## Big Buddy starts drive

By RACHEL STROUD

College students serving as friends and role models to children with special needs is the basis for the Campus Y Big Buddy Program.

Counselors from the Chapel Hill and Carrboro School systems refer about 200 children with special needs - many from broken homes - to the program each year, said Big Buddy Committee co-chair Allene Smith. Children from ages 6 to 12 are eligible to participate.

"It's a very popular program for both the children and the students," Smith

Co-chair Steve Marshall agreed. "The program is a useful service," he said. "It provides a special relationship. We look for college students who are reliable and caring and who can also be understanding to the special needs of the children. We are not there to act as parents or money-suppliers, we are there to be a friend.

"It's a serious committment. If you don't fulfill the commitment, you could leave the child in worse condition than before," he said.

Big Buddy program coordinators choose big buddies each year in early September. The big buddies must spend at least two hours per week with their little buddies, Smith said. Having transportation is important, she added.

So that big buddies will be more prepared to help the children, each has a conference with the referring school counseler to discuss the specific needs of the child. Big Buddies are required to attend workshops conducted by child psychologists, social workers and educators, Smith said.

Big buddies and little buddies also participate in several group activities throughout the year such as holiday parties, bowling and skating, Smith said.

Smith said 200 students could participate in this year's program. About 75 already have been paired with the little buddies they had last year, she said.

Students interested in applying for the Big Buddy Program should attend an orientation meeting today at 7 p.m. in the Upendo Lounge of the South Campus Union or Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of the Student Union. Applications will be available at both

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## Tutor program unlikely

By DENISE MOULTRIE

A mandatory tutorial policy for students with unacceptable grade point averages is unlikely to pass a Faculty Council committee that is studying the issue, said Havden B. Renwick, associate dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Faculty Council formed a committee last spring to investigate the necessity of tutorial program for students having grade point averages below 1.5 at the end of their freshman year. A 1.0 GPA is required to continue as a sophomore.

"In the beginning, I felt it (the proposal) would be passed," Renwick said. "My optimism has diminished considerably."

Renwick said the possibility of passing a proposal for mandatory tutorials was weakened because a number of committee members opposed the idea. "They just don't feel that college students need these kinds of programs.

"Ten to 15 percent of the (last vear's) freshman class would fall below the 1.5 cut-off point."

Renwick said: "Athletic departments all over the country have mandatory requirements for athletes. There are successful support programs at UNC-Greensboro, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a number of other colleges."

Wilhelmina Buchanan, administrative assistant for the Academic

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Advancement Program (AAP) at UCLA, gave her institution high marks on its tutorial program. "The AAP tutorials have been around since about 1979," she said. "We begin with freshmen and transfer students during the summer before they are enrolled. We train them on the facilities they would use during

"Our tutors go to the classes and get to know the professors so that when the freshmen and transfers become students, they won't be disoriented.

"Our tutors are well-prepared. We have a tutor manual and tutor training, which last for two days." she said. "At this time, we make sure the tutors are able to work with minorities."

Buchanan spoke from experience. She was one of the tutored students before she got her job.

Renwick said he had been trying to institute a mandatory tutorial program at the University since he started work here 16 years ago.

"The only successful programs are those that have some mandatory stipulations," he said. "I have vet to see a support program on college campuses that works successfully on a volunteer basis. I've observed several, and when you hear administrators of the voluntary programs talk about them, you hear high remarks, but when you observe them, the proof of the pudding is just not there.'

# College Bowl gearing up

By KIM WEAVER

If you like to travel and meet new people, or if you would rather stay home and play Trivial Pursuit or watch the TV game show "Jeopardy," College Bowl can offer you the best of both worlds.

Carolina Union President Walt Boyle is putting together College Bowl advisers and administrators for this year. Each fall, the Carolina Union sponsors a campus tournament to choose finalists to become members of the UNC College Bowl team. A date has not yet been set for this year's tournament, Boyle said, but it should be as early as October.

The UNC College Bowl team won the National Invitational Tournament last year, defeating 35 teams including Duke University, last year's regional champion.

In addition to old tournament question cards, the best practice for competition is the campus tournament itself, "There's a tremendous tradition here," Boyle said. "We

have lost a lot of old members, so we're in the rebuilding process. It's a very vital year." Those involved with College Bowl in the past agreed that the game was not exclusively for those with superior academic

abilities. "Sometimes it's just luck, a matter of who remembers a question first," said Nancy Bowlish, Carolina Union program adviser. "But the quickness at which you answer comes into

play. There's a buzzer here, unlike in a Trivial Pursuit game." Former UNC team member Adam Falk said: "Not everybody (on the team) is academically outstanding. It's a chance for some people to show others what they know. It's a chance for them to shine."

Keith Brown, another former team member, said College Bowl offered students a great opportunity.

"College Bowl has got a number of things," he said. "It's a lot of fun to watch and to play, and it's a nice outlet from classes. UNC has possibly one of the biggest tournaments in the country. I think people really enjoy playing it."

Brown said it also provided students a chance to interact with other students on a wide variety of subjects.

For the student seeking membership in a diverse organization, the College Bowl team participates in other activities in addition to the competitions, Boyle said.

"Once the school team is formed, they do fun things like going up against alumni teams or being on WXYC's radio talk show," he said.

Last year's team even had a special term, "mojo," which was coined to represent the T-shirts, books, baseball caps and other items that accompanied members for good luck at competitions.

Students interested in helping with the campus tournament by serving as scorekeepers, timekeepers or assisting with other functions, should stop by room 200 in the Student Union. A sign-up sheet will be posted at a later date for students who wish to participate in the tournament.

"College Bowl is infectious," Brown said. "Once you play, you keep wanting to play more."

So if you become a new member and suffer car sickness from all the traveling, or headaches from all the questions tossed at you, you may be inflicted with College Bowl disease. Brown said. Don't panic or become discouraged, though. It's probably curable.



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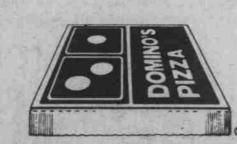


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