

Welcome to the first Fall 2013 issue of Fiat Enigma, the weekly puzzle column of the Campus League of Puzzlers! We are a group of students and alumni who enjoy writing and solving puzzles. Our main event is the annual Berkeley Mystery Hunt, a 12 hour puzzle solving competition held at the start of RRR week in the spring. You can visit our website (<http://puzzle.berkeley.edu>) to view archives of past Berkeley Mystery Hunts and Fiat Enigma columns.

Each Thursday for the rest of the semester, we'll publish a new puzzle. But these aren't your typical puzzles – they won't come with instructions. Without instructions, how do you even start? That is the puzzle itself: the hardest step is often figuring out just what to do. This type of puzzle focuses on the “Aha!” moment, when you realize how to wrangle a bunch of information into a logical order.

Broadly speaking, these puzzles follow a few basic guidelines. They have three major components: a **TITLE**, some *flavortext*, and the content. The content is the bulk of the puzzle – all your work will involve the information contained therein. The title and flavortext usually indicate the theme of the puzzle, and provide clues about how to manipulate the information you've been given. The full meaning of these clues may only be evident once you've figured out what to do.

Solving the puzzle requires extracting an **ANSWER**, which will be a common English word or short phrase, from the given information. It should become clear when you've found the answer – everything will fit neatly into place. When solving

these puzzles, no resource is off limits: you can use computerized solvers, do web searches, or call your Grandma.

During this semester, each puzzle will also come with a “wedge”. You do not need to look at this wedge in order to solve the puzzle. However, the answers to all the puzzles will combine to form another puzzle, called a “metapuzzle”. You will need to use the wedges to solve the metapuzzle.

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The odds are 1:1 that there's something wrong with my computer.

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Y 6 Z N 5 A M
C 9 O 4 V P
U I 3 DR 2 H 5 P
8 E 4 G B S 7 T H 3 L
X J
1 F 6 9

