by The Campus League of Puzzlers

The Campus League of Puzzlers is a group of students and alums who enjoy writing and solving puzzles. Our main event is the annual Berkeley Mystery Hunt, a 12 hour puzzle solving competition for teams of up to 10 people. This year's hunt will be Sunday, May 4; we'll have more information for you as that date nears.

The goal of this column, which runs in the Daily Cal and on our Facebook page each Thursday, is to introduce you to a wide variety of puzzles. The solutions to each of the puzzles will clue a single letter of the English alphabet. When you've solved the puzzle, visit our website to confirm your answer.

This week's puzzle is called an hashiwokakero (or "bridges"). The goal is to join all the islands (represented by the numbered circles) with a network of bridges (lines). The total number of bridges out of each island is given by the number in the circle. The bridges may only run orthogonally up-down or leftright. At most two bridges may connect each pair of islands (thus allowing a maximum of 8 bridges out of a single island). Bridges must be straight lines, may not cross other bridges, and must stop when they hit an island. The network must be fully connected: every island should be reachable from any other island by some path. Once you've solved the puzzle look at the double bridges to reveal this week's answer.

Week 3: BRIDGES



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