

Trivial Tidbits

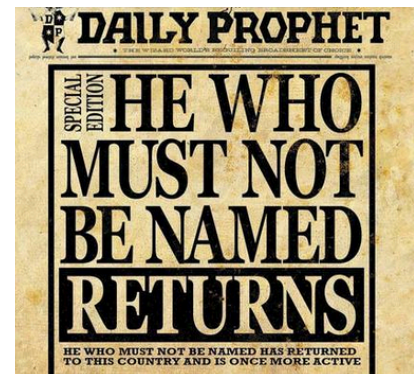
Trivia Puzzle by Greg Pliska '84

Williamsiana Trivia Contest organized by Tom Gardner '79 with Laurie Brink '06, Allie Gardner '10, Ben Kitchen '21, Madison Kitchen S'21, Dave Letzler '05, Rich Levy '74, Leigh Winter Martin '99, and Stewart Menking '79

Your puzzle answer—which is not the answer to question ten—is nine letters long.

1. Williams professor David Tucker Smith is an expert on the Standard Model of what two-word scientific discipline?
2. WAFFLES of Williams, a self-described "wholesome underground prank collective," distributed this Facebook post (below right), promoting an event where they would read the text of a 2003 novel, the fifth in a series. What are the last four words of that novel's title?
3. In the following passage, Nobel Prize-winning poet and former Williams professor Louise Glück writes of what woman from Greek mythology?

Unlike the rest of us, she doesn't know
what winter is, only that
she is what causes it.
She is lying in the bed of Hades.
What is in her mind?
Is she afraid? Has something
blotted out the idea
of mind?



4. Dot, Desiree, Fosca and Pseudolus are among the first names of characters created by a Williams alum with what first name?
5. In October of 1851, a majestic animal named Columbus met his death when a bridge spanning the Hoosic River collapsed as he was crossing. The remains were purportedly donated to Williams College for stuffing and display, but no record of the acquisition exists and the whereabouts of the burial site are unknown. What kind of animal was Columbus?
6. What is the name of the Williams student organization that sponsored many film events on campus in the 80s and 90s, including Friday night features in Bronfman auditorium and queer film weekends at Images Cinema? (The answer is a ten-letter word meaning "film lovers.")
7. Williams College dropout Walker Evans went on to have a distinguished career in photography, including the shot at right from a Time/Life photo series featuring what iconic automobile? The model, today in its 8th incarnation, was originally a replacement for the manufacturer's Silver Ghost. (Manufacturer and model required.)
8. According to foodallergy.org, Williams College offers 12 of 14 recommended accommodations for allergic students, including having what drug available for emergency response?
9. Bud Collyer '31 was the voice of a famous superhero and his alter ego (both of whose names have been bleeped out in the clip at the URL below). In this scene, he switches identities while in an anteroom, but in later iterations of the character he would often use what common public fixture for this purpose?
<https://www.exaltation-of-larks.com/puzzlesinpurple/uploads/COLLYER.mp3>
10. The nine previous answers have what in common?

