INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT

During the weekend of January 28, 2011, the St. Thomas Law’s International Moot Court Team for the North American Round of the International Criminal Court Competition competed at Pace University, White Plains, New York. The team competed against fifteen other schools, including Yale, William & Mary, and Pacific-McGeorge. We are proud to announce that the St. Thomas University team advanced to the semi-final round, missing the final round of the competition by only a half of one point. The team coached by Professor Marvin Klein consisted of three oralists: Mary Tobin, Albert Rodriguez, Alex Rossario. Rose Brill as research assistant and Colleen Kerins as student coach assisted the team. This year, the Compromis for the Competition surrounded the topic of aggression, improper arrest and detention, and the rights of victims.

During the weekend of February 10, 2011, the St. Thomas Law’s International Moot Court Team for the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition competed in the South Super-Regional Round in Houston, Texas. Coached by Professor Marvin Klein, the team consisted of oralists Sean Ford, Vadim Fesenko, Tricia Hefflinger, and Patricia Hernandez and was led by student coach Allen Gaffney. Second year student Sean Ford received recognition for his stellar performance against both Duke University and Louisiana State University, placing eleventh amongst more than ninety oralists. This marks the second year in a row that St. Thomas has received recognition for the team’s performance in the oral argument rounds. Last year, LL.M. student Leyla Nikjou received the Best Oralist Award for her performance in the South Super-Regional Round. The Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition is the largest moot court competition with nearly every U.S. law school and more than 500 law schools worldwide competing. The 2011 Jessup problem addressed the legality of the use of unmanned drones, international anti-corruption law, and numerous human rights violations.

CAMPUS HEALTH, COUNSELING, AND INSURANCE ISSUES

The former head of Campus Health, G. Matt Glass, has left the University due to the fact that his wife received an employment transfer. We appreciate the efforts of Mr. Glass in organizing and providing counseling and health services, and facilitating the student insurance program with Aetna Health. Mr. Glass was a valuable member of the University community.

The University Student Affairs Office has implemented a new program that is now coordinated along functional lines. Counseling services will still be provided, and health and insurance issues will now be handled by Nelly Baez. Counseling will be provided by a staff of counselors. To schedule counseling, please call (305) 628-6695 or e-mail: counselor@stu.edu and leave your contact information. The counseling schedule is set out below:

- Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Thursdays 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Fridays 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
For health and health insurance issues, please contact the school nurse Nelly Baez at (305) 628-6691 or nbaez@stu.edu. Her office hours are set out below:

- Mondays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about the health services generally, contact Ms. Baez for guidance and direction. In case of emergency, follow typical emergency procedure protocol (i.e., call 911).

**Graduation Photos**

The school photographers have agreed to come back to campus for those students who did not have an opportunity to have their photo taken for the graduation program. They will be here on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Evelyn & George Goldbloom Convocation Hall. To help this process run smoothly, a sign up sheet has been placed on the Student Organization Board, which is located on the bulletin board next to the women’s bathroom and down the hall from the Legal Writing Suite.

The photographer is asking for the following attire:

**Men**
Shirt, tie, and jacket

**Ladies**
V-neck top or small scope top (They are requesting this so that the collar won’t show while you have on the gown.) If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the Office of Student Affairs.

**The Office of Career Services Presents:**
**Business Etiquette and Networking Workshop**

The workshop is scheduled for March 8, 2011, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Bobcat Dining Hall (across from the university cafeteria). This workshop will incorporate networking and business etiquette tips, including ice breakers, conversations starters, and proper table etiquette for dining. If you are interested in attending the workshop, you must RSVP to Angela Geter at ageter@stu.edu, by February 28, 2011, no later than 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

**Pro Bono Opportunities**

If you have not completed your pro bono requirements, we have several opportunities available for you. On, Wednesday, March 9; Friday; March 25, and Saturday, March 26, you can act as a high school debate judge and earn legal pro bono hours. For more information, please stop by the Office of Student Affairs and speak with Cathy Hayes.

**Schedules and Registration**

Summer 2011 and fall 2011 schedules will be available shortly after you return from spring break. Registration is expected to begin April 4, 2011; the Registrar’s Office will send you official notification regarding your specific registration dates and times.

Have a nice spring break; the newsletter will not go out next week but will return the week that classes resume, which is March 7, 2011.

**Spring Dates**

| April 21 – 22 | Easter Break |
| April 28     | Last Day of Classes and Pro bono hours due |
| April 29 – May 1 | Reading Days |
| May 2 – May 12 | Final Exams |
| May 14       | Graduation  |