Jump into the ‘Fog,

Couldn’t resist dropping a Wombats reference in the first issue, after they did an absolute number on me at Falls over summer. No doubt everyone concerned had a fabulous summer break, and if you didn’t you only have yourself to blame. Myself and Brenton at Publishing HQ certainly made the most of our 3-month holiday. I did some charity work helping vertically challenged females view bands at music festivals, and Brenton also helped those less fortunate - by giving loose change to the famous Salvos man during his many nights out on the Hobart circuit. But all good deeds aside, Uni is back! This means classes, reading and late nights buried in books, as opposed to buried deep within the d-floor at Mobius.

It’s not all bad news though as we at TULS are committed to helping you get through this tumultuous time, by providing various educational initiatives, career help, social and academic support options and of course plenty of opportunities to purchase competitively priced alcohol and consume said alcohol.

This publication will bring all the latest news from around the law school so please read it or at least pretend to. We do not stay up all night trolling Facebook looking for embarrassing photos of law students in Observatory, for you to miss out on seeing them!

Regular inclusions will include: a signed set list from DJ G.Q (president’s report from Gerard), a debrief from our favourite strawberry blonde (activities report from Miss Goss) and a new section known as ‘Law school look-a-likes’. We will also include alumni profiles as well as upcoming events, career opportunities, welfare initiatives and anything else we feel is relevant.

We can promise this publication will be easier to read than any case, text or journal so really you have no excuses. If you think we have missed anything or would like to include an article in the Pettifogger please send it to us at publications@tuls.com. Alternatively come see us in person if you have anything you wish to discuss or if you simply want an autograph! This similarly applies to any TULS member who you have questions or queries for, please seek them out! We are all extremely approachable and happy to help where we can, particularly your year reps as they are on TULS to represent YOU!

Ultimately, this is your newsletter and we want each and everyone of you to have your say.

Keep on keeping on and stay tuned for our next edition,

Mark and Brenton

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Hello fellow colleagues,

Welcome back or if you are in year 1, welcome to Law school. I hope you had an amazing summer and now ready to take on the hectic schedules of a law student. As university life is relatively stressful, TULS hopes to be a form of support for our lovely students. At the start of this exciting year, the TULS team has worked hard over the summer to improve on the events we usually host and to roll out fresh initiatives that seek to benefit you.

Our TULS’s 2014 careers guide and social justice guides have incorporated several employment and internship opportunities. Furthermore, we are launching several mentorship programs with practitioners for students to further their network and understand the insights of different vocations. Other than the exciting growth and opportunities, TULS have an array of social activities lined up that are so exciting even Snoop Dogg will be proud. TULS is excited to walk on this university journey with you and we wish you all the best for the year ahead. TULS would also like to again thank the Faculty of Law for their ongoing support.

With Love,
G.Q

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CHECK OUT TIMES AND LOCATIONS ON PAGE 4!
More information can be found by searching ‘Introduction to Law PASS’ on Facebook!
CHEERS FOR CAREERS – AARON MOSS

Hey there judges-in-waiting!

I’m Aaron Moss (in case, you know, you haven’t heard my voice in the library before), and I’m super excited to be your TULS Careers Director this year.

I’ve had a pretty busy summer beavering away at the TULS Careers Guide – 100 pages of job advice goodness will be launched at an exciting forum event on the 20th of March in LT2, and I’d urge you all to come along to hear from some of our recent graduates who have gone and done amazing things post-graduation, as well as getting an inside look at the guide before it’s launched.

In addition to that guide, I’ve been working closely with the rest of the team, as well as the Faculty and the Law Society to set up an exciting new mentoring project – CLAMP – which you should keep an eye out for in the next few weeks.

Hopefully you all had a chance to get around the TUU’s ‘Big Meet’ Careers Fair this year? I’ve been working closely with the UTAS Career Mentoring & Development Team to make sure that you guys know about the awesome services they offer, and you should keep an eye out for some skills sessions and forums which I’ll be running in consultation with them throughout the year as clerkships and the like start to role around.

Also, in case you missed our Facebook post (our IT Officer informed me it was one of our Top 5% most viewed posts), TULS has been lucky enough to secure hosting rights for the ALSA Council meeting in September this year, and I’ve been appointed Convener for the meeting. This is a job I’m super excited about, and keep an eye on your e-mail inboxes for some opportunities to help out!

Thanks again for all of your support and assistance, it’s rewarding seeing you guys get involved with everything we sink so much work into, so please keep it up! I’m always up for a chat, so if you have any questions – please don’t hesitate to flick me an e-mail or come and say!

P.S. A large part of my work involves making sure you guys are aware of job opportunities, vacancies and internships – so please ensure you like our Facebook page, and check out the new website to ensure you’re always up to date, and make sure you flick me any tips you hear! – careers@tuls.com.au.

TULS ELECTION INFO

The candidates for First Year Rep male/female, Second Year Rep and Vice President (Education) have been released. The list can be seen on the TULS Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/tuls.utas. Voting will be conducted between 11-2 Tuesday – Friday outside reception this week. Good Luck!!!
COMPETITION NEWS ‘TOMMY’S ANGELS’

After 3 months of consistent research, practice moots and several sleepless nights and emotional break-downs, five tired yet keen UTAS law students sat at Hobart International Airport before dawn anxiously awaiting their flight to Canberra to compete in the DLA Piper Australian National Rounds of the 2014 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

On arrival, the team snatched up their competitors’ memorials (written submissions) and eagerly prepared for the first round of moots the following day with coaches Madeleine Summers and Zoe Lippis. Claire and Cathryn represented UTAS as the applicant at midday. The team left their first moot in high spirits, while Frances and Steph prepared for the afternoon round as the Respondent. In the meantime, Thomas fulfilled the team's bailiff duties for several moots.

Having performed confidently in their first moot, Frances and Steph were up early to compete, with the competition proving tougher than the previous day. Later that day, Claire and Cathryn took on the toughest bench the team had encountered so far in the competition.

That evening it was announced that UTAS had placed 7th and progressed to the quarterfinals in which the team competed against the University of Queensland (UQ) who placed 2nd, with Frances and Steph representing the respondent.

UQ performed to an exceptionally high standard and the UTAS mooters were pushed to perform to their best.

Unfortunately, it was not quite enough to oust UQ, however, there was some small comfort for UTAS knowing they had created the only split bench in any of the quarterfinals. Celebration followed at the High Court the following evening, where the team realized the true extent of their success. Not only did UTAS receive 7th place, the team’s respondent memorials placed 3rd, Frances and Claire were awarded equal 10th place as best oralist and Steph was awarded 4th best oralist. In addition, UQ had triumphed in the finals and were crowned the Australian Champions.

The team were ecstatic with their achievements which they credit to their hard work over the summer, ongoing assistance from their coaches and faculty advisor, Anja Hilkemeijer, and the UTAS Law faculty. Everyone in the team agrees that their research and academic writing skills have flourished as a result of Jessup and their advocacy has been put to the ultimate test.

Although relieved to be back into a normal study regime, the team continue to look back fondly on their Jessup experience and strongly recommend the competition to anyone who believes they are dedicated enough to put in the long, tough hours over summer to achieve and experience something as unique and rewarding as Jessup.

Report by Frances Spry and Steph Skillern
Of Firecrackers and Curry - International Report by Dinah Amrad

Just some stuff on what’s cooking in the international arena.

Exactly a week before school started, about 40 international and domestic students attended The Bridging Programme for International and Domestic Graduate Entry Students, a 3-day crash course on the various legal modules covered in first year. These direct entry students will be pursuing a single Bachelor of Law Degree or what we usually refer to as ‘straight law’. They will be enrolled in 2nd and 3rd year law modules.

Some delicious news for the Internationals - invites to a fine dinner will soon be sent out via Facebook sometime this semester. So please add yourselves to the Facebook group: “UTAS Law International Students 😊” (don’t forget the smiley) if you’re an International student.
ALL THE ACTIVITY ‘GOSS’

As one of the most anticipated days of the semester marked on every uni students calendar, Societies Day for 2014 did not disappoint. The deck above the uni bar marked the territory for the TULS team again this year. It was 3:01 pm, the liquor licensing had been kicked in for all of 1 minute and the area was already crowded full of students, signing up for their TULS memberships and being rewarded for doing so, with beers, cider and the Societies Day favourite – the UDL. The tunes helped the atmosphere develop, as not long after 3:01, at maybe 3:06, the atmosphere upgraded to exceptionally jolly, dancing erupted and Societies Day was officially in full flight.

For $15, members this year received not only drinks but discounts at various restaurants such as Annapurna and Duc, as well as priority and future discounts on some of the exciting events TULS will be running, including our Cocktail Party and Law Ball. I would like to acknowledge every single TULS member for their team work, spirit and hard work on the day!

A more imminent event, which you should all be keenly looking forward to, is our St Patrick's Day barrel. It will be held next Friday the 14th of March. Don as much green as you can and come and grab a beverage from outside the law cafe from 4pm – 7pm!

(What I remember of) INTRO CAMP

A hazed recollection by Grace Williams

On the 18th of February, 45 first-years-to-be were introduced to the world of law school. This year TULS moved its annual Intro Camp to Conningham with great success. Friendships were formed, romances blossomed, role models were discovered, and suggestions for more appropriate role models were made. TULS runs Intro Camp to take some of the mystery out of university for imminent first year students; to help them get to know each other, as well as TULS members, and to answer any questions that they might have about studying law. They are taught about the pressures and privileges of being a law student, and most importantly, how to behave like a law student (we teach them how to drink like grownups). All nudity was restricted to that required for night swimming, and new friends literally had each others back in the world’s longest spoon chain. To the brilliant first years who attended: Keep up the good work! We can't wait to see more of you around the faculty.
Over the Summer I spent a month at the Native Title Service Corporation (NTSCORP) in Redfern, which is the Native Title Representative Body for NSW. It was a great opportunity to gain some practical legal experience and a greater understanding of the Native Title process. The best was being around some great Lawyers and really nice people.

The Aurora Project facilitated my Internship at NTSCORP. Aurora is a body that runs a wide range of programs including scholarships and placements to encourage graduates in law, anthropology and social sciences to consider careers in Native Title. One of the benefits for applying for an Aurora internship is the great range of organisations at variety of locations you could be placed at. For example, legal interns can be placed at over fifty host organisations which including Native Title Representative Bodies, Human Rights Commissions and other Indigenous organisations.

NTSCORP assists Indigenous people in asserting their Native Title Rights in NSW. This encompasses a number of responsibilities including facilitating the claim process, ensuring Future Act obligations are met, negotiating with the State and other stakeholders and providing historical family research to substantiate claims. This is a huge amount of work for a pretty small team.

I was in the Strategic Development Unit at NTSCORP, the legal team that deals with Future Act issues. Future Acts refer to the rights Indigenous claim groups have in regards to development and activity on the claim area before the claim is determined. These are important rights as the claim process from registration to determination can take a number of years.

While I was at NTSCORP I was give a great range of interesting tasks. I was asked to draft correspondence to clients and other parties, as well as undertaking a number of research tasks on a variety of issues including particular developments within the claim areas and on the current status of particular points of law and legislation. While the Legal Team at NTSCORP dealt with matters relating to the claim process through the Federal Court and Native Title Tribunal, working within the Strategic Development Unit provided an insight into how lawyers represent their clients’ interests outside the courtroom through negotiation, persuasion and persistence.

The value of interning in an area of law that you are particularly interested in is that you are likely to be working with people who have a similar outlook and interests. I really found this was the case at NTSCORP, and particularly within my team, mainly due to the fact I had a massive intellectual (and physical) crush on a couple of the cool sassy female lawyers. The working environment was really supportive and fun: all the interns’ work was valued and we often all went out for lunch and drinks together. A particularly memorable evening was spent at the local hip-hop bar in Redfern, for *as you can see above I like to partay!*

I would really encourage anyone interested in social justice or property law to apply for an Aurora internship. I learnt lots and had lots of fun! It was also a great impetus to get some work experience outside Tasmania, and particularly affirming to discover that the skills you’ve learnt at Law School translate to other jurisdictions.
Despite many social justice issues being inherently controversial, often with two conflicting political or legal arguments, I interpret the purpose of the position of Social Justice and Welfare Officer to be about raising awareness through providing information to inspire students, and the community, to make up their own mind!

Over summer I ran a few events on behalf of TULS, in association with Amnesty International UTAS, and the Law School itself, that were focused on “Changing Community Perceptions – Who’s Afraid of Asylum Seekers?”. Human rights lawyers David Mann, director of the fantastic Tasmanian film “Mary Meets Mohammad” Heather Kirkpatrick, UTas law school alumni and former refugee and People of Australia Ambassador Fayia Isaiah Lahai gave insightful and inspiring accounts of the importance of being open minded and understanding about how and why asylum seekers come to our shores, and what happens afterwards. Thanks to Christine Beuermann’s networking skills we were also able to host an art exhibition on this same night. All of which was done by asylum seekers living in Hobart! One piece in particular was also awarded the RACT People’s Choice Portraiture Prize.

The exhibition was such a success we ran a second exhibition/afternoon tea and invited the artists! Although meeting asylum seekers may seem awkward and daunting, it doesn’t take long to realise these guys are not all that different from any other teenage boy and really just want to make friends in a new city!

My major project for the last few months has been the Alternative Careers Guide. The guide contains valuable opportunities in the public and community sector. The public sector is often overlooked by students as a potential career pathway so it’s important for students be aware that corporate firms are not the only option. The guide also contains many legal and non-legal volunteering opportunities. Volunteering is great not only for your resume but also for developing your social conscience and making new friends who have similar opinions and passions to yourself.

This year I hope to cover a broader range of issues than the last 4 months. I’m hoping to do some animal welfare work like Cup Cake Day for the RSPCA. I’d also like to some shed light on LGBTI issues, and Anti Discrimination Commissioner Robin Banks is keen to visit the Law School and speak on this issue. The annual TULS Health Week is also something to look forward too, with lots of free food and wholesome events to keep your mental and physical health in check whilst studying!

Please come and say hello (I’m the girl in the silent section wearing leopard print!) whenever you like, especially if you think you might be interested in getting involved with any social justice events or project! I’m always open to ideas too so if you hear or know of a charity, issue, movie, person, NGO (whatever!!) that you think would be relevant or insightful or even if you just want to take me out for a candlelight dinner, hit me up :)

Belle xx
COMPETITION NEWS

Senior Competitions were held last week, with some finals being run throughout this week! Well done to all those competed, no doubt everyone gained valuable experience across the variety of competition areas.

Stay tuned to find out who took out the various competitions. TULS strongly encourages all first and second years to participate in Junior Competitions when they roll around in Second semester.

TULS BOOK SALE

The book sale was a huge success with hundreds of books changing hands. There was no shortage of Crim, Con and Admin books but if you were lucky enough to snavel up an evidence book then well played.

For those of you who had books sold we will be in contact over the coming days to arrange payment. We will also contact you if your books were not sold and you will be able to pick those up from the TULS office throughout the week.

LAWSCHOOL LOOK-A-LIKE

Publishing HQ see quite a resemblance between our fearless leader G.Q and the infamous Leslie Chow, from the Hangover trilogy.

Stay tuned for our next edition, in which Bradley Stephens the look-a-like master will take the reigns. If you think you have a look-a-like (suitable for publication) please let us know

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