

## Dates for your Diary:

- ❖ The LAW REVUE has been CANCELLED
- ❖ Mature Agers Lunch, Left Bank, 12.30, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, tickets on sale now
- ❖ Guest Speaker Wayne Martin, Folley Hall, 5.30, 30<sup>th</sup> Oct
- ❖ NDLS Annual General Meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 12.00, all Law Students to attend from in the Courthouse. If you don't come you'll turn into a pumpkin! More info soon.
- ❖ Quiz Night, Claremont Yacht Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, tickets on sale soon.

## Individual Highlights:

**THE ALMIGHTY DEAN**

**INSIDE THE JURY**

**FAT LADIES**

**ND LAW IS THE SHIZ**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**TOILS OF A 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR**

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## It was the Best of Times...

**-Madge Mukund, NDLS President**

Well the SC calendar simply would not be complete without a massive social occasion, a gala if you like, to bring together all the it-girls, fashionistas, bad boys and trust-fund babies that grace our humble institution. And what an event. With a theme of, "A night in Paris" (not in the dodgy sense to all you sickos) and the jaw-droppingly stunning venue of Frasers King's Park, in a candlelit room of white linen with checkered centerpieces, Eiffel towers and French flags, it was destined to be à événement fabuleux. The 203 people (that works out to a little under half the law school body) lucky enough to score a ticket to the law event of the decade enjoyed a truly memorable, or in some instances non-memorable, occasion. Many unfortunates missed out because tickets sold out in an unprecedented manner, after all, this is the SC, you have to be quick on the scene.

Highlights of the night included:

- 0) The non-stop 5 hour alcohol package. I know for a fact that this was a big hit, particularly with a table of Notre Dame ex-pats who shall remain nameless. At any rate, the flowing liquid ambrosia certainly brightened up the atmosphere- and all were accounted for the next week, so: success!
- 1) The AMAZING, talented, dynamic, entertaining and truly inspirational Ms Patti Chong, our honoured guest for the evening. People may have come to pick up legal tips and fashion tips from Patti who was resplendent in red and, as usual, looked fabulous on the night, but they left with much, much more. Patti's brilliant speech was confronting (the shackles truly shook when the c-word came out) and yet enlightened us not only on the law in Western Australia, but on how to face adversity and emerge smiling and passionate. On how to be the best lawyers we could be, regardless of the ethical, structural or social boundaries in our paths. It was truly amazing stuff and I think I saw a



Joe and Tegan as Beau and Belle of the Ball

- smile on even the most skeptical and brooding faces (yes Matt Jan I'm talking about you!)
- 2) Tegan Jones living out every girl's Cinderella fantasy by being crowned belle of the ball and being presented a rose by the "beau" of the evening, that suave Joe Carmen (and then watching both of them turn the same shade as the aforementioned rose during their snowball.)
- 3) Paris Hilton herself making an appearance on the night. Thank you Dan Papalia for sneaking shots of Paris in a bikini into the slide show which I repeatedly stressed had to be STRICTLY FRENCH.
- 4) Mapanza burning up the dance-floor with Patti Chong following the speeches.
- 5) Ian McLeod challenging Ben Secrett to a dance-off... after Ben had left. This was the closest we came to a Ryan Atwood-style bust up on the night. Very...innovative, boys.
- 6) The many incidences of I'amour which occurred after people were let loose on Subi. I have been sent death threats which prevent me from revealing names/ages but I'm sure you've heard the rumours. At any rate the UWA representatives sent glowing reviews of the night.
- 7) Our very own paparazzi in the form of Rachel Mounsey, who somehow managed to take over 150 photos, be in more than half of them with half drunken champagne in tow, and mysteriously not spill a drop on her dress. The question is, was it the one glass the whole night, or is the woman a machine?! - **Cont'd page 7**

## The Fat Lady



It ain't over til the fat lady sings... RIGHT? WRONG!!! This is it people, the final edition of the Sundry Crimes for the year 2006, and there ain't a fat lady in sight, (or at least not a singing one).

I have to admit that this year has shaped up to be completely different to what I imagined. Personally, I have under-gone an amazing metamorphosis. I have been transformed from an anti-establishment skeptic who thought the NDLSS crew were more interested in getting sponsorship for their own beer drinking addictions and maintaining their elitist veneer than doing anything for the poor hard working law student body, to such a disgustingly enthusiastic supporter of the society that I am... wait for it... RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT IN 2007! Hard to believe it I know but it's true.

At the end of last year, when I put my name down on that nomination form, and talked a couple of first years into endorsing it, I thought it would be a year of feigning enthusiasm about upcoming NDLSS events and doing minimal work aid of making my CV a little more impressive. But it seems that I had been deceived and misled by my own brain.

The 2006 NDLSS crew were not the manipulative, self-obsessed, fake, bludgers that I had imagined. In fact they turned out genuinely excited about being elected and announced grand plans of making the law school social, sporting and educational calendar the best on campus. Meetings were not always the random, beer swilling marathons that I had imagined either, but instead we had an agenda, which was stuck to (mainly), and some even turned off their phones!

At the first meeting, everything was very serious and I realized that I better have something to say when it got to my agenda

item. I quickly came up with the vague idea of printing the Sundry Crimes and getting our website working. I didn't realize it yet, but I had created a monster.

I don't know why I thought setting up a whole new website would be a cruisy thing to do. I kinda thought you just logged on to Myspace.com and entered your details as NDLSS.com.au. But it turns out that it's not that easy and is actually quite a lengthy and expensive process. So, months after my original off-hand comment, I was slaving over the computer well into the early hours trying to work out http:// formatting until not even Sex and the City could calm my nerves, and I finally admitted defeat. Thankfully, Tom French's fantastic IT-wiz-cousin came to my rescue, and to this day you have James Lumsden to thank for the establishment of ndlss.org.au as you know it.

It turned out I wasn't the only one slaving away for the greater good. The rest of the crew achieved amazing feats of greatness in the midst of not only their normal workload, but also articles and clerkship applications for many as well. Madge Mukund seemed to compete in every competition, sport, and be at every social event (law and others) as well as completing her final year, getting articles, contributing to every edition of the SC and being President of the NDLSS. Some say she's crazy, others don't know her. One thing I've learnt is that the people on the NDLSS this year have all been amazing in one way or another. They have made my year the best ever and I honestly think they have made the lives of all ND law students a little bit more quirky and fun.

So, anyway, I guess what I'm trying to say is that since it's been the best year ever, I just can't get enough, so I'm nominating myself again (vote 1 Emma Cullen for Pres©). Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this humble, little newsletter this year. You have made many a constitutional law lecture more interesting by providing procrastination material. Thank you to the sponsors of the Sundry Crimes and the website. Without you, the Publications Rep. would be bored with a penniless portfolio. And last but not least, thank you to the fabulous NDLSS Committee for 2006. You have brightened my life.

See you next year!

**Emma Cullen**  
Publications Rep. 2006

# The Almighty Dean

- Ben Martin, NDLS Sports Rep.

The Deans Cup went down on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, a brutally hot day. A mighty hoard of Notre Dame crew fronted up, only to find Murdoch could only fill 17 jerseys. ND was kind enough to lend them a man (must be a result of all those compulsory ethics units). After a very brief warm up which didn't even require any running, both teams ran out into what was to be an almighty game.

After some personal brilliance by a ND player, who happened to be the man we had lent, Murdoch took the lead. They maintained the lead going into the break. ND came out fiery after the break, partly due to a lack of anything other than beer to quench our thirsts. We managed to reduce the gap in scores to something a little more reasonable. Yet it was soon apparent that the only way we would win was to do something honourable...cheat.

Luckily for the ND team there was no request for a player count, so we managed to get away with all 21 men on the field for the final term. Although we maintained the ball for

the majority of the quarter we were still unable to level the scores. At the end of the day Murdoch claimed victory.

The ND lads brought a bit of mongrel to the field, ready to give their all when it got tough. There were some outstanding efforts, the Kirk bro's, Ed Flemming, Pricey (once again), Eden and Jimmy Henderson to name a few. McDonnell managed to leak a bit of claret after copping an elbow, but displayed some brut ND courage to play on. Roger "Get Agro" Bishop played an almighty game and received a bottle of whisky for his efforts.

The Murdoch Dean presented the Deans Cup to the victorious team. It was Roger's Player of the Day acceptance speech that won it for ND however: "You may have won, but we'll end up making more money than you some day."

Well done to Murdoch and all their boys, especially to Paul for helping organise the event. Congrats to all those who turned up for a great afternoon. Big thanks to all those who turned up to support our lads.

**NB: THE LAW REVUE HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**PERFORMERS SHOULD CONTACT CATHY MCCOMISH ASAP ,  
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**Stay tuned for further developments**

## Behind Closed Doors: How a Jury Operates

-Tom French, NDLS Education Vice-Pres.

In September Notre Dame was lucky enough to have renowned criminal defense barrister and forensic scientist, Judith Fordham, give a seminar on her groundbreaking research into juries. Judith has been researching into how juries interpret and evaluate the evidence presented to them. In particular Judith has focused on whether juries are intimidated in criminal cases and whether or not this affects their deliberations. Judith is also concerned with how juries evaluate forensic evidence that is presented to them. Judith had to get special permission from the Attorney General to interview juries throughout criminal trials in Western Australia and is the first person to be granted access to do so.

At the time of the seminar Judith was only partially through her research but had some very interesting results. Judith had discovered that juries generally take their task as a jury member very seriously. In regard to expert

scientific evidence the results show that generally juries will want comprehensive reasons for the conclusions that expert witnesses are making. They generally will not accept expert evidence at face value simply because of the expertise of the witness. Judith found that being summoned for jury duty had a positive effect on many of the people she interviewed and some of these jurors had been motivated by the experience to try and do some good in the community afterwards.

Judith is only part way through her research and hopefully she will be coming back to Notre Dame to give an additional seminar after all her results have been collated. Judith will be running a forensic science unit for lawyers at Murdoch University next year. If you would like a copy of the power point presentation of her seminar on juries please contact Tom French at tfrench@nd.edu.au

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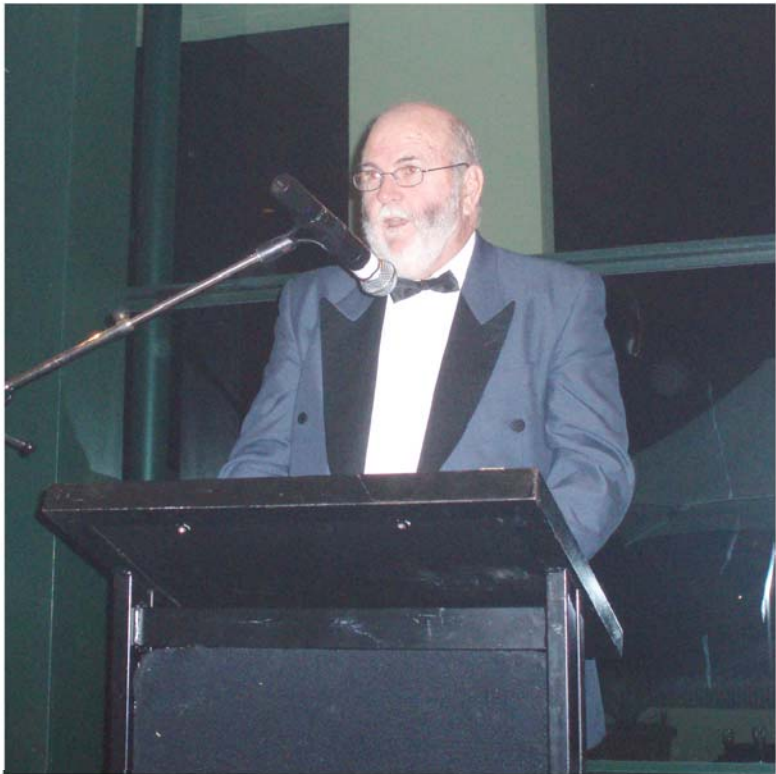
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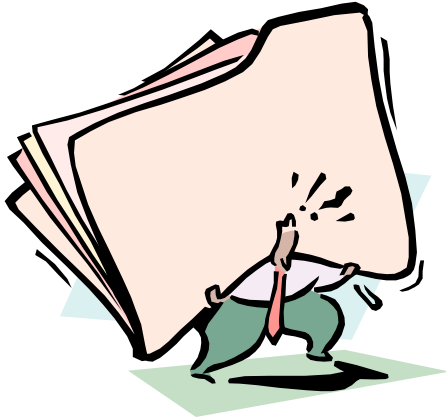
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invaluable  
contributions.*

Clayton Utz Law Ball, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006





# Toils of a Second Year Rep.



- Noura Huneidi, NDLS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Rep.

Why Hello Everybody!

AHHHHHHHH! Sorry, I just can't believe that it's the end of semester already. When I'm freaked out, I normally feel cosy again if I express myself by screaming.

This year has been busy. Quite a lot (perhaps too much) has been achieved and much of it happened because of all of those fabulous members of the law society. Thank you all so much for a wonderful year.

So the other day, I was having a chat to one of my friends (we will call him Mr. Oblivious), and I was explaining to him why I was feeling so stressed out. In my exhaustive list of 'stressing agents', I explained that I had many last minute assignments that I had to start, exams to study for, a trip to save up for and a bit of work that needed to be done for the Law Society.

Mr. Oblivious was shocked. - 'You guys do work for the Law Society?!' \*Open mouth, raised brows and pale face\*

\*SURPRISE!\*

Well YES. We most certainly do. My workload was probably very minimal compared to the workload of members that hold more specific roles (i.e. President, Vice President, Competitions etc). But in the end, - we all do work. And yes, we love it. It's awesome fun.

Anyway, I was quite surprised by Mr. Oblivious' comment. Surely he understood that websites and papers don't write themselves, that special guest lectures, balls and social functions don't plan themselves and so forth.

For Mr. Oblivious' sake and for others who stand in his position, we have been asked to recap the NDLS achievements for 2006:

NDLS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Representative annual Report, 2006:

### Goals achieved:

- We have been working on getting the benches back in the law courtyard. I have sent a formal letter of complaint on behalf of the Law Society, to the Vice Chancellor. The VC has not yet responded to the letter. The matter will be finalised by the end of semester hopefully.
- To promote the establishment of the new Social Justice Representative position, the NDLS hosted its first charity BBQ. The funds came to \$113 and all proceeds have been donated to the Oak Tree foundation. The Oak Tree foundation promotes education in third world countries. Thank you all for your support.
- Some students have been upset at the huge exam percentage allocation mark (mouthful, I know). Some units are assessed 100% on examinations. The majority of students believe that this is unfair because many people do not cope well at all under exam pressure. A meeting will be organised with the Dean, Mr Michael Gillooly to discuss this matter further.

Thank you all for a great year!!! Good Luck for exams and have a fantastic and safe summer. See you all in 2007.

## Goss in the Courtyard...

- Emma Cullen, NDLS Publications Rep.

An anonymous source has revealed that the mysterious breakdown of the machine that adds credit to our student cards in the law library is in fact a farce. This source, and others, confirm that the machine in fact works and there is some mischievous plot afoot to make many a panicked law student, with an assignment to do and an impossible deadline to meet, walk all the way over to the main library and fight at least one health student, a communications student and a couple of education students in order to re-charge their copy card. We are yet to have the conspiracy theory confirmed by Bruce Bott, but await an explanation or a fixed copy card machine very soon. See, the NDLS is focused on all the most important issues, all of the time!

## Law Students For a Just Community

- Cathy McComish, NDLS Competitions Rep.

The conference was held over three days in the beautiful Brindabella ranges in Canberra. Being a perpetual student with perpetual money issues, I was enticed by the generous subsidy to get WA students in and amongst it. In the end there were only three of us hay-seeds from the west – myself and two students from UWA.

The conference was absolutely mind-blowing. We had two plenary sessions in the morning followed by two discussions in the afternoon. Topics ranged from the environment, human rights, refugees, the new industrial relations legislation, native title, the Van Nguyen and Bali nine cases and terrorism, to name a few.

Speakers included Julian Burnside QC who appeared pro bono to act for the asylum seekers on board the Tampa, and Professor Don Rothwell who was a key legal expert advising the Australian government on Singapore's execution of Nguyen Tuong Van last year. It was an incredibly high profile group of speakers and an incredibly motivated group of students.

An outcome of the conference was to establish a national group of students interested in these sorts of issues. There will be a website available soon, with opinion pages and info on how to get a social justice group up and running at Uni. The first step for Notre Dame is to vote at the AGM to have a Social Justice Representative added to the NDLS committee. We are so behind our eastern states counterparts – let's get the ball rolling!

## It was the Best of Times ...

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Thank you to our sponsors at Clayton Utz for enabling us to put on such an extravaganza and sending down their articled clerks on the night (Those savvy lawyers not wanting to lose too many billable hours in the post-ND ball fallout!) A huge thank you must also go to the members of the Notre Dame Law Students' Society. Hunched over sewing machines late at night in damp and dimly lit rooms, spending their weekends and spare time browsing through Crazy Clarks and Gone Bazaar for centerpiece trinkets and fairy lights (do you know how depressing those places are?!), what troopers!

This may have been why our fabulous social VP Catherine Noonan was caught significantly contributing to the depletion of the drinks package, a'la Marissa in her manic depressive days, on the night. To anyone who has seen Noons since, please tell her Arnya from Frasers has stopped calling and that we love her and want her to come home.

All in all, it was a fitting tribute to what has been an action-packed year. With great mooters such as the Vis team and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Maritime team, people jetting to all areas of the globe to do law stuff plus a great turnout and many good times at the sundowner, tri law, our first ever official NDLS debate and fresher party, this has been a fantastic year. As I sit here writing my last literary

work for the SC as President of the NDLS, a tear comes to my eye (whether this is of relief or sadness, I don't know yet). To those looking to get involved and who think you can do a great job for your peers, run for a position on the NDLS in the upcoming elections. Oh and I challenge you to put on a ball of 2006 calibre. ☺

So in true French fashion let's sum up the night like *Moulin Rouge* does: in terms of Truth, beauty, love and freedom. Truth: it was the best ball EVER. Beauty: Oh there was a veritable feast for the discerning eye. The contest for beau and belle of the ball was so hot, we nearly had to choose the obvious non-contenders, a couple of Murdoch gatecrashers, to avoid any accusations of bias and poor decision-making! Love: there was a lot of it going around. Freedom: well that I can't explain- you'll have to talk to those who found it on the dance floor after a few glasses of champers (Hint: start with Eddie Biggs and Monica Franz). So here's to Notre Dame going back to it's French origins. Here's to our 'Night in Paris'. Merci Bien SC Lovers. I won't see you next season, but I'll be watching from the magic mystery world where characters that have to leave the show go...

Air kisses!

**Madge Mukund**  
NDLS President 2006.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Minter Ellison Lecture Series

Wayne Martin, newly appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is the final speaker in our Minter Ellison lecture series for the year.

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

Time: 5.30pm

Folley hall

Topic: "Reform of the Justice System"

For more information email Tom French at [tfrench@student.nd.edu.au](mailto:tfrench@student.nd.edu.au)

# Why Notre Dame Law is the Shiznit

NDLSS Newsletter

- Richard Vinciullo

Let's face it: Notre Dame Uni is the butt of a few jokes. As far as universities go, we're often only rated a shade above that TAFE in disguise, Edith Cowan. But you and I know that the naysayers are wrong – at least, when it comes to our law school. Not only are the haters of Notre Dame Law wrong, they're wronger than Alexander Downer in fishnets. I'm gonna lay out to you why Notre Dame Law is actually freakin' awesome, and should be the envy of every other law school in town...

Why Notre Dame Law is the shiznit:

1) The library. As a fellow final year student said lately, the Law Library is not a library, it's a museum. This is great! Ancient legal textbooks, though highly flammable, can also be very useful. Need to look up an obscure English Act from 1645? Try aisle 5! Need to vanquish your foe, who refuses to stop hogging an email computer? Just bludgeon him over the head with a leather-bound, 1400 page tome! Need up to date journals? Well, maybe try Murdoch...

2) Ease of boozehoundery. Microsoft Word doesn't recognise 'boozehoundery' as a word. That's because Microsoft Word has never been a Notre Dame Law student. Just try telling a Notre Dame Law student that their 10 minute break isn't enough time to grab a sneaky pint at the Orient.

3) Dr. Phil Evans. I'm pretty sure within 3-4 years Dr. Phil will be teaching every unit in the law school. So it should be! Not only does Dr. Phil have the greatest legal mind since Lord Denning, but he's totally pimp.

4) Notre Dame Law students don't sleep. They wait. (Apologies to Chuck Norris).

5) Been to Admin lately? We've got the hottest secretaries in town.

6) The players. Notre Dame has the dopest law students getting around. What other uni can boast Aiden Smith and Arjan Tulsi in the same class? Recognise.

## MINTER ELLISON LECTURE SERIES

**Newly appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Wayne Martin, will be speaking on**

**"Reform of the Justice System"**

**In Folley Hall at 5.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

**It is expected to be a highly interesting and enlightening presentation, so don't miss out.**

7) Mature age students. Ok, ok: they can be annoying. But party with a mature age student and I guarantee they'll cut loose and get down like it's 1975. Old school.

8) We're not Murdoch. Unlike Murdoch law students, we understand the concepts of 'footwear' and 'personal hygiene'.

9) We're not UWA. Unlike UWA law students, we have things called 'personalities' and know how to 'socialise'. We don't have delusions of grandeur. We don't care what we got for our TER four years ago (if any UWA students are reading: stop asking. And no, we don't want to know what you got).

And the final reason why Notre Dame Law owns the title to Best Law School Ever:

10) We're not Edith Cowan.

There you go: conclusive evidence that Notre Dame Law is the balls. Make the most of it while you're here. And please don't use the library books to commit assault. Even though I'm almost through the Best Law School Ever, I really don't wanna get sued.

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