Hey guys,

Today we start the Fresher rep elections (12-2pm until Thursday) in the courtyard! Get down and vote! A reminder that the new reps will be announced at the Mallesons Stephen Jaques Fresher/First Year dinner Thursday night…tickets are selling fast! Also, our new polo shirts have arrived and will be available for purchase on Tuesday.

Finally, Super Thursday is happening this week! Blackstone is raising money for a charity (to be selected at our SGM on Tuesday at 1pm in the Moot Court – please come along with any suggestions) so please give generously! Then help us win against the other Law Schools and head to the oval next to Uni Club at 1pm this Thursday. Spectators are more than welcome. There will be drinks and food available.

Hope to see you there!

Alex Pieniazek
Blackstone President 2008

1. SOCIAL
Queries about any of our social events can be directed to our Social VP, Jon Crabtree: svp@blackstone.asn.au

   a) Mallesons Stephen Jaques Fresher / First Year Dinner
Freshers! Here’s your chance to catch up with friends you made on law camp, meet plenty others and get to know the first years. Head to Hans Restaurant in Subiaco from 7.30 – 11pm, Thursday 1 May. Tickets on sale in the courtyard - $20 for members. Fresher Reps will be announced on the night!

   b) Clayton Utz Grad Wine and Cheese Night
Calling all Grads! Spread the word – the Grad Wine and Cheese Night is happening Thursday 8th May, 6.30pm – 10.30pm at the UWA Club. Tickets are on sale this week for $25 for members and $35 for non-members. Door sales are limited so please buy your ticket ahead of time!

For more information, email your Grad rep Michelle on gradrep@blackstone.asn.au

   c) R-U Barking & Tri-Law
R-U Barking – the Law School’s most grueling event is on Friday 9th May. The running pub crawl through Perth’s CBD (approx 3.5kms) will see the men tackling 10 middies and the women taking on 6 glasses of champers/white wine. Teams must consist of a minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 competitors (all of the same sex) and the group name must have ‘Bark’ in the title. This is not for the faint-hearted! Registration forms available today in the common room!

Following the Bark is Tri Law, this year being held at the Library from 7.30pm. Come dressed up as your favourite Harry Potter character / in the colours of your chosen house (Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw) and score yourself a free drink or two. Tickets are $10 for members and $15 for non-members. Make sure you’re a part of it!
d) Blake Dawson Law Dinner
The second hottest night of the year is on Friday 16th May! The Law Dinner and Debate is being held at the Perth Zoo. $75 ($80 for non-members) will get you a 2 course meal, all you can drink and a night of hilarity on the topic: ‘that being a lawyer is all about compensating’. Come along to hear Grant Donaldson SC, David Leigh and Anthony Willinge being faced by the student team. Tickets on sale on Wednesday!

e) Blake Dawson Law Ball
The hottest night of the year – the annual Law Ball date has been confirmed so whack the 15th August into your diaries now! To help prepare for the big day, we’re looking for hardworking, creative and enthusiastic people to join our ball sub-committee. Express your interest now by sending an email to Jon Crabtree on svp@blackstone.asn.au

2. CAREERS
Queries about careers initiatives can be directed to Careers VP, Elizabeth Houghton: careersvp@blackstone.asn.au

a) Research Associate to Hon Wayne Martin, CJ of Western Australia
Applications are invited for the position of Research Associate to the Hon Wayne Martin, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Western Australia. The position will commence in June / July of this year. Applications close noon, Wednesday 28 May 2008. More information can be accessed on http://blackstone.asn.au/careers/employment-opportunities/

b) Court Clerkships
Court clerkships this year will be organised through the UWA Law School. Interested students should send CV's (in hard copy) to the Law School addressed to Bill Ford and marked as applications for Court clerkships. Applications are open to third and penultimate year students.

c) Articles
Haynes Robinson is an Albany based law firm established in 1889 and is the oldest law firm in Western Australia. Haynes Robinson practises a wide range of law including commercial, property, dispute resolution/litigation, probate, family and crime and services Albany and the Great Southern region. Haynes Robinson are currently looking to take on two articulated clerks starting in late 2008 or early 2009. Haynes Robinson will not be participating in the recruiting process governed by the Law Society. If you are interested in these positions or wish to find out more please contact Phil Wyatt or Jamie Hodgkinson at phil or jamie@haynesrobinson.com.au or telephone (08) 9841 1122.

d) Smallfish is coming! Get in before the sharks get you...
Smallfish is an exciting new program run through the Blackstone Society. It is open to students in their first, second and third years of law. Penultimate and final years are not eligible to enter the program.

Watch this space! Details of the program will be available soon.

e) Australian Institute of International Affairs
This month the WA Branch of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) Youth Sub-committee are holding a youth focused event with 2 impressive young speakers; Daniel Vujcich; Western Australia's Rhodes Scholar for 2008, and Raphaël de Vietri; Australia's youngest diplomat as the Honorary Vice-Consul for Mali. The event is entitled “The Next Generation of Leadership: A Young Diplomat and a Rhodes Scholar,” and will be held at St Catherine's College, UWA from 6pm on Tuesday 29th April.
3. EDUCATION
Queries about any of our education matters can be directed to Ed VP, Jackie McArthur: edvp@blackstone.asn.au

a) Clayton Utz Competitions Fund
Brand new in 2008 is the Clayton Utz Competitions Fund. The fund has been established to enable students to compete in national and even international competitions. UWA Law Students and Blackstone members will be invited soon to access the funds. Application forms will be available today in the Blackstone common room / online.

b) Competitions
Blake Dawson Student Paper Competition
Entries for the Blake Dawson Student Paper Competition close **Monday 28 April.** Entering the Competition is easy – just dust off an old essay about law or justice and prepare a short presentation to deliver at the oral rounds later in May. At the very least you’ll get to put it in your CV and score some free food in the Blake Dawson boardroom. If you would like to enter the Competition or get more information contact the organisers at student.paper@blackstone.asn.au.

Mooter Needed for Tri-Law Moot
As part of Law Week, which is being held between 5 and 9 May, UWA will be hosting the Tri-Law Moot against Notre Dame and Murdoch. We are looking for two mooters to participate in this prestigious moot and hopefully bring home a victory for UWA. The Moot is scheduled for Wednesday 7 or Thursday 8 May (the exact date will be confirmed shortly). If you are interested in representing UWA in this moot please email the Competitions Officer at competitions@blackstone.asn.au.

Negotiators Needed for Tri-Law Negotiation Competition
As part of Law Week there will also be a Negotiation Competition against Notre Dame and Murdoch. We are looking for two people to compete in this competition, which will be held on Wednesday 7 or Thursday 8 May (the exact date will be confirmed shortly). If you are interested in representing UWA in this competition please email the Competitions Officer at competitions@blackstone.asn.au.

Participants Needed for Law Week Academic Challenge
Finally, we are seeking three competitors to take part in the Law Week Academic Challenge. The Academic Challenge, which is scheduled for Tuesday 6 May, is essentially a law-themed version of Spicks and Specks, but without the laughs or Adam Hills. Competitors should have a good general knowledge of the law and an aptitude for celebrity heads and charades. If this sounds like you, email the Competitions Officer at competitions@blackstone.asn.au.

6. INTERFACULTY SPORT
Wednesday sport for the 30th April is AFL for men (James Oval 1.15pm) and Netball for women (UWA Rec Centre). Meet 1pm in the Blackstone common room!

Come down **Thursday 1st May** beside the Uni Club for a few drinks and a BBQ in the name of **Super Thursday!** Compete against Murdoch and Notre Dame Law and help Blackstone beat them in the most friendly way possible. Rendez-vous 1.15pm! The traditional **Courtyard Dash** will take place at 12.30pm. Take part and you could win a great prize.

Let your sports reps know you’re coming: sports@blackstone.asn.au