



Team "Whitman or Bust" ponders a bonus question en route to a College Bowl championship. Last night's finals lasted more than two hours.

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A different kind of Bowl Game

■ The College Bowl finals, a rock-'em sock-'em question and answer fest, are held Tuesday night

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Tuesday night, after competing for more than two hours, the "Whitman or Bust" team left the finals of the College Bowl as the winner.

Last week, 12 teams consisting of four University students each competed in the hopes of making it to the final round. However, only the three unbeaten teams and the high-scoring team made it to the final Round Robin tournament of six games. Teams had to buzz in for toss-up questions worth 10 points each before receiving the opportunity to answer a bonus question.

The winning "Whitman or Bust" team consisted of Sean Cole, Heath Hutto, Jason Hartwig and team captain Jason George. The team proved its knowledge in a wide variety of categories, answering questions ranging from the Bible to Arnold Schwarzenegger movies.

Jason Hartwig, a graduate political science student, said he participated for the fun rather than the competitive aspect of the tournament.

"It offers some way of exercising mental energy," Hartwig said.

The tournament ended early, after five rounds, when the winning team had outscored its competitors and secured the title.

Heath Hutto, a senior majoring in English, was on last year's winning College Bowl team and said he expected the win but was surprised by the team's outstanding performance.

"We weren't expecting to win by this much," Hutto said. He now looks forward to go on to the regional tournament with the team, which involves competition among other colleges. If "Whitman or Bust" should win at regionals, the team would get the opportunity to prove its expertise in the national tournament.

Dustin Preuitt, from the first runner up team "Stop pressing the buzzer," achieved the highest individual score. The "Carson 2!" team finished third.

Liz Kearny-Clifton, a senior majoring in exercise and movement science and the coordinator for the College Bowl, said the tournament offers students at the University an alternative for having fun. Even though the competition was cut short by "Whitman and Bust's" early win, Kearny-Clifton said she had reached her goals for the night because everyone had a good time.

Shannon Lynch, an undecided sophomore, came to watch and support her friends on the "Carson 2!" team. She thought the questions teams had to answer were hard.

Kearny-Clifton said the questions at the College Bowl are designed to be harder and more obscure than those on game shows such as "Jeopardy!"

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