

Collegiate Connections

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For this contest, I've put an Amherst twist on MentalFloss.com's weekly Kennections quiz, designed by *Jeopardy!* champion and host Ken Jennings. The trivia clues might initially seem unrelated to one another, but as you give the answers, a common theme will emerge for each puzzle.

Last Quarter's Winners

Senior Editor Katharine Whittemore challenged readers to crunch down their toughest academic project from senior year to a one-sentence description. For the magazine editors, choosing the winner was its own challenge.

First place goes to **Bob Sather '68** for this entry: *Numbers are a fiction but we pretend they're real*. The actual title of his senior thesis in philosophy? "Remarks on Wittgenstein's *Remarks on the Foundations of Mathematics*."

Courtney Wieland Jarrahan '02E takes second place for: *There's no shortcut to cloning a cow*. Her biology thesis was titled "A Minimally Altered Primary Cell Line Facilitates Genetic Modification of Bovine Fibroblasts."

In third place is **Ali Khoddam '23** for: *I studied how cells pee*. Khoddam's real thesis title in biochemistry/biophysics was "Utilizing a Hybrid Reverse Genetic Screen to Uncover *Dictyostelium discoideum* Contractile Vacuole Regulators."

Thank you to all who entered the contest!

PUZZLE 1

A Alfred _____, known for *Rope*, *Rebecca* and *Rear Window*

B "_____ porridge hot, _____ porridge cold ..."

C Name shared by *Baby-Sitters Club* author (and Smith College graduate) Ann M. _____ and 95 Theses author _____ Luther

What's the Amherst College connection? _____

PUZZLE 2

A A peacock's most extravagant feature

B U.S. term for what a British motorist would call the "boot"

C 1979 Fleetwood Mac song featured in a 2014 horror-comedy film of the same name

What's the Amherst College connection? _____

PUZZLE 3

A Mathematician portrayed by Taraji P. Henson in *Hidden Figures*: Katherine _____

B Wine made from honey

C Logically, $Q \rightarrow P$ is the _____ of $P \rightarrow Q$

What's the Amherst College connection? _____

PUZZLE 4

The four highlighted letters in the answers above, when rearranged, give the abbreviation for an academic department voted into existence at Amherst in 1992. What is the full name of this department?

YOUR CHALLENGE

Fill in the blanks to spell the answers to each clue. For each of the first three puzzles, answers A, B and C will have a common bond that relates to Amherst College in some way, and you must identify the connection. For example, if the answers were FROST, SANCHEZ and WILBUR, the connection would be "famous poets who have taught at Amherst" (i.e., Robert Frost, Sonia Sanchez and Richard Wilbur '42). Puzzle 4 refers back to the four highlighted letters from the other puzzles' answers.

Send a scan or photo of your completed contest to magazine@amherst.edu, or mail this page to *Amherst* magazine, Box 5000, Amherst MA 01002. From the correct entries, we'll randomly choose one winner to receive an Amherst T-shirt.