

OVERHEARD AT THE ATTENDANCE FORM

Beginner's Guide to the Universe
(Astronomy 98), Fall 2019

9/4: Is there a period after the "Dr(.)" in "Dr(.) Pepper?"

- I do not believe so!
- If only I were an English major, I'd know
- I don't think so? Not a real doctor.
- Yes. She earned it.
- Neither? there is no period

9/9: Scientists announce tomorrow the discovery of the weirdest planet ever discovered. What is the weirdest thing it could possibly be made of?

- Vacuum Cleaners
- Penguins
- Space cheese
- Black matter
- The planet that fire and water could be coexist

9/11: What's something you feel you're good at?

- Walking
- Watching tv (I actually took an English class about sitcoms haha)
- League of Legends
- I won the 3rd grade school-wide hula-hooping contest. :^)
- I think I'm good at smash bros
- Not waking up for my 8AMs

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9/18: Describe what is a 7 in five word or less

- what
- number
- Seven is a number
- A number greater than six
- The number that 8 9
- 74 x 105mm paper

9/23: You need to make a tinfoil hat, but your kitchen has run out of tinfoil. What do you make it out of?

- Aluminum Foil
- Tin foil, I'll just buy some more
- Tinfoil
- My other tinfoil hat
- Imagination
- The foil sitting in my recycle bin from the Chipotle burrito I ate over the weekend

9/25: Your favorite fake math trivia:

- Einstein failed Calculus.
- Each number was named after the offspring of Ferdinand of Aragon
- the one where no matter what number you pick, you get 3
- OH in The Simpsons episode "Bart vs. Australia," Lisa explains that toilets flush clockwise in the northern hemisphere and counterclockwise in the southern hemisphere (or vice versa; I don't remember) due to the Coriolis effect, and that idea became common in popular culture, but it's **WRONG** lol. I had to watch this episode for an English class I took about sitcoms and I remember googling this.

9/30: You and a super intelligent snail both get 1 million dollars, and you both become immortal, however you die if the snail touches you. It always knows where you are and slowly crawls toward you. What's your plan?

- pour salt on it
- Use the million dollars to get a chance to get into the CERN lab and somehow get the snail into a container of antimatter
- use the lightspeed magic sheep
- i guess ill die, snails are too smart

10/2: Answer any question you want, but don't tell us the question.

- No
- Yes
- Yes he is.
- Nic
- Shishir and Shashank
- September 10, 1993 on FOX
- People might feel like they were less connected to others, but it would be a lot harder for manipulative stories and opinions to spread.

10/7: How many steps does it take to get to Campbell Hall?

- At least 3.
- 150
- 1000000000000
- 52!
- So I counted on my way home tonight and I actually take 120 steps in one minute so I take 1440 steps in total to get from home to Campbell 😁
- Dodgers need to win this game to avoid a game 5 and move on to the national league championships.

10/14: Most bizarre conspiracy theory for the outage:

- PG&E knew of an ancient evil that would have awoken the days of the outage and would of fed off the electricity at UC Berkeley and other locations around Nor Cal. In order to prevent this they shut off the power, but had failed to predict other locations which caused widespread fires.
- The mole people were revolting and cut out the power (hence the uncertainty as to when the outage was set to start). PG&E (as the conquerors of the underworld) had to suppress the uprising, hence the uncertainty of how long the outage was supposed to last. TL;DR, we must resist PG&E and help the mole people gain their freedom.
- An eagle ate it

10/16: Complete the sentence: The Nobel Prize in 2030 is awarded to you for:

- literally being the laziest person in the world
- Finding biological life on other planets somehow ooooh
- Being the first to high five (or cultural equivalent) an alien.
- scientifically affirming that a hot dog is indeed not a sandwich

10/21: Have you ever had a dream that you, um, you had, your, you- you could, you'll do, you- you wants, you, you could do so, you- you'll do, you could- you, you want, you want them to do you so much you could do anything?

- yes.

- Yes

- Yes. Indeed I have.


- Yes?

- ?

- :(

- Is the yellkey yard as in the measurement or yard as in the thing in the back of my house.

10/23: Describe your midterm season in one word.

- Don't have em :p
- It's today
- Wow
- Death recursively
- Nonexistent 
- F

10/30: Hardest-kept secret for a cheap meal at Berkeley:

- Cheese n Stuff (\$5 sandwiches) OR Trader Joe's (\$4 wraps)
- Crossroads is owned by Gordon Ramsay
- Finding anything you can eat in your pantry without buying extra food
- Attending the meetings of the Christian student groups (they always have free food)
- Free sampling

11/4: Is the universe flat?

- Is anything flat?
- Are we at 100% zoom?
- No, but other extraterrestrial life that knows way beyond our understanding of the universe might consider it flat. XD
- Yes, and it's sitting on a turtle's shell.

11/6: The least science-y science?

- scientology
- I don't like this question
- Conscience
- Astronomy, astrology is the real science
- Physics

11/13: Between the seventh and the fourteenth president, which one do you identify with the most closely (I personally identify with Franklin Pierce)? - Rahul

- Martin Van Buren. I know what it's like to feel irrelevant.
- Maybe Taylor, not the best example but man one I remember
- I prefer 31, Herbert Hoover. Sorry for breaking the rules.
- They're all dudes who perpetuated oppression, I don't much identify with any of them

11/18: Why is the sky blue? No, no, why is the sky /really/ blue?

- Light scattering causes the other colors to be absorbed and reflects blue.
- I think it's because nitrogen molecules in the air look blue when hit by sunlight. Or something
- wavelengths of solar particles mixing with the ozone layer
- Because Berkeley is the best public university, so the government decided to turn on blue light for the sky and yellow light for the sun.
- The sky is blue because someone spilled blue paint on it and had to paint it blue all over to make it even

11/25: ... ?

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- ??
- Okay
- Your Answer
- Your answer
- My Answer is the correct answer the only true answer being the one im giving.

12/2: How was your Thanksgiving break?

- It was not a break for me ㄟ(ˊˋ)ㄎ
- Ugh I was sick in bed the whole time. But I submitted my grad school apps so yay
- Surprisingly draining.
- hard
- How it feel like when you put a cotton swab in your ear

*Thanks for a fantastic
semester!*