December 6, 2010**. All information should be submitted to **Dorothy Koncar**.

(dakoncar@widener.edu), Administration Building, by **NOON, Tuesday, November 30** in order for the news to be published.

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December Birthdays

Professor Capowski

Robert Still

Professor Oliver

REGISTRAR'S INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1941

STUDENT INFORMATION LINE

717-541-1939



LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Mon. – Thurs.	8:00 a.m.-Midnight
Friday	8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.-Midnight

EXAM HOURS/November 29-December 21

Everyday	8:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m.
December 22	8:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m.



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

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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:

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Student Organization Volunteer Alumni Phonathon Held in November

Nine volunteers contributed a total of 28 hours to the alumni phonathon which took place during the month of November. During the four calling sessions \$3,560 was raised from the 27 gifts and pledges secured by callers. Student organizations that participated in the initiative include the Widener Law Running Club, Women's Law Caucus, International Law, Student Bar Association, and Outlaw.

Thank you to the following volunteer callers: Brad Baird, Valerie Davis, Melanie Drozjock, Ashley Gottron (accrued the most alumni donors overall), Jackie Harris, Adam Rarich (accrued the most dollars from alumni gifts/pledges overall), Kyle Schaeffer, Matt Werner, and Mark Wieder. The donation of your time helped make the first round of alumni calling a successful one. I look forward to working with students again this spring on the Dean's initiative of increasing alumni participation in the annual fund.

Ashley N. Barton

Assistant Director, Alumni Relations & Development



Picture One: Members of the Widener Law Running Club practice persuasive speaking prior to calling alumni.



Picture Two: Ashley Gottron, Women's Law Caucus, works on building our number of alumni donors.



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!

CAMPUS SAFETY



REMINDER: AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2010, THE INTERSECTION AT THEA DRIVE AND VARTAN WAY IS NOW A FOUR-WAY STOP. PLEASE OBSERVE THIS NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATION AS YOU TRAVEL ON THEA DRIVE AND VARTAN WAY.

Widener University Personal Safety Information

The safety of the Widener community is a vital concern across campus. The Campus Safety Department works diligently to ensure that our students, staff and faculty members are living and working in a safe and peaceful environment. **Widener University expects the community to share in this responsibility.** As Widener community members, we must report any infractions of Widener University policies and state laws in order to keep Widener University safe and secure.

1. **If you are the victim of a crime, contact a member of the Campus Safety Office at x3948.**
2. **If you see a suspicious person or condition, report it immediately.** Immediately contact a member of the Campus Safety Office at x3948. Be prepared to provide the following information: direction of travel, what the person looked like, what the person was wearing and what happened.
3. **Protect your property.** Safeguard items such as cell phones, wallets, purses, I-pods, laptop and other valuable items. Make sure that you keep a list of all your serial numbers for valuables in a safe place. Make sure that you keep these items safeguarded and secured.
4. **Use the Campus Safety escort service.** The Campus Safety Department offers a walking escort service for individual protection while walking through campus. These officers are here for your safety so take advantage of it.