

College Bowl to challenge Aggie minds

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Jack Mathias is a senior English major at the University of Texas. During his four years at UT he has carried a 4.0 grade point average. Mathias thought himself pretty smart until he tried answering questions in preparation for the College Bowl.

The questions that Mathias tried were similar to these: Name the famous Prussian who helped Washington drill his troops at Valley Forge. Who painted the famous fresco titled "The School of Athens?" What is the stage name of Eric Weiss? Students from hundreds of colleges in the United States and 12

other nations try to answer questions on topics from mathematics to movie trivia.

Texas A&M University has joined these colleges in the contest called "the varsity sport of the mind."

Ted Hoef, College Bowl program adviser at Texas A&M, said 16 teams will compete for the Texas A&M title on Feb. 4-6. Matches will run from 7-0 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Main Lounge and the Basement Coffeehouse.

The Feb. 7 final matches will be held in 350-350A MSC, and in the MSC Ballroom, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Hoef said.

While studying at The University of Southern Illinois at Edwardsville, Hoef competed in College Bowl. He said he remembered one question in particular.

"They named a few of Snow White's dwarfs and wanted to know the ones unnamed."

Remembering dwarfs might not be a big accomplishment, but questions like "What is a yert?" show the extent of knowledge needed.

"It's kind of humbling to hear the caliber of questions they ask," said David Ragsdale, a graduate student in English, whose heard sample's of the questions.

Reader's Digest helps the College Bowl Co. prepare the questions and publishes the Reader's Digest College Bowl Almanac. Hoef said the book is a good preparation source.

A poll of 49 of the 64 competitors at Texas A&M showed that honor students are not the sole entrants. Both good and average students en-

ter, the poll showed.

College Bowl participants at Texas A&M are not in a particular major. Twenty-five students were in engineering or science departments. The remaining 24 were liberal arts or business majors.

The College Bowl is a business, even a way of life for its founder Don Reid. "I live for the College Bowl," Reid said.

In 1952 he organized College Bowl "to create a program so people who do some thinking can get recognition like people who catch forward passes," he said.

NBC carried the early programs until 1959. College Bowl then went on CBS, sponsored by General Electric. College Bowl is not sponsored by GE anymore, Reid said. "College Bowl carries itself."

Some CBS radio affiliates carry College Bowl now, Reid said. They currently are negotiating with WNET (New York PBS) and a commercial network for television coverage.

Broadcast changes have not changed the game over the years he said. "It's still the same game."

The game is played in 30-minute segments, said Patricia Price, MSC project chairman for College Bowl. Two teams answer questions for two seven-minute halves. The extra time is for introductions and rules before the game starts, she said.

Price said that during the halves, a moderator asks two types of questions. Toss-up questions are worth 10 points, and the first team to answer the toss-up correctly gets a shot at a bonus question. Teams have

only three seconds to answer toss-ups.

The number of points for the bonus varies. Conferences are allowed on bonuses but not on toss-ups.

With 16 teams in a double elimination tournament, entrants must be conditioned. Most of the competitors are reading almanacs and thumbing through old texts.

Brian Jossart, a senior in petroleum engineering, said he was the literature and movie expert of the group. "I've been watching a lot of old movies lately," he said.

Any kind of specialized knowledge could carry a team past the Texas A&M tournament to compete against Rice University Feb. 11, and later at regionals in Fort Worth and national finals in Miami.

The College Bowl system has sev-

eral different layers. Colleges like Harvard, Yale, Cornell, and Davidson hold similar tournaments. Davidson, a small college in New Jersey, won the national title last year and traveled to Cambridge, England to compete against Sydney Sussex College of Cambridge. Davidson lost in the last 10 seconds.

"Anyone with half a brain has chance," Reid said. "Every one of these people are athletes. They train just like any other athlete."

"When southern schools were invited, they weren't expected to do very well," he said. "But Texas teams have turned out to be giant killers."

What's up at Texas A&M

MONDAY

COMMUNITY SINGERS: Will hold a third rehearsal for Feb. 17 performance at 7:30 p.m. in the Brazos Center.

BAHAI CLUB: Will hold a discussion on "The Relativity of Religious Truth" at 7:30 in the Meditation Room of the All-Faith's Chapel.

WATER SKI CLUB: Will show the film "The Best of Tournament Water Skiing" at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder. Plans for the Polar Bear tournament will be discussed.

LUTHERAN STUDENT MOVEMENT: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 305 Rudder.

TUESDAY

DANCE ARTS SOCIETY: Tap classes will begin at 7 p.m. in 267 G. Rollie White Coliseum.

AGRONOMY SOCIETY: J. B. Dixon will speak on Saudi Arabia at 7:15 p.m. in 103 Soil and Crop Science Bldg.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS: Mark Wilson will speak on "Choosing Between a Large and Small Company" at 7:30 p.m. in 203 Zachry.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 106 Bolton Hall.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE: Will meet in the MSC Main Lounge at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in joining is invited to attend.

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

AGGIES AIDE: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 502 Rudder.

CLASS OF 1980: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

WEDNESDAY

NURSING SOCIETY: Will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to attend.

PHI THETA KAPPA ALUMNI: Will hold a meeting in 402 Rudder at 7:00 p.m. New officers will be elected and members are urged to attend.

LAMBDA SIGMA: Will hold a meeting in 504 Rudder at 7:00 p.m.

AGGIE SCOUTS: Will hold a meeting in 137A MSC at 9:00 p.m. The Girl Scout cookie sale will be discussed and cookies will be distributed.

TAMU STAMP CLUB: Will meet in 137 MSC at 7:30 p.m. A trading session will be held.

RUDDER'S RANGERS: A meeting for juniors only will be held at 7:15 p.m. in Spence Park.

COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: Will hold a meeting in 401 Rudder at 7:00 p.m. The topic will be the Special Olympics.

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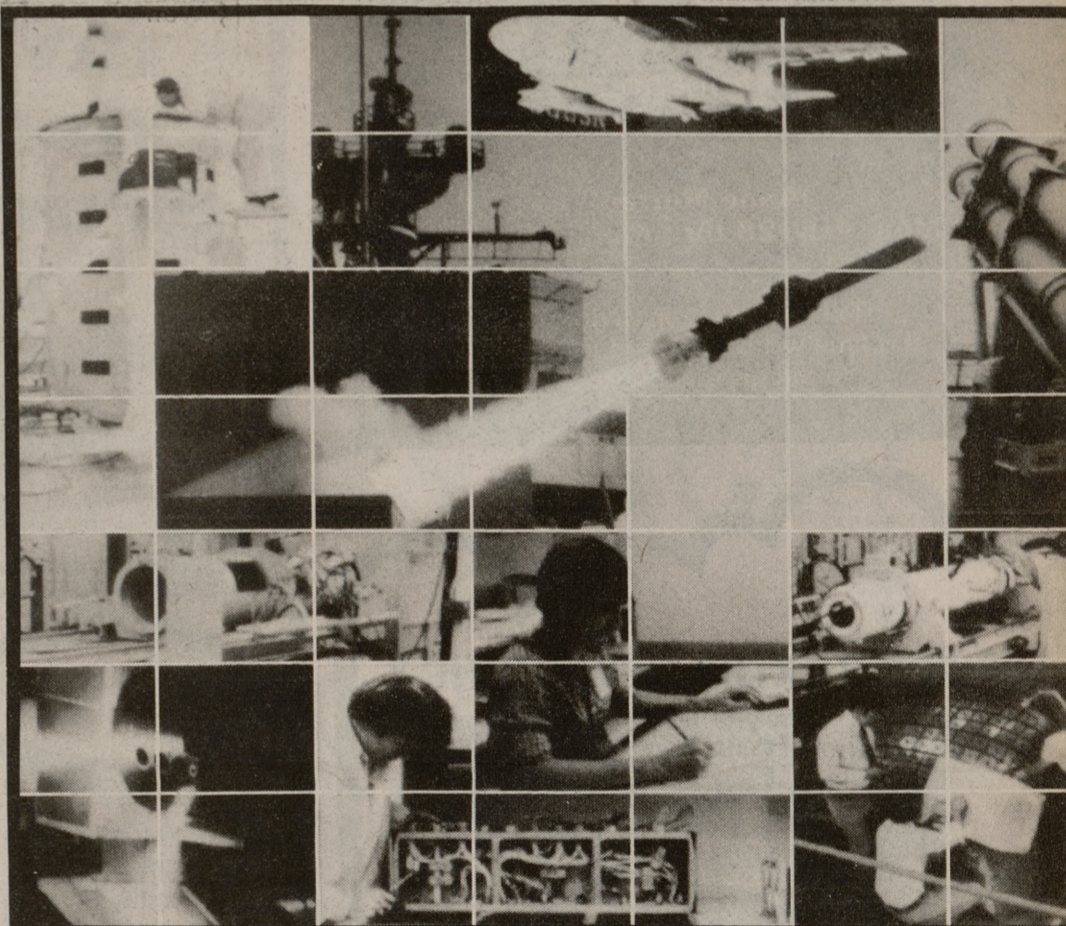
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