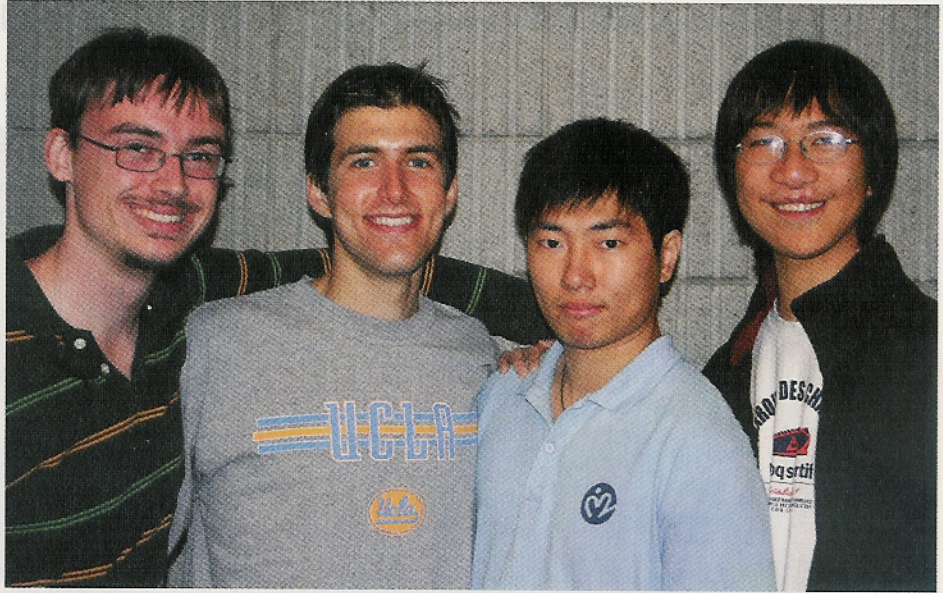


UCLA claims Collegiate Championship

UCLA defeated Stanford to win the Collegiate Team Championship in a match that was close throughout. Stanford jumped out to an 8 IMP lead after one quarter, but UCLA went ahead by 10 IMPs at the half. Stanford narrowed the margin to 2 IMPs with one segment to go before UCLA nailed down the win by a final tally of 112 to 91.

The winners are: Jeffrey Schrader, a sophomore studying mathematics; Blake Haas, a first year PhD student majoring in human genetics; Jason Chu, a first-year graduate student majoring in economics; and Barry Ko, a senior majoring in biochemistry.

The semifinal and final matches were held in Nashville during the NABC. Teams previously quali-



UCLA, winners of the Collegiate Team Championship: Jeffrey Schrader, Blake Haas, Jason Chu and Barry Ko.



Stanford took second place in the 2007 Collegiate Team Championship. The team is Eric Mayefsky, Elena Grewal, Jonathan Pines and Belinda Gu.



Princeton was third in the Collegiate Team Championship. They are Nathan Savir, David Lin, Dana Berkowitz and Jonathan Ullman.

fied online last February to advance. The victors almost didn't make it out of the Internet qualifying where 25 teams competed. They played five-board round-robin matches and lost their first two.

"Five hands is too short," said Chu.

UCLA rallied to qualify, however, and brought their A-game to Nashville. The first day was a round-robin competition with IMPs converted to victory points. Stanford and



Queen's University took fourth place. Their team: Matthew Sharp, Lisa Csima, Ross Jamieson and Yiyu Chen.

UCLA both scored 44 VPs to advance to the final. Queen's University scored 18 and Princeton had 14. Princeton won the playoff for third place.

The second-place Stanford team is: Eric Mayefsky, a PhD student in economics; Elena Grewal, a PhD student who is studying the economics of education; Jonathan Pines, who just graduated, and Belinda Gu, who is in a master's degree program in computer science. □