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Trivia Finals Competition Held at SMCI State Prison

LEAKESVILLE – Teams of two to three people faced off at the South Mississippi Correctional Institution to determine who would be crowned trivia kings at the prison.

After hard-fought battles against many, many brains from Area I, II, and III, the inmates competed in the finals on February 25. The teams tussled through categories including arts and entertainment, history and religion, sports, science and technology, and word puzzles for three rounds per game.

No team could claim a runaway victory. On more than a couple of occasions, the judges had to make some close calls, and the winning score for the last round of the last game, a showdown between Area 1 and Area 2, came down to one question. After respectable showings from all the competitors and double-checked tallies from the judges, “Pinky and the Brain” (the name for two inmate competitors in Area I) ruled the day, but applause went out to all of the teams that competed.

Of course, not everyone agreed with every decision that was made, but the courtesy among these competitors should not be understated. They shook hands and congratulated one another, setting a model of respectful gamesmanship for everyone in attendance. Among those who participated, facilitated, and spectated, a common observation emerged, often with a note of surprise: “That was fun!”

