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Scott Wyckoff (center) of the victorious With the Underhills struggles to come up with the correct answer to a College Bowl competition while Christopher Matz (left) and John Fleenor look on.

## College Bowl competition ends, all-star team to go to regionals

By John Stoops  
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Competition for the 1990 College Bowl crown ended last night, in what Bowl organizers called the most competitive games ever.

For those students who were too busy to pull their heads out of their textbooks, the College Bowl is a national competition among University students consisting of two four-member teams answering trivia questions in the areas of history, science, literature, film, and current events.

The team that obtains the most amount of points at the end of the second seven-minute half is the winner. Originally starting out as 32 teams, the finals broke the field down to eight, five from the dorms and three from off campus.

There are two types of questions: toss-ups worth 10 points each and Bonuses worth 20 to 30 points each. A team must answer a toss-up in order to be given a chance at a bonus. For the toss-up, the question must be answered alone by the individual who prompted the Moderator; for the bonus, team members may confer for the best answer.

Although this sounds relatively easy, some the questions required such Ph.D.-caliber information as, "It originally referred to that are of the oceans near the equator between the northeast and the southeast trade winds." The answer: doldrums.

If this stumps you then maybe you can answer one of the bonuses questions:

"The communist insurgency in what was South Vietnam was called the Viet Cong. For 15 points apiece, what other two-word name was used by the communist insurgency in Cambodia and Laos?" The correct answer here: Khmer Rouge and Patheta Lao.

The winning team of last night's tournament does not necessarily mean the team will travel to Moscow, Idaho for the regionals. There will be an all-star team selected from the eight teams in the finals tournament, based on the number of questions each individual answered correctly.

"The reason that we send an all-star team instead of the winning team is because most of the other universities in the region send all-star

teams," said Susan Pedersen, the recreation manager of the EMU Recreation Center, which sponsored the College Bowl competition. "In order to maximize our competitiveness we need send the best that the University of Oregon has to offer."

In first-round action Tuesday night, the Timberwolves beat Fantastic Four. With the Underhills beat Truckin for Jesus II, Berenger's Nightmare beat Cognitive Armageddon, and Merciless Ice Weasels defeated Embryo Joe and the Placentas.

In the second round, Truckin for Jesus II beat Fantastic Four. With the Underhills beat the Timberwolves, Merciless Ice Weasels beat Berenger's Nightmare, and Embryo Joe and the Placentas beat Cognitive Armageddon.

In the third round With the Underhills beat the Merciless Ice Weasels, Truckin for Jesus beat Berenger's Nightmare. The Timberwolves beat Embryo Joe and the Placentas.

In the Semi-finals Truckin for Jesus II beat The Timberwolves, and then The Merciless Ice Weasels beat Truckin for Jesus II.

The final round had The Merciless Ice Weasels defeating With the Underhills, but because the tournament is a double-game elimination, and because With the Underhills had yet to lose, The Merciless Ice Weasels were forced to play them again for the championship.

At the end of the second round, the score was tied at 140, sending the game into a first-ever sudden death overtime. Whatever team to answer the next question would win; however, the team to answer the question wrong would lose.

Josh King of The Merciless Ice Weasels answered incorrectly, giving With the Underhills the victory.

"We have been doing the College Bowl for two years and this is by far the most competitive tournament I have ever seen," said Christopher Matz, team captain for With the Underhills. "Given any other day and the Ice Weasels could have won."

With the Underhills received a \$15 gift certificate to the Oregon Electric Station for winning College Bowl.

The second-place Merciless Ice Weasels received \$5 gift certificate to the University Bookstore.

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