

Brain games

College Bowl athletes work with strategies

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If the captain of a college team refers to a Four Corners offense, and fast breaks during the course of a conversation, what team would you guess he captains? Basketball, right? Wrong.

Jeffrey B. Loomis, the captain of the UNC College Bowl team, said recently that like any other team sport, College Bowl competition relies on a game plan as well as raw talent.

"College Bowl has been called academic basketball. You have to make sure you have all positions covered and be able to make assists on bonuses. There are also many fast break teams and those that use a Four Corners style offense," Loomis said.

Along with Loomis, who is a graduate student, Carolina's team covered its positions this year with graduate student Bruce Graver and juniors Mathew Kupstas and Peter Heller.

They were undefeated until they lost in the semifinals of the eastern section of the nationals during Spring Break.

Whether they win or lose, College Bowl teams don't rely solely on knowledge. Loomis said that strategy in the game has become increasingly sophisticated in the last few years.

"Davidson (last year's national College Bowl champion) prepares with tapes in order to become practiced at catching a change in the moderator's voice pattern that supposedly signals the golden clue in the question," Loomis said.

Other teams have streamlined their method of letting members know if they are unsure of an answer that lies within their subject area.

"Toward the end, we had developed something of a strategy for answering bonuses. In the given ten seconds, I would check out the subject area. If that specialist is unsure, he will say: 'I think...but I don't know.' This helps me, as captain, to differentiate when I hear three different answers from people in a subject area I'm not familiar with," Loomis said.

Loomis is the team specialist in literature and entertainment. Graver is looked to for history and literature. Kupstas and Heller carry the areas of math and science.

Loomis said that Carolina's College Bowl team had yet to develop a practice method like the one at Davidson College. UNC's team has a relatively basic method of preparation: practice quizzes and study, study, study. Loomis said he and other members put in at least three days of intensive studying before a tournament such as regionals or nationals.

One of their most useful practice methods came from making up questions to use in practice rounds, he said. Several times the questions they had used in practice were asked in matches. However, such a coincidence does not always guarantee a quick ten points.

"Once in Huntington, I thought, 'I wish they would ask who the six husbands of Elizabeth Taylor are,'" Loomis said. "The very next match this question was asked, but the other team buzzed in ahead of me and won the point."

Loomis said one of the main qualities a bowl player must have is the ability to assimilate facts. "You must have a brain that is used to making connections, one that has been stretched. You must be able to pick up on a clue and carry it to a logical conclusion. Just facts won't do it."



College Bowl captain Jeffrey Loomis...leads UNC's academic athletics

The team that represents UNC in interscholastic competition is an all-star team. These all-stars were selected from teams that competed in the intramural tournament sponsored by the Carolina Union.

Next year all the team members but Loomis will return.

Loomis isn't happy about his retirement from the College Bowl circuit. "I feel miserable, like John Havlicek. But I can't take 15 more degrees in order to keep playing College Bowl."

Cause of theater illness mystifies health officials

By LINDSEY TAYLOR
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Orange County health officials have been unable to isolate the cause of a mysterious illness that affected three persons of the Varsity Theatre Friday night.

During the 9:30 p.m. showing of *All That Jazz* three men, including two UNC students, collapsed and had to be carried from the theater. A fourth person, a female student, blacked out several hours after attending the *American Gigolo* at the Ram Theater. The fourth case does not appear to be related to the other three, doctors said.

"Right now we have no answers, only questions," Jerry Robinson, Orange County health director, said Monday. "No additional cases have been reported and if no more are reported, the illness may remain a mystery."

Robinson said blood tests run on the two student victims indicated that an insecticide sprayed in the theater Thursday probably was not the cause of the illness.

The blood test checked for the level of the enzyme cholinesterase in the blood. An abnormally low level of the enzyme would have indicated the students were suffering from organophosphorous poisoning, which can be caused by a variety of insecticides. The test showed their enzyme level was in the normal range, Robinson said.

Dr. James McCutchan of the Student Health Service said he was told that the

victims would have been sicker longer if they had had insecticide poisoning.

The Varsity Theatre was closed Friday night and Saturday afternoon for county health inspection. The county inspectors checked out the food service and the air conditioning and heating vents, and looked for cleanliness or odor problems.

Robinson said the theater checked out very well. "We ran out of things to look for," he said.

Robinson also said a male UNC faculty member contacted him Monday morning, saying he had experienced similar symptoms while attending the Wednesday night showing of *All That Jazz*.

These symptoms included severe nausea, dizziness and light headedness. Robinson said anyone who had these symptoms or abdominal cramps, diarrhea, excessive salivation, headaches, tightness in the chest, blurred vision or disorientation while attending a movie at the Varsity in the last week should contact the Orange County Health Department.

The Health Department can be reached at 967-9251 or 942-4168.

So far the only link between those who became ill at the Varsity is that they are all male, Robinson said. They were not in the same part of the theater and had not eaten the same thing.

McCutchan said he believed that the illness is not random. He said the odds are not very high that three people would pass out in the same theater in the same night without a reason.

Proposal may improve rent rebate policy in fall

By LINDA BROWN
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Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Donald Boulton said last week he probably would approve a Student Government proposal that would give rent rebates to students tripled in dorms beginning on the first day of classes.

Now, students do not receive rebates until they have lived in a triple or quadruple for one month. If they live there for less than a month, they receive no rebate. The University is not required by law to give students rebates for living in tripled or quadrupled rooms.

Boulton said he believed the rebates should begin from the first day of classes because students are tripled from that point. "If tripling does occur, there has to be a rebate. The only other question is how much," he said.

He said he does not know yet what his recommended percentage of the rebates will be. Rebates of 20 percent of the dorm rent are now given to tripled students.

"I've got to study the data just a little bit more before I can see just what that (the rent percentage returned) should be,"

he said. It would be at least 20 percent, he said.

Before he can make a final decision, Boulton said he must talk with Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance John Temple to get his opinion on the school's financial policy.

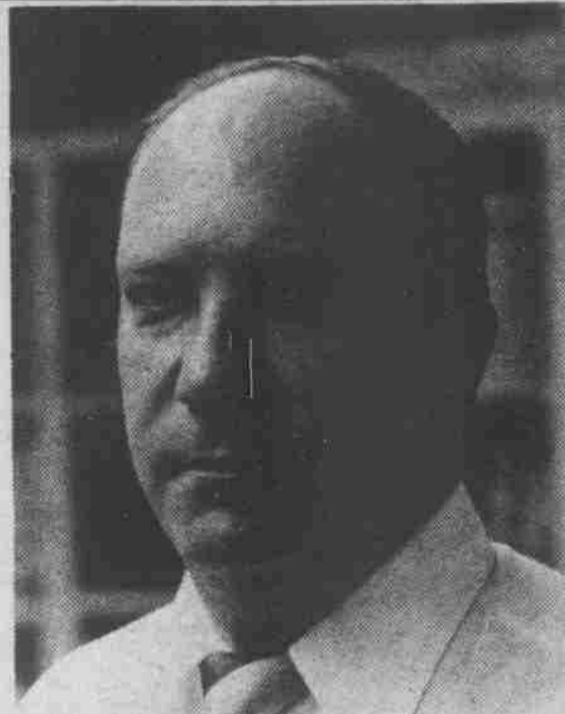
Boulton said he did not anticipate any problems with the proposal passing. He said he hoped students would not have to be tripled so that the new policy would not have to be used. "I'm hopeful that we can keep this down to an absolute minimum," he said.

The second part of the proposal asks that the University housing and admissions departments coordinate their work more effectively so students that University housing cannot accommodate are not admitted.

Boulton would not comment on that part of the proposal.

Student Body President Bob Saunders said that last year the admissions department let in more students than housing could handle and the oversight was caught too late. Extra students had to be tripled.

Saunders said he had hoped the rebate



Donald Boulton

proposal would have been considered at the beginning of last semester so that it would affect students who are tripled this year.

"I'm a little concerned that we're not going to be able to do this now," he said. Saunders said that if the proposal passed it probably would take effect at the beginning of the next school year.

At the beginning of the first semester this year at one point 1,072 freshmen were tripled or quadrupled. In addition, 25 freshmen and 53 upperclassmen were placed temporarily in dormitory study rooms.

Advice on summer jobs still available

By RAND TUCKER
Staff Writer

As the warm weather comes to Chapel Hill, most students are likely to turn their attention to things other than academic pursuits. But in the realization that there is life after exams, the thought of a summer job may cross a few minds.

If you are seeking career-related work, now is the time to apply; but if you will settle for anything, chances are there is a job out there waiting, provided it doesn't have to be in the Chapel Hill area.

"If you haven't started looking for a summer job, it's awfully late, but there are still a lot of good jobs left," said Ruth Bernstein, of the University Counseling Center. The center's Pre-Career Experience Program attempts to help students find career-related work.

The program is open to any University student, but does not act as a job placement service. "We're not a placement service," Bernstein said. "We try to teach students how to look for jobs."

The program has a large file of employers seeking help, including an alumni contacts file of graduates in the area willing to employ students.

"There are thousands of jobs left, but that doesn't mean we can find a job to suit everyone," Bernstein said. "A lot depends on how much time the student is willing to put into getting a job."

She said jobs vary according to career interest, location, academic qualifications and salary. Bernstein also said when looking for a job, a student should approach an employer

directly, which might lead to additional contacts.

"You can build a system of contacts and these people can help you when you graduate," she said.

The Chapel Hill office of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission helps students find jobs that are mostly not career-related.

Students applying through the agency do not have to apply before April, but a commission official said the jobs offered through the office are generally menial.

Sara Wester, head of the Chapel Hill office, said a student would probably have a better chance of finding employment on his own.

Like the University Counseling Center, the Employment Security Commission is not a placement service, but collects notices of job openings and refers them to students. Most openings are in the Chapel Hill area, but the local branch can sometimes help students seeking employment elsewhere.

Wester said North Carolina's Outer Banks offer many job opportunities during the summer months. "Anybody who wants a job there can get one," she said. "There are hundreds available."

The types of jobs and salaries vary and students must have housing arranged before applying for a job. Wester also said she refers students to the Comprehensive Employment Training Act program, but only those who are economically disadvantaged are eligible.

The University Counseling Center is located in Nash Hall. The Employment Security Commission's office is in the basement of the Post Office on Franklin Street.

Janus society inducts new members

The Society of Janus, a campus honorary society that recognizes outstanding contributions to residence life, inducted 27 new members this morning.

The new members are: Sean Joseph Ballantine, Wanda Renee Brackett, Dana Lynn Cagle, Catherine Lynne Cousins,

Julia Ann Dedmond, Robert Francis Fabiszak, Deborah Lynne Ford, Robert Erwin Frimmel, Herbert Gaston Garrison, Sandra Lynn Hayes, Kathleen Anne Hearsey, Linda Carol Howey, Jane Marie Hornaday, Terry Dewey Horne and Margaret Graham Leight.

Other new members are: Mary Ann

Martin, Jefferson Dale Morgan, Jeffrey David Murph, Harriett Neas, Karen Ann Sederstrom, Ervin McRay Simmons Jr., Wendy Jane Umholtz, Anna Katherine Watson, Nora Louise Wilkinson and Elizabeth Ann Wrenn.

New honorary members are Henriette Elizabeth Rue and Charles Winfred Tripp.

Symposium to examine religion

"Interpretations of Religion and Culture," a symposium sponsored by the UNC religion department, will be held here Wednesday through Friday.

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the ways that religion has interacted with and helped to create the different cultural worlds in our society.

For information on symposium programs, contact the religion department.

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Preregistration dates announced

Preregistration for the 1980 fall semester and both 1980 summer sessions will be held April 10-16. General College students can preregister March 31-April 16.

Class schedules for the 1980 fall semester will be ready for distribution Thursday, said Ben Perry, assistant director of the Records and Registration Office. He also said that the class

schedules for summer school are available now. Students may pick up the class schedules in Hanes Hall or from their advisors.

General College students have longer to preregister because they must meet with their advisors before preregistering. They can begin making appointments with their advisors for preregistration Wednesday.

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