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Department of Community Safety
Departmental Directive

Compendium Test

The History and Culture of Reed College Through the Ages

Source: “The New (Olde) Reed Almanac, as published in the Reed Magazine, December 2011 (attached).

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Overview & Guidelines

All Community Safety staff are expected to have a strong working knowledge of Reed College, including the history and culture of the institution. The attached “almanac” and knowledge test are intended to provide a starting point for Community Safety staff. All CS staff hired after implementation of this directive shall complete the test as part of their initial training. Current CS staff should review this information and complete the test no later than August 15th of each year, typically the week before new students begin to arrive. Completed tests will be maintained in the departmental training file.

This knowledge test will be repeated annually as part of recurring training and knowledge testing beginning in the summer of 2012.

The following test was created by the Community Safety Director, Gary Granger, and is considered a small part of the knowledge essential to providing outstanding service to the Reed community. Thanks to the Reed Magazine Editor, Chris Lydgate ’90, and his collaborators for creating the almanac. Errors and omissions in the almanac are Chris’ fault. Errors and general nonsense in the test may be blamed on Gary—and everyone still has to read the material and take the test.

Reed Almanac Questions

1. 12 Noon. What did former registrar Ellen Knowlton Johnson ’39 do to help seniors get their theses in by the noon deadline?
 - a. Send hand-written reminders to students the week before
 - b. Unplug the office clock just before noon
 - c. Allow “late” ones to be dropped off at her home
2. Asylum Block is the term for what “modernist” designed building(s) on Reed’s campus?
 - a. Old Dorm Block
 - b. Eliot Hall’s lower level
 - c. Foster-Scholz
3. What was the cause of a student occupation of Eliot Hall in 1968?
 - a. A bout of intestinal illnesses among students attributed to the Commons food
 - b. A movement advocating co-ed dorms
 - c. The lack of a black studies program at Reed

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4. During his time as Reed's president (1971-88), Paul Bradgon increased the size of Reed's endowment buy how much?
 - a. Doubled in size
 - b. 10 times larger
 - c. 16 times larger
5. What Reed class did Apple founder, Steve Jobs, take in 1972 and call a "key influence" on Apple fonts and style?
 - a. Fruit biology
 - b. Computer science
 - c. Calligraphy
6. What was the name of the initial benefactor who endowed Reed college in her will when she died in 1904?
 - a. Amanda Smith
 - b. Amanda Jones
 - c. Amanda Reed
7. What did Reed's first president, William T. Foster, ban at Reed?
 - a. Intercollegiate sports
 - b. Fraternities and sororities
 - c. Grades
 - d. All of the above
8. In 1912, what term of endearment did the 124 "freshlings" and 45 sophomores use to refer to the campus?
 - a. Mr. Ladd's Cow Pasture
 - b. Crystal Springs Canyon
 - c. Eden
 - d. Hell
9. What was one of the competitions held during the first Campus Day celebration in 1912?
 - a. Pie eating contest
 - b. Tug-of-war over the lake
 - c. Tall bike jousting
10. Students and staff began having Canyon Days in 1913. What are some of the activities for which the lake has been used since that time?
 - a. Canoeing
 - b. Ice skating
 - c. Thesis research
 - d. Pot smoking
 - e. All of the above
11. What is the scientific name for the cherry blossom trees in Eliot Circle?
 - a. Purnus Eliotus
 - b. Prunus serrulata
 - c. Prunus Reedus
 - d. Prunus I-don't-careus
12. The catalogue of ships is a legendary passage in which book?
 - a. The Odyssey

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- b. Herodotus
 - c. The Iliad
 - d. The student handbook
13. The tall bike club of Portland, founded by Reed alumnus Karl Anderson '95 is "formally" known as what?
- a. Tall bikes of PDX
 - b. CHUNK 666
 - c. Bikes-R-us
14. "I think, therefore I am" is translated into Latin . . .
- a. Cogito ergo sum
 - b. Cogito ergo ructo
 - c. Cogito ergo accendo
15. What explanation(s) have been offered to explain the 1962 "Columbus Day Storm," an "extratropical cyclone," that wreaked havoc at Reed and the west coast?
- a. Divine retribution after Reed defeated Columbia Christian College 19-7 on the football field
 - b. Global warming
 - c. A mock crucifixion during halftime
 - d. Both a. and c.
16. What is the official unofficial Reed motto:
- a. Eat, sleep, study
 - b. Communism, atheism, free love
 - c. Cogito ergo cogito
17. What two significant events happened in 1919?
- a. Reed entered into intercollegiate sports
 - b. The first Canyon Day was held
 - c. The Honor Principle was written into the community constitution
 - d. Both a. and c.
18. What is the origin of the first Doyle Owl, *Strigidus cmentus*?
- a. Roof of Old Dorm Block
 - b. Local cemetery grave site
 - c. Eastmoreland private residence lawn
19. One evening in the early 1940s the then Dean of Women, Cornelia LeBoutillier, commented to the night watchman (an ancestor of today's CSO), "Oh, Mr. Brownlee, listen to all those crickets." What was Mr. Brownlee's response?
- a. "Yes, they sound so romantic in your presence."
 - b. "I don't have time for crickets. I need to lock up the Library."
 - c. "Boolya! Those ain't crickets, those are zippers!"
20. What was the title for the Dean of Students until the late 1940s?
- a. The Chancellor's Assistant
 - b. The Dean of Women
 - c. The Dean of Everything
21. Dogs, *Canus lupus reedus*, are reported to have engaged in what activities prior to implementation of a dog policy in the 1990s?

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- a. Scrounging in Commons
 - b. Attending classes
 - c. Eating squirrels
 - d. All of the above
22. What is the current estimated number of Doyle Owls that have existed at Reed?
- a. No more than five
 - b. Well over a dozen
 - c. 23, plus or minus 11
23. According to the legend of the Doyle Owl, how was it first acquired?
- a. Students living in Old Dorm Block House F stole it from an Eastmoreland lawn
 - b. Students lowered it from the roof of ODB where it was part of the original architecture
 - c. Architect A.E. Doyle donated it to the Reed art collection and it was later “liberated” from the Library
24. What is the average GPA for a Reed graduate?
- a. There are no grades at Reed
 - b. 3.85
 - c. 3.08
25. How many Reed graduates have achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA in the past quarter century?
- a. There are no grades at Reed—really!
 - b. Zero
 - c. 10
26. In the early 1980s the 4-year graduation rate for Reed students was 28%. What is it today?
- a. 28%
 - b. 90%
 - c. 70%
27. What well-known drug was developed by Reed alumnus Kenneth Koe '45?
- a. Synthetic marijuana
 - b. Zoloft
 - c. No-doze
28. In 1947 students were arrested at a bus stop for violating curfew while engaged in what activity?
- a. Reading poetry
 - b. Smoking
 - c. Arguing about Plato
29. The official mascot of Reed College is what creature?
- a. The beaver
 - b. The owl
 - c. The Griffin
30. What year-long course is required for all incoming first-year students at Reed?
- a. Introduction to the thesis
 - b. Stegophily

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- c. HUM 110
31. What is the approximate faculty to student ratio at Reed?
- 1:1
 - 1:22
 - 1:10
32. In 1954 the MacNaughton residence halls was built. What was it's original name?
- MacNaughton
 - House F
 - New Women's Dorm
33. In 1955 the Foster-Scholz residence halls were built. What where their original names?
- Foster-Scholz
 - Yin & Yang
 - New Men's Dorm
34. What well-known computer software was developed by Reed alumnus Peter Norton?
- Microsoft Windows
 - Angry Birds
 - Norton Utilities
35. When did the first thesis parade take place?
- 1911
 - 1961
 - One year ago
36. What member of the periodic table of elements has it's own celebratory day at Reed, originating in 1992?
- Promethium (Pm 61)
 - Hafnium (Hf 72)
 - Nitrogen (N 7)
 - Reedium (R 119)
37. When was the last year of Olde Reed?
- 1915: year of first graduating class
 - 1969: year the student union burned to the ground
 - The year before the year you arrived here
38. "Comrades of the Quest" originated where?
- House F, now known as Doyle in ODB
 - An editorial in the Quest in the early 1900s
 - As an offshoot of the unofficial motto of Reed: atheism, communism, free love
39. From whence did the name Winch in ODB originate?
- Famous poet, Rodney Wallace Winch
 - The device attached to the bumpers of many trucks driven mainly in the east county

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- c. Amanda Reed's nephew, Martin Winch, without whom Amanda's other relatives would surely have plundered her will and killed Reed before it was born
40. What definition best fits the discipline of physics at Reed?
- a. The study of things bumping into other things, occasionally producing electricity
 - b. The study of matter and motion through the space-time continuum
 - c. The study of exuding superiority over the other science disciplines
41. Scrounging is often described as what?
- a. The tradition of searching the library for a specific thesis
 - b. Lurking through commons, harassing freshmen
 - c. The tragedy of the commons
42. What major event(s) took place at Reed in 1970?
- a. Coed dorms were first allowed
 - b. The word "paradigm" was first used in a thesis title
 - c. The Doyle Owl appeared to greet emissaries from the U.S. Dept of Justice who came to college
 - d. All of the above
43. What are the origins of Renn Fayre, the annual celebration following submission of senior theses?
- a. Begun in Olde Reed times as part of Amanda Reed's penchant for dancing
 - b. Organized by Linda G. Howard '70 in 1968 as a Renaissance Faire
 - c. Evolved from campus protests in the 1960s
44. What object was buried under the construction site of a wing of the Library in 1988—and is still there?
- a. An MG Midget sportscar
 - b. The original Doyle Owl
 - c. A time capsule with the first senior theses ever published
45. Reed alumnus Larry Sanger '91 co-founded what web-based institution?
- a. Facebook
 - b. e-bay
 - c. Wikipedia
 - d. All of the above
46. What is an occasional name for the Reed Women's Rugby team?
- a. Meanest Nerd Women Alive
 - b. Reed Women's Rugby team
 - c. Badass Sparkle Princesses
47. Where did the term "Sound Experiments" originate?
- a. An infamous physics thesis experiment that nearly rendered several students and faculty deaf after a "miscalculation"
 - b. Music Professor Herb Gladstone launching monthly "experimental" performances in the old Student Union
 - c. A Portland-based band of the same name
48. What is "Spring Crisis"?

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- a. Annual campus controversy of an unpredictable nature typically taking place in March or April
 - b. A term used by seniors to describe the deadline for turning in theses
 - c. A term used by students on the board plan to describe the sudden realization that they are out of board points with three weeks of school left to go
49. What was one early example of a “Spring Crisis” at Reed?
- a. Movement to change the official unofficial motto from “atheism, communism, free love,” to “paganism, capitalism, hedonism”
 - b. Rumor that the Scrounge Table would be prohibited
 - c. Charge that female students were smoking cigarettes
50. To what does the “Stanley Moore Affair” of 1954 refer?
- a. Rumored amorous relationship between Professor Moore and an unnamed dance student that led to a proposed ban on “institutional fraternization”
 - b. Firing of Professor Stanley Moor after he declined to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee or discuss his political views with Trustees
 - c. The theft of the answer key to Professor Moore’s final exam and its subsequent publication in the Quest
51. What—among other things—is required of all Reed seniors in order to graduate?
- a. Attendance at the Thesis Parade
 - b. Submission of a thesis by the last day of classes
 - c. Hugging the college president after having been drenched in champagne
52. What are the principle traditional elements of Thesis Parade?
- a. Burning of thesis notes/drafts in a fire pit in front of the Library
 - b. Spraying seniors with champagne
 - c. Rose petal canons on the Library roof
 - d. Parading (occasionally naked) through the Library, led by the Drum Kor
 - e. All of the above—and more . . .
53. What sorts of activities are believed to earn students *Timê* (Greek for “honor”)?
- a. Scrounging
 - b. Rugby
 - c. Stealing the Doyle Owl
 - d. All of the above—and more . . .
54. How much does tuition, room, and board cost at Reed for one year (2011/12)?
- a. Free if you have really good grades
 - b. About as much as a new Mini Cooper (\$22,500)
 - c. About as much as a Range Rover Sport (\$53,500)
 - d. None of the above