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Tingle dormitory College Bowl winners, left to right, Bill Ramsey, Kris Davis, Matt Ruane and John Kavanaugh, outguessed all comers.

Wizards whiz to bowl win

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In the fine art of creative guessing, delay tactics, and knowing when to interrupt, the Wizards — a four-man team from Tingle dormitory — proved Wednesday night that no one guesses, delays or interrupts better.

The name of this game is College Bowl. The object: to respond with correct answers before the other team can do the same. The prize was \$75 and a tee-shirt.

Billed as the "varsity sport of the mind" by its Time/Life sponsors, the University Housing Department brings this trivia/game show to campus each year as the intellectual entry among its intramural sports offerings, says organizer Sally Smith, director of the University Inn.

Elimination rounds began last month among 50 teams. Each of the five complexes determined a dorm-wide, and then complex-wide champ to enter in this week's final intradorm show down.

It was the Wizards who beat everyone else to the buzzer.

During each question, the noise from the small audience hushed as each contestant strained for a response. Some elbowed their neighbors knowingly, while others shook their

heads in bewilderment at the impossibility of the questions.

The questions were donated from professors all over campus, Smith says, as well as from a purchased Time/Life packet. Topics and degree of difficulty were widely varied. Questions ranged from sports and television trivia to physics and literature.

"To win you should have a good scientist, a liberal arts major, someone in communication, and in business — a broad general background," Smith says.

Preparation before the big match took various forms among the teams. Chris Warner of Caswell, whose team lost to Tingle in the last round before the semifinals, says he played College Bowl in high school, and is a frequent reader of trivia books. But the Wizards were briefed in delaying tactics, according to Ruane, such as speaking a response as slowly as possible to stretch out thinking time.

Davis remembers watching the old College Bowl game show on television, on which the current version is based.

"I used to watch it all the time," he says. "I couldn't answer any of those crazy questions, like 'Who was born in 1885 and went on to invent cotton?'"

Grad wins acting award

Michael Nering, a University graduate student in theatre, has won the Northwest competition for the Irene Ryan acting awards.

Nering topped a field of more than 300 actors and actresses in a competition held last week at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington. The award, created by the late actress who starred in the long-running series "The Beverly Hillbillies," carries with it a \$750 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C., in

April, for the national finals.

Nering performed scenes from "She Stoops to Conquer" and "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail." His acting partner during the competition was Charles Slovenski, also a graduate student in theatre. Nering and Slovenski played the leading roles in the University Theatre's production of Martin Sherman's "Bent" in October.

The Irene Ryan competition was part of the Northwest Drama Conference held in Ellensburg.

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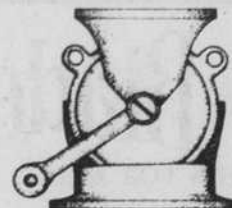
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