Welcome to 2006, team!

HSS has skyrocketed to unprecedented heights over summer, it’s never been a more exciting time to be a Health Science student- and we can’t wait for you to become involved. It’s the beginning of a new era. Our growing reputation as the students and graduates of choice to employ in the health sector is making waves all around the state, and the profile of HSS is creating a buzz all around UWA. A big thanks to our past coordinator Dr Lorna Rosenwax for her visionary leadership and pioneering efforts, and we eagerly embrace the future under the leadership of Dr Jane Heyworth.

HSS has had a makeover- and now we’re the hottest society ever ;) Armed with new HSS merchandise, exciting collaborative partnerships, professional letterheads and banners, a mission statement and business plan, we’re truly the most exciting new kid on the block at UWA. Transforming HSS into a flourishing society is a mission that we are passionate about- and it’s been a privilege to have been part of some historic developments.

Firstly, HSS received unanimous support from Guild Council to become admitted as UWA’s newest faculty society. This brings HSS to unprecedented levels of power to represent you guys at UWA. The enthusiasm and professionalism of HSS has caused an undeniable stir around UWA, with Mathew Chuk the Guild President tipping HSS as the best faculty society on campus!

Secondly, Professor Ian Puddey, our Dean, has taken grand steps to showcase Health Science as an exciting and valuable member of the Faculty. The Faculty has now changed its name to the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences to reflect our growing importance. For the first time ever, we have HSS representation on the Faculty and Full Faculty Board. We have certainly been making an impression with our HSS reports, which regularly account the achievements of you guys.

Thirdly, HSS has formed fantastic collaborative links with the teams at WAMSS (Western Australian Medical Students Society) and UDSS (University Dental Students Society)- the two other representative bodies under the Faculty. We have just returned from the Faculty Fresher Camp (which was AWESOME!), the first time ever that Health Science students have been involved. By consolidating the relationships between all of UWA’s health related degrees, we’ve started making great connections and brainstormed exciting ideas for collaboration.

Finally, it’s just been the most amazing time ever for HSS. So many fantastic things have happened, and all of us have been bitten by this feeling that we can accomplish anything. But we want you to really become part of it all, because HSS belongs to you guys and it will only go from strength to strength under your leadership and enthusiasm. We’re on the lookout for new HSS blood, the new generation to bring it even higher levels. HSS needs you! So don’t be shy, all you need is enthusiasm, positivity and the desire to shake things up a bit.

We’re set for a fantastic year and we can’t wait to catch up with you all soon. Have fun!

Much love,

Yuna
**JAMES’ CORNER OF FUN**

**HSS this semester is set to be a really awesome club.**

O-day was our first semi-social type event. Now starts the big events for the semester…and for the whole year.

The first of the events to put in your diaries now is the “Race Around Campus” and after party on the 26th of March. This event is going to be huge, with your help that is.

**RACE AROUND CAMPUS**

Race Around Campus will be similar to a treasure hunt, with all sorts of physical challenges (all involving goon, or lollies, but probably goon), random things to find and prizes at the end.

Now I can hear you all moaning already about the word ‘race’, we don’t actually want you to ‘race’ per-say, otherwise you’ll be all smelly at the after party, and no one likes to be smelly! Instead, use that brain of yours and think through clues, and cryptic puzzles and work your way around the UWA campus and surrounding areas to find answers to the questions which will lead you to team challenges spotted around the campus….wont give it all away yet, but remember to lock in the After Party.

Prizes will be given out for best dressed teams, most creative answers and overall winning team. The After Party will be at a secret location, its whereabouts will be given to your team at the last check point. There will be food, drinks and music. We just need you guys to bring the good vibes and yourself. Don’t worry first years, the older years will have no advantage at all as all the answers are random - like what is G49? Tickets will be available near the Oak Lawn or email us for more details.

The next big event, which HSS has never done is the River Cruise. Getting a theme here guys, treasure hunt, then river cruise….on a boat, equals pirates. This will happen later in the semester, before exams start. A date has not been locked in yet, but it will be secured very soon so keep an eye out for it.

This is going to be HSS’ premier event. We’ll cruise the river and celebrate the best semester HSS has had, in membership and social scene. This night will be massive, and a really good chance to get with that hot girl/guy/lecturer you’ve wanted all semester….coz they cant get off the boat - they’re trapped! In all seriousness this will be guaranteed to be a great night.

**BALI trip 2006!!** That’s right team...we’re planning on an overseas adventure at the end of the year. This trip is still under development and will be completely sussed out by mid semester. The location of the trip is also sort of undecided as of yet, it may even be named Thailand trip 2006, or maybe Phuket trip 2006.

If you have any ideas about this please email me or come and chat to me at the Race Around Campus After Party.

Enjoy the next few weeks at uni, and remember that you don’t have to study until week 9 or 10.

Hope to see you all on the 26 March.

James Stewart
HSS Social Vice President
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**RACE AROUND CAMPUS**

**UWA CAMPUS & SURROUNDING AREAS**

**SUN 26 MARCH**

**MEET AT OAK LAWN**

**3 - 9PM**

**$10 MEMBERS/ $15 NON-MEMBERS**

**TIX FROM OAK LAWN & REPS**

Food & some drinks provided
Sundowner Secret Location
Bus into Claremont Prizes

**SUNDOWNER AFTER PARTY**
Yes, that’s right, on February 22, 2006, the Guild Council voted almost unanimously to allow the Health Science Society to become a Faculty Society. After causing quite a stir at the Education Council over the summer, HSS is the first Fac Soc (besides Music in 2000) to be introduced to UWA since the 1970s, and we are now considered amongst the ranks of Blackstone, WAMSS, and ECOMS. We’re making history!

So what does this revolutionary change mean for you, you may ask?

As a Faculty Society we are now officially part of the Guild. This means that we have better access to funding, education and social opportunities, and you as students will have your voices heard in significant university affairs.

Members of the HSS Executive now sit on the Education Council, a subsidiary council of the Guild concerned with your education. It ensures that the education needs of students are looked after, standards are upheld, and rights protected.

Now, for the first time, the unique needs of Health Science students will be considered along with those of students undertaking more traditional degrees. Make sure you lookout for information on some of this year’s education campaigns, such as Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU), assessment, and illegal fees.

So get involved, be excited, and celebrate the beginning of something great!

You now are all represented by an involved, influential, and supportive Faculty Society that is going to enhance the university experience for generations of Health Science students to come.

HSS BECOMES A FacSoc

In fifty years time we are going to be able to tell our grandkids that we were students during the amazing evolution of one of UWA’s greatest faculty societies.

ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

Have you ever been unhappy with the scaling in a unit? Ever received a final grade and had no idea where that mark comes from, or had a unit where you didn’t get half of your assignments back?

The Guild is working with the University to re-evaluate current assessment practices and move towards solutions that benefit both students and staff alike.

HSS is sitting on the Medicine, Dentistry and Health Science Working Group, and we need your input. If you’ve ever undertaken a Health Science unit (note: not a Commerce/Economics or Science unit) where you were unhappy with the way you were assessed, now is your chance to do something about it.

Email Pip at hss- vp@guild.uwa.edu.au any stories or examples of specific instances where you had an issue with assessment.

This can be to do with:

- Anonymous Assessment
  (having a code rather than your name on exams etc)
- Transparent Assessment
  (receiving all grades, scaling policies etc)
- Scaling
- Continuous Assessment
- Group Assessment.

All emails will remain confidential. Anything you give us will only benefit you in the future!! Thanks.

Pippa Robb
HSS Education Vice President

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

It’s a new year for HSS and already major changes are occurring...

As part of our new look we have revealed our new slogan “your future network now”. With this message in mind the HSS Executive Committee have worked very hard to increase the benefits of being a HSS member.

Over the summer months I had the privilege of liaising with various organisations. As a result not only did we score some great stuff for you on O-day (the packs that we handed out were just delicious!!!) but we have we established some great contacts that we will be an asset both now and in the future.

A big thankyou must be said to all those who expressed interest in being a part of our Health Science Society Family. These partner organisations include the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection, The West Australian Health Promoting School Association, The School Drug and Alcohol Project, The Cancer Council of WA, The Heart Foundation, The Department of Premier and Cabinet, The Tobacco Control Branch, The Injury Control Council of WA, Family Health Publications and the Medical Centre of UWA.

It is an absolute treat to have these organisations on board. One of the aims of HSS is dedicated to creating awareness of educational and professional opportunities. All these organisations are not only related to our profession but represent our future networks now.

We at HSS headquarters are very excited about the relationships we have now formed and look forward to bringing you more news over the next few months.

Maria Kalantzis
HSS Treasurer
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HEALTH SCIENCE ELECTIONS

Get involved in UWA’s newest FacSoc to make HSS the best FacSoc on campus. Elections will be held at….

MAY TANNOCK ROOM
(Upstairs in the Guild Village, above the Ref)
1-1.45pm
Tuesday 14 March

All you need is enthusiasm

POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION INCLUDE…
* Year Reps (1st, 2nd, 3rd & Final Years)
* Website Officer
* Functions Officer
* Public Relations Officer

We will take nominations on the day
No Experience Necessary

For any queries, or a description of the responsibilities of these positions, please contact:
Pippa hss-vp@guild.uwa.edu.au

O’Day 2006

Thankyou to all the Health Science students who came down to the 2006 UWA O’Day on Friday, February 24!
The HSS executive members had an awesome time meeting you all, especially the new first year students. On the day we signed up 100 new 2006 HSS members and we can’t wait to get to know you all and party hard throughout the year.

Finally, on behalf of the Health Science Society, I would like to thank Allan Borushek (Family Health Publications), Sue Dimitrijevich (School Drug Education and Road Aware), Brad Flynn (West Australian Health Promoting Schools Association), Roselyn Francis (Tobacco Control Branch), Rose Ingram (Department of Consumer and Employment Protection), Lauren Martin (Injury Control Council of Western Australia), Tom McIntyer (Employment Unit, Employment Branch Public Sector Management Division Department of the Premier and Cabinet), Kelly Robertson (Heart Foundation) and the UWA Medical Centre staff (Trish Wylde, Gemma Crawford and Rita Freijah) for contributing all the information contained in our 2006 HSS membership packs.

Pallas Stewart
HSS Secretary  hss-secretary@guild.uwa.edu.au

Fresher Camp

Health Science freshers leapt in 2006 with their inaugural appearance at the Faculty Fresher Camp, held at Nanga Bush Camp near Dwellingup.

Health Science students were a hit with both freshers and leaders, fearlessly leading the way in all challenges and earning their stripes. And true to our degree, we forged a name for ourselves almost instantly, starring in many random (but at the time urgently important) activities such as treasure hunts, eating catfood sandwiches, dance offs and perfecting the art of le toga.

Contrary to what they would like to tell everybody, med students can be defeated, and quite convincingly by our own Health Science freshers in the all important boat races. Not only that, but we defeated med AND dent quite convincingly in the coolness factor too. We are H to the backwards K core. Seacrest, out.

Simone Comtesse and Yuna Lee