Hey guys,

This week we welcome two new members to the Blackstone committee. Congratulations to Casey Bombara and Janine Villanueva, our new fresher reps! This week is also Law Week where we will be competing against the other law schools in Negotiation, Mooting and the Academic Challenge and wrapping things up at Tri-Law Friday night.

Finally it’s the Grad Wine and Cheese Night on Thursday so please buy your tickets ahead of time! We look forward to catching up with 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) 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

b) 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 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!

c) 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!

d) 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) New York Bar Review
Representatives from the New York Bar Review Quality Program will be on campus to discuss the New York Bar Exam Preparatory courses that are now available in capital cities throughout Australia. Head down to SSLR1 on Tuesday 6 May, 1 – 2pm to find out more.

b) Youth Speak - Your direct line to Government?
YouthSpeak: A conversation for the future is Australia's largest ever national consultation of young people. It allows you to express what's going on in your life, and what you would like to see happening in your local community, across the country and across the world. YouthSpeak allows you to express your ideas directly to Government and policy makers about the decisions that affect your every day life.

To have your say visit www.youthspeak.org.au before May 16. For further information please contact youthspeak@unya.asn.au.

c) Articles Uncut
Find out what you really need to know about Articles (that others won’t tell you) on Thursday 15th May from 5.15pm – 7pm at the Law Society of WA, Level 4, 89 St George’s Tce, Perth, WA. The event is in an informal cocktail setting and aims to inform attendees about all the pathways leading to admission as a legal practitioner, including College of Law, the Articles Training Program and Supreme Court Associateships. There will also be a useful presentation on interview techniques for prospective applicants. The event if free but registration is essential as the event is limited to the first 90 attendees.

Registration forms to be received by 9 May 2008. For more information, visit the Blackstone website!

a) Employment Opportunities
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/

Contract Tutor
A private tutor for Contract Law is sought for a couple of hours a week until the end of semester. If you are interested, please email Olivia on livnyaung@hotmail.com.

b) Clerkships
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.

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.

c) **Smallfish is HERE!!! Smallfish Launch**
Smallfish is an exciting new program run through the Blackstone Society. The program aims to encourage and facilitate relationships between younger year law students and recent law graduates. Social events and networking functions will be organised through the program, with the intention being to give students exposure to the legal profession in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

The smallfish launch will be held on **Thursday 22nd May** at Captain Stirling, Nedlands from **6:30-9:00**. Tickets are $10 for members and $15 for non-members. Price includes food, some drinks and a chance to win some fantastic door prizes! Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 7th May outside the Blackstone common room from 12-2pm.

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**

**TRI-LAW NEGOTIATION COMPETITION**
The Tri-Law Negotiation Competition is being held **TONIGHT Monday 5th May** at 6:30pm at Notre Dame. Spectators should come to room ND21/108, St John of God Building, Henry Street by 6:15pm. In this competition, UWA's Jeremy London and Chris Thomson will negotiate with competitors from Notre Dame and Murdoch, and hopefully make them an offer they can't refuse.

**TRI-LAW ACADEMIC CHALLENGE**
The Tri-Law Academic Challenge is being held on Tuesday 6 May at 7:30pm at the Cott Hotel. Come down and watch UWA's Marilyn Bromberg, Andrew Smith and Kat Della take on the best and brightest that Murdoch and Notre Dame have to offer in this entertaining law themed quiz.

**TRI-LAW MOOT**
The Tri-Law Moot is being held at UWA on Thursday 8 May. This competition will see Long Pham and Daniel Brando moot against students from Notre Dame and Murdoch, in front of a judging panel comprising Grant Donaldson SC, Graeme Murphy SC and Matt Howard. Spectators should come to the Moot Court at 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

**ALLENS ARTHUR ROBINSON NEGOTIATION GRAND FINAL**
On Tuesday 13 May Allens Arthur Robinson will host the Grand Final of the Negotiation Competition at its offices. The grand finalists (yet to be announced) will have less than an hour to negotiate their way through a complex legal dispute on behalf of their clients. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with Allens staff, especially if you are planning to apply for articles later in the year or are hoping to salvage an atrocious vacation clerkship interview. Come along to the offices of Allens Arthur Robinson at the QV1 building, St Georges Terrace at 7:00pm for a 7:15pm start.
6. INTERFACULTY SPORT
There is no sport this Wednesday but you will all be pleased to know Blackstone is currently leading at the top of both the Girls and Boys ladders! **Wednesday 14ᵗʰ May** is Basketball so meet at 1pm as usual in the Blackstone Common Room and help us stay at the top!

In other news, a date for the annual food fight against our enemies, the Engineers, has been set! Start gearing up and preparing yourselves for **Tuesday 13ᵗʰ May at 1pm**!

Let your sports reps know you’re coming: [sports@blackstone.asn.au](mailto:sports@blackstone.asn.au)