



In medias res



The UQ Law Revue is one of the most talked about (non-QUT) events of the law student calendar.

This year the Revue titled 'an inconvenient tute' was a hilarious, musical masterpiece.

Satirical songs, sketches etc ... their site claims they have uncannily abled dancers but this year it was vocal cords that danced much more than bodies.

This year's highlights definitely were the rendition of "Work in an Office" to the tune of Walking in Memphis and 'battered woman syndrome'.

Before 'battered woman's syndrome' is inappropriately interpreted by those reading this, a female student was covered in pancake batter ... it's called "wait for it ... (The Sixty Second Take)" for those youtube fans.

Often QUT is the butt of many UQ jokes (see youtube for the evidence) but this year, we only featured in one.

(A few sly comments here and there but we were laughing too much to notice.)

For those of you who missed out, some of the sketches are now on the 'an inconvenient tute' myspace site which you can link to from QUOTALS myspace.

It is written and performed by law students (past and present) and is a tradition over at St Lucia.

In a shock finale, David and Margaret from SBS's 'The Movie Show' reviewed the revue.

Congratulations to Tom Slater and the rest of the UQ Law Revue crew, your QUT supporters thoroughly enjoyed it!

QUT students generally boycott UQ events but this year we have been encouraging more communication and involvement between the universities.

As has previously been noted when QUOTALS returned from the Australian Law Students Association conference in Canberra this year, other states are impressed by the communication and collaboration between the Queensland universities.

Despite the rivalry between the unis, which we'll be thrashing out at the Rugby Grudge Match, an inconvenient tute has inspired some QUT students to act.

If the QUOTALS forums are anything to go by, we could soon be producing our own QUT Law Revue.

There has been some unconfirmed UQ support for such an event (perhaps some healthy competition?).

Many students have talked about it over the years but nothing has become of it.

The months of preparation and planning certainly are not a task for the unfrequently motivated; however, holding a QUT Law Revue would definitely boost morale in C-block.

With all the talk for QUOTALS to hold more of a variation of events this is something that should be pursued.

Please contact quotals@qut.edu.au if you have musical, comedic, acting, technical, make-up or wardrobe skills (general enthusiasm also counts).

We'll keep a log of those interested parties and forward them onto next years QUOTALS.

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So you're starting to think about your career ... what's a law student to do?

Here are 10 suggestions:

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1. Before you do anything:

Develop confidence – and if you don't have a GPA of 7, don't be put off by those who do. Most firms look for law students with a keen interest in the law, the ability to work in partnership with colleagues and clients, and demonstrated initiative, common sense, organisation and focus.

2. Before you sign up for your next elective:

Choose carefully – "there's no exam" is music to an overworked student's ears. However, think about what you really want to learn about, knowledge you want to extend, and how your electives will look on your academic transcript. If you can, sign up for some 'hands-on' law electives to get a better feel for the practice of law.

3. Before you decide on your dream career path:

Start to develop your professional network and open your mind to new people and possibilities. Research different firms, attend seminars, career fairs and meet the profession events.

4. Before you finish your degree:

Get some work experience, and don't despair if it's not in a law firm! There are plenty of community organisations that could use an enthusiastic legal mind, however inexperienced.

5. When preparing your covering letter:

Show genuine interest in that particular firm. Proof read your letter carefully. Repeat proof reading x 2. Don't wait for firms to advertise positions before you submit your CV.

Tips 6 - 10 in issue 10!!

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Why do Client Interviewing?

The QUOTALS Ebsworth and Ebsworth Client Interviewing competition will be held during the week beginning Monday 17th September (Week Nine). The competition is a lot of fun and gives competitors valuable every day skills to be a sought after graduate!

The competition involves little preparation as a few days before the rounds begin, competitors are given basic information as to what a client wishes to see them about. On the day of the competition, the team of two solicitors has 30 minutes to ascertain

all the relevant information from their client to ensure that they are represented effectively.

The competitors must cover all formalities of an interview, take note of the personal details of the client, the clients issues and then give suggested possible courses of action – all whilst being able to refer to textbooks and other references of course! The teams will then have a 15-minute consultation period to confer privately and then make a presentation to the judges as to further issues and an explanation of the position they took.

To see the best of the best, come to the final on Friday 21st September at the offices of Ebsworth and Ebsworth (keep an eye on future QUOTALS emails for specific details). Not only is client interviewing a great way for future competitors to see what is involved and how it's done but both competitors and spectators are also given feedback by industry professionals and the opportunity to then meet and mingle with the solicitors and partners. For more information or to nominate email competitions@quotals.com

QUOTALS requires students to volunteer as clients for the client interviewing competition. This is a great opportunity for those students who may want to sit in on an interview before they compete next year. If you have an hour to spare on Monday 17th September or Tuesday 18th September after 5.30pm please email competitions@quotals.com. All help is greatly appreciated!

Tri-Uni Cocktails @ Uber



QUOTALS and Clayton Utz Social Futsal

For those of you who have been following our QUOTALS social futsal team you may be aware that we were in the Grand Final. Unfortunately we lost the grand final, by a lot. And yes, that's why it's being mentioned right down the bottom of the page, without pictures. I'm not going to mention the score but suffice to say it was a fun season and many of us will be continuing to play next season (though it will no longer be a QUOTALS team).



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