

For the past few years, the Purdue University Quiz Bowl Team has had a semesterly tradition we call the Housewrite Catastrophe. Each semester, every member of the club is invited to write questions of any quality, difficulty, amount, and subject they want. At our last meeting of the semester, we sit around and read them to each other. The Housewrite Catastrophe always produces really interesting question ideas and formats. This semester, we've decided to compile them and upload them to the archives for you all to enjoy too.

Each packet is named after its author. Here's a brief summary of the contents of each packet:

- Ashwin: 5/0 vanity pop culture
- Bailey: 10/10, per the author: "Have you ever thought to yourself, 'Man, I wish all tossups and bonuses could go up to twelve lines?'" Then we have the half-packet for you: Recycling Packet I: A New Trash Compactor! Get ready for ten pages of a mix of trash, lit, fine arts, film, and some history, for seasoning. Gaze in awe at an eleven line bonus and say, 'Oh god this only has ten tossups but it takes 40 minutes to read why.' The author apologizes for nothing." To elaborate, some individual bonus parts have multiple pyramidal clues, complete with a "for 10 points" giveaway. You're basically playing 40 tossups.
- Ben: 16/0, the first 15 questions vary wildly in difficulty and topic, but are secretly themed. The answer to tossup 16 is the theme of the packet.
- Bryan: 7/0 vanity music, the first four are about the Beatles, the last 3 are about bands
- David: 10/0 pop culture, mostly music. Tossups 6 and 7 are lyric-bowl and tossups 8 and 9 require the moderator to play the guitar. Tossup 7 is missing an answerline so the moderator should figure out if they know the answer before reading it, and look it up if not.
- Drew: 17/16 vanity music packet
- Lalit: 10/0 pop culture, titled "We Didn't Start the Arcade Fire," video games, music, and sports from the time span 1995-2012
- Mason: 4/5 academic
- Matt: 1/1 regular myth content, + 1 regular myth tossup except the author has forgotten to write some of the words (quiz bowl mad libs)
- Min: 2/0 academic. The first question has not yet been answered correctly.
- Nathan: 1/1 academic
- Quynh: 8/2 mixed academic and pop culture "Quynh-tent" (Quynh content)
- Rie: 20 questions + 1 extra, visual packet on anime movies
- Sarah: 4/0 superpowermarked open level mixed impure academic tossups
- Seth: 4/1 mixed academic (Norse myth) and pop culture (board games)

Additional questions were written and read by Pranav Veluri and Patrick Quion. Pranav's were not included because they were a format that can't be shared off his local computer (he edited the Wikipedia articles of actors, directors, and films, and screenshared for us), and Patrick's were not included because they will be part of a larger packet that he is still working on.

I compiled these from Google Docs, Word documents, Discord DMs, and even one .txt file, but I did minimal editing, mostly just formatting. I left in the typos and grammatical errors to preserve authorial intent. Some of us wrote these on our phones while half paying attention to lectures; others wrote them in the hours before or even during the Housewrite Catastrophe meeting, while waiting for their turn to read. The difficulty, length, and writing quality all vary wildly. One frequent issue is that answerlines are usually very sparse on prompts and alternates, owing to the fact that these were written to be read by the author. Very few of these questions were playtested or edited. Nevertheless, we had a lot of fun writing and playing these, and we hope you enjoy them too!

-Quynh Phung