

Lambda Chi Alpha wins 18th College Bowl

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Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity won the 18th annual College Bowl Tournament at Elon College on Tuesday.

"We didn't think we'd do too well, but we did," said Bryan James, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Other Lambda Chi Alpha players in the College Bowl included: James McCarthy, Whitney Newton, and Carson Anderson.

Chalmers Brumbaugh, professor of political science, organized the event. The game is like "Jeopardy" and consists of five rounds of questions.

"As each passing game the pressure seemed to mount," Anderson said.

Brumbaugh buys the questions

from the National College Bowl for \$50 a round. The questions include: Current events in literature, science, music, sports and movies.

Questions ranged from types of instruments to what type of map on CBS makes Greenland as big as North America to what body of water the Exxon Valdez spilled oil in.

"It's just a game, but it is really a neat intellect game that gets students thinking and challenges them," Brumbaugh said.

The College Bowl was held in three rooms in Long Student Center. There were six teams of four players each. Alpha Chi Rho came in second place behind Lambda Chi Alpha, the Teaching Fellows were in third, Kappa Sigma fraternity was fourth, Alpha Xi Delta sorority came in fifth, and Elon

College Television was sixth.

Lambda Chi Alpha won \$40 to split between the four players.

"They get enough money to go out and have a good time," Brumbaugh said.

James said this is the first fall title Lambda Chi Alpha has won. He said they have been arch rivals with Kappa Sigma.

McCarthy said that this College Bowl Tournament was practice for Greek Week in the spring.

"I thought the toughest questions were the ones with weird people," McCarthy said.

The college bowl itself has been in existence for 25 years. "It is still the leader in active sustained small college programs," Brumbaugh said. "I wish more people would get involved though."

The money to make the col-



Erick Gill/The Pendulum
Members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity buzz in to give a correct answer.

lege bowl possible comes from mixed funds from Student Government Association and other outlets, Brumbaugh said.

"They have always been very

generous about trying to make this possible," he said.

He said they may possibly hold another College Bowl in the spring and have more publicity for it.

Crime stats misleading about drug, alcohol abuse

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Judging by campus crime statistics, Elon College students rarely abuse alcohol or drugs.

Elon's statistics are misleading, however, because a federal law only requires schools to publish the number of arrests made on campus for liquor law and drug abuse violations.

In 1993 Elon reported arrests for one liquor law and three drug abuse crimes.

If the college were required to report the number of alcohol and drug-related cases that it handled internally, the statistics for alcohol and drug violations on campus would increase significantly.

For example, 32 alcohol and drug-related cases went through Elon's campus judicial system in September 1994.

Those same crimes are punishable by the state. However, Elon, not the police, punished the students.

"Many schools don't want to make this information public because it raises their numbers and

makes their campus look less safe," said Mike Hiestand, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C.

The Student Right To Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires American colleges and universities to publish their campus crime statistics. Included in those statistics are the "number of arrests" for liquor law and drug violations "occurring on campus."

"Schools would also report the number of cases settled by the college if they really wanted to inform people of crime on campus," Hiestand said. "That is the whole purpose of the federal law."

Bob Pelley, assistant dean of Student Life at Elon, said the Office of Student Life is "concerned about this issue and is discussing making changes to their present system next year."

Pelley said he hopes those changes will include publishing the number of alcohol and drug-related cases that go through the school's judicial system.

He said the school has not done this before because the law has only been in effect for three years.

"It's part of our evolution. You have to crawl before you can walk. When we have everything on computer, the work (of gathering statistics) will be less tedious," Pelley said.

Presently, on-campus arrest statistics are low compared to the number of offenses sent through the campus judicial system because the town police "make no more of a concerted effort to patrol the campus than they do the town," said Lt. Darryl Agnew of the Elon College Town Police Department.

If the college discovers that a student is involved in serious offenses, such as possession of large amounts of marijuana, officials are obligated to report that student to the police.

"We may not even find but a small amount and we'll inform the authorities. But that doesn't always mean police will have enough evidence to prosecute," said Jana Lynn Patterson, associate dean of Student Life.

"All felonies need to be reported to us and prosecuted," Agnew said.

However, for "minor crimes such as underage possession of liquor or possession of minute

amounts of marijuana," Agnew said, "the school normally handles the cases because it can apply more penalties than the authorities can."

By law, Elon can punish students for minor offenses in place of the authorities because it is a private college.

Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, N.C., which has an enrollment of 2,300, is another private school that often punishes students for crimes that also fall within the state's jurisdiction.

When one of Gardner-Webb's students was caught shoplifting last year in a local store, the police allowed the university to handle the case.

"We're in a small town and the police thought we could handle the student better," said Betty Friend of Gardner-Webb's University Police Office.

According to Hiestand, Elon and Gardner-Webb can do this because "at private institutions there is no due process of the law restriction. The government's authority is restrained and the school has unbridled discrepancy."

Of the 32 alcohol and drug-related cases Elon's judicial system processed in September, the

majority were for underage possession, Pelley said. "Maybe one or two, at the most, were drug-related."

During that same month, *The Pendulum*, Elon's student newspaper, reported that 18 students were charged with underage possession of alcohol and two for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. None of those offenses occurred on campus.

Agnew said, "Unless someone has a previous record, odds are pretty good he won't have a criminal record. For someone who is 19 or 20 and charged with underage possession, they just have to go to the magistrate and pay \$10. Then they just have to stay out of trouble for a year."

The first offense for a student found guilty of underage possession of liquor, according to the Elon College Student Handbook, is "normally not less than disciplinary probation, campus service hours and attendance at the Elon College Alcohol Education Class."

"We mostly apply educational sanctions. We're not trying to be like a big brother looking out after you. We just want to make students more responsible," Pelley said.

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