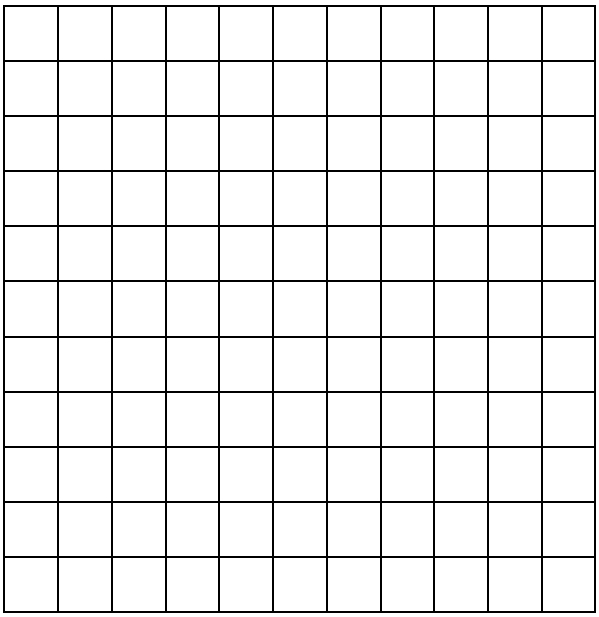
Harvard Puzzle "HarvardX"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eight letters, three are capitalized, one is an acronym, and one is a two-word phrase) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Twelve across words and twelve down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those twenty-four letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words spell a four-word phrase related to the puzzle's title. Thanks to Kevin Wald '93 for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Vie with league leader to get to finish
2. A crab Leo cooked turns out to be fish
3. Ezra's confused about true or false
4. Catch girl with ring
5. Merry-go-round course running around center of far end of mall
6. Nothing in shed is damaged
7. A bold play before end of game is possible
8. Tray carries balm and a bit of rue
9. Fair Mary's middle name
10. Crane cracked lining of shell
11. Papa sure wasted money
12. China's aggressively covering up government agency
13. Start to sail halfway with meridian and move well through water
14. Talk about yours truly being one who steals the work of others
15. Range of small vessel
16. Ancient character of tenure in retrospect
17. A fool takes one with all its faults
18. Hard-to-change garment
19. Continue to move without a charge
20. Opted to have Rod replace Samuel for duty
21. Overtype mess after only one error is removed for lack of means
22. Unusual need to signify
23. Seth started to bury a chemical sediment
24. Author Joan wrote one love novel initially

Down

1. Study fish in cabinet
2. Bag is all wet when doused
3. Cheer about river bird
4. Patchy or irregular point
5. Crumpets damaged in distribution
6. Use abusive language in note about sin
7. Fluid drain's lowest point
8. Turn up rhenium free of other elements
9. Fear onset of tectonic slip
10. Business in cereals is partly genuine
11. Fundamental nature of the origins of truth and order
12. Turner takes time in judge's chamber
13. Angry about end of meat supply
14. Instrument touch-up
15. Sodium pen is very unpleasant
16. 500 replacing 1000 in a state of confusion or stupefaction
17. Maniac cut nail off
18. Herb died sick
19. Let lineman rest
20. Get rid of female department head
21. Effrontery of singer embracing rabbi
22. Johnny's money
23. Song started on one note of sound
24. Scanty and frugal with a shilling
25. Minister beginning to prosecute crime