House Cup Round Two!

Hall Trivia Competition

Wednesday, Nov 18
9pm (Coffee Hour)

Just drop by coffee hour
to join your hall's team!
Impress your friends!
(That is, if they'd be impressed by your knowledge of useless facts.)

Current Standings:
1. 8th Floor (4.14)
2. 6th Floor (4.03)
3. 4-North (3.90)
4. 3-South (3.77)

Current Standings:
5. 1st Floor (3.40)
6. 4-South (3.34)
7. 7th Floor (2.81)
8. 2-South (2.33)
SCIENCE
Question 1

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- Ans: Buckminsterfullerene ("bucky ball")
Question 2

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- Ans: Oxygen (65%)
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PEOPLE
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  – Muhammad Yunus (2006)
  – Al Gore (2007)
  – Martti Ahtisaari (2008)
  – Barack Obama (2009)
Question 6

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SPORTS
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- Ans: Nadia Comaneci
BONUS!

- The rules change for this round, which is worth special prizes rather than points
- Each question will have a series of three clues
- As soon as someone on your team knows the answer, shout it out – the first correct answer wins
- Each team can only answer once, so be careful
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Ans: Tahiti
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POLITICS
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Question 15

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Question 16

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- Ans: China
S-P
Question 17

- This is the number of pianos we currently have in the building.
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- Ans: 4
Question 18

- If toddler housemaster Joshua could choose to ride in any vehicle, this is the one he would probably pick.
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- Ans: Fire truck
Question 19

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• Ans: 121282 (order of magnitude 10^5)
Question 20

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- Ans: Love Actually