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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well done and thank you WAPSA. April has seen us undertake a massive Charity Cup fundraiser. With the Scavenger Hunt brought back from last years' Charity Cup and the introduction of the Assassins game WAPSA has been able to muster up great support for the Day of Difference Foundation. Without giving too much away before the announcement of the NAPSA Charity Cup winner in July, I can safely say that WAPSA is again in good stead to take away the prize. Thanks to all who dug deep and gave, the money raised is sure to go a long way to helping families with children in hospital.

We have also seen other great benefits and initiatives including Drug Brief subscriptions, the launch of WAPSA Blackboard for Curtin students as well as the introduction of the Johnson & Johnson OTC course for 1st yr students, which was a great success. The coming revamped WAPSA website is also on the way in the next few days so keep a look out for that.

Coming off the month long fundraiser we have many events to look forward to. The now combined End of Sem/Cocktail party will be held on the Saturday after exams, at the Brass Monkey in their upstairs bar the Glass House. It promises to be a great wind down after a semester of hard work. Gents, I want to see suits at this event, well, ok, shirt and pants will do. Of course, as always, I'm sure ladies will be dressed in their finest.

Following the cocktail party we have the Pharmacy Ball to look forward to. Lock in the 6th of August, it will be a fantastic night and as always fundraising chocolates are available for those who wish to cut down on the price of their ball ticket. Both cocktail party and ball tickets are now available.

I urge all Curtin students to keep an eye on WAPSA Blackboard and take a few minutes here and there to look through all its content. We are including a lot of material that used to be available through print versions so any forms, publications and notices will be available on there. Also there are discussion topics which can be commented on for those who love to procrastinate during studying. In all seriousness though, Blackboard is now your easiest and most convenient way of keeping up to date with WAPSA. We will still endeavour to keep students informed on what's on offer through our traditional avenues however Blackboard is now first line.

Anyway I hope you are all geared up for a productive exam period and that you surpass your expectations with all your assessments.

Frank Kazantsis

- WAPSA president



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UPCOMING EVENTS

O-show has been and gone and was a great success and big thank you is needed for everyone who helped out on the night.

WAPSA is looking forward to bringing you more awesome social events this year including the **end of semester 1 cocktail party** (see the flyer below), **semester 2 quiz night**, **end of semester 2 pub crawl and of course the gala ball**. The **Staff vs. Students** soccer match has been delayed until next semester; however, we are still expecting a lot of interest from pharmacy students keen to show off their soccer skills.

The ball is THE not to miss event. Being held at the Pan Pacific hotel on the 6th of August, it is sure to be a great night. Get your tickets before they sell out!!

Happy studying and I hope to see you all at the cocktail party.

Luke Vrankovich
- Social chair



UWA

Over at UWA both the 1st and 2nd year students have had an extremely busy trimester so far! Big congratulations go out to the 2nd years that are in the process of organising their internship positions; a big pat on the back for getting through what must be a busy and stressful time! It's nice to see that all the hard work does eventually pay off. Well done, we are all very proud of you guys!

A big thumbs-up also goes out to everyone for doing so well at their placements! The 1st years bravely went out into the world of community pharmacy and came back armed with experience in dispensing, counselling and cleaning shelves. The 2nd years did us proud during their rotations through some of the busiest hospitals in the Perth area, gaining invaluable experience in clinical pharmacy and finding their way around a hospital.

Everyone did so well and worked so hard at their placements that coming straight back to classes has given us all a case of the full-blown crazies. First year students can be found drawing out mind maps of bacteria on the library windows, whilst muttering to themselves in what seems to be half-Latin-half-English nonsense. It's hard to tell whether they are *managing* the work load or if they are *leading* themselves towards the light at the end of the tunnel, but that's ok because nobody cares about the difference*.

Rare sightings of the 2nd years have been occurring in the common room where they will occasionally duck in for their coffee fix before heading back out to slave away at their research projects. Readers are warned: when approached by a 2nd year student, DO NOT under any circumstances mention 'research project', 'data collection' or anything remotely similar to these phrases for fear of your mental and physical safety. Just jokes guys, you know I love you! ☺

A busy academic schedule would not be complete without an equally busy social schedule with some dedicated partying hours put in by students from both years. There was a strong UWA Pharmacy showing at the UWA Allied Health Delirium party and at the WAPSA scavenger hunt. Thanks heaps to the WAPSA team for putting on a great event! Our recovery week, excuse me I mean mid semester study break, could not have come at a better time.

That's all for now, hope everyone had a happy Easter and a refreshing break!

**The author would like to apologise to those that are currently not in first year at UWA and/or possess the coveted ability to delete a certain Pop Health unit from their memories as they will not get this, but trust me it's definitely relevant.*



- Aisling Lim, UWA representative



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A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS....



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RURAL AND INDIGENOUS UPDATE

Hi everyone! Just a quick update on what's been going on under the rural and indigenous division of WAPSA:

- **Ways of Working with Aboriginal people:** a half-day course, held on the 8th of April. Comprised of an open discussion about the rural and Aboriginal community in terms of education, healthcare, history and culture, among many other things. You also receive a Certificate of Completion, so this will look great on your resume!

Don't worry if you missed out, there's another training session scheduled for 8th May, but you need to sign up quickly while there are spots left! So drop me a line, or email Curtin Volunteers (cv.indigenous@curtin.edu.au) directly to secure a place.

- **Multi-D Night:** organized by WAALHIIBE, three great talks given by a RFDS doctor, a flight nurse, and an allied health professional. All the talks were very riveting and gave an insight to what working rurally is like, whilst having a personal touch to them.
- **Rural Clinical Placement Workshop:** Organised by WAALHIIBE, held at Curtin University on the night of May 4th. A great workshop for allied health students interested in getting tips on scholarships for rural clinical placements, how to survive while working miles away from home, among other things.

Upcoming events:

- **John Curtin Weekend:** scheduled for the weekend of the 24th of September. We will be visiting Bunbury, and volunteering with a cancer-care centre called SolarisCare. Just ask anyone who went last year, you're guaranteed to have a fantastic time! It is sure to be a very fulfilling weekend. But again, places are limited, so secure yourself a spot once the registration forms are out!

I hope everyone had a great study week!

Yeemon Aung
-Rural and Indigenous Chair



GEM UPDATE

Hey all,

This year we have seen the GEM program expand with the second cohort of about 35 students gracing us with their presence. A recent lunch organized by Petra gave the second year GEM students an opportunity to lend some advice to the first year GEM students on what they should expect in the upcoming year. The first year GEM students Vallavan Kulasekaran and David Phuong have also been appointed representatives for the first year GEM students and we would like to congratulate them.

Just like last year we (second year GEM students) began our adventures early in January with community placement, a valuable experience we enjoyed which opened our eyes to the vast difference of university teachings and real life pharmacy. After 6 weeks of placement we had 3 days off and we were straight into semester one undertaking 5 units. We have also been split into pairs to work on research projects, which will be completed over the year. The research projects require us to visit various hospitals around Perth to collect data. Examples of topics include 'Antibiotic Misuse at Armadale Hospital' and 'The use of combination antipsychotics in the treatment of Schizophrenia at Graylands Hospital.'

Also, as most of you are looking forward to winter holidays, us second year GEM students actually don't get this privilege as we are on hospital placement but we are looking forward to it nevertheless! We are also hoping more GEM students will get involved in WAPSA this year as great events await!

Thanks,

- Peter & Thai



EDUCATION UPDATE

So what's happening in the realm of WAPSA Education? Well, education for semester one is done, with the first year's Johnson & Johnson OTC course. The overall response was that the course was very helpful and gave a great overview of the common complaints patients have and how to treat them. All participants will receive a certificate and I'll send out an announcement when they arrive.

In terms of other education courses, dates have been set but not venues as of yet. They are as follows:

- **Smith and Nephew Wound Care (3rd years) – 12th September**
- **Introductory Blackmores (2nd years) – 14th September**
- **Ego Skin Care (3rd years) – 16th September**
- **Advanced Blackmores (4th years) – 17th September**
- **Stitches First Aid (4th years) – 7th November**

So mark the dates in your diaries guys! WAPSA education courses are not to be missed. They're great for your resume and you'll be able to attract anyone with a pulse. I should make a Facebook group – "Oh, you've done a WAPSA education course? Excuse me while I take my clothes off...". Just ask the first years after their J&J course.

Fourth years, please be aware the Blackmores course is during your placement; Sue White is looking into whether or not you will be able to have the day off. If not, I will look at rescheduling.

Daniel Rocco
- Education Chair



COMIC STRIP



By: Nathan Kwong



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**WAPSA PRESENTS:
END OF SEM
"COCKTAIL"
PARTY**

Get to The Brass Monkey Hotel on
Saturday the 19th of June.
\$30 (WAPSA) - \$35 (Non- WAPSA)
Celebrate the end of semester with your
Pharmacy Colleagues,
By dressing up Chic and Stylish
enjoying some nice and refreshing cocktails
dancing to some nice tunes
and hanging out with other awesome Pharmacy Students.
Get your ticket from your Year REPS TODAY!!!
OR face the rage of the mighty monkey....

Monkey not impressed easy
but
this party sound EPIC
even better than grooming!!!

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WAPSA RULES

MONKEY BRASS

THE BRASS

NAPSA Update

NAPSA is WAPSAs National representative body and is always working for the betterment of pharmacy students. We have representatives on the Board for the Pharmacist Coalition for Health Reform (PCHR) as well as the Australian Pharmacy Liaison Forum (APLF). If you're interested in who's speaking on your behalf and to whom, go to www.napsa.org.au or Google both of the committees. We always want to hear what our members have to say, so let me know if you do have anything to add.

The PCHR are in the process of developing a campaign which will have a number of dimensions including a website, work with the media, lobbying and member activities. You, as pharmacy students, will be central to the success of the campaign. They want to know what you think, so spare a few minutes to provide some feedback by completing the survey at <http://PharmacyMemberPoll.surveyanalytics.com>

The Executive and Chair members of the National Council attended the APP (the Australia Pharmacy Professional) conference on the Gold Coast over the 18th, 19th and 20th March. Each Chair worked towards different goals and we all achieved what we set out to do. We also took home a LOT of free stuff - a very large perk of a Trade Exhibition. If you have any questions about NAPSA, email me:

stacey.gough@student.curtin.edu.au

Your friendly NAPSA Liaison,
Stacey Gough



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WAPSA BALL

The Western Australian Pharmacy

Students' Association

invites you to attend an 'Evening of Elegance'

at the 2011 Gala Ball

SATURDAY, THE SIXTH OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN
SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

THE PAN PACIFIC HOTEL
207 ADELAIDE TERRACE
PERTH WA 6000

WAPSA MEMBERS: \$115
NON- WAPSA MEMBERS: \$125

Tickets available from the WAPSA ROOM





CHARITY CUP

Throughout the month of April, WAPSA was involved in raising money for The Day of Difference Foundation through a NAPSA initiative.

The theme was "A Day to be Different Superheroes and Villains", which was really just a great excuse to be wandering around uni in capes and morph suits, enticing you with a sausage sizzle, jellybean jar guessing or the constant hassling of strangers to buy raffle tickets. The highlight of our campaign was the Scavenger Hunt, which found 86 pharmies (and non-pharmies) dressed in their finest "Day to be Different Superhero and Villain" themed outfits invading Perth city and concluding at the Leederville Hotel on the 15th of April. It was a SUPERfun night with an astonishing amount of funds raised and increased awareness for The Day of Difference Foundation. Special mention to Elle Yiannakis, best dressed as Scar and congratulations to the victorious team Kate Nevin, Ryan Evans, Jennifer Frestel and Andrew Bowler.



As another fun (and stealthy) way to help raise funds for The Day of Difference Foundation, the WAPSA committee decided to run an Assassins game. Assassins is a game that involves developing a degree of watchful paranoia by sneakily eliminating a given target by revealing to them quietly that you are their assassinator, and then taking their targets name as your next victim. In addition to receiving your next targets name you will also receive any previous kills your victim had committed. The game has been extended until the 20th of May! So it is still not too late to get your stealth on!

Over all, between the Super BBQ's, Raffle tickets, Jellybean jar guessing, Day to be Different Superhero and Villain Scavenger Hunt AND Assassins, it can be safely said that WAPSA has raised a huge amount of money for our chosen charity, The Day of Difference Foundation! Many thanks to everyone that helped organize and prepare all the big AND little things. Thanks to the Melas family for their generous raffle donation and The Leederville Hotel for providing such an amazing venue. FINALLY, a super huge thank you for everyone that donated, bought raffle tickets and wristbands, came along to the BBQs and Scavenger hunt and joined in the Assassins game. Its thanks to you guys that Charity Cup this year was such a massive success! ☺



PLEASE save your blood for donation in AUGUST as part of Vampire Cup!!!
-Stay tuned for further details about this soon



Sharon Menezes
Charity and Community Awareness Chair

