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**College Bowl tempts and tests trivial tastes**

If your general knowledge IQ makes you a fair game for Jeopardy, then the College Bowl might be the closest you'll ever get to participate in a game show that tests how up to date you are with world affairs.

A trivia game geared to college students, the College Bowl not only grills you on the academics of history, English and science, but spans almost every topic under the sun, from sports and pop culture to social issues and politics.

"This is a real varsity sport of the mind—instead of using your brawn you're using your brains in active participation," said Sue Pedersen, coordinator for the EMU Recreation Center.

The College Bowl has proven to be so popular since it started across campuses in the nation in the 1960s, that it's now the largest college tournament in the country.

It's set up like a real game show too, with all the nail-biting suspense over who will hit the buzzer first and give the right answer. But the game doesn't end on a buzzer-happy level, the biggest bait is that the winner goes on to regional and national level competitions.

From past College Bowl experience, Pedersen expects some 40-50 teams to participate this year. By the final round, however, that number will be trimmed down to eight teams. The wedding out process happens on Jan 22 and 29 in what



A team of Jeopardy wannabe's vie for a chance to go to the national College Bowl in Washington, D.C.

is expected to be two heated preliminaries, one in each of the seven dormitories for dorm residents and one in the EMU that's open to all University students.

During the competitions, the judges keep track of participants who give the best answers and pick them to represent the University in its all-star team in the regional finals that'll be held here on Feb 28-29.

The best regional team goes

on to the nationals at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

Though it all sounds like real serious stuff, the College Bowl is meant to be a challenge that's fun and in the name of true collegiate spirit.

"It's a good way for students to get together, do something as a team, and there'll also be plenty of opportunity for out-of-class interaction with faculty and staff, many of whom are in-

involved in officiating the game," said Pedersen.

Those interested can sign up between Jan 16-20. Dorm residents can sign up with their resident assistants while all other students can sign up at the Recreation Center from 9-11 a.m. weekdays. Students can register as a team and the fee is \$12 per team, or for \$3, they can register individually and be assigned to a team.

—Ming Rodrigues

**LOST**

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down in the hallway, and picked up and taken to lost and found.

Betty and her wallet—without the money—were reunited on the spot.

Although Pedersen attempts to locate owners of articles turned in, the system does not work in reverse.

If you've lost your favorite pink fuzzy bunny scuffs, you can't leave your name and number at lost and found and expect to get a call when the scuffs are returned.

"We don't have time to provide that kind of service," Pedersen explained.

The closet gets cleaned out each term on the first two days of dead week. On Monday all items sell for three dollars each, but by Tuesday what remains is priced at two for a quarter.

"The first day is a gold mine and the second is the dregs," she said. Such items as Gortex jackets and sophisticated calculators have sold for only three dollars.

Last year at the end of fall term when it was snowing, a little boy buying a coat and hat for twenty five cents aroused Pedersen's empathy. He arrived at the sale with-

out warmth and was delighted to find such a bargain.

A woman Christmas shopper exhibited creative humor by buying most of the single glove collection. She carefully matched the glove's personality with the person destined to receive it. Top that for original gift giving!

There were 573 articles turned in last term. The service provides 95 percent rate of return for wallets. Yes, the business is seasonal in that now lost and found receives many umbrellas and during the summer it gets shoes and shorts.

Student ID cards come in faster now that the EMU lost and found address is listed in small print on the back of all cards.

Keys, bicycles and pets are routed to Public Safety, but most other things are accepted. "We get a lot of things that are simply abandoned like that old hair dryer," Pedersen said.

"I always thought that our lost and found closet would make an excellent modern archeology study of human beings and their things," Pedersen concluded.

—Sue Bright

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