Of undistinguished Tuesday Teas & Beer Calls
Tuesday Tea back in 2012

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From Mark Spear <mspear@cs.ubc.ca>  
Subject Tuesday Tea: British chocolates edition  
To dept@cs.ubc.ca

Good afternoon!  
After a not-particularly-brief hiatus, Tuesday Tea is back!  

Sad that the Olympics are over? Have a longing for some more toffees from the UK, courtesy of Tuesday Tea gold medalist Leigh  

Cheers,  
-mark

From Mark Spear <mspear@cs.ubc.ca>  
Subject Tuesday Tea: mini-doughnuts, cookies, and chocolate cookie clusters  
To dept@cs.ubc.ca

Good afternoon,

Tuesday Tea will take place at 4pm in the 8th floor lounge.  

This week Patrick Colp is providing a variety of treats: mini-doughnuts, cookies, and chocolate cookie clusters! Come up and enjoy them, some tea, and some discussions with fellow department members.  

Cheers,  
-mark
joint department
Good afternoon!

Today's Tuesday Tea will take place at 4pm in the 8th floor lounge.

We have a special treat today as incoming grad Nodir Kodirov is providing us with dried fruits, nuts, chocolates and other sweets from Uzbekistan.

So, come on up to the 8th floor this afternoon to enjoy some delicious tea, treats, and conversation with your fellow department members.

I'll see you then,
-Michael
Hey everyone!

The UDLs today is inspired by this wonderfully happy viral idea: 24hoursofhappy.com. Today’s talk is

**Topic:** Dance and Happiness

**Abstract:** So why does dancing make so many people so happy? What is it about random (or not-so-random) movements of the body to a beat that makes people so addicted?

Come and find out for yourself. We’ll begin at 5:15 in x836 as always.

Cheers,
Prashant
From: Deepak Azad <deepakazad@gmail.com>

Subject: Beer call: Today @ 6 pm

To: grads-social <grads-social@cs.ubc.ca>

Hi,

Let's head to The Portside Pub in downtown for a few beers after UDLs.

Location: 7 Alexander St, Vancouver
Map: [https://www.google.ca/maps/place/The+Portside+Pub+2C+Alexander+Street+2C+Vancouver+2C+BC](https://www.google.ca/maps/place/The+Portside+Pub+2C+Alexander+Street+2C+Vancouver+2C+BC)
Meet: Ground floor in front of the lift of the ICICS building or directly at Portside pub
Time: 6 pm or whenever UDLs ends

If you can't find us, you can call me at 604-366-6445.

Cheers!
Deepak (Beer Czar)
Hello, Bonjour, Hola, Guten Tag, Ciao, Namaste, Salaam, Zdras-Tvuy-Te, Ohayo, Ahn-Young-Ha-Se-Yo, Merhaba, Sain Bainuu, Salemetsiz Be?, Szia, Marhaba, Sannu, Jambo, Ni Hau, Nay Noh, Selamat Siang, Czesc, Shalom,

(I hope I didn't leave anyone out!)

I just want to officially introduce myself in my new (yeah really !?) role as beer Czar. Name: Joli. Previous qualifications: born in Germany, go figure. References: please call Displace.

I have to admit that the Yogurt UDSL kind of took me by surprise, but I am sure, we can figure something out for tonight!

Anyway, in general, I really want to stress that the Friday night beer call does not necessarily require you to drink beer! (Or other alcoholic beverages for that matter). It's just a great chance to talk to your fellow grad students in a social totally casual way. Thus, I hope to see you all at one or the other event!

Till then, haltet die Ohren steiff!
Cheerio,
Joli

PS: First official social get together: This sunday after the Sun Run, probably around noonish, we'll be heading to the Six Acres in Gastown!
April 25, 2014 – after sunrun
Good afternoon!

As the new tea czar, it is my pleasure to invite you all to 8th floor lounge today at 4pm for Tea, Treats and Conversation with your fellow department members.

The dethroned Mihail has not abandoned you, and will bring some delicious pecan tarts and lemon tarts.

dо скорой встречи,
Antoine
July 22, 2014 – the crêpes incident

Good afternoon,

Last minute change in the program: I will make some crêpes for Today's Tea. I know it lacks originality, but hopefully not flavour.

Today's Tea will exceptionally take place at the GSS Building - "The Epicentre of the Graduate Student Life at UBC" - conveniently located on the other side of campus, just a 15 minutes walk away. Buses will be picking up people on Agronomy Road, starting at 3:30pm, then every 10 minutes. You can also call a cab, rent a bike or steal one.

Until then,
Yours truly

p.s. This is a joke. Don't steal bikes.

In case it wasn't clear, the entire email is a joke. Tea will happen in the 8th floor lounge as normal.

Don't come to the gss building.

-former tea tzar Michael

Sent to you from the gss building.

My apologies to those who took the original email too seriously. As it was pointed out to me, sarcasm does not change the truth value of what is being said; and yes, the GSS could have organized buses just for this event between our department and the GSS building. In the future, I will refrain from putting general moral advice next to important sentences, as it might impact the understanding of the latter; and I will use a non-ambiguous syntax such as <joke> </joke> or LOLOLOL.

As a token of my apology, I have attached to this email an ancestral crêpe recipe that has proven its valour on many occasions.

Yours truly (this time),
Antoine
July 22, 2014 – the crêpes incident

From Antoine Ponsard <aponsard@cs.ubc.ca>
Subject Tuesday Tea - Crêpes
To dept@cs.ubc.ca

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From Antoine Ponsard <aponsard@cs.ubc.ca>
Subject Tuesday Tea - Bhel puri and other snacks
To dept@cs.ubc.ca

Good afternoon department,

Nayantara will bring for our delight Bhel puri and other unidentified Indian snacks.

Today's Tea will exceptionally take place on the Moon - "The Epicentre of the Graduate Student Life at UBC" - conveniently located right next to the Earth. The GSS is organizing rocket launches from Agronomy Road, starting at 3:30pm, then every 10 minutes. You can also try one of the 7 rather unconventional methods that Cyrano de Bergerac invented in 1640. Results may vary.

See you then,
Antoine

p.s. This is not a joke. Buy a spacesuit, or steal one.
Hi everyone,

Today's UDLs talk
Title: How your native language shapes your world
Speaker: Daniel Rozenberg
Abstract: This talk will introduce you to a random sample of concepts from the wonderful yet disturbing world of linguistics. The focus will be on the life long effects that your native language has on you. We'll be conducting two short online experiments during the presentation, so make sure to bring your laptop or smartphone!
Where: X836
When: 5:15 pm

Please consider giving a UDLs talk! Add yourself to the signup spreadsheet, it only takes a minute! :)

Beer Call
Joli is too busy for beer (!) so today we'll be led by the self described "Extremely Beer-Ignorant Interim Beer Czar" Nayantara Duttachoudhury. She will be taking us to The Cove at 3681 W 4th Ave (4th and Alma) after the UDLs.

Meet in front of the elevator on the ground floor after UDLs (approx. 5:45-6:00 pm), leave after ten minutes.
Late comers can call Nayantara for help: 604-417-8643

Joli added the following message:

Cheers!
November 11, 2014
Tuesday Tea: Cancelled

Good morning everyone,

It is my sad duty to inform you that there will be no Tuesday Tea today, as it is a national holiday. However, you could try to make tea at home. Many tutorials are available online, but really it comes down to three simple steps:

1. Boiling water;
2. Adding a tea bag to the water - without its package;
3. Waiting for the water to become tea, then drinking it - without the tea bag.

Please enjoy responsibly.
Your tea czar.
Beer Call

This story is about Hans. Hans is in grad school. Monday morning, Hans slept in. He got to the lab at 11:43 am and caught up on his emails and other social media notifications before he joins his lab mates for lunch. After lunch he comes across this really interesting article about Costa Rica being powered by renewable energy only and then another article about explaining the energy consumption in the US and then another article about Stephen Harper's political influence on environmental research institutions in Canada and then it's time for coffee. When he comes back he pulls out a paper he meant to read over the weekend, answers a few emails and puts on his favourite paper reading music. He gets started with the abstract. Half way through the introduction he decides that he is too hungry to concentrate and heads home to cook dinner. Tuesday morning, Hans is busy cleaning his apartment. He gets to the lab at 11:26 am. He just very briefly checks his virtual obligations and then continues reading the paper he started on Monday. He comes across an interesting reference. He googles the reference, scans through the paper and downloads it. He repeats this step 5 times, well not exactly the same step. It turns out that 2 out of the 5 interesting papers that were referenced seem irrelevant. The virtual pile of "to read" papers is growing. Hans leaves for lunch and feels like he had a very productive morning. He is on page 3 in his paper. This time he goes for a coffee straight from lunch, it's just one of those days. When he returns to his lab he continues reading. When he gets to the methods part he is reminded of this other method that he just recently came across. A quick google search leads him straight into a wikipedia loop. The only way to get out is being distracted by one of his lab mates. They have an hour long conversation about the cricket world cup and the significance of cricket in society in general. After that it's definitely time for another cup of the good stuff. He returns to his desk to work his way through the rest of the methods section. Then he heads home. Wednesday morning, Hans has a meeting with his supervisor at 10:00 am. He gets there at 10:03 am even though he meant to prepare a few things before hand. The quick glance that he took at his notes on the bus must do. His supervisor gets there at 10:23 am giving him some time of preparation after all. He feels like the meeting went well. Lots of new ideas and possibilities, Hans feels good about not doing too much work before hand since the course of his project seems to spin into a completely new direction all together, is it even worth finishing that paper he started reading? He remembers that he has a journal club in the afternoon. He panically prints out the paper and reads the abstract, parts of the introduction and the conclusion. Then he does a quick forward search to see what other people have thought of the paper. Always good to have a couple of comments ready for the reading group. After the journal club he finally finds the time to answer some emails and other virtual obligations. He then needs to go out and find some food, since he has had no time to eat earlier. He might as well go home after grabbing food, the bus is right there anyway. He takes the half read paper to finish reading it on the bus. He doesn't. Thursday morning on the bus Hans gets into the discussion part of the paper he is reading. He has already forgot most of the introduction and methods so he needs to go back and forth. He gets to the lab at 10:36 am. All his lab mates are going to a recruiting talk at 11:00 am. He joins them. After the talk there is a casual lunch. Luckily there is coffee at the lunch so he saves time which is good since he is behind with his work. When he returns to the lab he gets side tracked by a funny video Youtube kindly suggested other videos he might like. He didn't but still watched them. Then he returns to the discussion part of the paper he had been reading. He gets half way through until he gets sleepy and needs to head out for another cup of coffee. He runs into a friend he hasn't seen in a while since they are not taking classes together anymore. They go for a beer instead, it's Thursday after all. Friday morning Hans is slow to get up. He gets to the lab at 11:48 am. He skipped breakfast so after responding to his virtual obligations he heads out for lunch. After lunch he finally finishes reading this paper he had no time to read all week. He prints out a couple more to read over the weekend. It's now Friday 3:30 pm. Definitely time for a cup of coffee, then he thinks he could attend the UDLS thing, "The art of crafting light words". Sounds cool and might be interesting. And after that he could join the others for a beer. It's the end of a busy week after all.

If you have read this far you are a Hans. If Hans is going to beer call, so can you! Tonight all Hanses of this department will go to Yager's Kitsilano. It was a week of hard work after all.

Where: Yager's Kitsilano, 2684 W Broadway

When: After UDLS (around 6 pm) — meet at the X-Wing 1st floor elevator

March 27, 2015 – Hans
2015: good year for the Tea Czar

Are you tired of getting your mustache wet?

Then buy:

A Detachable Moustache Guard

Be wise, O my Sorrow, be calmer.
You implored the evening; it falls; here it is:
A dusky air surrounds the town,
Bringing peace to some, worry to others.

Whilst the worthless crowd of humanity,
Lashed by Pleasure, that merciless torturer,
Go to gather remorse in slavish rejoicing,
Give me your hand, my Sorrow; come with me,

Far from them. See the dead years leaning,
In worn-out clothing, on the balconies of the skies;
See how Regret, grinning, rises from the deep waters;

The dying sun goes to sleep in an archway,
And, like a long shroud dragging from the East,
Hear, O my dear one, hear the soft night coming.

— Charles Baudelaire, Les Fleurs du Mal

ecext for that 1 critic...

Actually, “tea” is a portuguese word. It means “you”. But thats a story for another day... XD

Help the hungry grad student get to Ankur’s Mithi Dai without getting caught by the supervisor!
May – June 2015: the Tea Revolution
Other noteworthy dates

UDLS & Curling Call
October 10, 2014

UDLS & Skating Call
January 16, 2015

UDLS – A Tour of the Nerd Kingdom
January 30, 2015
(~ 2 hours long)

Beer call died
January 23, 2015
Worthy tea czar successor

That's no tea!!

4pm, 8th floor. I pity the fool who doesn't show up.

08-2012  09-2013  04-2014  05-2014  09-2014  03-2015  5/6-2015  after
Worthy tea czar successor

08-2012  09-2013  04-2014  05-2014  09-2014  03-2015  5/6-2015  after
Is this beer?
I’ve been removed from grad social, soo I don’t know
Tuesday Tea on a Wednesday???
Thank you!

Collaborators:

Sorry to the UDLS, tea, and beer czars that I left out of this presentation. Didn’t want to pull a Neil (t>1.5 h).