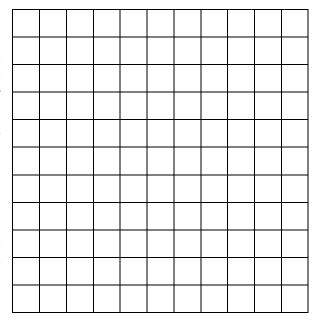
Decline and Fall

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten letters; one is foreign and capitalized) 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. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those ten letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a two-word phrase related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald '93 for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- Conjugate in French before half of lectures
- 2. Small, rough, deformed male with grass
- 3. Sailor allowed a glass
- 4. Comedian's means of communication
- 5. Groom about to go inside cage
- 6. Wicked Peter has no regret
- 7. Commander holds terminal list
- 8. Get up around noon to bathe
- 9. Pandora cruelly denied a reprieve
- 10. Fellow gets \$1000 for 1000 in attendance
- 11. Around the end of September, bring back fresh bird
- 12. Deviate from path heading west
- 13. Rode flat illegally to get tire tool
- 14. Seaman beginning to navigate lake
- 15. Bird of wondrous wanderings
- 16. Joined firm primarily to get exploited
- 17. Spread and shake arms with energy
- 18. Ada's had to swallow a bit
- 19. . . . while mother wasted ten
- 20. Refuse a stew that's cooked
- 21. Papa managed with aid, getting confused and frail at the end of a meal
- 22. Sapling cultivator
- 23. One isn't agitated with emotional strain



Down

- 1. Native gets medicine for new prisoner
- 2. Driving from bed right before eviction
- 3. Baby losing mass daily
- 4. Rack of rotting flesh
- 5. Member of motor gang
- 6. City in Arizona with large synagogue
- 7. Noah or Wallace like ale
- 8. Sing of one barrier to love
- 9. Clean up and clear register
- 10. Quick-turning cars
- 11. Mystery entry
- 12. Get up to wrap rector in fiber
- 13. Ceremonial meal includes knight and dispatcher
- 14. Author has a unit of work to assimilate
- 15. Limb covering insect is absent
- 16. Some pictures comprise a story
- 17. Malarkey about having wings
- 18. Clean, white residue
- 19. Hidden tooth has slight cavity
- 20. A Spanish horse in France and a wolf without a tail
- 21. Something small contained in something large isn't, absurdly, about eating at first
- 22. Secure and prepare for slaughter, losing time for initiation of sacraments