

Welcome to the second issue of the BEEDS Newsletter. You'll notice that not only is it well set out, come in an easily accessible document format, and contain a large number of colours, it also features something particularly interesting: You.

BEEDS recently held its annual **BEEDS GREAT DEBATE** on Thursday April 14. Here's 1st year Dean's Scholar Jason Li with his account of the evening...

For me, one of the first year Dean's Scholars, it was my first time participating in the Great Debate. I thought it would be more formal as it is called the 'Great' Debate and run by DS (known, and expected, to be smart). However as soon as Tristan started talking about last year's Debate and the things that went on... wow, I was totally wrong. The evening was rather more informal than I thought, more entertaining than I thought, and provided 'a little gap' in between my expectation and the reality; I thought it was well worth joining in.

Firstly, the People. Putting industry, alumni, professors and current DS together under a topic that is related to Engineering was fantastic. I guess the fact that there were so many participants from the first year DS (including myself) was a good thing. Also, the fact that we had a few people from industry there, which happened for the first time this year, was another welcome aspect of the evening. And, of course, our very active alumni. Every single person who was there made the night warmer and more enjoyable.

Secondly, the Debate. The topic this year was 'which discipline of engineering is the most important for the Future Brisbane?' The winners, Aerospace Engineers, won through their interesting arguments saying they are just going to make everything FLOATING in the future. I am not sure if they will be able to convince the civil engineers to make this happen, but we will see.

Last, but not least, the Food. I believe we all agree that 'good food' means 'lots of food'. And there certainly was a lot of food, waiting for people to arrive, and also after Great Debate finished!

Great Food, great People and great Debate. How could it possibly be greater?

I believe everyone enjoyed the night very much. Although the topic got different disciplines to compete against each other, the Great Debate showed us how each different type of engineering contributes to society and must work together. Or perhaps it simply told us that buildings might actually fly in the future and we should be weary of Aerospace students! In the end I think the Great Debate showed us that while engineering may be difficult, and at times even a little boring, it can still be a lot of fun. Just how the Great Debate was such a fun and entertaining event.

LOOK OUT FOR...

- 13 May - 14 May
Careers and Employment Expo
Check <http://www.eocexpo.com.au/> for more details

For more information on events contact beeds.alumni@qut.edu.au

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN...

Beauty and the Geek Australia is now calling for all of the geeks of the world to try their hand at the country's ultimate social experiment.

If you're an "academically gifted yet socially awkward geek", Beauty and the Geek may be your one and only chance to find true love!

The producers of the show are looking for 18-30 year-old geeks, so if you think you fit the bill, head on over to the official **Beauty and the Geek** casting website.

<http://www.mycastingnet.com/agents/applyingCastingCall.aspx?callId=NDI2>
Applications close 20 July, 2011.

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Dean's Scholars Exposed: MICHAEL "Oi, are you that Geek of TV?" PRICE.

Michael graduated from the QUT Dean's Scholars Program in 2008 with a Bachelor of Engineering, a Masters of Engineering Systems, and an upcoming reality TV show appearance. After all that, we're still trying to work out if Michael was the Geek, or in fact the Beauty.



YEARS AT QUT: Started 2005, Graduated 2008

MAJOR: Electrical and Computer Systems (Bachelor), Engineering Systems (Master)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Electrical Engineer for Sedgman, a company that designs mining related infrastructure, specialising in coal washplants. Designing Motor Control Centres and other electrical systems for industrial environments.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS: Travelling to Central Queensland for the shutdown and upgrade of a plant, and then staying up there for a month to get my hands dirty (very literally).

DEAN'S SCHOLARS MEMORIES: Destroying Medical, Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil in the 2010 Deans' Scholars Debate. Also, getting the HC11 to run my assignment after many long nights in S Block at the time, seemed like the world's greatest achievement (Electricals will know what I mean)

HOBBIES: Posing for photos with fans.

FAVOURITE SPORT: Australian Rules Football, particularly the Richmond Tigers, who only fail to win due to an underhanded conspiracy.

AMBITIONS: Definitely further reality TV, so I can further make a meaningful contribution to the world. Top choices would be "Laplace Transforms with the Stars", "Beauty and the Geek Australia Season 2019, (Heroes and Villians All-Stars Edition 3)", or "Design Idol", hosted by former QUT Lecturer-turned Television sensation Peter O'Shea.

"THE REASON I CHOSE ENGINEERING WAS...": I wanted to do maths or science and Dad told me engineers get a better paycheque, so I basically sold out :-P. Plus deep down a part of me has always wanted to invent something and I saw an engineering degree as the first step towards that.

WORDS OF WISDOM: To all the engineers still at uni, get plenty of industry experience (not necessarily just the minimum 12 weeks), employers love it, it gives you a better idea of what you want to do when you graduate, and you generally get paid better than you would at some other part-time job.

Also, if you want to make friends with electrical engineers, don't use the S Block elevators to go up one floor without a good reason.

OTHER EXCITING THINGS: I had a lesson to fly a plane the other day, that was pretty cool.

Good luck with any future TV exploits Michael, and even more good luck goes to the poor souls you choose as flight instructors.

Check back next issue to hear more about You, the Engineering Dean's Scholars of QUT.