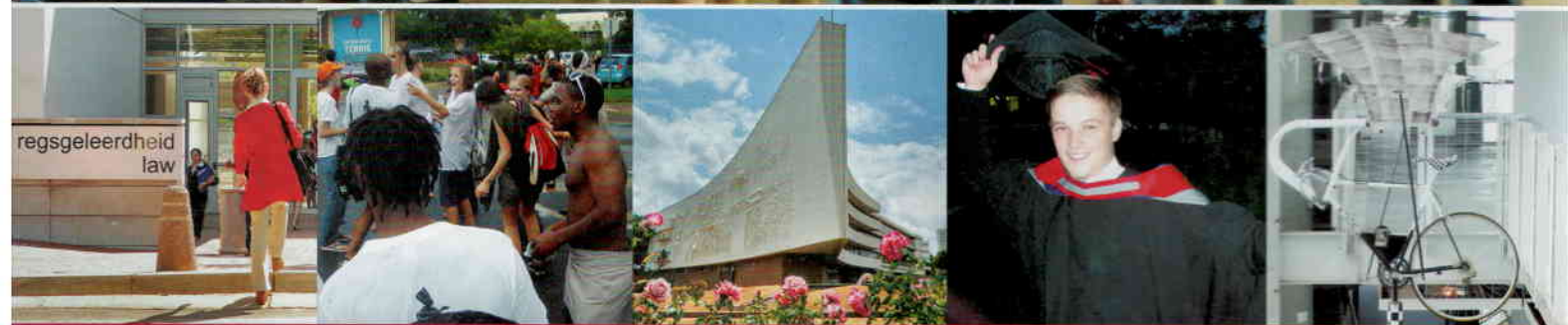


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# A word from the Chairperson of Law House



'Yes, we can!' – Barack Obama. In a year where we have seen history in the making, I would like to believe that Law House has etched itself further into history. No great feat has ever been achieved by a single individual and thus our success should be ascribed to a terrific team. My sincere appreciation to all the Law House Committee Members for their unselfish contributions, the Dean, Prof Christof Heyns, and many others in the Faculty of Law for their continued support and shared wisdom. Last, but not least, our fellow students, who are the heart and soul of Law House and without whose participation and support our continued success would not have been possible.

Our mission this year was to plough back into the community and contribute to the wellbeing of our fellow students. This mindset resulted in numerous exciting and memorable events. A personal highlight was our involvement in a local orphanage where the donation of blankets and clothing from, and interaction by our students made a significant difference to the lives of the less fortunate. In addition, law students and staff saved lives by donating blood, thus giving the gift of life.

Closer to home we wanted to establish long-lasting relationships and support systems for students and what better way to achieve this than by socialising and competing? 'The Bucket List' Rag theme added Egyptian flair from the banks of the Nile, to Pretoria, home of the Apies River, complete with our own Pharaoh and Queen Cleopatra. The Amazing Race was... well, amazing and our record number of entries was testament to the growth we have experienced over the past year. Be it a memorable night out on the town in our fully-booked party bus, or competing for bragging rights on our sports fields, this year has thus far been and will remain a time that will live on in our memories for years to come.

I trust that each and every law student enjoyed our activities as thoroughly as we did, and we would like to extend an invitation to students not yet actively involved to become part of the legacy of Law House. Embrace every day and every opportunity with childlike enthusiasm!

By Taryn Coetzee  
Chairperson: Law House  
(LLB III)

## Christmas in MARCH...

**What?! Yes, no printing error.**

Law House had a charity drive during March to collect useful items, clothing and food for the Tshwane House of Hope. A big hearty thank you to all for their tremendous support.

The children and staff welcomed our delegation with open arms - truly a lesson in humanitarianism. It seems as if the soon-to-be lawyers in the Faculty do have great, soft, squishy hearts after all.





# Give wings to your dreams

## Law Faculty Festival

During the week leading up to the Law Festival held on 27 February, the second year architecture, landscape and interior architecture students exhibited land art in the Law Building. The theme was 'Give wings to your dreams/Flying'. Law students were given the opportunity to write their dreams and ambitions on paper jets. The aim was to celebrate the Law Building, provoke interaction between the building and its inhabitants, and to stimulate creativity and dialogue. This led up to the Festival, which is about interaction, sharing and aspirations for a free and just society.



The Law Faculty Festival is an annual event that seeks to bring together the resplendent array of talent permeating the lecture halls at Tuks, but nevertheless lies untapped during class-time.

This year's festival did not fail in this regard and showcased a wealth of talent. The elegance lent to the proceedings by the Masters of Ceremonies, Thato Phiri and Tiyani Makoko, the synthesis of intellectual force and unforgettable grace as apparent in the poetry of Karabo Mosienyane and the rhythmical beats of Issachar who combines a rap with lively, yet relaxing backtracks, all successfully contrived to provide compelling entertainment.

The Dean, Prof Christof Heyns, actively participated by bringing along his own team of music talent – namely, The Outlaws – who rocked the night away on their assortment of guitars. It was truly inspirational to see the Dean taking time out of his busy schedule to participate with

the students; something which will hopefully motivate both students and lecturers alike to play an active role in affairs on campus.

The Law Festival provides a forum to display skills that lie beyond the pursuit of one's career only, and serves to generate a sense of self-worth in the student – a sense that all students can be accepted, and, indeed, praised for their intrinsic worth and unique abilities.

The Festival even boasted a Fashion Parade *a la* Armani, cultural food stalls, henna tattooing – essentially providing a bit of fun, allowing one to take one's mind off the busy academic schedule of a TuksLaw student. Much clapping and whistling took place during the festivities to cheer on friends who were participating, and just to show genuine support.

The a cappella performance of 'Too Long in the Rain', as sung by third year LLB student Nomholi



Mayise, requires a scholar of music, just to begin to describe how good it was. Her voice projected throughout the audience in crystal-clear tones, the beauty of her voice invoking the entire crowd to join in. Some stood in stunned silence... This is the kind of occasion that the Law Festival means to elicit – a situation where the talents of one's classmates are made evident for all to hear and see.


By Michael Shackleton (LLB III)






# Law House kicking dust in the eyes of King Khufu's pyramid builders...

This year's Rag theme was 'The Bucket List', which, as you may know, deals with two terminally ill men escaping from a cancer ward and heading off on a road trip with a list of ten to-do's before 'kicking-the-bucket', and then doing them. As their list included some of the wonders of the world, Law House opted to 'travel' to Egypt, where pharaohs - kings and rulers from pre-dynastic times through Roman rule - reigned. Immortality, the 'curse of the mummy' and mythical creatures haunted our imaginations.



With the initiative and energy of the first-year students, we got off to a quick start, spending evenings in the Law Quad building, creating one of our 'masterpieces', 'Lazy Cleopha', folding 'blommetjies', devouring delicious burgers sponsored by Maxi's, body painting, and for an extra dose of fun, meeting a couple of strange characters.

The procession was wet and wild with Law House slaves and mummies pounding the ground with feverish enthusiasm and dancing the couple of kilometers. The night would not have been complete without an after-party which contributed to the success of the day.



Big shout out to Tourism and Commerci for joining us this year, the Faculty of Law for the use of their facilities, and to all those stark crazy people who assisted with the leap from Pretoria to Cairo...

By  
Nicolette Crous  
(LLB IV)



# The ability and right to party...

## Party bus excursion

By Amanda Engelbrecht (LLB III)

Law House, together with McGinty's, arranged a night of travelling, partying and clubbing that few participants will ever forget – at least those that did not fade early on. The evening started off at McGinty's and swung into motion rapidly. From there students hopped onto a party bus – with pit stops at various pubs for the extra thirsty. The evening's success and positive feedback spurred Law House into arranging a similar event later in the year. Watch this space!



## The Amazing Race

By Michael Shackleton (LLB III)

An annual event organised by Law House was once again this year met with fervour and mass interest. Although a newcomer in the Faculty, it seems that The Amazing Race concept took off with great speed. As in the reality show, contestants strive to arrive first at 'pit stops' at the end of each leg of the race to win prizes and to avoid coming last, which carries the possibility of elimination or a significant disadvantage in the following leg.



The event began at Oom Gert's and ended much later, where else?, at Hatfield Square. Besides consuming biscuits laced with peanut butter and garlic, sticky apples and other yucky-combos, swallowed down with a beverage or two, the night ended with a karaoke dance-off between contestants – which was met with raucous laughter. This event represented a brief moment of relaxation prior to the intense exam period and showed that students don't only have to compete academically, but can compete on a whole range of levels in the spirit of fun and lightheartedness.





# TuksLaw's Mooters Shine...

## 50<sup>th</sup> Philip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition – National Rounds

Now in its 50th year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 500 law schools in more than 80 countries. The competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial organ of the United Nations. Louis Botha and Avani Singh, under the guidance of Lourens Grové participated in the National Rounds in Cape Town towards the end of January 2009, obtaining third place.



## International Criminal Court Trial Competition

By Jonathan Swanepoel

It may have been the mission of the Starship Enterprise 'to boldly go where no one has gone before', but the mission of this year's participants in the International Criminal Court Trial Competition (ICCTC) was distinctly to go boldly where the last TuksLaw team had gone before. You see, in December 2007, a team from TuksLaw managed to win the inaugural ICCTC which was held in The Hague, Netherlands, and a similar task was placed on us this year. This year's competition, held during February 2009 was again held in The Hague, the 'home' of international justice.

The ICCTC is an international moot court competition (this year participants came from 14 countries) and revolves around the law applicable in the International Criminal Court, principally the Rome Statute. Because the International Criminal Court is such a new institution, with relatively sparse jurisprudence, the ICCTC typically highlights contentious issues arising out of the Rome Statute. This year's problem raised issues around pre-trial violations of the accused's rights, the jurisdiction of the court and the extent to which victims may participate in proceedings.

The competition was, as expected, incredibly tough and was not helped by the fact that Tuks had a tough draw: Yale University, the London School of Economic

and Bond University from Australia. Despite this, and the fact that at least one competitor strongly resembled a yeti, the TuksLaw team performed admirably. The judging at the ICCTC is always a controversial issue – it tends to be highly subjective and can be incredibly rigorous, but the team received some excellent feedback and great compliments. It is worth mentioning that the average age of the TuksLaw team was around 20 – most of our competitors were at least 25 and had at least one undergraduate degree under their belts. Our team didn't win the 2009 ICCTC – that honour fell to the fearless Australians (who else?) – but ended up in the top third of the field having performed incredibly well.

The competition aside, the week was full of sightseeing and socialising with our 'learned friends' from around the world. Visits to Delft, Amsterdam, the International Court of Justice in the Peace Palace, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, hearing a former child soldier give evidence in the International Criminal Court and having lunch at the South African Embassy were all highlights.

TuksLaw was represented by Wesley Timm (LLB II), Octavia Pletschke (LLB II) and Michael Dafel (LLB IV) and was coached by Jonathan Swanepoel and Andrew Molver, both *alumni* and currently serving their articles.





## Commonwealth Moot Court Competition – TuksLaw outshines the rest...

TuksLaw continued their winning streak to emerge as the winners of the Commonwealth Moot Court Competition, which coincided with the 16th Commonwealth Law Conference held in Hong Kong from 5 to 9 April 2009.

The team, consisting of second year law student Katherine Harding and third year law student Ian Learmonth, with University of Pretoria Law Clinic attorney Lourens Grové as coach, did not only win the competition overall, but they also obtained the highest marks in the preliminary rounds and won all the other awards in the Competition, namely best oralists in the preliminary and final rounds.

The Commonwealth Moot Competition is a 'by invitation only' competition, with the Commonwealth inviting the winners of regional competitions around the world to participate. This year 11 teams from 11 countries participated for the honours. The judges included Chief Justices, eminent authors, Professors, Queen's Councils, Judges and prominent practitioners representing the different countries of the Commonwealth and Hong Kong.

The team from Pretoria first eliminated the team representing the UK, then New Zealand, thereafter Singapore and in the final round, the home team, Hong Kong.

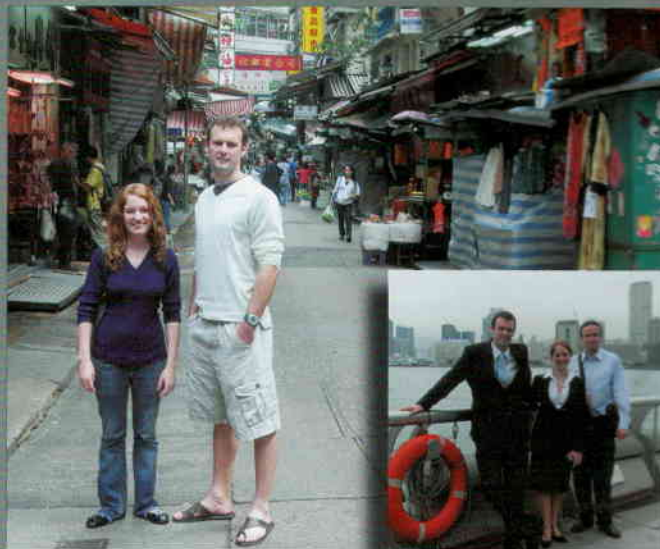
The competition dealt with a complicated and very topical problem revolving around, amongst other things, an international arms deal scandal, corruption and UK company and procedural law. In the process of preparing for the competition, the team had to study not only UK and international law, but also English common law and its interpretations in the courts of the different countries in the Commonwealth. The problem was described by the judges at the competition as a particularly difficult and complicated set of facts to research and moot on.

According to the Dean, Prof Christof Heyns, the Faculty of Law places a strong premium on experiential learning, for example through moots and internships. 'We want our students to be able to be confident and competent, and for that they need to have advocacy and research skills, mental agility and to integrate their knowledge, to get to the heart of a problem.

Worldwide the role of moot court competitions in legal education is increasingly recognised, and law faculties also use them as a way to prove the quality of the education they offer. We, as a faculty, took a conscious decision to test our mettle in the highly competitive world of international mooting and send our students out to compete against the best in the world. We are delighted by the results. It is a bold claim to make, but I think it is fair to say that there are few law faculties in the world today with a better sustained record of achievement in the area of international mooting over the last year or two

than TuksLaw. In a period when questions are asked about legal education as a whole in the country, it is reassuring to know we can compete with the best in the world.

There are a number of factors responsible for the success of our students: these include the participation of the staff in preparing the students; the involvement of one of the attorneys in UP's Law Clinic with coaching of the students and making sure every new group understands the rigour and discipline of mooting; logistical support when they travel; and the funding made available by the faculty to support participation', a delighted Prof Heyns said.



The UP team (Lourens Grové, Katherine Harding and Ian Learmonth) with the Honourable Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales and Baron Judge, Igor Judge

**Our best wishes (and expectations!) accompany our TuksLaw team, consisting of Ofentse Mothlasedi and Wesley Timm (both second year LLB students), and coach Avani Singh (final year LLB student), who will participate in the 18<sup>th</sup> African Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Lagos, Nigeria during August this year. - Ed.**



The page features a collage of images. At the top left, a small photo shows two men on a bridge. Next to it is a photo of a man in a green and white jacket. To the right is a large group photo of about 20 people posing on stone steps. At the bottom, a wide photo shows the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben in London, viewed from across the River Thames with a bridge in the foreground.

# Abe Bailey Travel Bursary 2008

Sir Abe Bailey was many things to many people - a friend, a father, a parliamentarian, a mining entrepreneur, a horse-riding enthusiast, a hunter, an art collector, and so on.

To me, however, the late all-rounder represents something more, something personal - someone who nearing death, envisaged that in order to truly learn the character of a person, they should be taken out of their comfort zone.

I was wilfully ejected from my comfort zone on 19 November 2008; as I boarded the flight to Cape Town for the three-day orientation at the Breakwater Lodge, I could not help but think that it was going to be three very looong weeks. I mean, the selection criteria for the tour were, in equal proportion, academics, culture, sport and leadership, and this definitely ensured that many outstanding students would be on the tour, especially as only one student is chosen per university.

Orientation was, well, orientation, where the rules for the tour were laid down and we also visited Robben Island and Cape Point.

Something that struck me was how genuine everyone was, and how the conversations and subsequent relationships that developed were organic. Another thing that struck me, sadly, was that only two people on tour were wearing spectacles; the University of Johannesburg representative, who coincidentally is also a law student, and I.

We departed from Cape Town International Airport at 21:00 on Friday the 21st of November, trying frantically to get our bags to meet the maximum weight requirements. I managed to meet the pilots in the cockpit and see exactly what it means to be in command of an airplane. After meeting the pilots I made my way to my seat where I was seated next to one of the other bursars, who also coincidentally happened to be a law student from the

University of North West. At this point, I need say that not everyone on the tour was a fellow law student; it just so happens that sharks swim together, or so the saying goes. Upon our arrival in London we were greeted by what would characterise the nature of English hospitality - cold and icy conditions.

Unperturbed, we made our way to Mecklenburg Square in central London, to what would be our home for the majority of our stay - The Goodenough College. This college is not an educational institution, but merely a village for students and visiting academics who need accommodation whilst studying or working in London. The College is within walking distance from, amongst others, the University of London and the School for Oriental and African Studies.

During our stay in London, we embarked on many walking tours, which included visiting Westminster Abbey where most Kings and Queens are buried, the Houses of Parliament (made famous by London's Big Ben) where we got to spend time with some of its members, as well as various castles and museums.

The cultural nature of this tour soon became apparent,



as we frequented numerous classical and theatrical performances. Those that stood out included *Romeo and Juliet* in Stratford-on-Avon, *Les Miserables* and *The Lion King* on the West End.

The tour also had a strong emphasis on academics and leadership, and included visits to the office of the Mayor of Camden Borough, London - where we had lunch with a rather reserved councillor, visits to Cambridge and Oxford, as well as what I considered to be the most exciting and tension-filled time of the tour - the 20 minute seminars.

What this entailed was a presentation by each bursar, on any topic, for 5 minutes. The topic would then be open for a 15 minute discussion and this is where the most interesting times arose. Each of the 17 people on the travel bursary had their own, unique take on most topics and this proved to illicit rigorous and robust debate. Most of the debates centred on the role of individuals and government in alleviating problems faced by countries. To say the least, I was challenged by the debates and learnt a considerable amount from the other bursars. It was quite an experience having my preconceptions of the state of the nation challenged and thrown upside down, especially whilst in a foreign land.

I personally spoke about punishment. My aim was to revisit the forms of punishment outlawed in the last 15 to 20 years - namely corporal punishment in prisons and schools, as well as the most contentious - the death penalty. My main contention was that a country is judged by how it treats its citizens, especially those considered the most vulnerable and outcast.

That being said, an account of the tour would not be complete without mentioning how the whole tour works.

Eighteen positions are available for which invitations to nominate candidates are sent to 22 South African universities. Each university will invite nominations from their students and junior staff for the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary, so students who are in at least their second year of study can nominate themselves or be nominated by others.

Nominations open towards the end of March and close in May. Students are then short-listed and interviewed by a panel that includes past recipients and senior members of staff. Each university consequently nominates approximately three students and sends their nominations to the Abe Bailey Trust in Cape Town; the Trust then has the final say in its choice for the filling of the 18 available positions.

Selected bursars then go on a three-day orientation tour in Cape Town, where the Trust's offices are situated. From there, the tour moves to the UK for three weeks, where most of the time is spent in London, but tours to Cambridge, Oxford, Edinburgh and the Scottish highlands also feature.

The trust provides for all expenses - yes, including 4-star hotel accommodation at all times, and whilst in Cambridge, staying at the Hilton Hotel. All theatre tickets are included; the only thing we had to pay for was the tube in London, most of which was optional travel during free time.

My highlights from the tour are:

- Visiting Hillsgong Church in London
- Seeing the statues of the 12 martyrs of which one, Ms Masemola, was a South African citizen
- Visiting the Churchill Cabinet War Rooms where Winston Churchill stayed with his cabinet during times of war to plot the UK's military strategy
- Curling in Scotland with the Brechen Curling Club
- Visiting the South African High Commission in London, and having a drink (or two) with the Deputy High Commissioner
- Having coffee with Andrew Feinstein, former ANC MP and arms deal activist.

Apart from the above highlights, it was a pleasure meeting and developing friendships with all the people with whom I went on tour. Whilst some **fellow-tourists** will remain close friends forever, I have no doubt that every participant had a profound impact on my life.

The Abe Bailey Tour was truly a blessing and an experience of a lifetime; I would encourage each and every student who qualifies to apply. Yes, you will come back 20 kilograms heavier, but that will be nothing in comparison with the gravity of the experience of a lifetime.

Thank you Sir Abe,  
ayoba Abes of 2008!

By Mlungisi Mahlangu  
(LLB IV)





# Educational Excursions to...

## The Competition Tribunal

### Sasol settles fertiliser case with Competition Commission



By Katlego Mashala (LLB II)

It was quite overwhelming for me, as a second-year undergraduate law student, to get such a great opportunity to be part of the historical moment that took place at the Competition Tribunal Chambers in Sunnyside in Pretoria on 20 May.

In the final hearing of this case, which received huge media coverage, the Competition Tribunal confirmed a consent order agreement (settlement agreement) between the Competition Commission and Sasol Chemical Industries. Sasol has admitted to contravening Section 4(1)(b) of the Competition Act and has agreed to pay a penalty of R250 680 000 which represents 8% turnover of the Sasol Nitro Division – which happens to be the highest fine in the history and existence of the Tribunal.

After the hearing, I had an opportunity to personally meet the members of the Tribunal, another highlight of the day.

I would like to acknowledge the exposure that the Faculty of Law facilitates for their students to observe controversial and crucial cases such as this. It was indeed an honour for me to be part of these proceedings.

After this type of experience, I am definitely proud to be part of TuksLaw and I must admit, we are indeed 'Africa's Leading Law Faculty'.

## The Constitutional Court

By Candice Speckman (LLB II)

On 17 February a group of TuksLaw students set out on what would be the first of two excursions to the Constitutional Court, the second of which took place on 5 March. This joint initiative between the Faculty of Law and its Centre for Child Law exposed law students to the process, procedures and history of the Constitutional Court.

The programme consisted of listening to oral pleadings presented to a full bench, lunch at the on-campus restaurant and finally a tour of the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC), which is a legal research institution which offers bursaries to LLM candidates.

The cases being heard were *Trustees for the time being of the Biowatch Trust v Registrar Genetic Resources and others* and *Centre for Child Law v Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development*. In the first case the Centre for Child Law appeared as *amicus curiae* on behalf of Biowatch. Another highlight for those who attended on the 17th of February was witnessing Judge Edwin Cameron being sworn in as the latest Justice of the Constitutional Court. The outing was enjoyed by all students who attended and much was learnt.







## Human Rights Field Trips to African Countries

By Thandi Nkabinde (LLB II)

I can still picture the rush, the crowd, hear the noises and smell the exhaust fumes coming from passing busses. This is Nairobi, where I had the privilege of staying for nine days. On 14 April, I accompanied a group of LLM students from the Centre for Human Rights on their Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa programme to Kenya. I can still remember the trip as if it was yesterday... what I would like to forget though, is my flight to Kenya... If you have ever sat next to someone who, on the face of it, looked like he was paid for snoring, you will definitely know what I mean – four very loong hours of sheer torture.

The purpose of the trip was to study human rights and democratisation in Kenya, with a specific focus on transitional justice during the 2007 post-electoral violence. Just to give you a brief background so that you know what I am talking about: the 2007 electoral 'results' amounted to Mwai Kibaki being declared as President. Violence erupted in Kenya amidst claims that the results were rigged and that Kibaki's main opponent, Raila Odinga, was in fact the true winner. Kibaki's supporters fought with Odinga's supporters for weeks, people were burned, women raped, men and women sexually mutilated and lots of families displaced from their homes. Amongst other, the violence was ethnically and socially related. Eventually a coalition government was formed whereby Kibaki was declared President and Odinga the Prime Minister.

I was in Kenya for a few days and from the limited knowledge that I acquired whilst there, I realised that politics there, just like in most countries, is not as clear-cut as most people would choose to believe. We had meetings with several purposeful organisations, such

as the Kenya National Human Rights Commission and Amnesty International, to obtain their input on the political disorder in Kenya and the development of transitional justice. A lot still needs to be done for justice to be served for the victims of violence.

Moving on to the non-depressing stuff. From the places that we visited, even Kibera (which is the biggest slum in Nairobi), it is safe to say, that Kenya is a very beautiful country. Not just the scenery, but the people as well... who are extremely friendly, helpful and hopeful. Don't get me started on traditional Kenyan cuisine (yeah, their coconut tilapia i.e. fish, can take on a local fishmonger's whole menu in a beat!).

I truly hope that South Africa gets its act together with xenophobia. I never experienced any kind of hostility, especially because I am South African, whilst on this trip. I have nothing but admiration for the people that I have met. I have gained and learned a lot, came back with a different perspective on life and I will most definitely take this experience with me to the grave.





# Faculty of Law makes Adam Smith proud

By Francois Wessels (LLB IV)

The exponential growth in global GDP since 1750 has been severely emphasized with the greatest era of wealth creation in our modern times - 1997 to 2007 (according to Merrill Lynch and Gargemini). Yet, since May 2008 we have seen the greatest economic meltdown since the Great Depression, the Greed Decade and the invention of ugly energy efficient automobiles. So immense were its implications that not even Steven Spielberg or James Cameron could produce a respectable sci-fi movie from it.

Yet, under these far-reaching circumstances and in such treacherous times, the Faculty of Law made a commitment to actively participate in the JSE/Liberty Life Investment Challenge of 2009. Six of our students - Jonathan Brewer, Rudi Brits, Michael Dafel, Nerushka Deosaran, Rentia Hartmann and Leneé Veldsman - joined forces under the vast expertise of Professor Piet Delport from the Department of Mercantile Law.

This competition runs annually from March to September, and during this period each group receives an imaginary sum of R1 000 000 to ghost trade in equities until they are

new-born Rothschilds or Kennedys. Obviously, the team that generates the most wealth will win the competition.

Participation in this well-respected Challenge is in accordance with the Faculty's focus on innovation and the philosophy of all-roundedness. With a reputation of excellence in corporate and securities law, it is inevitable that we should have a go at making a fortune, taking over the world and leaving a legacy (maybe that is a bit too much, but the old hyperbole is yet to go out of fashion).

The teams are taught the basics of technical and fundamental analysis, and have already had the opportunity to become familiarized with the game through a presentation delivered by a trader from Sanlam Private Investments, Mr Rikus Swanepoel.

TuksLaw's participation in the JSE/Liberty Life Investment Challenge would not have been possible without the assistance and positive contributions of Prof Piet Delport, Dr. Ferdinand Porsche, Prof Christof Heyns and Prof Stefan van Eck.

So, next time you channel-hop past Bloomberg, or make an accident

on Atterbury Road in front of the Investec ticker, or someone uses a very Greek word or phrase (because, hey, lawyers already know that THAT'S not Latin) such as 'Nasdaq', 'Dow Jones Industrial Average', or 'I like the P.E. on this one because someone I know who knows a local who works in a CME Group pit for a couple of K etc'...remember that somewhere a TuksLaw student is making a fortune.



## You know you think about your portfolio too much when...

Asked to speak at your graduation, you recite line-for-line Gordon Gekko's 'Greed is Good' speech.

The only thing you regret when you look back over your life, is that you never initiated a proxy war or hostile takeover.

You convince your grandparent to get a job at a little-known manufacturing company in the hopes that she would overhear something and give you valuable insider trading tips.

Your broker has issued a restraining order.





# Snippets



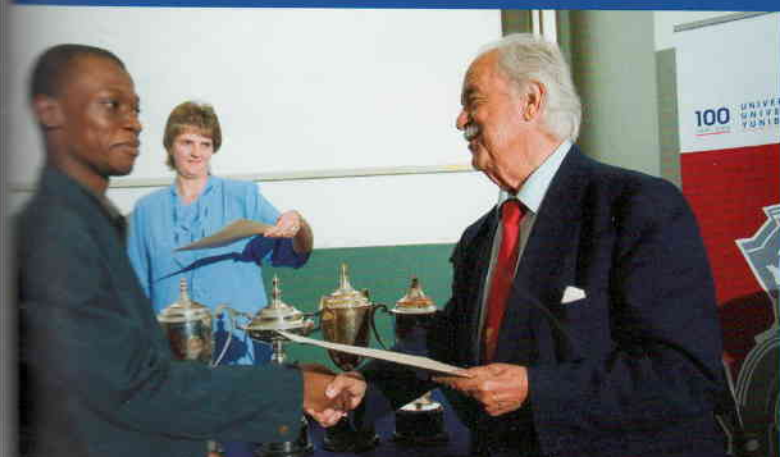
## Your 2009 Class Representatives

From left to right. Back: Peter Khumalo, Khomotso Moshikaro, Steven Ndlovu, Felicia Snyman and Peter Okaalet  
Front: Deseree-Lee van der Walt and Thato Phiri  
Absent: Hanneke Verwey and Nicolette Crous

## Annual Recognition of Achievement Function



The Faculty of Law held its prestigious awards evening on 26 March. Hierdie jaar is daar gesamentlike erkenning verleen aan die top akademiese presteerders en lede van die Dekaan se Merietelys. Those present were awe-inspired by the words of wisdom from the guest speaker, Adv George Bizos SC. Bo-en-behalwe die feit dat sy teenwoordigheid ekstra glans aan die geleentheid verleen het, het Adv Bizos SC ook vroeër die middag die TuksRegte Boekklub toegesprek oor sy outobiografie, 'Odyssey to Freedom', en sy boeke vir opgewonde bewonderaars (jonk en oud) onderteken tot laat in die nag.



## Law Career Day

On 14 March another well-attended Law Career Day took place at the Faculty of Law. Studente het van die geleentheid gebruik gemaak om gedagtes en CV's met firmas te ruil. Die Fakulteit is opreg dankbaar teenoor die onderskeie firmas vir hul moeite en insette om van hierdie dag 'n sukses te maak.



## Law House's Project Diary Notes

Upcoming educational excursion to the Constitutional Court  
14 August

Law Dinner  
17 October



# Supervised Internships 420 launched...

During 2008 the Faculty of Law and the Senate of the University have approved a new elective for final year LLB students, i.e. Supervised Internships 420. Gedurende Januarie het ons eerste 'proefkonyn' die geleentheid gehad om sy internskap te dien by die Johannesburgse Effektebeurs. Other students got the opportunity during the June recess. Hosts included *inter alia* the Centre for Child Law, Competition Tribunal, Family Advocate's Office, Fais Ombud and the National Prosecuting Authority.

## National Prosecuting Authority

Throughout University, law students are only confronted or concerned with ideas regarding practice in the private sector, whether it is working for a prestigious firm or maybe even the less glamorous, more labour intensive notion of private practice. However, law students are often blissfully unaware of the golden opportunities which lie seemingly hidden within the public sector – and specifically a career in public prosecution.

In the recent June/July recess, I was fortunate enough to be selected along with fellow students Victor Omoighe and Thabile Mbuli to participate in a three-week supervised internship programme with the National Prosecuting Authority. During our time spent there, working side-by-side with numerous prosecutors, we were given a glimpse of the practicalities surrounding a career in prosecution. Apart from meeting an array of very interesting people, a couple of highlights included, *inter alia*, excursions to correctional service and the Offices of the National Director of Prosecutions. We were also very privileged to be permitted to sit in on a couple of very high profile cases.

In this short space I could not possibly describe to you all the wonderful details that our internship encompassed without doing it a substantial injustice. I can, however, tell you that I am no longer concerned with a career in the private sector. I shall now, upon completion of my law degree at the end of this year, embark on my journey into prosecution which will be facilitated by the eight month Aspirant Prosecutor Programme. Let me also take this opportunity to thank the NPA for being an exceptional host, and the Faculty of Law for enlightening me as to the excellent opportunities which lie beyond these academic walls.

By Samantha Niemann (LLB IV)

## Competition Tribunal

Before participating in SIS 420 I felt a bit undecided and on the fence at the thought of being part of this programme, as I failed to see the benefits in the long run.

Also, my perception of the importance of Competition Law in the South African context was somewhat blurred.

In the first week of the internship programme all questions were answered, the blur became crystal clear, as I was able to see that apart from playing a vital role in South Africa's economy, the Competition Tribunal is actually, in my opinion, the most effective regulatory system that the Government has ever put in place. For instance, the ongoing Sasol and bread cartel cases. My internship commenced at the time of the bread cartel case hearing and I found myself absorbed neck-deep in this case.

The corporate world was very challenging and demanding, but I stepped up to the plate and was comforted at the end of the internship that the impossible became quite possible. All that is required is motivation, ambition, maximum input, mental agility and a desire to succeed. These qualities were projected by the two top senior advocates that I was fortunate enough to observe closely during the bread cartel hearing as they battled it out – and consequently fired up my smouldering passion for litigation.

Being a final year LLB student I understand the mundane attitude towards work life, seemingly being just the prospect of serving articles or pupillage at the Bar, but I have come to realise that the playing field is wide open as there are several options and numerous opportunities waiting to be explored.

This was an experience of a lifetime that I would not trade for the world, considering this programme's positive impact on my future. Apart from developing and fine-tuning my research skills and gaining immensely in the process, I have walked away with a clear vision of the career which I wish to pursue as I have been exposed to a great deal of real life. I would like to extend my appreciation to the Faculty of Law for a brilliant concept of a course that is as beneficial as it is rewarding, and of course, my wonderful hosts at the Competition Tribunal.

By Daniel Leslie (LLB IV)



Daniel at the office.





Before



After



Waste management in progress...



Students seen here with Mrs Manzini (Principal) (in green and black) and Mrs Mnguni (Vice-principal).

## Sasvo ploughs back in

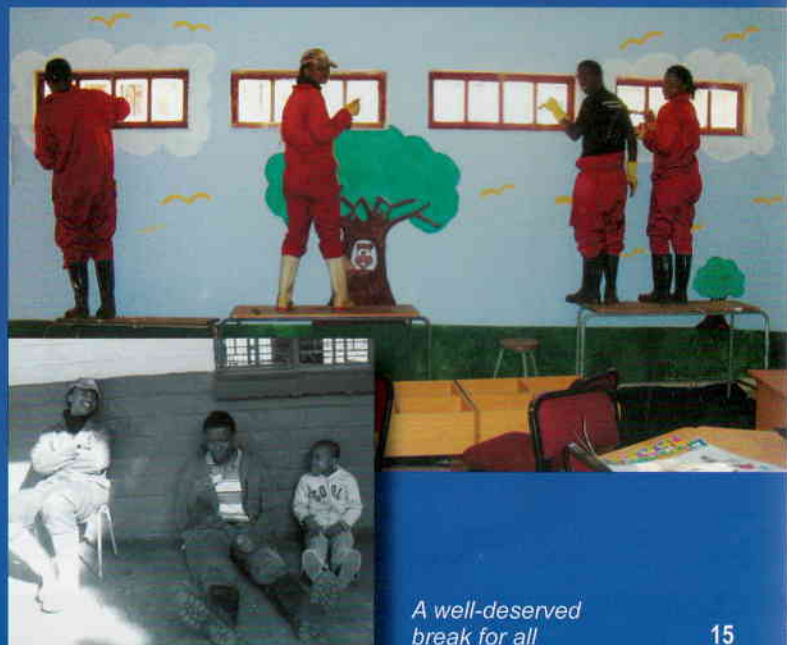
On our first visit to the 53 year old Zakhele Primary School, one of the oldest in Mamelodi, one chilly June morning it became apparent that this was the school SASVO would get involved in and apply with its brush a coat of much needed 'TLC'.

The South African Student Volunteer Organisation, which has been networking since 1993 to create sustainable development opportunities for students and communities to work together, is based on a philosophy of '50/50 team work'. True to this philosophy, this year SASVO provided 20 volunteers from the Faculty of Law who were prepared to tender their labour, sweat and time during the June varsity vacation in conjunction with the Mamelodi Trust to help get Zakhele back on 'her' feet.

Thus based on the school's "wish list" SASVO rolled up sleeves to take on the following areas of the school's needs: The library, which has been a work in progress of the Mamelodi Trust the past few years, got a necessary facelift with the filling of cracks and paint touch ups. A vegetable garden with five vegetable varieties covering about 100 square metres was planted. Additional hosepipes and fittings were provided to take care of the irrigation and an additional structure was built for the management of organic waste and generating compost. The school yard and play ground was cleared of weeds, waste and overgrown grass. A waste management and recycling system was implemented for organic and non-organic waste.

One hopes the SASVO project will be the start of a fruitful relationship with Zakhele Primary and similar schools. SASVO gains from each project and hopes to involve other faculties and universities in Africa and the world. Again this project has proved above all that every effort made towards social development is a step forward for the people in these vulnerable communities. Moreover, it showed that if each and every individual gives up a fraction of their time to help others they can change lives.

By Rentia Hartmann (LLB III)



A well-deserved break for all



# Sports Talk



## Law House Sport growing in calibre!

### Winter League

The UP winter league commenced in the second quarter with Law House registering six disciplines, namely soccer, netball (defending champs), rugby (2008 silver medallist), squash, tennis, and for the first time, a men's field hockey team. All sport teams have been performing well and more TuksLaw students are encouraged to take part in these initiatives... as we would like to give the residences a run for their money.



### Soccer and Netball Day

By Kennedy Haraseb (LLB III)

The Sport portfolio kicked the year off on a high note with the Soccer and Netball Day on 20 February at L C De Villiers. Competing for the laurels were Law House, day houses and residences, resulting in more than 20 teams competing in both disciplines. The stakes were high as law students had to prove that their skills are not limited to advocacy and drafting, but that they were equally well-talented on the sport field. On the netball court TuksLaw's 'Flying Fairies' flew off with the gold (dust), whilst Ella's team had to be content with the second spot.

Soccer matches were played seven-a-side and the final match was a close encounter between TuksLaw and the Engineering Faculty, the latter being crowned gold medalist with a convincing 3 - 1 victory. Special thanks to the most loyal supporter of Law House Sport, Red Bull, for sponsoring the event!



### Blood, a necessity for life

By Lechani Wotho (LLB III)

On 16 April, Law House hosted a blood donation drive, which was held in our Faculty and facilitated by the South African National Blood Association (SANBA). Now, when it comes to this sort of thing, those scared of needles are bound to react. You know, the "Oh, I am so terrified of blood!" or 'Sorry, it is against my religion' (Yeah, right Pete!), or 'Not today, but definitely next time'. Truth is, we all need each other. Just as we cannot survive without food, water and oxygen, we cannot survive without blood! A warm-blooded thanks to all who took the time and effort to donate.

### Editors' Note

*In this issue, we commend those who have participated in all the Faculty's activities. Well done! You have managed to turn your dreams into reality, and watched them take flight into the vast space of imagination and exhilaration.*

*Everyone has dreams and goals – keep them close and nurture them, even when it seems as if the study room walls are closing in on you. But take heed - a goal is a dream with a deadline!*

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