The 2009 University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt List

The University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt Organization Committee

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SCAV TEAMS AND THE RULES OF THE HUNT

1. Acquisition of Items. All items on the list can be obtained and performed legally. It may involve smooth talking, or it may involve something else, but it is all possible. The Judges take no responsibility for your getting thrown into the clink, be it local clink, state clink, federal clink, or Colonel Klink. If you end up there, it is your fault.

2. Fair Play. Sabotage is bad. We don’t like it and we don’t want it in the Hunt. Sabotaging teams or their items can lead to immediate disqualification, and even then we may turn the Diamond Dogs up in Admin loose on you.

3. Contact with Judges. While we don’t want to complain and say that Judges have it so tough, Scav Hunt is always teetering on the edge of sheer chaos, and if we can avoid it we should. As a result, please only communicate with the Judges if you are going to do it in a professional manner. Generally, just remember that the more people shout, the less will be understood. That seems like it makes sense, no?

4. Props. All props must continue to be mad props.

5. Points. Point totals are final. We Judges give out points for the spirit of the item in its presentation. In some places, bonus points are also awarded for going above and beyond the Judges’ concept of the Call of Duty. As far as point values, well, we used a dartboard and Tibetan numerological methods in determining how much items were worth, so no complaining that “the lazy eye patch was worth more than the moonbounce made of guns!”

There is a category of points called Special Points or, if you prefer, Super Special Points. If you put the kind of effort into a 5-point item that makes it worth, obviously, more than just that, the Judge judging the page will appeal to the Head Judge for Special Points. For example, if we say, “Bring us a Kobe Bryant jersey,” and you get a jersey at K-Mart, you will only get the 5 points. If, however, Kobe Bryant is wearing that jersey, then the Judge will appeal for an additional, like, 2 points in Special Points to be added for the extra effort. Note, however, that doing items that don’t call for nudity will not bring on Special Points. Nor does involving alcohol in items that don’t explicitly call for alcohol. The same goes for nudity and alcohol’s redheaded, stepchild cousins, sex and drugs. Please note that few items explicitly call for nudity, alcohol, or redheaded variants.

6. A Good Time. For a good time call (303) 499-7111.

7. Items. Most items remain the property of the team that secured them except for the items that explicitly call for surrender. Furthermore, we prefer not to harm large mammals that can make sad eyes at us. Finally, we all know about Google, so, typically, count on .jpgs being worth dick. The Internet is trying to destroy the Scav Hunt. Don’t let it. Work with us on this one, please, and we’ll all be happier.

8. Preliminary Events. The deadlines for the submission of items and performances are final as stated on the list or as announced by the Judges at the Captains’ Oddity. It is the Captains’ responsibility to make sure that they submit these in a timely manner. Items that do not have discrete time/place as stated on the list are not preliminary and therefore must occur at Judgment. If requested, we may, at our discretion, come to see an item at a time/place other than Judgment. Consider this a privilege and use your “Come See Our Items” cards sparingly.

9. Captain’s Oddity. At 8:30 am Thursday, the Judges will be face to face with the Captains who sold the world. At that time we will be happy to address questions ranging from event timing to exogenesis on the Red Planet, and generally get to feeling all hunky dory. Afterward, the Cabal will proceed from station to station, assessing the assembled Road Trip pantheons before they depart.

10. Road Trip. The Road Trip can be done without getting busted by the cops or breaking any rules. Please get it done that way. The destination point most distant from campus may not exceed 1,000 miles. Use of 15-passenger vans or trucks is prohibited.

Driver requirements:
1. Minimum age of 18 (If a rental car is used, the rental car company minimum age requirements apply).
2. Must have a valid U.S. driver’s license for at least two years—must be in drivers’ possession throughout trip.
3. Must have more than 2,000 miles driving experience.
4. May not have received no moving violations or convictions or court-ordered supervision.
5. Must be alcohol- and drug-free (it’s the way to be), including illegal, prescription, and non-prescription drugs.
6. Must have valid automobile insurance.

Road Trip Rules:

a. Upon spotting an adult entertainment venue or advertisement, one must punch another occupant of the car and proclaim, “Meatus Beatus!”

b. Upon spotting a sign casting opprobrium upon various measures of birth control or the deliberate termination of a pregnancy, one must punch another occupant of the car and proclaim, “Fetus Beatus!”

c. Upon spotting an individual or group of motorcyclists, one must punch another occupant of the car and proclaim, “Hog Flog!”

d. Punches not in accordance with the above rules may be met with one equal or harder punch in retribution.

Road Trip Management:

i. No one may operate a vehicle for more than three consecutive hours or six total hours in one day.
ii. Total driving time may not exceed 16 hours within a 24-hour period.
iii. No driving permitted between midnight and 6 am.
iv. Another person must be awake in the seat next to the driver at all times. The captain of each team must certify in advance to the Judges that the team understands and agrees to abide by these regulations.


Late Saturday night the Judges will email the Captains with a list denoting which items are Road Trip. Prepare all Road Trip items for judging at 10:00 o’clock on Judgment Day. Regular items will be judged after the Showcase. The Showcase will be judged at the Showcase, which will be at 11:00 o’clock. We have all pledged this in blood.

Furthermore, have a highlighted list of the items you’ve acquired ready so that when a Judge comes by to judge your page, there won’t be any time wasted with “do we have the particle accelerator?” questions. If an item is followed by †, it must be ready for judging as part of the Showcase, prior to regular page judging. Judges will hold up placards (really just sheets of paper with Sharpie™-ed numbers) denoting which pages they are ready to judge. Call over whichever judge corresponds to the page you are ready to present. Here’s a tip: organize your items based on which page they are on.

In short, BE ORGANIZED.

12. Fakesies. The Judges reserve the right to scrawl a goatee on the face of anyone who presents an abominably faked item.

13. Safe Word. The Scavhunt safe word is ‘marmalade’.

14. Rules. Ain’t no rule says Mickey Mouse can’t grow up a cow.

15. Shopping Carts. All shopping carts must be Hyde Park Co-op shopping carts.


Scav Olympics

To be held at noon on Saturday 9 May 2009 on the Eckhart Quad. For each competition, 30 points will be awarded for 1st place; 20 points for 2nd place; 10 points for 3rd place; 2 points for $(3 < x \leq 10)$th place.

1. ______ Prisoners O’ War. Up to eight POWs per team, with hands bound behind their back. No grabbing hold of the rope with your hands!

2. ______ Rubber-band biathlon. It’s snowy out there, so bring your favorite tennis-racquet snow shoes and, of course, your favorite rubber bands, no more than four inches in diameter unstretched.

3. ______ Aboriginal weaponry Olympics: bring your boomerang, your bolas, and that blaster you stole from the Stormtrooper over there.

4. ______ You kids are lucky to have a great game like Telephone—in my day, we had to play Telegraph. You’ll need four Morse-proficient participants who can broadcast a sonic signal at least ten yards through interference.

5. ______ During the long, boring wait between Olympics items, play spoon horseshoes to pass the time.

6. ______ How many marbles can you pick up with chopsticks in one minute?

7. ______ The Cantaloupe Nuzzle.

8. ______ Hopscotch!

9. ______ You know how to whistle, don’t you, Scav? You just put your lips together and... blow. Steadily, with even pitch, and for as long as possible. And then, impress us with a virtuoso performance.

10. ______ Maybe many pretty mani/pedis aim for petty monies, but points will do just fine. Fastest mani/pedi on your twenty nets you thirty, buddy, but do not paint outside the line.
Items

1. Scavvies: never tell them the odds. [?:1 points]

2. Somewhere on the quads lies the Scav Needle, hidden amongst the tall grasses. Bring it to us. [25 points]

3. A big rock. Really big. [Up to 30 points]

4. Lab-on-a-corn-chip. Make Whitesides proud. [9 points]

5. These are hard times, and we turn to our leader for protection: presidential prophylactics. [4.4 points]

6. Ted O’Neill’s eyebrows... Jerry Sadock’s voice... Janet Rowley’s 22nd chromosome... combine the distinctive features of the University’s luminaries to create the ultimate faculty member. Your Frankenprof may include no more than one real faculty member and should stun any tenure committee. [Viersehn points]

7. Think your pooch is paramount? Then bring your most carefully coifed, cunning canines to the quads for the ScavHuntian Kennel Cabal’s First Annual Dog Show at 1:30 pm on Friday. Pedigree papers not necessary, but we will be judging on the other standards of appearance, obedience, poise, talent, and of course, the swimsuit competition. [5 points for your pooch, 30/21/10 points for placing]

8. Your success as a Scavvie and a U of C student implies a certain discerning and critical sensitivity for bullshit: you know the best of the worst. Demonstrate your peerless taste by finding the perfect submission for The Annoying Music Show and getting it played on the air. The show broadcasts on Saturday, so you'll want to get your entry to AnnoyingMusic@aol.com by Friday night. And remember, when the competition is fierce, music that is merely bad will not be good enough. [10 points for a submission, 13 bonus points for success]

9. It’s all fun and games until someone loses an eye. Luckily, the gods saw fit to grace you with a spare. [3 points, 6 bonus points if it shows evidence of a copper storage disease]


11. Arising from the mist Friday morning are the proud and majestic statues of the Moai. Their simple yet enigmatic expressions raise many questions: where did they come from? When were they built? What are their properties? Answers: they come from you. They were placed next to a path leading toward Cobb Hall between 5 and 6 am Friday morning. They are between 5 and 7 feet tall. Each team need only erect one statue, so make it as imposing and impressive as possible. [45 points]

12. 33 Cal. 4th 1055 invalidated about 4000 licenses, instantly making them prized collectibles, though perhaps that wasn’t the point at the time. We’d like one of them. [10.55 points]

13. Take your fashion show to the streets! The city has kindly provided mannequins. If you want to park your car you have to feed the meters, but for this item you have to dress them. [7 points, 3 bonus points if the judges can recognize whom you’re making fun of]

14. The strongest cup of coffee ever, in the strongest coffee cup ever. [10 points]

15. 'ΑΛΚΙΒΙΔΗΣ: ἄρ’ ὁὐκ ἔχω κήδη ἐγώ, ἑκατὸν μινύθοντα ἑνί; ἙΚΑΣΤΗΡΙΑΣ: ἄλι’ ὁὗ γάρ ἔστην, ὃ τέσσερα, ἐν τῷ κων. Translated the complete ‘lost dialogue’ into the vernacular and perform at Judgment so our classical educations will be complete. [9.9 points]

16. A macrowave. Must pop popcorn at Judgment. [?</? points]

17. Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, pick a department and put it on notice that you have a few matters you’d like to dispute. Take a picture of your handiwork before you’re excommunicated. [15.17 – 9.5 points]

18. Multiple citizenship and the passports to prove it. [2 points for two, 12 points for three, 22 points for four]
19. Nashville is widely considered the Athens of the South, so bring the Carthenon to the Parthenon. [5 points]

20. Fleens?! You’re not Fleens! Well, whoever you are, MAKE ME A PIZZA! [15 points]

21. It’s springtime and love is in the air, matchmakers. Wouldn’t it be cute if you set your humanities professor up on a romantic date with an economics professor? At the Med? \(<3 + <3 + <3\) points, teehee! 4 bonus points if a team member plays “Bella Notte” while both professors slurp up the same strand of spaghetti.]

22. For countless millennia, mankind has yearned for the sky. Still more countless are the times the Judges have asked you to go up there and bring back a little piece of that dream for us. Yet time and time again, apathy has denied us freedom from our terrestrial prison. No longer. At the Ratner pool on Saturday, 2 pm, each team member sends someone off the diving board. The last one to hit the water gets the most points. [Up to 13 points]

23. Everyone knows a bake sale ain’t a bake sale if the Fashion Police, Dream Police, Stripper Police, Sting from the Police, and Robocop don’t all try to shut it down, only to have the case taken over by the Feds. Also, everyone knows a bake sale ain’t a bake sale if it’s run by University of Chicago students. [18 points]

24. Walk through an automatic car wash dressed as Captain Cutler’s Ghost. You would have gotten away with it too if it weren’t for that spot free rinse. [10 points]

25. Find a slide whistle and an open mic night at a Chicago bar. Impress them and you’ll impress me. [13 points]

26. Convince a child that you are Santa; Batman; dead. [3 points, 2 bonus points for the same child]

27. Train a parrot to repeat famous last words. No parrot sharing. [30 points]


29. Beat the Elite Four with six Rattata. [6 points]

30. Beat four people with six Rattata, IRL. [4 points]

31. Beat four people in Rattata, IL. [24 points]

32. Warcraft 3, Super Mario Brothers 2, and Pong. LARP one and write a steamy fanfic crossover for the other two. [8 points]

33. Lick Plymouth Rock, or at least a fragment of it. [2 points]

34. During major events, your chameleonic captains unveil their true form: David Bowie. We want to see your Major Toms, your Ziggy Stardusts, your Thin White Dukes, and more. Captains must reinvent themselves at least once during the course of the Hunt. [6 points]

35. Speaking of getting in touch with history, berate the Berlin Wall, poke the Parthenon, kiss the Kremlin, high-five the House of Parliament, tickle the Taj Mahal, and wank in front of Washington’s Landing. [7 points]

36. Scavegon Trail #1: As the University expands, a certain breed of adventurous souls race to reach the fabled new land south of the Midway known as the Oregon Dormitory. Come to Main Quads, Missouri, at 4 pm Thursday to see your pioneering quartet off on the first leg of their journey. Who will you be? A banker from Blackstone? A farmer from the Fallers? A carpenter from Chamberlin? Their first task is to test the sturdiness of their newly constructed, flat-bottomed wagon and the fortitude of their oxen. Like all Scavegon Trail events, in addition to points the winner of this race will win valuable medicine to stave off deadly diseases. Overall Scavegon Trail points awarded for costumes, wagon construction, and number of pioneers alive by the time you reach the Oregon Dormitory. Set a Grueling Pace! [6 points]
37. Knoxville is widely considered the Sparta of the South. Long an implacable Spartan foe, Daisy must fling a small rock at their Orb of Helios when it is at its weakest, just before dawn. [8 points, 5 bonus points if the Olympians are all wearing wigs when you do it, 200000 points if it actually brings down the Orb. Haw haw!]

38. Leaves are for sissy baristas with half an M.F.A. Show us your best latte art. [9 points]

39. Rock that beats paper. Scissors that beat rock. Paper that beats scissors. [3 points]

40. A jersey truly worthy of Straight Cash Homey. [13 points]

41. A flagging Colonel must harness the awesome hydroelectric power of the Fort Loudon Dam to recharge his thunderbolts. [11 points]

42. Everyone knows that different countries have different recipes for Coke. Provide cans or bottles of as many different nations’ take on the American favorite as you can. [X points, where X is the number of nations represented (max 25). X bonus points if you can identify the country of origin during a blind taste test]

43. Render the Sox/Cubs rivalry in the guise of up to ten iconic commercials. [2 points per commercial. Triple points if Ozzie Guillen shows up at Judgment and calls me an asshole]

44. Pigs in a blanket, a BLT, and a cup of Joe? That’s far too easy. You’re gonna need your expert slang slinger or you’ll be lost like zeppelins in a fog. Bring your diner dexterity to our favorite greasy spoon, Scott’s Hamburger Heaven, at 11:30 pm Thursday for the Short-order Shout-out. Only one lingo literatus per team, and eighty-six the cheat sheets or the to-go orders won’t be the only ones taking a walk. [3 points for showing up, 25/15/5 points for placing]

45. Sure, the latest Indiana Jones movie sucked, but those Crystal Skulls were undeniably awesome; perhaps they’ll make appearances in other famous franchises? To start the crossovers, bring us one of Dan Aykroyd’s crystal heads signed by a bonafide Ghostbuster. [10 points for Ray, 20 points for Venkman, Egon, Winston, or Louis]

46. We all know our Alma Mater is as lame as it gets. Give us a new one we can all be proud of and perform it in front of President Zimmer’s Admin office. [10 points, 10 bonus points if he claps]

47. You know what the El needs? Quartets. Bring a little class to the subway music scene. [8 points]

48. “I’m king of the gods!” With the help of Pegasus, the Colonel lives out one of his movie fantasies atop the prow of a trireme outside the Parthenon. Meanwhile, as part of her eternal mission to outdo Aphrodite, Scarlett O’Hera re-enacts The Birth of Venus in front of the giant clam. [4 points]

49. The Judges have no idea what that is, but we like it. No Judge must be able to identify what it is. No Judge must dislike it. [20 points]

50. Get a team member diagnosed with A.C.H.O.O. and then get a prescription for a cure. [1 point]

51. Nothing is worse than a mismatched music video. Re-record the lyrics, keeping the tune, so that they explain what the hell the director was thinking. [8 points]

52. After several hours on the Bourbon Trail, Pegasus is feeling punchy. Challenge and beat Muhammad Ali Boulevard. [4 points]

53. Your best guesser at 55th and Lake Park from noon to one on Thursday. [12 points]

54. Bonsai Yggdrasil. [18 points]

55. A pushpin mosaic table. [23 points]

56. Scavegon Trail #2: At 3 pm Friday your trailblazers arrive at C-Bench Rock. To supplement their food supply for the long journey still ahead, they are going to go berry picking. But one of your pioneers seems to have lost the use of her legs, another the use of his arms. They are going to have to team up to get these berries back to the wagon.
57. Dayton is widely considered the Thrace of the South. According to the Walk of Rhea County History, what happened in 1875, 1879, 1895, and 1902? [5 points]

58. Wow, those kids by the Reg are rad, smoking their hand-rolled cigarettes and discoursing on Pitchfork’s latest reviews. Who would have thought those vents were such a great place to hang out? Oh, probably the hipsters sitting on every other vent. Spring has come, and we have reached Regenstein Hipster Critical Mass. This begs the question—how many hipsters can you fit on one vent at once? [0.5 points perhipster]

59. A five-minute highlight reel featuring a color commentator and play-by-play analysis in the style of a classic announcer. The sport? Medieval Times: Dinner and Tournament. [6 points]

60. Ronald McDonald is an amicable fellow, and we would all bend a knee in allegiance to our Burger King, but don’t the local restaurants deserve a mascot of comparable level? Choose a Hyde Park restaurant and design an appropriate mascot. If it’s a legit mascot, you’d better have a legit commercial filmed in front of the establishment. [17 points]

61. Blog about your day. Now write it all out by hand with quill and ink. Now transfer it to a wood carving. Okay, you still with me? Now inscribe it in a tablet of baked clay. Bring us the electronic, paper, wood, and clay blogs. Now that’s what I call a chronological scale of blogological technology. [9 points + an understanding of what our ancestors had to go through in order to bitch about their problems]

62. Here’s a metaphor: life is a role-playing game. Here’s a challenge: Bring us the appropriate real-life form of Experience Points. Points will be judged on the appropriateness of the example. [Up to 10 XP]

63. Pull a Bill Nye and turn an everyday situation with strangers into a science experiment. Remember, they won’t appreciate it unless you give them a detailed explanation of the science occurring in your demonstration. [Channel 11 points]

64. A book written by a President of the United States and signed by its author. [45 – Y points, where the author is the Yth President of the United States]

65. A formal painting of a current Resident Head in the Renaissance style. He or she must be present for the painting, and we’ll want footage of the process. Naturally this will include dressing your Resident Head in the Renaissance style. [34 points, 5 bonus points if you can tastefully portray your subject about to behead a Resident Head from a separate dorm. In the Renaissance style]

66. As kids’ meals have taught us, tiny toys based on Disney movies make everything more enjoyable. But Disney hasn’t made a decent animated movie in years! With that in mind, make this the best Scav Hunt ever by bringing us fast food kids’ meal toys from the major Disney theatrical cartoons of the 1990s. [1.5 points per toy, limit one toy per movie]

67. Why do you cherish that tea cosy so much, mother? I daresay you love it even more than your own daughter. It’s just an old tea cosy, mother. It’s just a ratty old Mr. T cosy... [7 points]

68. A Trojan horse made out of Trojans®, or your preferred method of birth control. Caution: ‘pulling out’ may be too insubstantial to build with. [6.9 points]

69. This one time I dreamed I was eating a giant marshmallow, but when I woke up my pillow was gone. I would so like to see that pillow again. Err, on second thought, bring me a new marshmallow pillow, along with its non-marshmallow pillowcase. [15 points]

70. An 879-page completed and bound dissertation. It’ll be three times more fun than finding a 293-page completed and bound dissertation!! [8.79 points]

71. R.O.B. Is this real octopus butter? Or perhaps a randy optometrist barrier? You know what we want, and it’s not a rub on the behind. [12 points]
72. _______ Athens, TN is widely considered the Nashville of the South. Interview some locals about how their city achieved this status. [17 points]

73. _______ I still don’t understand exactly what the Ebola virus is. Could someone explain it to me? Are there any ways to know whether I might be the Ebola virus? I want tangible proof. [3 points, 3 bonus points if you can get the Ebola virus into Jimmy’s or the Pub]

74. _______ Everything’s gotta play MP3s these days! Bring us up to two of the following functional, fully-integrated MP3-playing devices:
   - Coffee maker [11 points]
   - Hair dryer [21 points]
   - Bowling ball [31 points]
   - Betamax [41 points]

75. _______ It’s a strange world, so chronicle how your team succeeded in keeping it that way. Bring us several select excerpts from an illustrated *Planetary Guide* for 2009. [5 points]

76. _______ Welcome to Nashville! Let’s try to drive somewhere... you wanna go east? Turn left. Suddenly the road turns south. Wanna go south? Too bad—this city is a Lovecraftian nightmare of twists and turns. Difficult to enter, impossible to leave, be warned. [0 points, but many subsequent points contingent on your successful escape from the labyrinth]

77. _______ A gun that shoots itself and *only* itself. [8 points]

78. _______ A scale replica of the statue inside the Cathedral of Hate. [14 points]

79. _______ Bring your best two trackers to 59th Street and Woodlawn Avenue at 10:30 am Thursday. We’ll flush the quarry, but you’ll have to hunt it down. And while we may call it a scavenger hunt, we want this prey alive and unspoiled. [15 points]

80. _______ Taco. Tako? Tako Taco! [8/4 points]

81. _______ A Google Whack. No, not the phrase—we want the corresponding object. [12 points]

82. _______ Have a biochemistry professor show that 2 ounces of milk and 4 ounces of Special K is part of this complete, nutritious breakfast, but 4 ounces of milk and 4 ounces of Special K is DEADLY POISON. [4 + 4 points]

83. _______ No one has been able to determine the true meaning of the lyric “Lucy in the sky with diamonds”. No one, that is, until you decided to try using gematria. [3 points]

84. _______ THIS SPACE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK. [5 points]

85. _______ Shannon’s Ultimate Machine. [18 points]

86. _______ Record Frank Merritt singing to the Aharonov-Bohm effect for its 50th birthday. [9 points]

87. _______ Move a passenger plane entirely under your own power. [50 points]

88. _______ Use your completely non-violent blamethrower to disrupt the concentration of another team. [8 points]

89. _______ Two life-sized mannequins, male and female, that Rob Liefeld would use to model his illustrations. [33 points, 8 bonus points for appropriate couture]

90. _______ Use your knowledge of in-camera visual effects to make use believe your captains can fly. [14 points]

91. _______ Scavegon Trail #3. What was the best part of this game again? Oh yeah, hunting! After berry-picking, your grizzled foursome arrive at Fort Linnaeus to get some food and have some fun. But there are some tough choices to make. We’ll provide the animals and ammunition.

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1 Must not shoot bullets. Must not use a commercially-obtained firearm. Must not be lethal.
2 The above space was not intentionally left blank, but your item was.
92. Sparta is widely considered the Knoxville of the South. Madness?! THIS IS...too far out of the way. [0 points]

93. Sandcastle skyscrapers! [25 points]

94. Have a male member of your team take a pregnancy test and yield a positive result. [23 points]

95. A boss tweed jacket. [3 points]

96. Mostest Hoss madness! “For here was a horse among horses / cast in a Titan’s mold / and the slant October sunlight / gilded the living gold.” The Colonel is enraged by this equine apotheosis while Scarlett is shocked by a more offensive aspect of Man o’ War’s grave. [6 points]

97. If he hadn’t taken a chance on you, you wouldn’t even be at this school. But did you know Ted is from Canada? Show the Dean of Love that we all will miss him via the most appropriate means: a singing telegram at the admissions office, dressed up as lumberjacks and sundry Canadian fauna. [14 points, 2 bonus points if a goose claps.]

98. Construct a seedling that through a seemingly automated process will slowly grow into a plant in full bloom. [200 points]†

99. Religious strip-tease. Start with your burka, and work your way down to your Mormon underwear. [1 point per religion represented]

100. The Right to be Lazy. Only Rights conferred by the Regenstein will be recognized. [11 points]

101. Many a man thinketh that it is less than noble when We, the Judges, writeth items that are in the fashion of items of yesteryear. Never mindeth that much of these are born to be great, or that many a man completeth them with earnest fervor, if it must be so, if all items which are not completely new are by their very nature ignoble, then I giveth thee such an item without pretense, a repetition that dost not pretend to be noble—I giveth thee the Blagojevich coif. Or, rather, his stylist shall. [6 points]

102. Our Vampire is a tracker. We saw his mind. The Hunt is his obsession. Bring your blood to the DCAM, room 5G, between 8 am and 4 pm all week or he’ll have to come for it himself. [α points]

103. Chinese paper currency representing as many of China’s ethnic minorities as you can find. No, Mao does not count. Mainland currency only, please. [Points per denomination and number of minorities, 30 points max]

104. Having your period blows. Incidentally, so does this pan flute and this blowgun. Now play me a few bars of something angsty and prove that you could shoot someone—say, your roommate—who’s totally pissing you off because you don’t know why, from a distance of 4 or more feet. [5 points]

105. Holy Mackereel! Proselytizing wall fish. [12 points]

106. Settlers of Catan: Human-Sized Edition. Bring your game pieces to (Place TBA) at 3 pm Saturday for a rousing throwdown. All game pieces must be made to scale. The hexagons must be large enough for a person to stand on comfortably (two feet across should do) and look absolutely gorgeous. Game pieces will be assigned at the Oddity. [23 points to build, 12, 9, 6, and 3 points to first through fourth places]

107. When I tap a beat do you hear music? I’ll give you the beat, but you’ve got to identify the song. [5 points]

108. A barbershop quartet that weighs one ton. [20.00 points]

109. Scavegon Trail #4. You’ve almost made it! All that separates you from the Oregon Dormitory is the treacherous Midway River. Do you ford the river or caulk the wagon? Caulk the wagon! Adjust your wagon, be at the Midway Plaisance south of University at 5 pm Saturday, and be prepared to ride the rapids. And by rapids, we mean the dozen or so logs or pieces of tubing that you’re going to bring with you to reduce friction between your tub and the concrete road you’ll be racing down. The four pioneers must be in your wagon and propelling it with oars, but you can use as many other team members as you need to make sure your ‘river’ flows ever onward.
The Jefferson Davis Monument is widely considered the Barad-dûr of the South. Allowing no evil eyes other than her own, Daisy storms the tower. [12 points]

Make and drink a glass of chocolate milk as dramatically as possible. [2 points]

Hoping to impress the local nobility, the Colonel rides Pegasus outside the gates of Versailles Castle to the tune of “We Will Rock You.” [6 points]

Who knew that you could buy Charles Bukowski’s dying breath? Bring it to us! [19.94 points]

HEY YOU GUYS! Pick up a ceramic talisman from the free bin at Corbin’s Surplus Sales Inc. Hardwood Flooring & Ceramic Tile Outlet, for not even Olympians are safe from Sloth’s wrath. [9 points, 9 bonus points for combining the pieces with those of the other teams to reform an ancient artifact of unimaginable power, one that glows whenever Flog Hogs are near]

Pan-American love in front of Chicago’s only public perennial Pan-American Love Plant. [7 points]

The classical quartet thought they could get through this road trip without running into The Bat, but they were wrong. He’s back and bigger than ever outside the Louisville Slugger Museum, causing the Carthenon to shake in fear. [5 points]

Rip a standard yellow pages (> 600 pages) in half with your bare hands. [6 points]

Where can you go to hear about the possibility of drinking a taco, see a comic book about shirtless fightin’ Lincoln, watch endless old Smokey the Bear commercials, and fear for your very life? You’ll find all that and so much more at Old Man Henager’s Nostalgia Museum in Buckskin! Blink and you’ll miss it. Snap a photo of the Olympians with Henager and one of his prized collectibles, but do not go into the woodshed. Do not go into the greenhouse. DO NOT EAT THE ORANGES! AND FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, DO NOT GO INTO THE “NO MINORS” ROOM! Do not under any circumstances show him this item or the List in general, as he will hunt you down and kill us all. [29 points]

We are hungry men! Let me explain my project, dear: at 7 PM on Saturday your finest chefs will present a scrumptious spread in eX Libris. For Judges and teammates to munch on while you prepare your meal for presentation, please provide a bag of chips (store bought) and a “Nation’s Dip”, a seven-layer dip in which each layer contains a different foodstuff characteristic of the country of your choice. Beginning the meal proper, an insalata primavera from a recipe of your own devisement, highlighting extremely fresh and unusual produce available at this time of year. For the entrée, a secret theme ingredient will be announced at the Captains’ Oddity. Finally, for dessert, it’s Bartlett-meets-Paris, Keebler-meets-Carême with macarons redolent of name brand cookies. We will hold their construction to the highest patisserological standards, but their flavors should instantly be recognizable as “Oreo”, “Fig Newton”, “Grasshopper”, or the like. [γ points]

Bend a crowbar at least 20 degrees with your bare hands (and have it stay bent). [10 points]

Something touched by a famed Renaissance artist’s hands. In my hands. [circa 15th century points]

Get the good folks at the very first Dairy Queen franchise to pull out their 70th anniversary posters to aid in answering the following questions: What “cools throats in the warm south”? When was Dairy Queen’s first national TV commercial aired, and what was its name? When was the “We treat you right” theme line debuted? Ask for Drew, and be sure to provide him with some U ofC promotional materials. [10 points]

28 Days Later 3: Swine flu takes UChicago. [28/3 points]

Team F-shirts, modeled at Judgment. [F-our points]

A device that electrocutes you when you attempt to steal the bike it’s attached to. By the way, we’re talking mild shock, not Jurassic Park, “TIMMY!!! TIMMY!!!” levels of voltage. [23 points]

Meeting a dead horse: Pegasus pays his respects at the grave of the “Famous Arabian Hambletonian Educated Horse” outside Shelbyville, the city of cousinly love. [14 points]
127. Corbin is widely regarded as the Isengard of the South, so provide us with a picture of its white wizard-betopped Orthanc. [Not worth 1.70 points, but pretty darn good]

128. Weta™ statuaries of Gollum, the Argonath, and Minas Tirith, with owner. [9 points, 1 bonus point if owner is in a relationship]

129. Commies really do conspire to rule America, you know. Prove it with a one dollar bill bearing a serial number as close as possible to the longitude and latitude of Moscow. [10 points for being within 100 miles, 10 bonus points for being the closest]

130. A company website updated in the last year (but not in the last four days) that features embedded MIDI, animated GIFs, and blinking text. [4 points]

131. Whenever I pass that coffee shop with the two six-foot cacti in the window, I find myself thinking, “Gee, they sure are quiet fellas”. Maybe if they thought you were cacti, they’d open up a little! [12 points]

132. A vintage lace card. [9 points]

133. Triangulate! Two photos are available on the Scav Hunt website. The centers of their fields of view have been masked. Where do their lines of sight converge? [10 points]

134. Anti-triangulate! Two photos are available on the Scav Hunt website. Where were they taken from? [10 points]

135. Inspired by Man o’ War, Pegasus puts the moves on no fewer than seven horses in downtown Louisville. [7 points]

136. 648 5530 [16 points]

137. Today’s scrawny ‘rockers’ lack a certain Van Halen-era buffness—how are they supposed to lug their equipment around? Take pity, and make them a home-built amp contained (but for the speaker) entirely within an Altoids tin. [26 points]

138. He’s got the whole world in his hand. The Colonel condemns Atlas to support the globe forever more from the deepest pit of Tartarus: Arcade Skateworld in Kankakee. [5 points]

139. A completed copy of the “Between Fences” pamphlet from the Illinois Amish Interpretive Center. [3 points]

140. A diagram (in the style of Venn) showing the principal candy bar components and the name brand products that lie in the intersections. [2 points per ingredient, 8 ingredients max]

141. Production stills from the following movies [as many as you like, up to 2 points each]:

   • Battlestar Helvetica
   • Wingdings of Desire
   • Comic Sans of Iwo Jima
   • The Fall of the Times New Roman Empire
   • or one of your own device.

142. Iron Origamist: Bring your finest washi and most creative minds to the Eckhart Quad at 2pm Thursday. They will be given a theme, and one hour to create a winning arrangement. Books will be allowed, but points will be awarded on originality, elegance, and precision. [5 points for folding, 30/20/10 for placing]

143. Five U.S. Presidents, Queen Elizabeth II, Bob Hope, Ann Landers, Bill Murray, and Mark Spitz have all shared the same flag-officer rank in one of the world’s smallest armed forces. Produce another of this rare breed, with certification. [26 points]

144. A lamp that when off resembles a well-known cartoon character, but when lit reveals their (shocked looking) skeleton. [12 points]

145. Greeting a dead horse: Pegasus will have to hoof it over to the grave of the first world champion Tennessee walking horse. Jim would have wanted it that way. [13 points]
An Asshat. [100 × 10⁻² points]

Daisy recites an ode to a latter-day Talos at Franklin’s Factory. [11 points]

You know what happens sometimes in May? That’s right, Prom. Find one. Crash it. (12th grade points, 2 bonus points for nailing the Prom King/Queen, 4 bonus points if you are the Prom King/Queen, negative 6 points if you are the Prom King/Queen but don’t get laid).

Our Classical quartet gives the Primitive Goose a round of applause. [2 points]

Knit a tampon, and then menstruate all over it. [5 points]

“Ping!” a spittoon. [5 points]

Good night, and gods bless. The Olympians cry tears of a clown before Vincennes’ mural of Red Skelton. [5 points]

Provide a few free hot dogs to the crowd at a University sporting event of your choice. Hot dogs must be delivered via “Hot Dog Launcher”. HDL must be to Hatfield Meats specs. [31 points]

Scarlett O’Hera does declare, “I love the Tennessee countryside!” Find her Some Place Special on the road between Shelbyville and Wartrace. [5 points]

At 9:30 pm Thursday night, present something for the approval of the Midnight Society at Promontory Point. [12 points, one person per team]

Take a running shit. [20 points]

In search of a fellow Olympian, The Colonel and Scarlett visit Nike Antiques and Crafts in the Crossroads of Opportunity. But don’t get any effing ham. [10 points]

Chapulines (mmmm... zesty). [6 points]

Camp Scavvahunta, we hold you in our hearts. Few things are more evocative of the lives of young Americans than the noble institution of summer camp. This Friday, at 7 pm (set up at 6), round up your wagons, pitch your tents on the Eckhart Quad, and get ready to hunker down for a night of good ol’ fashioned fun at the Scav Campout. Festivities will involve a Scav counselor cookout and an assortment of delectable camp activities. We will begin by testing the capacity of both your brains and maws with the “Chubby Bunny Spelling Bee”. Then, the Scavvahunta Follies! Each team will present a short skit recounting their team history in a particular style to be assigned at the Captains’ Oddity. Finally, a massive battle royale Capture the Flag game on the main quads. Each team must bring their own uniquely recognizable flag and will be assigned a random position on the quads to serve as home base. Each team should have at least one tent set up on the quads for this event—expect it to be occupied until 11 pm, for we are the young Americans. [δ points]

“I am Poor”. Program it, make it available for purchase online, buy it. Because there’s nothing as fashionably ironic as an app on your iPhone claiming you’ve got money issues. [29 points]

The Olympian tetrad hacks the sack in front of the world’s only Hippie Memorial. MOOMAW! [4 points]

Judges don’t know it’s not bacon! Test us at any time. If we don’t call you on it immediately after eating it, you can assume we think it’s bacon. You also get the points if we express suspicion that proves unfounded. [20 points]

There’s a Brooklyn cocktail, a Bronx, and of course a Manhattan… but what about Queens and Staten Island? Your chief mixologist should concoct a fitting recipe to honor one of these long-suffering boroughs. [3 points]

Scarlett O’Hera does declare, “I shall pose with my divine symbolic bird at the Museum of Appalachia.” Meanwhile, Daisy sits down in a historic salt kettle from Goose Creek. Does she get bonus points? You betcha! [6 points, 6 bonus points assumed]
165. Treating a dead horse: Jim has Keeter Dog and the other Jim has Monk Pal, but poor Old Isham has no canine companion to join him in everlasting rest. Remedy this situation by having Pegasus leave an appropriate stuffed offering at his grave site. [15 points]

166. Spotted: all the Judges’ cell phones buzzing at the same time. What is it? Oh, it’s a text message update from Gossip Scavvie, keeping us abreast of all the latest rumors and scandals, at least twice each day. Make sure there’s a way for people to sign up for GS updates; after all, none of your teammates wants to be left out of the loop. And there’d better be some way for us to send in anonymous tips. You’re no one unless you’re talked about. Points will be awarded based on quality of gossip spread, and on the number of Judges who receive the updates. You know you love me. xoxo, Gossip Scavvie. [η points]

167. A holorime. But it has to be really good. And you have to write it yourself, in English. [14 points]

168. It’s a frickin’ harpoon cannon! Only, instead of launching spears that come to a sharp point, it fires projectiles tipped with boxing gloves. It damn well better knock Moby Dick on his ass. [150 points] †


170. Don’t let a cell phone ruin your movie! And it won’t if it doesn’t vibrate, doesn’t ring, but instead just emits a distinctive aroma whenever someone calls. [35 points]

171. They say eyes are the windows to the soul. We say your soul-windows need better window treatments, and window boxes to boot. [8 points]

172. A foodscape à la Carl Warner, and the corresponding officescapes à la Warner Carl. [20 points]

173. Siam’s gonna be the witness to the ultimate test of cerebral fitness. At 11 am Friday you know where to go, what to play, and where to get your kicks. We will provide the boards and explanations later. [5 points to play, 5 for winning]

174. Show each member of your team embodying one of the canonical virtues of the Scav Road Trip (promptness, courage, traffic, and accounting) on the appropriate pedestals in Nashville’s shrine to John W. Thomas. [4 points]

175. Physical challenge! After the second waterfall in World’s Fair Park, the water is lava! Scarlett does declare that she will skip across the river using the conveniently placed rocks so as to remain unscathed. [6 points]

176. Monozygotic human triplets at Judgment. [3 × 3 × 3 points]

177. Let’s Dance! Crossing Ellis at 58th Street has always been such a drag—at least, it was until your team put go-go dancers on the barrier poles between 11:45am and 12:15pm Thursday. Now that’s what we call stopping traffic.³

178. Demonstrate why we can’t have nice things. [3 points]

179. Will chthonic assaults on Olympus never cease? Your tetrad must do battle with a subterranean hecatoncheir in the park outside Berea’s tourist information center. Beware the narglatch! [4 points]

180. Scarlett O’Hera does declare, “You simply must take a picture of me beneath this Oriental mural at the Raggedy Ann and Andy Museum with Halloween the museum cat. He’s the boss.” [7 points]

181. Speed Dating, the Race: 6 pm Thursday on the Kent quad. Because nothing makes dating easier than sweating everywhere and showing what a terrible athlete you are. Points will be awarded for both speed and charm. [β points]

182. Tweeting a dead horse: OMG MAN O’WAR’S GRAVE! BRO TOTES GOT HIS BONE ON WITH HELLA FILLIES! [10 points]

³Note: Your dancer may of course be dressed as a Twi’lek, but some random dude in a gorilla suit will not be accepted.
183. Sisterhood of the Scaveling Pants. Pants should fit any team member and must be able to help out in any Scav emergency (e.g. a berry/nail pocket is strongly advised). [10 points]

184. Fortune cookies these days are just another future vision, lonely little kitsch. And half the time they don’t even present a vision of the future, just some lame aphorism. Change that by making Scav-specific fortune cookies containing Hunt-based fortunes. Fortune cookies (minimally a set of three required) must be completely intact with fortunes inside when presented at Judgment, in individually sealed plastic pouches as per usual. [3 points]

185. A nonnon and its mirror. [17.51 points]

186. Batman’s upset about Batman™, so make a Batman™ for Batman. [6 points, 3 bonus points for a Batman for Batman]

187. Ready the mummy for his mystical journey. [7 points]

188. Make our Vampire sparkling. [17 points]

189. A life-sized pasta recreation of the female reproductive system, to be cooked and deflowered at Judgment. [Hope she’s 18 points]

190. Stop the Littles, the Smooze, and the music. [3 points]

191. Ever sat down at a restaurant in front of a delicious-looking stack of flapjacks, only to be confronted with a tepid bottle of Log Cabin® Lite as your only syrup option? Well, worry no more with Sypupplest™: the nipple attachments that secrete warm maple syrup! [14 points]

192. A shtekleh. [7 points]

193. A beard of bees. [35 points]

194. The Apotheosis of Terkel. You know who should take the place of Nike (Hint: it’s Mike Royko of the Chicago Tribune!) [27 points]

195. Jump off of a tire swing into the ol’ swimming hole. [8 points]

196. In Wisconsin, it is known as Chiye-tanka. In Missouri, they call it Momo. And yet the creature known across our nation as Bigfoot has never been sighted in Chicago… until now. Produce clear physical evidence that the mighty sasquatch exists here on the UofC campus and get ‘SQUATCHOMANIA 2009 into gear! Appropriately Pattersonesque filmed footage of the noble wood ape stalking across the quads is a must. [30 points, bonus points for a newspaper cover story on your discovery, complete with grainy, out-of-focus photo: 10 for the Maroon or Chicago Weekly, 11 for the Sun-Times, and 50 for the Chicago Tribune. Mmmm… mmmm… ]

197. Invasion of the Matryoshka People, Mark Dva. The humantryoshka: a team member inside a larger cardboard version of themselves inside a yet larger cardboard version of themselves. Complete structure should itself be mobile. [8 points]

198. Create an OS-tan of Chalk, mecha musume of a Red Line train, and biru-chan of a University building of your choice. [7 points]

199. We tire of the intelligent fragrant chicken and the French-Croatian squid. Bring us some new mythical creatures with similarly ribald homophonic counterparts in a non-Asian tonal language. [5 points]

200. Word Jazz. Worrddd Jazzzzzzz. Scavhunt themed? Yeah, that’s right. It’s a very good year for Scavhunt themes. Day early this week, because we can’t wait to enter the sentient dream. Worrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr
203. Make a cereal that will steal the wallet of the person eating it. It’s mugalicious! [5 points]

204. The law of three demands it: give us a spork that of its own volition opens other people’s mail. [6 points]

205. Many historians believe that the reason Man o’ War did not win the Triple Crown was that he did not enter the Kentucky Derby. Actual Triple Crown champion Secretariat is upset by his 2nd class status in the horse park, so Daisy lends a supportive ear to an already-petrified compatriot. [4 points]

206. A bee of beards. [3.5 points]

207. Bring back the golden age of radio for at least 10 thrilling minutes! We’ll give you the time slot at WHPK, you provide script, sound effects, impersonations, wit, humor, and drama. Your broadcast must have an original serialized radio drama, punctuated by an annoying call sign and commercials, no less than once every three minutes. All breaks from the action must leave us on cliff-hangers that compel us not to change that dial. The Judges will provide you an encoded message to broadcast for all “junior judges” to decipher with Item 217. Teams must combine decoded messages from all teams’ radio broadcasts to figure out the secret instructions. [40 points, 10 points for advertizing your serial in the Reynolds Club in the proper ‘30s style, and 10 points for decoding the message]

208. A collection of classic Injury-to-the-Eye Comics. A collection of classic Monkey-on-the-Cover Comics. As much overlap as possible. [10 points]

209. Build a vending machine. Vending machines must be coin operated, with multiple button-selected options to choose from. In addition to whatever sugary goodness you choose, machines must vend three other List items when you type in their item numbers. [250 points] †

210. Moonshine?! The Olympians find Daisy nose deep in Heaven Hill’s confessional barrel. Take a picture, but don’t use the flash or the building WILL EXPLODE. Also, who signed the guest book at the Heaven Hill Bourbon Heritage Center on 26 April 2009? [21 points]

211. Do double-dutch jump rope the way it was meant to be performed. [10 points for a pair of jumping twins, 20 points for two jumpers with Dutch citizenship, 40 points for Dutch twins]

212. Construct or modify a set of windshield wipers that will synchronize with the beat of a song played from an attached iPod. Your iPod must contain at least fifty songs with distinct BPMs, and the judge will randomly select songs with which to test your device. [35 points, 10 points for doing the same with your turn signal]

213. Let us now begin our singing with the Scavalonian Muses, who are frequenters of Scavalon, a mountain high and holy, as they dance around some spring’s goose-frequented water on padded feet and around the sacred altar of the mighty son of Kronos. Descending from this height, their bodies hidden in dense air, through the darkness of the night they pass in lovely song, hymning hymns of voyagers four, venerable deities of the American South who shall embark on their latest and greatest odyssey at 9:00 Thursday morning in Hutchinson Courtyard. Four is their number, and their number is four: first among them is the Colonel. Though known to mortal men in our Age of Bronze as Harland Sanders, he has since regained some of the aspects of his true form, Zeus, the all-powerful king of the gods. With him are his wife, the jealous southern Olympian belle Scarlett O’Hera; their heavenly steed, the Tennessee walking Pegasus; and seductive serpentine schemestress Daisy Medukesa. In their divine chariot, the mobile temple known as the Carthenon, they must roam the Upland South in search of barbecue, horse graves, and adventure. [θ points. All Road Trip items requiring photo- or videographic documentation must include Olympians in full costume or no points will be awarded.]

214. Bring the Carthenon to the Burger King in Mattoon. Be sure to check the guestbook for 24 April 2009. [8 points]

215. TBA [10 points]

216. Finally having found an even more terrifying vision than her own, Daisy gazes upon a wall of petrified Amish babies in the Illinois Amish Interpretive Center gift shop. [2 points]

217. That decoder ring we gave you. [1 point]
218. Use BK to get you a BJ. The scent of seduction is in the air. [5.99 points]

219. The Colonel mocks a presumptuous primate’s views on his origin. Go ape in front of the statue of William Jennings Bryan by the Scopes Trial courthouse. [7 points]

220. One page of the list, reproduced in a manner befitting a text of such significance and graced with a series of lavish and intricate illuminations. Majestic! [15 points]

221. They say it can’t be done without removing a rib, but we know that with a little practice and a lot of yoga you can totally lick your own weenis. [3 points]

222. You make chest like la lil wuust. A placemat from the Dutch Kitchen Restaurant in Arcola. Points based on your connect-the-dots artistry. [Up to 7 points]

223. Free the exquisite art of kyaraben from years of slavery to the Sanrio regime. Forget “too cute to eat”—send me to school with a bento depicting something so gut-wrenchingly horrifying that I may never want to eat again. [14 points]

224. Six word erotica. [6 points]

225. Put your insides on your outsides with a series of epidermal anatomical diagrams. [One major organ system per team member, 10 points per system depicted, 5 bonus points if a pregnant woman models the reproductive system.]

226. We like the cut of your jib, the name of your town, and the righteousness of your chops. Have the Colonel rock out on Chambers’ giant neon guitar in Murfreesboro. [8 points]

227. This is America, god dammit! Celebrate your freedom by bringing a ripe durian on the subway. [4 points]

228. Barackoliam Neeson. [0.44 points]

229. Eyeglasses help correct the damage that sitting too close to the TV has inflicted on my eyes. But what kind of device can correct the damage that living too close to the sulphur plant has inflicted on my nose? Or the damage that three years at the dining hall have inflicted on my tongue? Noseglasses and mouthglasses! [10 points]

230. Stop in and grab some burgoo at the Woodshed Restaurant. Hopkinsville locals will tell you they’ve lived there their whole lives and never heard of it, but believe us, brother, it’s there. [11 points]

231. A Haptic Bunny. [20 points]

232. Render the pivotal scene from The Story of the Vivian Girls, in What is known as the Crossing of the Delaware, in Darger’s preferred medium and scale. [22 points]

233. A clockwork orange. Should tell time—all other functions are optional but smiled upon. If you hot-glue a watch to an orange I will make you eat it. [6 points]

234. You don’t want to be just another asshole with prints of Starry Night and Dalí’s clocks plastered indiscriminately across your walls, do you? Demonstrate your worldly tastes and obvious class by reproducing one of Damien Hirst’s major installations in your dorm room. You can scale it down, but will it still be art? [15 points]

235. The Ark of the Covenant. Ark must be to specs, within reason. [Exodus 25.10 × 2 points]

236. We’ll give you a food source somewhere in Hyde Park. You communicate its location to the rest of the hive in the only way your tiny brain knows how. [12 points]

237. We Judges are known for our brittle hair, fragile bones, mealy muscles and raging PMS. Bring White Gold and the Calcium Twins to Judgment to teach us a lesson. [16 points]

238. A zoetrope production depicting the horrors of your own conception. Also, your parents are dressed as lumberjacks. [16 points, 2 bonus points if a goose gives them the clap.]
239. Perform the Scav Hunt Theme Song on the greatest instrument of all time: The Mario Paint Composer! [13 points]

240. It’s not yet Sunday, but nevertheless have your celestial foursome properly honor the Sunsphere by performing a sun salutation on the Sun Stage at sunrise to the tune of “Here Comes the Sun” while wearing sunglasses and drinking Sunkist®. [10 points]

241. Paint for us some 1950s style Scav-themed pin-up art, as Vargas, Elvgren or Armstrong would’ve… but not Frahm… that’s not our thing. [9 points, triple points if displayed on the nose cone of a WWII fighter plane]

242. On Thursday just before midnight, in Scott’s Hamburger Heaven, actually get an item out of one of those damn skill cranes. [25 points]

243. Have the Bad Horse Singers deliver a message to your favorite Evil MacArthur Genius. [20 points]

244. The Colonel used his patented Leda-seduction technique to get with Raggedy Ann—show us the unexpected progeny of this union. [5 points]

245. Catch a judge in a classic box trap. Course, you’ll have to use something mighty tempting as bait. [19 points]

246. Install a home-made shishi odoshi outside your team headquarters. You know… a deer scarer?… Okay, that thing next to big fancy anime houses that goes “doink.” Yeah, that’s the one. [11 points]

247. Meat substitutes are okay, but really what I’m looking for is a vegetable substitute. I don’t know how you made that pork, beef, chicken, or ham taste just like carrots, celery, spinach, corn, or broccoli, but damn if I’m not impressed. [15 points]

248. At the World’s Fair Convention Center and Park, Scarlett does declare that she will tune Douglas Gruizenga’s Strings, the Colonel raps with Mr. Sheets, Pegasus chills with KC and Rocky, and Daisy tries to steal the heart of orange silhouette man, only to find a “T” in its place. [4 points]

249. We’ve all snuck in the odd box of Jujubees to the local theater, but a seven course Thanksgiving Dinner? That would be a challenge. And no, Doc doesn’t count. [13 points]

250. There are two ways to determine professorial performance. One is reading online course evaluations. The other is creating an intricate system of hobo signals, chalked on their office hours door. And who has time for the former? [6 points]

251. The Wizard in the Rye: Holden Caulfield’s Journal of His Month at Hogwarts. [7 points]

252. An authentic University of Chicago diploma, to be stamped with [redacted] in huge letters at Judgment. [3 points]

253. Three card Monte, baby! Easy money! It’s simple: the Judge will attempt to find the lady while your team works the short con. We’ll start with 1 point, and we’re prepared to go double-or-nothing up to five times. [Up to 32 points]

254. The economic crisis has hit us all pretty hard, but surprisingly there hasn’t been a surge of people wearing nothing but barrels going into banks to get bankruptcy forms. I guess this weekend that’s going to change. [Chapter 13 points]

255. Here lies a war casualty, martyr in the fight for grandness over petty concerns such as “not wanting the campus to burn down”. [0 points]

256. Casu marzu. [11 points]

257. Have you really done your best job on all of this page’s items? Swear to it on a stack of Bibles. Seven biblefeet shall be considered a minimum stack height. [9 points]

258. I guess your professor must be running late… good thing they’ve left the class in the capable hands of that Muppet look-alike. [20 points]

259. First of all, it’s impressive that you hand-crafted that puzzle jug. What’s amazing, though, is that it’s probably the first in history to be filled with Five Alive®. [Thirty-five alive points]
260. At any point in Tennessee, your Tennessee walking Pegasus must walk with a real live Tennessee walking horse. [16 points]

261. Ignoring the pleas of Knoxville’s trash receptacles, Daisy throws down on K-Town! [2 points]

262. Exit 134! Route 75! Dragon! Fireworks! Hell yes! [3 points]

263. Within the Sanders Café, Daisy dreams of a Tijuana Picnic with the Colonel, who confronts his benchy doppelgänger in the other room. Meanwhile, Scarlett does declare that her mind is blown by the model of a motel room and Pegasus explains the grammatical propriety of “Thus we builded.” [8 points]

264. Make sure the Greek delegation is fully represented at the Berea International Festival, and get involved with the coolest event there—you know the one we mean. [10 points]

265. Pie Quest 2K9! Even when road tripping, your deities and demigods require a daily dose of ambrosia. Provide them with a pastry cornucopia of shoo-fly, Dutch apple, chess, Key lime, and pecan pies over the course of their journey. [3 points per pie]

266. Take a walk on ze brown side mit ze fudgemonks, ja? Bring us back a block of bourbon fudge from the Abbey of Gethsemani. [15 points]

267. You know that game Labyrinth, where you try to navigate a little ball through a wooden maze? It’s fun and all, but not quite deserving of the name. Construct a game of Labyrinth truly worthy of the Goblin King, using dials to navigate a bowling ball through the maze and avoid the pitfalls. [200 points, 10 bonus points if Item 74 is used as the ball, but only if it plays the soundtrack from Labyrinth]

268. Tired of being cooped up for so long, Daisy and Pegasus enjoy a Dionysian frolic to the tune of “Red Red Wine” with the nymphs at the Buddy Killen Circle. [9 points]

269. Colonel Sanders is buried in Louisville. This is not a horse grave—do we really want to visit it? [? points]

270. Procure a picture of Pegasus with the Purple Rider pole portraying a player with the same patronym as Scav’s principal purveyor of points. [8 points]

271. The Judges will stain your clothing. Bring a plaid flannel shirt to the Captains’ Oddity to be soiled. By Judgment, you must have removed the stains without any damage to the garment. [8 points]

272. A conflicted Colonel tells a gaggle of suicidal vermillion penguins to either shit or get in the pot on the rooftops of Louisville. [4 points]

273. Don’t bother leaving the highway, but in the general vicinity of the Chanute Air Museum tune your radio dial to 1610 AM and transcribe the incredibly boring tourist information. [1.610 points]

274. Where does food go? To the Bootleg B-B-Q, and you should too. To cap off the Olympians’ gastronomic adventures, eat way too much of Kentucky’s finest BBQ (the extra “b” is for “bonus points”). According to the bathroom stall there, what was 9/11? [13 + 1 points]

275. The first—and only the first—team to present us with a Scavvie sporting a hickey on his or her neck gets five points. That means now: start biting. [5 points]

276. Real octopus butter. [8 points]

277. Scavvies: tell them the odds. Until noon Thursday, e-mail the Judges to place up to one hundred of your own points among any number of bets of the form “[Team] will take [Place]”. Odds will then be calibrated based on betting patterns. Both the odds and who has placed what bets will then be published on the website by midnight. Two further rounds will see bets re-placed and odds re-calibrated on Friday and Saturday. Odds will be capped at 4:1.