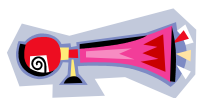


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THE FSA NEWSLETTER

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President's report

Wow I can't believe it's almost the end of semester already, feels like we only started the other day! I hope the past few months have been as exciting for you as they have for the rest of the UWA FSA committee and myself, and that you're looking forward to what the rest of the year has to bring.

2011 has certainly started with a bang, with a great group of Freshers, a visit from the US Ambassador to Australia and the Perth International Writers Festival to keep us all entertained. Next semester is looking to be a great one as well, with some more social events to keep you in the loop, a breakfast with the Premier, CHOGM activities and possibly even another charity event, so keep checking your emails and RSVP'ing to all events or you'll miss out.

The achievements of the FSA this semester have been above and beyond what I had ever hoped for, and all committee members (and ring-ins) should be congratulated. The biggest success of the committee so far this year was the third annual UWA FSA Charity Quiz Night, bigger and better than in previous years. On May 3rd over 300 people packed into the Ref for a night of tough trivia and awesome prizes all in the name of charity. We've raised over \$7000 (and still counting) for Lifeline WA, and to start a scholarship fund of sorts that we intend to develop over the next couple of years to help disadvantaged year 12 students.

I have the exciting opportunity of spending next semester on exchange overseas but thanks to Skype, Twitter and Facebook, Vancouver may as well be an outer suburb! I know the UWA FSA will achieve more incredible things next semester, and that the Fogarty Foundation will continue to inspire us with talks from world-wide leaders, so make the most of those opportunities before they pass you by!

So have a wonderful winter break, and get pumped for semester two!

Alex

Fun Fact!

More than ten people a year are killed by vending machines.



Alumni Connect

If you haven't yet signed up to Alumni Connect, now's your chance! Log in and get connected to the Fogarty Scholars group to stay updated with what's happening in the Fogarty community. Simply log in as a first-time user at www.ac.uwa.edu.au using your surname and your student number as your first-time password. Get connected!

Fresher Elections

Congratulations to the newest members of the FSA committee for 2011:

Sasha Quahe

Leela Dilkes-Hoffman

Emma Jones

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U.S. Ambassador addresses Fogarty cohort

Gone are the days when the power of social media was confined to revealing a new love pairing amongst a group of friends or never allowing a birthday to go unnoticed and its use was limited to a younger, tech savvy demographic. The US ambassador to Australia Mr Jeffrey Bleich, is acutely aware of the increasing relevance of these web 2.0 creations and in his address to a group of Fogarty Foundation scholars, board members and other interested students, was able to convey just how significant they are in today's political environment. In front of a back drop of a live Twitter feed, Mr Bleich used examples such as the overthrow of the incumbent Government in Egypt to illustrate how web tools such as Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr and WikiLeaks were able to mobilise the masses, galvanise new political ideas and essentially create an unrestricted flow of information worldwide.

“ENGAGING AND INTELLIGENT, MR BLEICH WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME INSIGHT INTO THE LIFE OF A SENIOR DIPLOMAT IN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION”

Tested by some pithy and challenging questions from the audience, particularly on the topic of the controversial WikiLeaks, Mr Bleich revealed his background as a 1st amendment lawyer in the United States and his commitment to freedom of speech. However, Mr Bleich added that Governments are enlisted with the responsibility to regulate information and that just because information was available, did not, by definition, require it to be publicised.

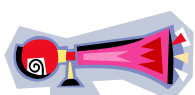
Engaging and intelligent, Mr Bleich was able to provide some insight into the life of a senior Diplomat in the Obama administration. His understanding of the role of the unqualified mass opinion filtered through various social medium is obviously astute and something he sees as looming large in the international political community in years to come. And with billions of users worldwide, it is statistically likely that it was a topic that everyone in the Ernst Young Lecture Theatre could relate to. Whether they tweeted about it or not.

- Verity Long-Droppert



Save the date

The next exciting event as part of the Leadership Series is a Leadership Breakfast featuring the Premier of Western Australia, Mr Collin Barnett MLA UWA's Vice-Chancellor Alan Robson AM CitWA. The Breakfast will be held in The University Club's Banquet Hall on the 5th of August. So write it in your diaries and get excited for a morning of engaging speakers and lavish breakfast.



Fresher Profiles



Full Name: Rebecca Long

Course: Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS)

Favourite thing about uni: Science library cafe coffee.... and those 20c m&m and jelly bean machines!

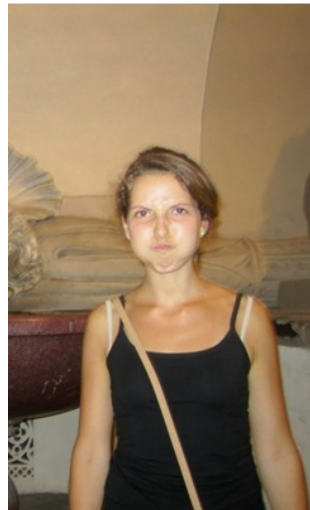
Favourite Lecturer Quote: "but in second semester we'll be working with human blood, and then we'll really be getting jiggy with it!"

Full Name: Leela Dilkes-Hoffman

Course: Bachelor of science (majoring in Chemistry)

Favourite thing about uni: would definitely have to be living at college where I'm meeting so many fun and really nice people.

Favorite sandwich: is roasted vegies and feta mmmmm!!!



Full Name: Jeremy George Nixon

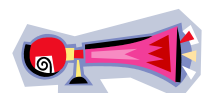
Course: Engineering/Science

Favourite thing about uni: The enormous range of student-run clubs and societies

What is your biggest fat moment? (ie how much of what did you eat and what were the hilarious consequences?)

On a school tour to India last year I discovered a love for Indian food. We literally had curry for breakfast, lunch and tea and I developed an addiction for butter chicken and naan bread. During the second week of the tour I suffered the horrible consequences and became very sick. I didn't leave the hotel for two miserable days and was put off the food in India for our remaining time in the country.

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Fresher Profiles

Full name: Sasha Quahe

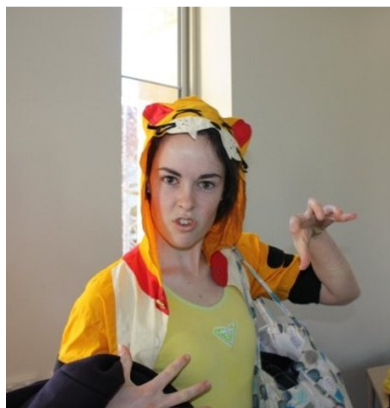
Course: Law/Arts

Favourite thing about uni life so far: Having almost everyone you know on the same campus! And being able to float in and out of uni at any time of the day.

Most irrational fear: Not wearing sunblock. But I would rather have the more interesting claim of Anatidaephobia: The fear that somewhere, somehow, a duck is watching you.



Full name: Sarah Cole



Course: Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Favourite thing about uni life so far: the unlimited supply of banana bread from the science library café!

First thing I'd buy if I won the lottery: a really nice camera that you can take really good photos with even if you're not a very good photographer.

Name: Matthew Goyder

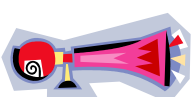
Course: Law / Commerce

Favourite Thing About Uni Life So Far: Meeting New People and enjoying a greater sense of independence than school.

Favourite Lawyer Joke:

Q. What is the difference between a dead cat on the road and a dead lawyer on the road?

A. There are no skid marks in front of the lawyer.



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Fresher Profile

Full Name: Emma Jones

Course: Medicine

Favourite Thing About Uni Life so far: The Science Library – being a nerd I get pretty excited about the words “science” and “library” joined together... it has self check out, white board tables, toilets on every level (there are 4!) two sets of stairs – the windy ones if you’re feeling sociable or the fire escape if you want to go incognito.... In fact I once decided to study on the fire escape stairs for an hour because there were no tables – they have a view and you don’t have to listen to anyone cough.... my record in the library of libraries so far is 5 hours straight... :)



What do you most want to cut up and get your hands stuck into in the field of medicine?

Well so far we’ve cut up almost every part of our foetal pigs... but I have to admit I prefer the human cadavers. They smell really nice – like the acrylic paints you get in craft kits when you’re little... Our FAHB lecturer dissected a chicken for us and he looked like he was having fun ripping it open with his hands and cutting the sternum out with secateurs – more fun than I had trying to cut out some membrane of an egg yolk with a scalpel... but I’m really not the sadistic scalpel-wielding med student who’d be able to answer this question... sorry!

Quiz Night Commentary

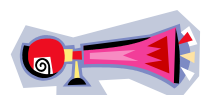
On the first Tuesday of May, armed with only wine, wit and war paint, some of the brightest and 'not so brightest' minds of Perth congregated for a bout of trivia in The Refectory at the University of Western Australia.

Hosted by the UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholars' Association, this night promised jovial socialising, hilarious antics, mindful fundraising and of course rigorous mental mêlée and that was just whilst lining up! With proceeds going towards Lifeline WA and the UWA Fogarty association's Fogarty Futures project, a stupendous crowd amassed, and were well catered for and presented to generously by some delightful Fogarty scholars.

The classic trivia rivalries of old and young, creative and calculating and diversified and specialised were perpetuated, whilst innovative enterprises such as 'best pick-up line' and 'Harry Potter look-alike' competitions were also introduced, producing a varied and unique evening affair.

- Nathan Shaw, keen participant

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Alumni Profiles

Rachel Paterson

My four years at UWA have flown by. As a Busselton kid, attending Bunbury Grammar, I became a regional UWA Fogarty scholar and moved into St Georges College for Uni. I took a Bachelor of Science degree in the Advanced Science program, majoring in Genetics and Biochemistry with particular interest in medical research. The opportunities offered by the UWA Fogarty Foundation throughout my degree have been fantastic, and I would recommend all scholars to make the most of the support and events offered.

A highlight of my degree was definitely the 3 month overseas research project between 2nd and 3rd year which is part of the Advanced Science course. I chose to go to Lund in Sweden, which is a typical “student city”. It was great – the research team at Lund University was first class, I had family friends to spend Christmas with, we went skiing, and I also visited a friend in Norway who had lived at St Georges as an exchange student the year before. It was a fantastic experience and it was also supported by UWA, which gave me the opportunity to see places and do lots of things while I was there.



In 2010 I completed my Honours in Genetics, researching an inherited blinding disease called retinitis pigmentosa. I am now continuing this research, working with the Australian Inherited Retinal Disease Register group at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Since I graduated I have a bit more time for other commitments, and as such I have joined the Rotary Club of Nedlands and the Oaktree program “Generate”. I am finding both of these groups to be interesting, fun, and full of motivated people who do so many amazing things. I am hoping to continue my studies by undertaking my PhD at Oxford in 2012, and will be applying for scholarships for the DPhil course in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine, with the possibility of researching diseases such as HIV and malaria.



Alison Soerensen

I graduated at the end of 2010 with a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery with Honours. I also completed a Bachelor of Medical Science with Honours degree in 2007. Commencing study in 2004, I was one of the inaugural UWA Regional scholars. I lived at Trinity for 6 years and was heavily involved in college life during that time. I was Vice-President and President of the Residents' Club and also held the positions of Resident Advisor and Community Services Co-ordinator.

Since graduating I've taken up a position at Fremantle Hospital as an intern. I spent my first term was on the new Mental Health Unit at Rockingham and now I'm back at Fremantle on the Medical Assessment Unit. I'm loving my job and especially loving my paycheck after spending 7 years as a uni student! I'm not 100% sure of what I plan to do in the future but at the moment I'm really interested in developmental paediatrics and am considering a dual fellowship in psychiatry and paediatrics. I'm really keen to stay in touch with Fogarty scholars, particularly those studying medicine and would be happy to be contacted for help/advice/whatever!

