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Student gets regional honor

A UNC sophomore achieved the highest Southeastern score in national mathematics competition and received an award for his accomplishment at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Edward J. Rak, was commended for his performance in the 40th annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematics Competition at the Math Association's meeting held April 12 at Appalachian State University.

The Putnam Competition, sponsored by the association, drew more than 2,500 entrants this year from major colleges and universities. It tests undergraduates' mathematical ability with a six-hour examination.

Rak placed in the top 2 percent among all the entrants and ranked 42nd nationally on the exam.

He graduated from Loomis Chaffee School in Connecticut and is a Morehead fellow. Rak is also a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity and a Campus Y officer.

-Jon Pope



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Troll's, a familiar gathering place for UNC students ... bar to remain open under a new management agreement

Troll's Bar to remain open

By Gelareh Asayesh

Though the Beerhall Era may be over, Troll's Bar in Chapel Hill will continue to serve as a reminder of bygone days for sometime yet. Owner Sam Shaffer scrapped plans to close the bar after Roger Meyland offered to buy half of Troll's Ltd.

Shaffer will retain an interest in the business. Meyland has been a Troll's customer since it first opened in 1975 and a bartender on and off since August. "I didn't want to see Troll's close. It's nice for the students to have someplace to go. Someplace they can let off some tension, drink some beer and not pay a fortune for it." Meyland said.

"(Shaffer) doesn't want the business to close... he wanted to sell it. There's been a lot of pressure on him every day for five years. (He has been) actively managing Troll's," he said.

Shaffer's decision to sell out was not made for financial reasons, Meyland said, since Troll's has been doing well and is at the peak of its popularity.

"I'd been spending too much time down here," Shaffer said. "I'm getting a year older every year and the students stay the same and it's a pace of life I couldn't keep up with."

With the present arrangements, Shaffer said everything has turned out for the best. "If Troll's closed I'd miss the place and the people down here. Now I can take the time out of it and pursue other interests. It's the best of two fives."

In spite of the shift in ownership, Meyland said, no major changes are planned. He likes the place as it is, "It's a fairly congenial atmosphere and we try to keep it that way," Shaffer said.

"Coming to Chapel Hill and opening Troll's has been one of the best things I ever did," he said. "I've had a great time for the past five years and I'm looking forward to another five years."

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The Law and The Testimony, were also the basis of the 17th century Revival and Reformation, sometimes called the Puritan Reformation. The Law and The Testimony were words frequently on the lips of John Wesley, and were the great Foundation Stones of the 18th Century Revival led by Wesley, and which Revival saved England from experiences similar to those of France at the time of her Revolution when the streets of Paris ran with blood, and which Revolution was greatly contributed to by Voltaire and his cohorts as they mocked, despised, and rejected The Law and The Testimony!

Not only did the Wesleyan Revival greatly bless England, but its fire leaped across The Atlantic Ocean and kindled itself in North America by the hands of such men as Whitfield, Asbury, Coke, Jonathan Edwards, and others, and spread rapidly over our country, producing such men in political and civil life as George Washington, Patrick Henry, etc.

Through the blessings of God which have come from our rich and godly heritage we have freedom and liberty, which we have turned into "license!" The great and inspired men of God mentioned above were all in one accord in one respect: "They believed in The God of The Bible." Not only that "it contained The Word of God," but it "was The Word of God." They accepted at face value the first recorded words spoken by Christ after His baptism by John, and The Holy Spirit visibly descending upon Him from heaven in the form of a dove: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by 'EVERY WORD' that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew and Luke 4:4.

As a result of the Puritan Revival and the Wesleyan Revival in the American colonies, and later the states, many of God's laws were written on our statute books and still there, though scorned and mocked at by many today as "blue laws," outmoded and out of date, etc. These laws were put there without serious objection by a population that was about 75% or more non-professing Christians. Today the picture is just about reversed, with about 75%, or a little less, professing to be Christian, we see the laws of God being taken off our statute books, or compromised, or watered down to where they mean almost nothing to the morality of our times!

In the Second Psalm God says: "Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance." This was addressed to "His King He set up," but surely it is appropriate and pleasing to God for us to make this same prayer in Christ's Name, for His sake!

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