John Hardy's roast June 2014

- 1) What was John's most excellent and impressive achievement during his Schmidt lab time?
- a) Being featured on the UT EHS website
- b) Being the first researcher to discover that conducting polymers can be used as explosives
- c) Sleeping through every group meeting he ever attended
- d) Discovering the only way to bring alcohol to the Christmas party on campus in an English Christmas cake (aka fruitcake still dripping with brandy)
- 2) Which of the following is John NOT allergic to?
- a) bread
- b) cheese
- c) clean underwear
- d) gin
- 3) Which of the following most eloquently captures John's capacity as a researcher?
- a) It took him a week to figure out that Derek had stolen the lyophilizer
- b) His most remarkable achievements occurred in the middle of the night, after which he would promptly text his labmates to join him for a celebratory drink only to discover that it was 7 in the morning
- c) When moving to Florida, he worked up to the last minute, even bringing half of the lab and his experiments with him in Chase's truck
- 4) Which 'SCOREBOARD!!!!' factoid most accurately describes John, relative to other lab members?
- a) Scott Z: 1 undergrad; John: 213 undergrads
- b) Richelle: spent 2 years on vacation and still graduated with aplomb; John: no vacation, ever
- c) John: 1 lab explosion; All other members of the Schmidt lab combined: 0 lab explosions
- d) Fonner: not seen in the Schmidt lab during the last 2 years of his PhD work; John: didn't leave the Schmidt lab for 2 consecutive years.
- e) Chase: attended every lab meeting and asked questions during presentations; John: attended one lab meeting, slept through the whole thing.
- f) Zin: used her yoga mat to do stretches in her office; John: used Zin's yoga mat to sleep on the conference room table after long nights in the lab (there might be mice on the floor!).
- 5) Which observation most accurately captures John's knowledge of American society?
- a) He was concerned that parents of the elementary school student visitors would bring guns when they came to the UT outreach event
- b) He never scored with any American women
- c) He said we have good beer
- d) He wore his England jersey to the tailgates
- 6) How can you tell John has been in the tissue culture room?
- a) As you walk in you slip on the huge puddle of ethanol
- b) You discover strange black residue on bottles and dishes in the hood
- c) The phase contrast microscope is still on
- d) Ethanol bottle has been placed in the hood
- 7) What is John's catch-phrase when it comes to planning new experiments?
- a) "That should be relatively straight forward"
- b) "You can have one of your undergrads do_____" (insert hugely complicated task)
- c) John plans experiments??

- 8) When you plan an event or meeting, what time will John arrive?
- a) Right on time
- b) 15 minutes late, he is British after all, they know what is fashionable
- c) 2 hours late
- d) On time, but only according to John time
- 9) What trait did John inherit with his proper British upbringing?
- a) Pandering to political correctness (not discussing politics under any circumstances)
- b) Being very polite and going out of his way to not be blunt
- c) Shopping around for chemicals to find the cheapest supplier
- d) His love of Prince (baby) George, named in his likeness
- e) Shyness to complain if there is a problem (wearing a coat and gloves to lab in the summer rather than fixing the A/C)
- 10) While in Texas, in what ways did John make Hyma's life a nightmare?
- a) Ordering too many things with no grant support
- b) Losing his passport and documents the first week he joined the lab
- c) Closing the lab down for a week while EH&S cleaned up
- d) Not finishing his experiments until the day he left
- 11) In what way is John like an island in the Schmidt lab?
- a) His research area
- b) His lab space
- c) His nationality
- d) His work hours
- 12) Which picture represents John the best? (see pictures below to understand descriptions)
- a) Shaggy
- b) Beaker
- c) Asleep in lab
- d) Multiple personalities
- e) Embracing Gainesville

John's laid-back attitude contributes to his undergraduate students' comfort in the lab



John's most exciting discoveries included the explosive nature of polypyrrole



John is very dedicated to his work, spending many nights in the lab



John plays many different roles in the lab



John has fully embraced the move to the land of the Gators

