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Amherst College student tells tale of Jeopardy!

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Q: What do you plan to do with your winnings?

A: "No idea."

Q: How would you describe the whole experience?

A: "Fun. It's a game show, and I enjoyed playing the game, and I enjoyed entertaining."

Q: Was it intimidating - were you nervous?

A: "Not too nervous or intimidated - more excited. I was getting paid enormous amounts of money for answering questions. What's not to like?"

Q: Did you mess up on any of the phrasings, like forgetting to say "what is..." or "who is..."?

A: "Nah, it just becomes kind of a reflex."

Q: Was playing final Jeopardy! as fun as it is when watching at home?

A: "More fun - the money is real."

Q: Did you get to meet Alex Trebek? Was he still rock'n that sweet mustache? Did it mesmerize you? Did you get lost in it?

A: "No, I asked him at the end of the first show why he got rid of it. He refused to answer. It remains one of life's great mysteries why he shaved it. I always thought it was the source of his strength - like Samson's hair. I guess not."

Q: How much of that money do you actually get to keep?

A: "Don't know - you'll have to ask the IRS. Jeopardy! doesn't pay me until 120 days after the show airs, so I'm still scrounging in my couch for beer money for another four months."

POLL

How will you cope with finals?

- Finals!? But it's only...oh holy crap finals are next week!
- Binge drinking
- Denial
- Positive thinking, lots of sleep and healthy studying
- Caffeine, caffeine and more caffeine
- Finals are a piece of cake for me

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