Debate review

Lobola acts as a form of degrading women and putting a price on love and a father selling off his daughter because she is educated. A very bold statement made by the KZN E team saying that the purpose of Lobola has changed and it is time to modernise South African culture because times are changing and the fact of the matter is that Lobola is really expensive and with the global economy things have to change. Opposition was quick to defend the importance of culture especially in SA and just because one body feels it is expensive it doesn’t mean that we should ban it. Lobola shows the value of women and it doesn’t lead to any harm whatsoever so banning is not justified. Overall a well contested debate.

Photo Timetable

09:15 - 10:15 Official Team Photographs — (for all those not in Semi-Finals) Outside Hall
14:00 - 15:00 Official Team Photographs — (for the teams not in the Finals) outside Hall
15:00 - 15:15 Official Team Photographs of the Teams in the FINALS – Seniors first, then Juniors
18:00 – 18:30 Informal Team Photographs

Bloopers

“Culture must change. Just because cannibals and witches walked around the Amazon Jungle chopping people's heads off in the old ages it does not mean culture should stay”
“Cant get rid of Christmas”
“Women feel they are worth something when bought for lobola”
“Foreign investors see SA as colourful, like a zoo”
“Do women want to be compared to cows”
“You have the choice whether to be force-fed or not”
“People don’t agree with murder because it is illegal”
“No matter how hard prop tries to have to have sex with their sisters”

“There are only three reasons a child would go into labour”
“People from 3rd world countries should learn technical skills like grinding”
“What’s the harm of being incestuous by your self”
“All prisoners are Ghandis”
“long-term satification”
“Government will be voted out of power, and we’ll be on a slippery slope… to HELL”
“Traditional healers cater for people and humans, not us.”
“Why go to jail if you want to strike?”
“Long-term satification”
“Their life to right is paramount!”

The Break

Congratulations to the following teams for making it to the Semi Finals and Finals.

Juniors
KZN E and Gauteng E

Seniors
KZN B
Western Cape B
Western Cape A
Gauteng A

Today's Timetable

Tuesday 14 December
Breakfast 07:00 – 08:30
The briefing and announcement of topics and draw will take place in the Alan Staples Theatre
09:00 - Briefing and logistics (15 minutes)
09:15 Semi Final (senior) and Final (Junior) draw and topics
Preparation 1 hour
10:15 Semi Final debates start
12:00 Early Lunch in the Dining Hall
14:00 Finals announced in the Alan Staples Theatre: Draw and topics
15:00 Official Team Photographs of Finalist teams
15:15 FINAL DEBATES BEGIN
Senior Debate in the Theatre
16:45 Free time
18:00 for 18:30 Final Dinner Formal Dress
(18:00 – 18:30 team photographs)
Announcements of all trialists, best speakers & winning teams after supper
All delegates to dorms

14/12/2010
THW legalise incestuous relationships where procreation is not possible.

The problem with incestuous relationships is two fold; firstly the fact that both partners are genetically similar means that the child is most likely born with defects and secondly the stigma associated with incest is negative. Yet since this house would legalize incest where pro-creation is not possible; those harms do not exist. This is what Gauteng A started the debate with, firmly saying that THW allow people to be themselves and that incestuous relations are a choice and along with any other sexual relationships and they strongly felt the choice to love whoever you want is important than any other detriment. KZN B was strong in saying incestuous relationships are bad because they cause family tensions in society and resentment; over and above that the love in these relationships is no longer the familial love but carnal love. This also contradicts government’s policy of abstinence and that the government needs to put up a united front. The major clash that resulted was that it is better to choose who you love, especially when there is no harm to others and whether or not the government has the right to choose who individuals get involved with because they view it as wrong.
**Round 1 Senior Western Cape A vs. KZN C**

Overall an excellent debate that showcased the talent on show here at Nationals. The key issues raised by opposition were included diplomacy, transparency, validity and accountability. Proposition discussed the importance, objectivity and the context of the information disseminated by “Wikileaks”, and the ability of the public to make decisions regarding this information. A great introduction to the fierce competition to come – Good Luck adjudicators and Selectors. Congratulations to WC A.

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**Today's Timetable**

Sunday 12 December

- 07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast in the Dining Hall
- 08:30 - Briefing and logistics (15 mins) – Hall
- 08:45 Round 2 Draw and topics
  - Preparation 1 hour
- 09:45 Round 2 debates start
- 11:15 Tea in the Dining Hall until 11:45
- 11:00-11:30 Tuck shop will be open
- 11:30 Round 3 Draw and topics (Hall)
- 12:30 Round 3 debates start
- 14:00 – 15:00 Lunch break in Dining Hall
- 14:00 – 15:00 Tuck shop will be open
- 15:30 Round 4 Draw and topics (Hall)
- 16:30 Round 4 debates start
- 18:00 Free time
- 19:00 Supper
- 20:00 Let Midlands Challenge you to an inter-provincial quiz - you need a team of 4 awesome people (HALL)
- 22:00 All delegates to dorms.

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**Bloopers**

“People don’t dislike North Korea because they have a form of censorship, they don’t like Korea because they have a bad economy, they are isolated from the world and have one crazy leader.”

**Did you have an outrageous bloop in your debate? Find a member of the press team and share your bloop.**
Scientists have discovered a new gene in the human genome called the Drd4 also appropriately known as the “liberal gene”. This little guy is just a string of nucleotides that can make you more susceptible to infidelity and promiscuity and it can also affect your political leanings. To make this gene even scarier it is inheritable.

Gauteng debaters prepping for Round 1

We were fortunate enough to have Derryn Campbell as a Keynote speaker last night. Derryn Campbell is the co-founder of Awesome SA, a non-profit movement that not only interacts with South Africans to create awareness about their country, but also facilitates initiatives to deliver positive outcomes. Thanks to the passion and commitment of Derryn and her colleagues, Awesome SA has brightened the hearts and outlook of thousands of people around the world.

Derryn, who has a Masters degree in Pharmacy Practice was also a director at the leading medical scheme administrator. She left her successful career behind to pursue her dream to change the way South African’s see their country.

SA Debating thanks Derryn for her time and Varsity College for providing each delegate with a copy of her best selling book, Awesome South Africa.

Feeling ill
Speak to the following: Ms Mariska van Wyk, Ms Nicky Nightingale or Mrs Pam Esterhuysen

Round 1 Junior
Gauteng E vs. KZN Shadow Shadow Shadow Shadow Shadow
TH supports the media appeal tribunal in South Africa.

A rather interesting topic to begin the junior Nationals. The proposed appeal in South Africa currently suggested to remove “petty publications” from the media in South Africa. As proposition Gauteng E had to prove why this is needed in S.A. Proposition started off the debate by basically saying “you cannot have too much liberty” which became their team line. 8 speeches, and a few laughs later the main clashes, were
Is it necessary?
Will it work?”
And should it be implemented?
Proposition stuck to their case by saying it has more benefits and doesn’t effect the rights of anyone. Opposition was strong in stating how the freedom of expression was being infringed upon but in the end Gauteng E was successful in proving that you cannot have too much liberty.
You think your life is bad...

Today, my bf broke up with me via Facebook, I don't even have FB my friends had to tell me.

The Gauteng team funny photo

Bloopers

“Detrimenting dead people...”
“Even if the dead people are dead”
“Smoking causes crime”
“Smoking dustbin bags is detrimental to your health”
“We believe the motion should stand because we are so cool & awesome”
“We like religion”
“The live person is going to get a crappy organ”
“We cant jut have millions of organs just sitting in the fridge just waiting to be given to people”
“When Mohammed was in the cave, there wasn’t anything like donating organs”
“Even worser”
“If people become reproductive”
“People who are benefit”

“You cant have 9 million people dying to save one person”
“So now we are going to have Satanists walking around the streets killing kids for their organs”
Just after the 3rd speaker someone asked how long a reply speech must be.
“Let that sip shail”
“Education will not help to increase donations. SANBS goes into schools to increase donations”
“Proposition should have shown us why force humans and not animals to compel donations”

Today’s Timetable

Monday 13 December
Breakfast 07:00 – 08:30
The briefing and announcement of topics and draw will take place in the Hall
08:30 - Briefing and logistics (15 minutes)
08:45 Round 5 draw and topics
Preparation 1 hour
09:45 Round 5 debates start
11:15 Tea in the Dining Hall until 11:45
11:00-12:00 Tuck shop open
11:45 Round 6 – Draw and topics
12:45 Round – octos Debates start
14:15 – 15:00 Lunch break in the Dining Hall
15:30 Quarter Finals Draw and topics
16:30 Quarter Finals Debates start
18:00 Free time
19:00 Supper in the Dining Hall
20:00 GRAFFITI PARTY - ANNOUNCEMENT OF BREAK TO SEMI FINALS (HALL)
22:00 All delegates to dorms.

Tuck shop Times
Sunday 12 December
11:00-11:30
14:00 – 15:00
Monday 13 December
11:00-12:00

The kitchen staff responsible for the wonderful food

Afika with the Free State Mascot

The Birthday Girl

Our Generous Sponsor and Guest Speaker

13/12/2010
Debate Review
Round 3
Gauteng E vs. KZN A
TH supports child labour.

Proposition had the burden of proving
A) The necessity of Child Labour
B) The justification of lifting the ban.
This is a difficult topic but both teams held their own. KZN stood for the points of vulnerability to exploitation and the right to be a child. Gauteng defended the issues of extreme poverty and need and the government mandate.

After an amazing debate Gauteng A proved effectively that child labour is justified as a short term solution.

Quote of the day
“It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.”
Joseph Joubert
(1754 -1824)

Debate Review
Round 4
Gauteng E vs. Gauteng F
THW abolish homeschooling

Gauteng E proved throughout their speeches that home schooling is unnecessary as SA schools are able to overcome the main reasons for homeschooling. Children who are generally home schooled are there because; A) they have learning disabilities, B) They prefer to be at home, and C) the distance from schools. Proposition successfully proved that school provides opportunities to interact and relate to other students. Opposition posed a few questions regarding choice to be homeschooled, the uniqueness of a child and also children who are involved in international activities have no other choice but home school. At the end of the debate “little Johnny would have to give up the comfort of homeschooling and attend a mainstream SA school as proposition successfully proved that home school hinders a child's development.

Yet More Bloopers
“Let me remind you of a religion called cannibalism”
“ There is no such thing as a healthy smoker, they all have black lungs and will die anyway”
“One day your mother will die!...”

Some Quiz Bloopers
There were some interesting answers to the quiz questions
? The Jonas Brothers – bothers associated with Kittyhawk
? You cant identify individual animals – animal that saved a foal
? Dennis Ferreira – ATP champion
? Ban Ki Moo – UN Secretary General

Graffiti Party
✓ Must wear a White T-Shirt (The one you were told to bring). All other equipment will be provided....
✓ There will be Popcorn and Cool Drinks