

by The Campus League of Puzzlers

Solution to I Am Number One:

The answers to the crossword clues are:

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION
HOI POLLOI
FORTISSISSIMO
OSTEOPOROSIS
MITOCHONDRION
EPIDEMIOLOGIST

Each of these answers is a long word or phrase containing a lot of Is and Os. The title clues that $I = 1$. Extract the Is and Os from each word (there are always 5 in total) and read the resulting string as a number written in binary. Then, convert that number to a letter (as $A=1$, $B=2$). Reading top to bottom, the answer is BINARY.

Congratulations to Willa C, M McClain, and cw2o3 for being the first to submit the correct answer to last week's puzzle on our website.

If you enjoy puzzles, we hope you will join us at the annual Berkeley Mystery Hunt at the end of the spring semester.

This puzzle is the fifth in our ongoing series. 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 5: The Long and the Short of It

fandango
time warp
charleston
line
tango
minuet
Irish jig

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