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All University students can enter campus College Bowl competition

By **Tonnie Dakin**
Of the Emerald

The College Bowl, also known as "the varsity sport of the mind," is registering teams for another year of play, and this time the game is open to all students.

Registration for the intramural tournament is Jan. 8-15 in the EMU Recreation Center.

The game first was played at the University about seven years ago because it seemed like "a good educational program that would be fun," said Sally Smith, area director of the University Inn and one of the original coordinators of the University College Bowl.

Teams of four members compete intramurally, "vying for toss-up and bonus questions of an academic nature," said Sandy Vaughn, coordinator of the 1987 University competition.

When the game began at the University, members of the faculty would make up questions in categories like literature, science, history, music, sports and film, Smith said. Currently, questions are bought from College Bowl, Inc., in Studio City, Calif., which sells questions to interested universities, she said.

The College Bowl dates back to the 1950s, where it was presented as a game show on television. When networks stopped broadcasting the show, the game was picked up by colleges around the country, using the same format of awarding points for correctly answering questions in various categories. "It became so popular that

with only the residence hall players...we had trouble finding a way for (other) people to play," Smith said. "We just kept doing it each year...and we considered it worthwhile. This is an experiment to see if off-campus students and students in the Greek system want to be involved."

Because of the wide range of questions in the game, "the stronger teams are made up of people with a variety of backgrounds," Vaughn said.

Steve Van Devender, a senior computer science major, participated in the game last year, playing for both intramural and regional teams. Although he played in about 12 games, he did not do extensive preparation for the events, he said.

"There's not much you can do to prepare for a trivia quiz-

other in the regional competition, and both years the team went to the National Invitational in Atlanta, Ga.

Osanka participated in the event because "it's just the way my mind works," he said. "It gathers together little pieces of information and puts them into larger concepts and ideas. Those little bits of information tend to pop up in questions that are asked."

Osanka also did not prepare much before the competition but found that when competing on a regional or national level, most students had been preparing most of the year, he said.

"The difficulty we found...is at most universities this is considered an inter-collegiate activity — somewhat like a sport," Osanka said.

Moderators for the event in-

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type thing," he said.

Van Devender's team did not make it to the championships, but he was chosen to play on the regional team, which was eliminated after a few games, he said.

Jeff Osanka, a doctoral student in rhetoric and communication, participated in the College Bowl in 1984 and 1985. Both years his team won the Oregon tournament, placing second one year and third the

clude University President Paul Olum, Vice President for Administration Dan Williams, and Wendy Ray and Fred Webb from the KUGN Morning Show. Judges and scorekeepers are volunteers from the campus and community.

Preliminary rounds begin Jan. 21 and continue every Wednesday evening through the campus championship on Feb. 11.

For more information, contact Vaughn at 686-3733.

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MEETINGS

The Singapore Students Association meets tonight at 6:30 in Room 167 EMU. Attendance is compulsory.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship meets tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room A for worship and games.

MISCELLANEOUS

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