

## by The Campus League of Puzzlers

Welcome to the first Fall 2014 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 week, on Thursday, we will present a new puzzle. This column will be printed in the Daily Cal. It will also be posted on our website and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CalPuzzlers>). When you have solved the puzzle, submit your answer on our website. This semester, we will also be running a puzzle-writing contest via this column. Look for more details in the second half of the semester.

The puzzles in this column 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.

### Week 1: The Mask You See

2008's \_\_\_ the Plumber / Bobby Orr e.g. (6)

"Beam me up, \_\_\_\_\_" (2)

Rangers's Sosa (3)

Parker for Tobey and Andrew / Animal that feeds on insects (6)

Odin as the god of wishes (2)

Rock Sand's colt (6)

Stadium cheer (1)

Disney's king under the sea (1)

Bill & Ted's booth man (5)

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