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Want to be a part of The B.Ed Spread?

If you'd like to write an article, submit pictures, write a column, or take pictures at our next event, please don't hesitate to email us at thebedspread@gmail.com. Submissions for the February issue are due Wednesday, January 26!

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Welcome Back!

A group of Con-Ed 13s enjoy the Back-to-School Smoker at Ale Canteen. Turn to the events calendar on page 10 to look at more upcoming Con-Ed events! Photo: Caitlin Thorne

What Makes You Shake Your Booty?

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Con-Ed has taught me many important lessons. I know how to cheer for a week straight and not lose my voice, how to write a lesson plan, how to lose inner-tube water polo every week and still be proud of my team, but most importantly I know how to shake my booty.

Now to perfect the booty shake, you have to have the perfect song playing. For me that song is "Get Down" by B4-4. The song combines lyric genius with an amazing beat, and the harmonies are pretty great too. This is solely my opinion though, so I decided to ask some other good-looking Con-Eddies: "If you could break into a spontaneous dance party, what song would be playing?" While some songs were from this year's Top 40, for the most part the songs people chose were from the 80's and 90's. As Laura Luangmany put it "Dancing to old school songs are a jillion times more fun than whatever's on the top 40 because everyone busts out their most ridiculous dance moves. And what's a dance party without ridiculous dance moves?" Some of the old school songs people chose included: "Thriller", "Bohemian Rhapsody" ("It's not a song, it's an experience" Lucy Vorobej), "Maniac" and Michael Jackson's "Pretty Young Thing". For the most part, however, the responses were heavily influenced by Con-Ed. Top songs consisted of Con-Ed classics such as "Teach me How to Dougie", "What is Love (baby it's 14)" and of course... "DANCING QUEEN"!

There you have it, if you're looking for some songs to bust a move to, take your pick. Can't wait to see all your crazy moves at Con-Ed Formal.

The Chronicles of Con-Ed: The Barbie, Lego Set, and Taxi Driver

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It was a cold, windy evening, in late December when Dana Jones and I embarked on our quest. We had only the vaguest hint of what we were searching for, but we knew that we would know it when we found it. Our quest was delivered from a mystical entity known as the Tree of Life; a magical, benevolent, deciduous spirit whose purpose, it seemed, was to call members of an incredibly good-looking community to help those less fortunate to receive gifts come Christmas morn.

Unfortunately, due to a sequence of events no doubt put into motion by those villainous entities known as essays, tests and floormates, Dana and I were forced to delay our journey until it seemed we may not have time to complete it. Eventually, we were victorious against the aforementioned villainous entities with well-placed incantations such as, "No, I can't party right now," "Another round of Halo will have to wait," and "That assignment will probably only take a couple of hours, I can start it at midnight no problem." With the evil distractions thus thwarted, Dana and I set out from the Hall of Victoria and made our way to the Purveyor of Toys we had heard tell of, on the Princess's Street.

I started down the main road from our residence, but Dana beckoned a different way.

"It'll be faster if we cut through yonder and take Barrie See **Con-Ed Chronicles** on p. 9



'Twas the Night of the Semis

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'Twas the night of the Semis, we'd waited a year!
 Last time they beat us it was our time to cheer.
 The line at the border was as long as could be,
 But we finally made it to HSBC.
 The tickets were pricey, the parking was too,
 The scalpers were crazy the place was a zoo!
 And my fam in jerseys and I in my cap,
 We were ready for action and not for a nap.
 We outnumbered the Yanks I can guarantee
 That's the understatement of the century.
 Canada started with plenty of jump.
 You could tell right away that the fans were pumped!
 Three minutes in with an early attack,
 The Canadians scored and never looked back.
 The American fans tried their hardest to roar,
 But as they got louder, we drowned them out more.
 Six left in the first, too good to be true,
 We scored on a tip-in to put us up two.
 Everything seemed to be going our way.
 As line changes happened, Dave Cameron would say:
 "Now Barrie, now Ellis, now Foligno, and Cowen!
 On Schenn, on Eakin, on Kassian, and Howden!
 From deep in the corners to high in the slot,
 Now hustle boys, hustle boys, fire that shot!"
 Canada played with heart and with grit.

The Americans knew they were into deep sh*t!
 As Duthie and Bob summed up the first,
 The minority Yanks prepared for the worst.
 The second period was more of the same,
 Because after all it's Canada's game!
 The red shirts continued in offensive mode.
 It felt like the building was about to explode!
 When Johansen's goal found the back of the net,
 We had three goals; they hadn't scored yet!
 Gord shouted "That shot went off a leg and wide!"
 While Pierre's special players never broke stride.
 As the red and white sea started the wave,
 Mark Visentin made save after save.
 A breakaway goal put icing on the cake,
 Through the five-hole of Campbell there was no mistake.
 The USA tried to open the gate
 By getting one back, but it was too late.
 It seemed that we were now in the clear.
 "This is our house!" the fans began to cheer.
 As time expired, no US fans found.
 Buffalo, Ontario we owned this town!
 "Oh, Canada" played as the Maple Leaf rose,
 Almost hear the fans singing from coast to coast.
 And now we face the Russians for Gold tonight,
 We are not going down without a fight!

3 Random Facts

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It's article time and I thought I might compose a Feminism Cheat Sheet or a "How I Survived Ale House" handbook, but it's New Year's Day and my mind is on a one-way track to Gatorade and greasy breakfast foods. So, here is a post-holiday rambling of three totally useful and relevant facts.

First: A thought about snacks at game nights. Joey on Friends said that food at a Poker game should be only one syllable. Chips. Dip. Pretz. Along this same wavelength, I propose that any foods eaten during a card game should be unwrapped. Believe me. Or else you'll be playing Euchre and trying to unwrap a peppermint pasty snack (they're delicious!) and will accidentally play the wrong card and lose the trick and lose the game and be sad. Very sad.

Second thing: It's a grand idea to bring slippers to wear in the Con-Ed office. Why, you ask? Just think of the scene now: when you play footsie with someone at the desk in the office you can enjoy doing so with a comfy, dry, snuggly slipper, instead of banging your snow-covered, dirty, slushy boot against someone else's snow-covered, dirty, slushy boot. This idea extends to couch naps. You'll be better equipped to snuggle on the couch if you can put your slipper-covered feet up on the cushions. (N.B.: be careful not to lose your slipper beneath the couch cushion. Rumour has it anything that falls beneath the cushions drop into a tunnel that leads to Mac-Correy. You'll wind up finding your lost slipper when you're also lost in Mac-Correy.)

Third rambling: The first week of school, the weekend of the 14th-16th, and the days following, you may see five women who are incredibly tired, slightly twitchy-eyed and caffeine-fuelled, excited, running around in fifteen different directions, and clad in purple with the most beautiful cardigans ever. Hug them. I think they'd like that. They're also madly in love. When they look at each other their pupils turn into little black hearts and they do this crazy screechy noise and run toward each other and jump hug. Their love is contagious so watch out. Five more will be born soon and they will be madly in love and that love will spread and soon everyone will be in love and bake a cake made out of rainbows and smiles.

A Music Note

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Hey Con-Ed! Are you looking for some awesome concerts to attend this term? Don't worry; the School of Music, along with other Queen's organizations have got you covered. Here are some upcoming concerts you should check out. I hope to see you there!

January 12-16
 Queen's Musical Theatre
The Mikado, The Grand Theater

January 12-16
 Queen's Student Opera Company
Carmen, Convocation Hall

February 11
 Queen's School of Music
A Night on Broadway, Grant Hall

March 30
 Queen's Wind Ensemble
Spring Concert, Grant Hall

April 1
 Queen's Symphony Orchestra and
 Choral Ensemble
Spring Concert, Grant Hall.

Move Over, Justin Bieber

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As we move into the year 2011, it is customary for media around the world to compile lists featuring the “Top 10 Most _____ of 2010.” Without exception, in December 2010, the ever popular video sharing website YouTube released “YouTube 2010 Rewind: The Year in Review” (<http://www.youtube.com/rewind>). The top 10 most viewed videos of 2010 included “The Bed Intruder Song” and “The Man Your Man Could Smell Like.” It may come as a surprise to some that the number one most viewed music video of 2010 was Justin Bieber’s “Baby” with over 400 million views to date. In fact, Bieber appears on the list twice more, at number seven with “Somebody to Love” and number eight with “Never say Never.”

Relax, our article is NOT about Justin Bieber. Over the past few months working together as External Affairs Commissioners for CESA, we have discovered a shared love for YouTube stars, and we’d like to take this opportunity to share some of our favourites with you, all of whom we consider to be better than Mr. “J.Biebs” (gasp). The next time you’re in the mood to listen to something a little different, check out some of the talents listed below!

- **Gabe Bondoc:** With over 174, 000 subscribers to his YouTube channel, this California-based singer rose to fame through song covers uploaded onto his channel named “One Take Sessions.” He has released several of his own tracks, including an album titled Summertime in 2010. A classic example of a YouTube star, check out his songs for great studying background music.

- **Sam Tsui:** Through his YouTube channel “KurtHugoSchneider,” he does many mashups and collaborations to cover some of the most popular songs. Warning: SO addictive. We suggest his cover of “Just a Dream” with Christina Grimmie!

- **Boyce Avenue:** Super chill, covers of most of the popular songs.

- **J Rice/Jason Chen:** Two separate artists who often collaborate together, one of the most impressive is their full Chinese cover of “Tong Hua” even if you can’t understand Chinese, take a moment to appreciate Rice’s mad Chinese singing skills.

- **Mike Tompkins:** It appears the small town of Ilderton, Ontario is producing more than just Olympic gold-medal winners. This fellow Canadian has had an awesome a capella version (and by a capella, he means doing the million different sounds found in songs by himself) of Katy Perry’s “Teenage Dream” (mashed-up with Bruno Mars’ “Just The Way You Are”) before Glee had a clan of uniformed boys win our hearts over with their version. He recently appeared on Ellen and has an amazing new cover of Rihanna’s “Only Girl” featuring Shad.

- **Peter Lee Johnson:** Working our “rap hands”, while attempting to catch up to Tupac’s rapping in “Changes” means “studying” turns into attempts to memorize the lyrics of the song, rather than the dates for the reigns of English monarchs. Luckily, Johnson is there to save the day with his violin covers. His instrumental covers and mash-ups are sure to give you the study music you need without lyrics getting in the way. Seriously, he even masterfully throws in some Bach with Taio Cruz’s “Dynamite” to help you meet your daily quota for classical music.

- **Greyson Chance:** We hesitate to put Chance on the list for the very reason that he is currently being hailed as the next “J. Biebs”. However, props must be given to this twelve-year-old for his cover of Lady Gaga’s “Paparazzi” at his school’s talent show. The video of his performance (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxDlC7YV5is>) has been viewed over 35 million times and has since led to a contract on Ellen’s music label. His Bieber likeness (complete with the ever-famous side-swept hairdo) may deter some from taking him seriously. But give him a chance (pun intended). Even if you don’t enjoy the singing in the video, at least you get a good laugh out of the reaction of two female classmates (probably starting to scheme as to how to become Chance’s “BF”) in the background.

We hope you enjoy our suggestions, or at least give them a listen!
 If you have any favourites to pass along, we’d love to hear them too!

Banana Chocolate Chip Muffins

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Just in case you didn’t eat enough over the break you should try these banana chocolate chip muffins. Bananas are a great fruit but they don’t have a great shelf life. These muffins are a great way to use up bananas on their last legs and turn them into something delicious.

Ingredients (makes 1 dozen muffins)

- 3 ripe bananas, mashed (frozen bananas that have been thawed work well)
- ¾ cup sugar
- ½ cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp milk

- 1½ cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease muffin pan or line with paper liners.
2. In a bowl, place the mashed bananas, sugar, melted butter, egg, and milk. Stir to combine.
3. Mix in flour, baking powder, and baking soda to the mixture. Stir in the chocolate chips.
4. Fill muffin tin ¾ full and bake for 15 to 20 minutes.





Acs. Attack!

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Happy New Year! It's time for some New Year's resolutions! Here are a few your friendly Academic Affairs Commissioners came up with, to make 2011 the best year ever!

1. Set a list of goals you want to achieve in the New Year (remember the word "SMART", it is an acronym to help you accomplish your goals).



2. Try and stay active, it will not only help your body but help your brain work better.

3. Stay on top of your workload. Set aside time to work on your readings or assignments so that you won't find yourself behind. You will produce better work if you are not stressed, pressed for time or up at 5am trying to finish an assignment.

4. Sleep more, I know this sounds like an easy one but make sure you allow yourself to get a decent amount of sleep because it will help you focus and stay awake in your early morning classes.

5. Get more involved in Con-Ed! It will make your year a whole lot better!!!

(Suggestions: CESA Council, Conference, Formal, Con-Ed Intramurals and BEWIC. If you have any questions about what you can do to get involved you can email a.love@queensu.ca or 8sei1@queensu.ca)

*Dear Suzie and Alex,
I hear the marking system is changing to a GPA system! How will this affect me?
Sincerely,
GPA Befuddled*

Dear G. Befuddled,
Well you are certainly right! Starting this semester, the new GPA System will affect all students in years 1-3. These students will receive a "hybrid" transcript (Ed note: with both percentages and GPA). However, any students graduating this year will continue to receive marks under the current system. This applies to both Education and Arts and Science courses. For a full description of the Arts and Science changes, visit: <http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/academics/undergraduate/queens-new-grading-scheme>. As well, PROF classes will be assigned marks of 4.0, 3.0, 2.0, 1.0 and 0.0 starting next year. You can check out the CESA website or email the Education Registrar for more information.
Academically Yours,
Suzie and Alex

"It's Hammertime" - Not MC Hammer ... It's 90s Time

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The 1990s. A time of Nintendo 64, Saved by the Bell, Tamagotchis, Doc Martens, Wayne's World, Power Rangers, Furbys, and Napster. The BEST decade indeed. Why? Well besides all of the fads listed above (and the fact that many of us were born in the 90s), it was a decade marked by incredible music production. Recently, I had the pleasure of sharing my 90s music interests with a friend, and together we compiled a list of epic songs, bands, and one-hit wonders that dominated the music scene throughout the decade. Today, I share a fraction of these songs with you, hoping to encourage you to explore your inner 90s child by awakening memories through song. It is now time to relive the era of The Cardigans, Los Del Rio, Savage Garden and the Smashing Pumpkins.

In no particular order:

- Ace of Base - The Sign
- The Verve - Bittersweet Symphony
- Ben Folds Five - Brick
- The Spice Girls - Wannabe
- Sir Mix-A-Lot - Baby Got Back
- Spin Doctors - Two Princes
- Matchbox Twenty - Push
- Third Eye Blind - Semi-Charmed Life
- No Doubt - Spiderwebs
- Collective Soul - Run
- Salt 'N Peppa - Whatta Man
- Backstreet Boys - I Want it that Way
- House of Pain - Jump Around
- Nirvana - Smells Like Teen Spirit
- Beastie Boys - Sabotage
- Goo Goo Dolls - Slide
- Madonna - Vogue
- Los Del Rio - Macarena
- Coolio - Gangsta's Paradise
- The Smashing Pumpkins - 1979
- MC Hammer - U Can't Touch This
- Britney Spears - Hit Me Baby One More Time
- Savage Garden - Truly, Madly, Deeply
- Tonic - If You Could Only See
- Destiny's Child - Say My Name
- Radiohead - Karma Police
- Weezer - Buddy Holly
- Blind Melon - No Rain
- Robyn - Show Me Love
- The Cardigans - Love Fool
- Garbage - Special
- OMC - How Bizarre
- 2Pac ft. Dr Dre - California Love
- Beck - Loser
- Montell Jordan - This Is How We Do It
- Sugar Ray - Fly
- The Fugees - Killing Me Softly

ANNNNND... one of my personal favourites, which I would like to dedicate to the person who helped me compile this list...

Hanson MmmBop

Remember, if you ever get overwhelmed with all those assignments, labs, essays, and studying, working harder is not the cure, rather listening to some great 90s tunes is the best remedy to relieve your stress! Not only did the 90s possess great musical talent, but its music allows you to relive your childhood days.

2011 in Video Games

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2011 is gearing up to be yet another “Year of the Sequel”, with major franchises adding to the family. That being said, this may not be a bad thing what's in store for our free time is looking like anything but cookie-cutter. Here are some of the most anticipated releases of 2011.

Duke Nukem Forever is an interesting story, to say the least. It's the sequel to Duke Nukem 3D, released in January 1996 and Duke Nukem Forever has been in production since it was announced in April 1997, an incredible 14 years. Only once was the game reportedly cancelled, in 2009 when 3D Realms, the studio supposedly responsible for it, closed. Gearbox Software soon picked it up again. In a way, it's a little sad that the game is finally coming out, because the fact that Duke Nukem Forever was taking so long to come out has been the butt of many inside jokes for so long. It's hard to imagine that it could possibly live up to 14 years of hype, but we'll have to see. At the very least, we've been told that the game will include modern features of the first-person shooter genre such as the ability to sprint and the ability to drive vehicles, considering they've been working on the game since the time before Pokémon existed. (Sometime 2011, PS3, XBOX 360, PC)

Speaking of Pokémon, **Pokémon Black and White** are slated English release this year, despite coming out in September 2010 in Japan. Surprisingly, the fifth generation of Pokémon games was the first to receive a perfect score from eminent Japanese video game magazine Famitsu, when your choices of Pokémon include an ice-cream cone and a compost heap. (March 6, Nintendo DS)

Gears of War 3 is the final instalment in the Gears of War trilogy. Look forward to four-player co-op and the scaling back of the easy mode in difficulty to suit casual players looking for a game that isn't out to destroy their dignity. Whether or not one character, Clayton Carmine, would survive or be killed off was determined through a charity event that raised over \$150,000 for Child's Play, a charity that donates toys, books and games to children's hospitals across North America. (XBOX 360)

Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword brings the Zelda franchise to the Wii, using Wii Motion Plus for purported 1-to-1 motion control of sword swinging action. I'm a little bit hesitant about this 1:1 business, especially when certain puzzles and monsters require sword strikes delivered at specific angles it sounds like a recipe for frustration. What we do know is that the game will feature a fully orchestrated soundtrack, beautiful art (the game is designed to look like a painting) and the ingeniously integrated puzzles we've come to expect from the franchise. (Sometime 2011, Wii)

Diablo III is the next game from incredibly successful developer Blizzard, responsible for such time-sucks as World of Warcraft and the Starcraft series. A long-awaited sequel to Diablo II, which came out in 1998, Diablo III was originally criticized by fans of the series for clips and trailers showing a brighter, more colourful world, when Diablo and Diablo II were very dark and gritty games. In response, the Diablo III team made t-shirts featuring a DIII 'logo' made of rainbows and unicorns. Don't be alarmed: this game definitely isn't Robot Unicorn Attack 2. (Sometime 2011, PC, Mac)

Portal 2 is the sequel to the 2007 smash hit that spawned over nine thousand memes, including (but not limited to) 'the cake is a lie'. In addition to a brand-new single player story that resurrects the ever-so-lovable, maniacal rogue AI GLaDOS, Portal 2 will include co-op multiplayer, both local and online. Though the first Portal is an incredibly tough act to follow, there's no reason to think that Portal 2 will be anything other than absolutely stellar. (April 21, PC, Mac, XBOX 360, PS3)

LittleBigPlanet 2 introduces new elements to a series that had always been only limited by the imagination. No longer restricted to just plat forming, you can now create and drag your Sackboy or Sackgirl through shooters, racers, fighting games, or even RPGs. LBP2 also includes ten additional levels separate from the main story that will use Playstation Move. It seems as though Sony is taking a series that was originally just a technical demo and transforming it into something huge. (January 18, PS3)

Other games to look forward to this year include Dead Space 2 (January 25), Marvel vs. Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds (February 15), Dragon Age II (March 8), Okamiden (March 15), Mortal Kombat (March/April), Metal Gear Solid: Rising (July 3), and Uncharted 3: Drake's Deception (November 1).

Interest-provoking games not from established franchises include Bulletstorm (an FPS that rewards particularly stylish kills, rather than shoot-at-them-until-they-die, releasing February 22), and Brink (which focuses heavily on team play, releasing in the middle of the year).





Let the Holiday Spirit Reign On

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While I was walking on Yonge Street a few days after Christmas, I passed the Metro and noticed a woman with her child in one arm and five bags of groceries in the other. As she was rushing out of the store, she spotted a homeless man covered in blankets, selling "newspapers". I have seen these "newspapers" before and I can assure you that it is not something most people would want to read, let alone pay money to read. Regardless, this woman dropped all her groceries and paid the \$2 that the man requested. As the women picked up her groceries and continued to her car, I thought to myself, "Why would she pay money to get that paper?" Then I realized she probably did not intend to read the paper. Rather, the woman purchased it as her way of helping the poor man get out of poverty.

This encounter shows that through small acts of kindness, people can make a difference in their society. Although the lights have ceased to illuminate the streets, the festive music has been silenced, and the tree has been put on the curb, I think the "holiday spirit" that we enjoy throughout much of November and December has the potential to last all year long. If each of us gives a few extra dollars or a few minutes of our time to help make someone's day brighter, we can keep that "holiday spirit" alive. As I wrote in the B.Ed Spread in September, "it's the little things" that together make a huge difference.

Through your participation at the Annual Charity Pancake Breakfast, the Pumpkin Carving Contest, and the Tree of Life, you helped bring about change in our Kingston community, specifically for the children at the Food Sharing Project and the Kingston Community Health Centre. Issy and I look forward to another semester working together to make a difference in the world around us.

Top 5 Reasons You Should Watch NUMB3RS

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With the start of the new semester also comes the return of your favourite TV shows. But what about trying something a bit different?

Many people haven't heard of Numb3rs, a show that follows two brothers as they solve crimes. Now, I know what you're thinking: "not another crime show..." However, it's not your typical series! One brother is an FBI agent; the other (Charlie) is a math genius and professor at CalSci who helps the FBI solve cases in unconventional ways.

So, why should you give this brilliant show a chance?

1. According to Wikipedia, the creators of the show were inspired to make Numb3rs after attending a lecture by none other than...Bill Nye! You must surely remember the impact your favourite science guy had on you in middle and high school. Anything related to Bill Nye must therefore be proportionally as awesome (which leads me to my next point...).

2. The math! If you're a math enthusiast then these two words will be enough to hook you. If not, no need to worry; by watching the show you gain a fascinating perspective into the applications of math. Similes and visuals are effectively used to illustrate concepts and make them viewer-friendly.

3. Amazing guest stars!

A. You can't expect Bill Nye to not play a role in the show he inspired. He guest stars as an engineering professor who helps Charlie recreate crime conditions and, of course, blow things up.

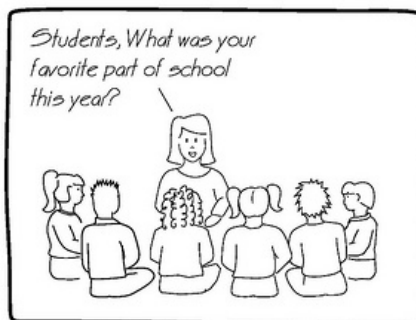
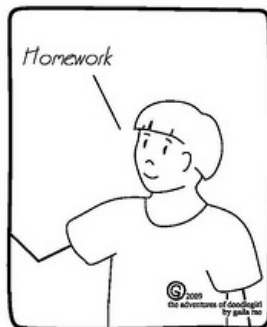
B. Several appearances are made by Canadian Jay Baruchel (remember him from Popular Mechanics for Kids?). He portrays a fantasy baseball player whose self-taught math skills prove useful to Charlie and the FBI.

C. Joseph Gordon-Levitt need I say more? He makes an appearance in season 1 playing an economics researcher who wants to use his study of econometrics to make the world a better place. Sound too good to be true? Perhaps.

4. You won't feel as guilty about procrastinating (at least that's what I keep telling myself).

5. You can find seasons 1-3 in the Education Library!

Disclaimer: I have only watched up to season 3 thus far (its season finale was unbelievable, I might add). If the show continues to get better with each season, there will certainly be no future disappointment!



Five Random Questions With... SCOTT JAY!

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Before you read this article, I'd like to let you all know that this was all Scott. I was in Los Angeles all of break and was unable to meet Scott in person to conduct this interview. I emailed Scott these questions and he answered them. He typed the answers, there is no artistic license here. I was watching the Rose Bowl on New Years Day and was blown away with the email I received in both length and details. Big ups to Scott for being a great sport and making my job easy. He has my vote (see below).

1. What Con-Ed sports team do you think had the greatest single season improvement?

That's a tough question because so many teams came out and had great seasons. The football team comes to mind; after being out-performed, out-hustled, and out-coached all of last season, we had some great recruits this season. The roster saw a lot of turnover from last year's disappointing squad and came up with a creative new playbook and defensive schemes. It was key that we played hard every game and made plays on both sides of the ball. We ended up falling one yard short of a playoff appearance.

But I think this award has to go to the men's basketball team. This team wasn't completely demoralized. We'd gone almost thirty games without a victory and the players didn't know how to win a game. There was little hope that anything would be different this season. Somehow the team worked together, put points on the board, and most importantly rebounded and played defence better than in past seasons. In the past, the team would get off to a bad start and never be able to get back in it. After a 0 and 3 start to the season the team got the lead in their fourth game and never gave it up. We were able to close the game out down the stretch and win it in impressive fashion. The feeling was analogous to the emotions of the Los Angeles Clippers winning a game. The team didn't stop there. We followed up with a huge victory over a playoff bound team, because we were determined and never gave up. We were able to get stops when we needed them and scored easy buckets in the final minutes to cement our status as the best Con-Ed basketball team in recent memory. The question is, where do we go from here? Is this team ready to take the next step and make a playoff appearance? The answer is...probably not. The team still needs to get better at rebounding and needs to find scoring from secondary sources. This upcoming season will likely see its ups and downs but should serve as a big learning experience as winning becomes the expectation. Look for the team to build towards the fall season with its each of its big three heading in to their final year of eligibility and the promises of a strong freshman class.

2. What prompted you to start the Lunch Brigade?

Back in first year I was in love with the cafeteria. I was going four times a day and savouring every bite. I was concerned about my diet going in to second year so I got 100 meals for the year and I found I started using them during breaks in the middle of the day. Usually it was just Alex and I having a feast together and the both of us thought it would be great if more people had meal plans and dined together regularly. Turned out tons of people had meal plans but they were all eating on their own thinking the same thing. So winter semester came and I started doing my best to get people to come out and eat with the new lunch crew. Suddenly we developed a large following. Con-Ed's culture of coming out to lunch regularly religiously I might say was growing exponentially. One day, walking to Leonard for lunch, Brett suggested that we name our collection of avid eaters. None of the suggested names stuck until "Lunch Brigade" was proposed. Ever since, it's been synonymous with the collection of Con-Ed jackets thrown on the chairs of an entire table in the cafeteria.

3. I hear you have ideas for a sleeping room, a gondola system, and DINO 101. Explain.

At the beginning of January, everyone on campus gets excited about the AMS elections. The candidates come to classes and pitch all their silly ideas. Last year I said that if I were running I could win the election for AMS president easily. All I'd need were my good looks and three foolproof and financially responsible ideas. The first is the most practical. Don't you hate it when you wake up for your 8:30 but then don't have class for a couple hours after that? You don't want to walk all the way home but you want to sleep for the next couple hours. Well I propose that we change one of the rooms in the JDUC, Wallace Hall perhaps, in to a sleeping room. You get a bunch of egg cartons (from the cafeteria maybe) and cover the walls to make it soundproof. Then we get a bunch of mattresses and arrange them on the floor and have students swipe their student cards to gain access to the room where they can then lie down for a while to sleep between classes. There will be an old lady who walks around in slippers so she doesn't make any noise and wakes you up, fresh as a daisy, at your desired time. My second idea is the boldest. I think it would be really bad*** if there were gondola lifts running up and down University from Union to Brock, essentially a ski lift service that takes students to campus that much faster. You'd swipe your student card and you'd get scooped up and dropped off right where you'd want to be. It's environmentally responsible compared to cars or buses. The university needs my original and forward thinking. My final idea is the most enjoyable. Everyone loves dinosaurs, yet there is no course offered exclusively about the awesomeness of the Mesozoic tyrants. DINO101 would become everyone's favourite elective course. It would involve learning about all the different cool dinosaurs, their behaviour, their appearance, evolution and other controversies. There would be a 70% multiple choice midterm and final plus a 30% essay on your favourite dinosaur and why. These ideas would constitute the entire platform of my campaign.



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4. What does the ideal beard consist of?

The thing about facial hair is that there are a lot of different things you can do. But nothing beats a full, thick, long beard. One of the often overlooked keys is the transition between the hair on your head and your facial hair. These are called sideburns. It's critical that the hair on your head is as long or longer than your facial hair (unless you go for the shaved head full beard look, in which case you are a champ - see Reggie Evans). If the transition is smooth that's great. But if the transition has a defined change in hair length is of utmost importance that this occurs at the ear lobe level. Now one frustrating thing about beards is if there is a density change in different areas. For example, I have a friend named Mark who has a really thick beard on this chin and upper lip. His beard is relatively sparse on his cheeks yet covers the whole area. The man was built to have a goatee. Yet my poor friend always rocked a trimmed beard that looked terrible. I tried to tell him but he wouldn't listen and I fear that his low quality beard will hold him back his whole life. However, it's important to note that everyone's beard is different, and you have to allow your hairs to grow in the direction and volume that is natural. Allow your beard to grow itself. Constantly stroking the hairs into place helps (side effects include doubling your output of profound thoughts) With the right patience and manliness, beard perfection can be obtained.

5. If you had an unlimited budget, what would you do with Con-Ed Athletics?

You see Tim, I fantasize about Con-Ed athletics. All successful athletics need hype, and to achieve hype, you need the media. We need to create a website that is devoted to Con-Ed athletics. It would display the schedules, standings, and statistics of all the Con-Ed teams along with player profiles and up to date articles about each team's performance. This website could also develop a fantasy team mode where Con-Ed students could draft players from the different teams and compete against their friends. Additionally, the big time Con-Ed teams need to schedule their games for prime times on Friday and Saturday nights when fans are more likely to support their teams. With these changes, Con-Ed students will become greater fans and this increased support will surely raise the team's successes.

From the athletes' perspective there is a lot that can be done. Firstly, we need to start hiring big time coaches from around the world to help lead our squads. We could invest in personalised jerseys for all teams so captains don't have to waste time getting uniforms. Additionally, we could get equipment like basketball shoes, volleyball kneepads, new hockey equipment, curling brooms, cleats, etc. to help improve the in-game performance. We could also do our best to get all the big time athletes on the five-year plan, to get the most out of their eligibility and reduce their course load so they can invest more time in training. To facilitate this training we would build a large practice facility along with a weight room specifically for Con-Ed students to hone their skills.

We need to improve the recruiting. The hiring of full time scouts is essential. We need to work with the Registrar's Office to help get athletes in Con-Ed who will have the skill set and work ethic to become integral players on multiple teams. Con-Ed is a great opportunity to train some fantastic future high school coaches through intramurals. We need to recruit these people need for the greater good of humanity

Ultimately, this is a self-sustaining industry if marketed properly. We can start selling tickets and advertising on the website. Con-Ed athletics has the potential to go to the big times. All we need is proper funding and a committed fan base.

Athletic Update

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Athletically, Con-Ed had a very successful fall semester and is ready to top that effort in the winter of 2011. First, I must make a correction to my previous sports update in the B.Ed Spread. I thoughtlessly neglected to say that Allie Tzimas caught a conversion, giving Con-Ed an insurmountable lead in the football team's October 25th win. Furthermore, she was an asset to the team throughout the season, notably making critical receptions on third downs. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight the importance of women's athletics worldwide. Female athletes' mastery of the fundamentals and commitment to teamwork and good sportsmanship illuminate what sports are really about. It is a privilege to live in today's society with household names such as Venus Williams, Kirsty Coventry, and Clara Hughes, all of whom define athletic perseverance and success.

The fall semester saw the Con-Ed men's soccer team finish the regular season undefeated and collect a remarkable six clean sheets. They followed up with an impressive 3-0 quarterfinal victory putting them head-to-head with a stacked team of former varsity players in the semi-final. There were a large number of fans who supported the team but despite a valiant effort it was a lopsided 5-0 defeat. "It was a great season but I wish we could have got a shot at the number one seed Sci'13, just to see if we could beat them, because nobody was beating this team," said defender Scott Jay, who had one goal this season.

The women's soccer team also made a playoff appearance after a strong regular season effort. The volleyball team made the playoffs as the 13th seed and lost in the round of 16 in two well played sets. The team believes they can top that performance in the winter semester. Under the radar, the hockey team has gone 4-0 to top the league as the only undefeated team, with the fall semester capped off by a big 4-1 triumph over Sci'13. "Well it's been a total team effort from all the guys. We're just trying to take it one shift at a time. We've gotten some timely saves from our goaltending when we've needed them," said left winger Bobby Briscoe.

There are a few teams to look out for in the winter semester, especially the co-ed indoor soccer team who went to

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Path," he said, gesturing past the street. I was unsure.

"University Avenue is still the most direct," I argued. "It's a straight line down, and then we can just head down Princess from there." Dana shook his head.

"We passed it on our way to the Epsilon dinner at the Copper Penny," he said. "Thus it will be shorter this way."

"Very well," I agreed. "But let it be known that I still think University Avenue would serve our quest better."

"Duly noted."

We walked to University Avenue, but then continued past it and into a cluster of ancient, but finely wrought, edifices belonging to the Queen. Our haste, due in part to the urgency of our mission and in part to the frosty temperature, soon brought us to Barrie Path, and from there it was a relatively simple route to the Princess's Street. Upon reaching it, we were unsure of how to proceed.

"I think we came from farther down Princess last time," said Dana. "So the Copper Penny would be to our left, and the Purveyor of Toys must be right."

I nodded, confident in Dana's sense of direction. My confidence began to wane, however, after we had travelled a great distance down Princess without reaching our goal.

"Should we have gone left?" I asked as we passed a bank. "I mean, maybe it was closer to the Penny than we remembered."

"No," said Dana, pointing up ahead. "There it is, I can see the sign!"

Happy to be at our destination, with a chance to get out of the cold, Dana and I ran forward. Upon reaching the shop our spirits sank.

The sign said CLOSED.

"Who the hell closes at 6pm on a week night?" I asked.

"Stores in Kingston, I guess. Why don't we keep going down Princess? There's got to be at least one other store that sells toys on this street."

We continued to search down the street, but our efforts were fruitless. Now at the very end of Princess, we sat down to decide what to do.

"Wal-Mart?" Dana suggested.

"It's two days' journey from here," I said. "Do you mean to take the Kingston Transportation System?"

"Nah, I don't feel like getting lost in the bus system at this time of night. I was thinking more of a taxi."

"Hmm. I suppose it wouldn't be too expensive for such a distance," I mused. "Very well. How about you call one to pick us up at that TD we passed a while ago?"

Several minutes and one phone call later, Dana and I were waiting out front of the large, glowing green building known as TD Canada Trust. Just as we were about to order another taxi, one pulled up in front, and we hopped in. The older gentleman driver was nice enough, but Dana and I had no sooner fastened our seat belts when he rocketed up the street at a speed you wouldn't expect of a beat up sedan. We made idle chit-chat while trying to ignore the fact that the man drove like he was just aware of the other motorists enough to avoid driving through them. Sooner than we expected, the man pulled up in front of Wal-Mart and we gratefully climbed out.

Due to the late hour, there were few others in the store besides us, and we immediately went to the toy section. While Dana looked for a suitable Lego set for his child, I perused the Barbie section for mine.

"These all look really...crappy," I commented. "Oh, look! A dentist one!"

"Nice," said Dana, who had also found his gift. "Let's get home."

After cashing out, we were fortunate enough to find a Taxi already waiting outside, looking for fares. Though this man didn't drive as fast as the first, he still made good time and soon we were back outside the Hall of Victoria.

"Well, that was interesting," said Dana as we took the elevator up.

"Yeah, I could write a B.Ed Spread article about that for sure...though I'd probably omit some parts to make it...proper.

We laughed and headed back to our respective wings, glad that the quest, though filled with pitfalls and misfortune, had been a successful one.

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the semi-finals last year. The curling team also has high hopes after going to the finals last year; this more experienced squad might be the favourite to win it all. And of course the Con-Ed water polo teams have big dreams for continued success in the pool. "We love playing water polo! It's a great way to get exercise, make new friends and have fun! WOOOOO!!!", remarked captain and enthusiast Sarah Fortune.

By far the most pressing matter in Con-Ed athletics is the daunting task of winning BEWIC Sports Days for the third year in a row. The past two years Con-Ed has won the tournament with strong performances in water polo, volleyball and of course, unparalleled spirit. This year, the team is touting rugby-basketball as their biggest strength. With improvements in both the men's and women's basketball teams coupled with the rugby-basketball demonstration during frosh week in which the (hungover) Con-Ed squad went undefeated, rugby-basketball could be Con-Ed's best sport. Ultimately spirit, sportsmanship, and confidence will hopefully be enough to give Con-Ed the threeppeat.



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23	24	25	26 Last day to submit B.Ed Spread articles!	27	28	29
30 CESA COUNCIL MEETING Dunning 11 7 pm - ?	31	Feb. 1 and 2 Check your webmail. Vote online. CESA, AMS, ASUS Elections				

