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The Chinese Law Students Society (CLSS) was founded in 2004. We are a growing, dynamic society dedicated to enhancing student life through seminars, guest talks, workshops and events with multinational law firms with the aim of furthering the ambitions of our members. We support the academic publication program. Our members are encouraged to participate in various activities to make friends and foster long-term networks.

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Upcoming Events

- 13 February: CLS Craft Day (10:00 am)
- 27 February: O-Week 2008 (all day)
- 6 March: Start of Semester BBQ (12:00 pm)
- 10 March: Court Assignment Revision Session (1:00 pm)
- 13 March: Start of Semester Party (7:00 pm)

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The GAVEL

2007 Annual General Meeting and Elections
New Leadership



Andrew celebrates his election win

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Sidebar

The Sydney University Chinese Law Students Society recently held its 2007 AGM and election.

In a tightly contested series of elections, a number of new executives from first, second, and third year were elected, bringing a myriad of new faces, and signalling a radical new direction for the society.

The new President, **Andrew Cong** (Commerce/Law I) is enthusiastic about 2008: "I will be working with Vice President **Shirley Chan** (Commerce/Law II), re-elected Treasurer **Daniel Nguyen** (Economics/Law IV), and Secretary **Melinda Huang** (Commerce/Law I).

The four main portfolio holders are: Careers Director **Tom Wei** (Commerce/Law I), Education Director, **Mack Wan** (Commerce/Law I), Publications Director, **John Lee** (Commerce/Law II) and Social Director **Tracy Liu** (International Studies/Law I).

A further four executives were also elected: **Tian Cai** (Commerce/Law III), **Enoch Lau** (Science/Law IV (Hon)), **Michael Zhou** (Commerce/Law I), and **Muli Zhou** (Commerce/Law I).

The outgoing president, Enoch Lau, is staying on as an executive member, and expressed his appreciation to the CESS team.

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THE INTERBANG!!

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According to Wikipedia: "the interbanging (zín'terabang) (?) is a rarely used, non-standard English-language punctuation mark intended to combine the functions of the question mark and the exclamation mark. The typographical character is a superimposition of those two marks. The same effect is also frequently achieved by placing the exclamation point before or after the question mark; e.g., "How could you do such a thing?!" or "How could you do such a thing!!"

We urge you to use this versatile mark whenever necessary to better express the emotion of your written prose.

The Editors

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Sarcasm (s)
The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who does not get it.

Boozee (z)
The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The boozee layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.

Castration (n)
The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.

Ignoramus (s)
A person who is both stupid and an asshole.

Intoxication (n)
Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realise it was already your money.

Foreplay (n)
Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.

Doppler effect (s)
The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Caterpillar (n)
The colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

Givartiff (n)
Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

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The myth of economic management

by Daniel Nguyen

Australia is experiencing a golden age, a gilded era of limitless possibility and unprecedented prosperity. The macro-level data reveals the lowest unemployment in a generation, and robust economic growth – all achieved with a stable rate of inflation. This is an enviable record, and other countries are desperate to match it. So who is responsible for all of this?

The Howard government? Peter Costello? Guess again. Howard is not so brazen as to claim sole credit for such an achievement. He admitted as much when being interviewed by *The Australian's* George Megalogenis for his book, *The Longest Decade*.

Howard "acknowledged structural changes to the economy made by the Hawke and Keating governments, saying the present strength of the economy owed much to the reforms made in the past 25 years."

To verify this, we only need to look to the pellera of historical data. If we were to graph Australia's prosperity relative to the rest of the world, it would be parabolic in shape. The late 19th and early 20th century was still marked with a distinctly mercantilist flavour. Australia was marked by a high level of tariff protection, industry subsidies, government-granted monopolies, and a rural character. And yet, this seemed to work, and Australia was wealthy.

Fast forward to the 1980s. The Hawke government had washed inflation to perilous levels. Increases in wages without complementing increases in productivity, and a wage-price inflation blow-out. It was an important point and it will return to it.

Despite the dire economic situation, it was not until after the early 1980s recession that genuine efforts were made to address it. The recession was relatively unique in that not only was economic output falling, but prices were also falling – a horrific combination called stagflation. It was presided over by one John Howard. The 90 day cash rate reached 22%, but mortgages were capped by government fiat at 13%. This would not have been an achievement.

The Hawke government was elected in a landslide in 1983, and immediately set about reforming the Australian economy. The Australian dollar, previously fixed to the US Dollar and later to a basket of currencies, was floated. This move was initially opposed but later approved of by the powerful Treasury secretary (and later National Party senator) John Stone. A floating currency is a powerful natural regulator of capital flows, and is a prime example of efficient free markets.

Tariffs and other protections were also removed or scaled down in the 1980s. The Australian manufacturing industry which had for almost a century been

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These reforms proved successful to the extent that the economy was roaring along by the late 1980s. GDP growth was averaging over 5 per cent a year, and domestic demand was running at 8 per cent. But inflationary pressures again became the problem, with the official consumer price index rising to 17 per cent. Despite being heavily geared, business borrowing was increasing at 17 per cent a year. Interest rates had to be raised to rein in the over-investment – a policy response that took place in countries all around the world. Ian Macfarlane, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia from 1996–2006 described the financial excesses of the 1980s reaching such a level that the early 1990s was inevitable. It was "the recession we had to have."

Despite the pain caused by an overly contractionary stance on interest rates, the federal government and treasury saw an opportunity for creative destruction, and to forever break the back of inflation, a demon

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CLSS Newsletter: February 2008

CLSS to me

Hello everyone!

Hope you have had wonderful holidays and are eager to start the year! CLSS is planning big events for 2008, including...

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. O-Week (Wed 27th Feb – Fri 29th Feb)

Our O-Week stall will be set up on the front lawn from Wednesday 27th February to Friday 29th February. Come down and meet the new executive for 2008 and find out how you can be a part of our society!

2. Start-of-Year Party (Thurs 13th Mar)

CLSS is throwing a massive start-of-year party to get you effortlessly back into University. And the drinks are on us! ...need we say more!

Where: Hermann's Bar
When: Thursday 13th March, 6pm – 9pm
Cost: Free!

CAREERS

1. Chinese University of Hong Kong Scholarships

The School of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) is now inviting applications for the "CUHK School of Law - Master of Laws Scholarship Scheme 2008". Successful candidates will be awarded a scholarship in the form of a waiver of the basic tuition fee for one of our full-time Master of Laws programmes offered in 2008/09.

Details of the scholarship scheme and the application form can be downloaded from the School's website at www.cuhk.edu.hk/law. The closing date for applications is 29 February 2008 (Hong Kong time).

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EDUCATION

1. Textbook Exchange

Got that old accounting textbook/doorstop/paperweight that you'll never touch again? Why not sell it? CLSS is setting up a textbook exchange. Just send us an email with the book details and your price (usually 50% for second hand) and we'll put it up on our textbook exchange as soon as semester starts.

2. Mentoring Program 2008

CLSS' Mentoring Program provides an opportunity for current undergraduates to share their experiences and impart their wisdom to new first year students. The program is carried out in small groups which each mentor helping two to three new students and will allow new students to adjust to university life.

If you wish to participate, as either a mentor or mentee, please fill out the attached form and email it to us before 9th March.

3. Foundations of Law Study Seminar (Mon 17th Mar)

CLSS will be providing advice and help on how to do the first count assignment of the year.

SOCIAL

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