

## by The Campus League of Puzzlers

Welcome to the first Spring 2015 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 we will present a new puzzle in the Daily Cal. It will also be posted on our website and on our Facebook page. The puzzles in this column aren't your typical puzzles – they don't come with instructions. The hardest step of the puzzle is often figuring out 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 and extract an answer.

Broadly speaking, these puzzles follow a few basic guidelines. They have three major components: a **TITLE**, possibly some *flavortext*, and the content. The content is the bulk of the puzzle. The title and flavortext usually indicate the theme of the puzzle and pro-

vide 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.

Submit your answer on our website (<http://puzzle.berkeley.edu>). We will print the names of the first solvers to submit a correct answer in next week's column.

## Week 1: Rho, Rho, Rho

wager on a good grade

$0.0 \times 10^{-6}$  m

mountain laugh

teaspoon of gold

m, kg, s, A, K, mol, and cd on ABC in the AM

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