



CELEBRATE IN NOVEMBER!

College Trivia

1. A prominent UNH hockey tradition is, "the throwing of the fish." After UNH scores its first goal, all fans turn their attention to the opposing teams net. Up and over the boards, a fish is thrown onto the ice. The tradition dates back to the 1970s.
2. Actress Geena Davis attended New England College in Henniker, NH.
3. Although Good Will Hunting is set in Boston at the MIT and Harvard campuses, much of the film was actually shot at the University of Toronto.
4. Bates College has a famed "cereal wall" that contains over 20 different types of cereal available at any meal.
5. Carleton College in Minnesota plays an annual softball game that has an inning for each year the college has been in existence. The school was founded in 1866!
6. Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH is the only college in the state of New Hampshire that has a functioning maple sugar house on its campus.
7. Dartmouth College is the oldest college in New Hampshire, founded in 1769.
8. Emerson College owns a castle, called the Kasteel Well, in the Netherlands that is home to its Semester Abroad Program.
9. Each spring, Franklin Pierce University hosts the "Grand Monadnock Climb" at Mt. Monadnock, the most frequently climbed mountain in North America and the second most frequently climbed mountain in the world after Japan's Mt. Fuji.
10. Harvard University banned filming on campus from 1970-2007. Movies such as Legally Blonde and Forrest Gump were actually filmed at the University of Southern California.
11. In 1985, Bentley University was the first higher education institute in the country to require students to have their own laptops.
12. Matt Bonner, a Concord High School graduate, is ranked the 9th most intelligent professional athlete in the world. He attended the University of Florida and had nearly a 4.0 GPA.
13. Popular horror author Stephen King graduated from the University of Maine in 1970.
14. Quidditch, the sport at the center of the Harry Potter series, was founded at Middlebury College in 2005. Today, about 200 colleges and universities have club teams.
15. Smart Balance buttery spread was invented by nutrition scientists at Brandeis University.
16. The Boston University bridge is one of very few places in the world where a boat can sail under a train driving under a car driving under an airplane!

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17. The famous statue of John Harvard in Harvard Yard is not a likeness of John, someone else modeled for the statue.
18. The movie The Exorcist was filmed at Fordham University in New York City and Fordham University professor and priest, Fr. William O'Malley played the character Fr. Dyer in the movie.
19. The oldest college marching band was started in 1843 at Notre Dame.
20. The University of Pennsylvania was founded in 1740, 47 years before Pennsylvania officially became a state.
21. Every May, seniors at Wellesley College roll a hula hoop across campus; the winner of the annual "hoop-rolling" is thrown into Lake Waban.
22. To date, 100 Berklee alumni have received 253 Grammy Awards, including Esperanza Spalding, John Mayer, and Quincey Jones.
23. Each year Clark University sanctions a day ("Spree Day") in which classes are spontaneously canceled. Students are encouraged to enjoy the entertainment on the campus Green which is converted into a carnival with amusement rides!
24. Georgetown University has a class named "Philosophy and Star Trek" that explores the questions: Is it possible to travel back in time? How are the body and brain connected? What is free will, and do humans have it?
25. Carnegie Mellon is home to the nation's only graduating bagpipe major.
26. In 1930 Purdue Airport made history, becoming the first university-owned and operated airport in the country.
27. U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower was also president of Columbia University for five years.
28. 27 college and universities in the U.S. have their own nuclear reactor.
29. Berea College in Kentucky offers all admitted students a Tuition Promise Scholarship guaranteeing that they will never pay tuition.
30. At Plymouth State University, you can get a bachelor's degree (BS) in Adventure Education.
31. Harvard Stadium was the first reinforced concrete structure in the world.
32. Nearly 60% of American college students are female; every state but Utah has more women than men in college.
33. An anonymous donor pays for the college education of every student in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
34. Being a Star Trek fan can get you a \$500 college scholarship from an organization called Starfleet.
35. 75 percent of high school seniors are accepted to their first-choice colleges; but less than 57 percent can afford to attend. (UCLA study)
36. 23% of full-time undergrads, who are 24 or younger, work 20 hours or more a week.
37. With more than 50 colleges and universities within 50 square miles, Boston is the metropolitan area with the most accredited higher education institutions.
38. Average income of a bachelor's degree graduate is about \$47,000.

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39. Walk around the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor on a Sunday afternoon, and it's very possible you will see dozens of students feeding squirrels peanuts. The weekly feeding is a regular engagement of the Squirrel Club - an officially sanctioned student group dedicated to nothing more than feeding peanuts to squirrels.
40. Need a hug? You might take a stroll through the Northwestern University campus. Students there have created an interesting student group - the Happiness Club. Members of the club strive to 'increase the happiness of members of the Northwestern community' by providing students with free hugs, hot chocolate, lemonade and smiley face stickers.
41. Mindy Kaling of The Mindy Project and The Office fame received a Playwriting Degree from Dartmouth College.
42. Gatorade was invented at the University of Florida.
43. The first Greek-letter student society in the U.S. was founded at the College of William and Mary.
44. The cost of college textbooks has risen 812% in the past 30 years. That's more than health care costs, housing prices, and college tuitions, all of which have risen faster than the rate of inflation. Source: BLS, Census Bureau
45. The first guest to enter Disneyland was a college student. He didn't ride a single attraction because he had to get back to school. He was awarded a lifelong ticket to Disneyland (with up to 3 guests). The ticket has since been extended to include Disney parks around the world.
46. 14 of the world's 25 largest stadiums belong to American college football teams.
47. Nearly 55% of freshmen attend school no more than 100 miles from home. More than 37% selected a college no more than 50 miles from home.
48. 9.4% of all college students attend a community college in California.
49. Annual family income of more than 47% of undergraduates is less than \$40,000.
50. The largest state university in the country is Arizona State University in Tempe.
51. Surveys in the U.S. and other countries show that college students continue to prefer printed textbooks to electronic ones by large margins.
52. In an effort to "toast" to their football team's success, University of Pennsylvania students throw toast onto the field at 3rd quarter.
53. Oberlin College was the first college to grant degrees to women in 1841. It was also the first college to grant a bachelor's degree to an African American woman in 1862.
54. There are 60 women colleges in the U.S. located within 24 states. The state with the most women's colleges is Massachusetts with 8. The second is Pennsylvania with 7.



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