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## Jake Rogers, Quiz Bowl Coach

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**QUIZ BOWL COACH**  
By Kelly Kramer

According to Coach Jake Rogers, the best way to explain quiz bowl to someone who has never heard of it is to call it “multi-player team Jeopardy.” Teams of four players compete against players from other colleges in answering questions about literature, music, math, art, science, and pop culture. Since his freshman year, Jake has been a member of, and then captain of, the Liberty quiz bowl team until his graduation in spring 2013. The next fall, he returned for his current position as coach of a novice team.

Aside from providing helpful strategies for learning, remembering, and occasionally guessing random pieces of trivia, Jake also helps with scorekeeping, number-crunching, driving, and team leadership. More crucially, he provides a truly impressive supply of puns, some of which are quite good.

In fall 2009, Jake enrolled at Liberty as a computer science software engineering major. When asked how he became involved with the Liberty quiz bowl team, he was completely unable to remember. After some extensive research, Dr. Nutter, faculty coach of the quiz bowl team as well as Director of the Honors Program, discovered that Jake had been active in quiz bowl at his high school, and the rest is history.

When asked what his proudest quiz bowl memory is, Jake immediately recalled that Liberty won the Big South tournament all four years he was on the team. Although he was given the chance to continue playing after his fourth year, he stated that he actually



Left to right: Coach Jake Rogers, Catherine Hardee, Doug, Stephens, Jon Bateman, Greta Hanks, Kaity Shondelmyer, and Honors Director and Faculty Coach Dr. Jim Nutter

couldn't return for another year because “the four trophies fit my shelf space so perfectly.” Clearly, not winning was not an option, but neither was building a larger shelf. Therefore, he returned only to captain.

He also recalled the time when, in response to a question asking for the Southern term for the Civil War, he answered, “the War of Northern Aggression.” He would know this; the man hails from Appomattox, Virginia, just up a ways from Liberty University.