



**Odyssey of the Mind**

# Newsletter

**RENEWAL ISSUE**

**SPRING 1989**

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership (Individual \$15, Family \$25) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBERSHIP NAME \_\_\_\_\_ 1988-89 MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate your membership category by circling one of the categories below.)

- A An individual School Name: In competition may enter one team per problem, per division, for each division within the school. (\$90)
- B Program Name where an itinerant teacher works with the OM Program in two to five schools: In competition may enter each problem once. Under this membership, the itinerant teacher, not the program coordinator, must work with the OM Program. Tip: If you work with a specific program in just one school, it will probably be to your advantage to join under category A not B. (\$90)
- C Two buildings served by the same principal: In competition may enter one team, per problem, per division. Please list both schools as the membership name. (\$90)
- D A Community Group: In competition may enter each problem once. This must be an existing community group, not one formed just to join the OM Association. Community memberships are available only if the local schools refuse to participate in the program. (\$90)
- E A College / University: May enter one team in each problem. (\$125)
- F An Associate Member (Individual \$15, Family \$25)

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Grades Covered \_\_\_\_\_

## 1988-89 OM Odyssey of the Mind State/Provincial/Foreign Country Memberships

(6,957) paid members as of March 31. Does not include collegiate members).

ASSOCIATION AREA	MEMBERSHIP 87-88	RANK 87-88	MEMBERSHIP 88-89	RANK 88-89	%INCREASE % (LOSS)	PERCENTAGE POSS. MEMBER
Michigan	491	2	553	1	11	13
New York	499	1	510	2	2	9
Ohio	448	3	448	3	—	9
Colorado	345	5	419	4	19	27
Texas	347	4	406	5	17	6
Wisconsin	224	7	287	6	27	10
Virginia	241	6	278	7	15	13
Maryland	215	8	230	8	7	14
Washington	167	9	201	9	20	10
California	124	18	193	10	55	2
Minnesota	138	15	188	11	36	10
North Carolina	156	11	187	12	20	8
Pennsylvania	158	10	175	13	9	4
Arkansas	133	17	173	14	30	14
Maine	143	13	173	14	20	20
New Hampshire	143	13	146	16	1	25
South Carolina	137	16	145	17	5	10
New Jersey	151	12	136	18	(13)	4
British Columbia	111	20	134	19	19	7
Oregon	114	19	104	20	(11)	3
Florida	67	24	98	21	46	6
Nebraska	86	22	94	22	9	5
Kentucky	83	23	88	23	4	4
Georgia	87	21	81	24	(7)	4
Tennessee	43	35	75	25	74	4
Dist of Columbia	60	26	72	26	20	27
Massachusetts	46	34	70	27	52	3
Missouri	41	37	66	28	50	3
Iowa	41	37	65	29	56	4
Alabama	56	28	61	30	9	4
South Dakota	48	31	61	30	23	8
Indiana	39	39	60	32	54	3
Montana	48	31	59	33	21	7
Illinois	52	30	57	34	10	1
Mississippi	54	29	56	35	4	5
Kansas	47	33	55	36	17	3
Arizona	61	25	55	36	(13)	4
Oklahoma	59	27	54	38	(8)	3
Vermont	33	40	44	39	30	10
New Mexico	42	36	39	40	(9)	5
Connecticut	30	41	38	41	27	3
West Virginia	28	42	38	41	32	3
Wyoming	28	42	29	43	4	7
Delaware	26	44	24	44	(8)	9
Nevada	22	45	24	44	9	7
Alberta	17	47	23	46	35	2
SE Ontario	15	48	18	47	20	2
Utah	18	46	14	48	(22)	2
NE Ontario	15	48	10	49	(33)	2
Idaho	1	56	10	49	900	2
Mexico	9	50	7	51	(22)	—
*Louisiana	2	54	6	52	200	—
DODDS	1	56	5	53	400	—
China	1	56	5	53	400	—
*Manitoba	7	51	5	53	(29)	—
*Alaska	1	56	1	56	—	—
*Hawaii	3	53	1	56	(67)	—
*Rhode Island	1	56	1	56	—	—
*Germany	1	56	1	56	—	—
*Japan	—	—	1	56	—	—
*Philippines	5	52	1	56	(80)	—
*Puerto Rico	—	—	1	56	—	—
*Russia	—	—	1	56	—	—
*Saskatchewan	2	54	1	56	(50)	—
*Saudi Arabia	—	—	1	56	—	—
*Spain	—	—	1	56	—	—

\*denotes unchartered



## OM Notes

- We're pleased to announce that the **1990 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals** will be held on the **Iowa State University** campus in **Ames, Iowa** May 31 through June 2. Iowa State University has the most outstanding on-site facilities for competition of any campus we've ever visited. We're contemplating having another creativity festival in 1990.
- Today Show personnel taped the regional competition in **Sierra Vista, Arizona**, March 11th. We don't know when the segment will be shown; but it's scheduled for four and one-half minutes of air time.
- Counselors are still needed for the **Creative Competitions Summer Enrichment Program**. If you're interested, please contact the OM office.
- **John Baer**, a past Maryland regional director, writes about the thinking skills movement in the April 1988 issue of *Educational Leadership*. You may wish to ask your librarian to obtain this issue for you.
- **Wayne and Jeanne Perry**, co-regional directors from El Paso, had a little Omer in January. The father was attending a state OM board meeting when little Omer Perry made his debut. Now that's putting one's priorities in order.
- Looks as though the United States Department of Defense Dependent Schools (**DODDS**) in the Atlantic Region will soon become a chartered association. Their first official competition will be held in England in May.
- **Linda O'Neill**, Springfield, Massachusetts, Public Schools Coordinator of the **FACETS** (Fostering Academic Creativity/Expanding Thinking Skills) Program, uses the Odyssey of the Mind membership materials as part of the school systems' gifted and talented curricular offerings. Springfield Public Schools have been designated as a national demonstration site for Project Sage, a program for the gifted and talented.
- Additional college/university members are **The University of Wisconsin-Stout; Richland College, Dallas, Texas; and The University of Denver**.
- We're pleased to announce IBM renewed its corporate sponsorship of Odyssey of the Mind. The new two-year contract expires December 1990.
- We're thrilled to exceed **6,700** in 1988-89 memberships. That's about **800** more than last year.
- A Japanese official will attend world finals to determine if Japan will send a team next year.

## New Magazine for Technology and Problem Solving

*Ron Todd, OM Association board member and executive editor of the new magazine, TIES, offers the magazine complimentary to Odyssey of the Mind teachers and coaches. He wrote the following article.*

A new magazine aimed at integrating a problem-solving approach to the study of technology is now available to interested teachers. The inaugural issue of TIES magazine, published at Drexel University College of Design Arts, pulls together industry, business, government and education resources to help develop student potential in innovation and entrepreneurship.

TIES, the acronym for technology, innovation and entrepreneurship for students, is published with those teachers interested in technology as well as technology teachers in mind. The publication provides models, strategies, and examples of design, critical thinking, creativity and problem solving for integration into schools' general curriculum as well as technology curriculum.

The nonprofit magazine, to be issued quarterly during its first year, is a professional journal for teachers interested in technology, innovation and problem solving.

Among the publications's goals is a commitment to foster design-based problem solving. It also aims to provide a forum for innovators, inventors, and entrepreneurs to share knowledge and experience with young people. Such information should help expose students to a wider array of possible career directions.

The magazine is designed for use at the middle school and high school levels. Teachers and coaches participating in Odyssey of the Mind are eligible to receive the free magazine. If interested, write to:

TIES Magazine  
College of Design Arts  
Drexel University  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

## OM ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### 1989 Chevron and Honda \$1,000 Winners

Michael Alexander, Ontario, New York  
Lara Renee Baer, Pierre, South Dakota  
Lee Ann Marie Bates, Brandon, Mississippi  
Ian Martin Blasch, Lilburn, Georgia  
Kyle William Blasch, Lilburn, Georgia  
Bethany Bemis Brockman, Parker, Colorado  
Alan Louis Brott, Spencerport, New York  
Bonny Chen, Okemos, Michigan  
Stephen Montgomery Cox, Moncks Corner, South Carolina  
John Michael Domm, Ontario, New York  
Joshua David Fagans, Elmer, New Jersey  
Daniel Kenneth Faiver, Lansing, Michigan  
Michael Garland, Ontario, New York  
Heather Diane Genetti, Copley, Ohio  
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Laura Johnson, Owasso, Oklahoma  
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Lyn Ann Kestenholtz, Lansing, Michigan  
Dawn Kilian, Pierre, South Dakota  
Thomas Donald Lash, Yorktown, Virginia  
Dana Jean Levit, Binghamton, New York  
Maeghan Tara Maloney, Turner, Maine  
Aimee Lynn Morgan, St Clairsville, Ohio  
Norvin Richards, Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
Christina Rae Rufus, Colonial Heights, Virginia  
Tracy Lynn Safris, Urbandale, Iowa  
Erika Lynn Schroth, Deer River, Minnesota  
Darlene Renee Sellers, Renton, Washington  
Karen Gayle Slauson, Selma, Alabama  
Daniel Bradshaw Smith, Spencerport, New York  
James Broward Story, Moncks Corner, South Carolina  
Casey Matthew Swaney, Fairchance, Pennsylvania  
Krista Anette Undeberg, Lind, Washington  
Gary Alan Wright, St Clairsville, Ohio  
Michele Elizabeth Zavada, West Milford, New Jersey

### Specific College/University Winners

Hugh Milton Scott—Central Michigan Univ., Mt Pleasant, Michigan  
Holly Christine Adams—College Misericordia, Dallas, Pennsylvania  
David Charles Morgan—Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Kenneth Adam Marchek—GMI Institute, Flint, Michigan  
Paul Henry Felt, Neumann College, Aston, Pennsylvania  
Robert Emerson Head, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

### World Unity (continued from page 4)

"**Song Luke Kim Kamm**, born in South Korea and adopted when he was four, enjoys playing soccer, volleyball, cross country skiing, and politics. He was on student council in junior high, class vice president for the past three years, Spanish Club secretary, and prom committee president. He is sixteen years old.

"**Erick King**, a knowledgeable, intuitive, and very perceptive person, moved to Maine three years ago from Mountainburg, Arkansas. He is one of Hampden's most gifted chess players. He is the person who got this team together. He has worked most admirably.

"Another foreign exchange student is **Per Quiltsorensen** of Denmark. Per is one of our elite soccer players and an equally awesome foe in badminton. He lives under the generosity of the Fitzpatricks.

"**Kurayuki Tokumoto**, a seventeen year old Japanese foreign exchange student, was junior high president, captain of his schools' volleyball team, and chairman of his high school. His hobbies include volleyball, track, and politics. He has an affable personality that seems to radiate to those near him.

"Our theme is to represent the importance of unity among the nations of the world. Our conclusion best explains this. We tried to represent as much of the world as possible with the use of foreign languages. Our membership sign contributed by showing that we are gifted with one planet and that we should not abuse it. The news broadcast is a tool to help us link this theme of world unity to the OM task.



## OMer Dreams of World Finals

My belly's so full of wild strawberries and I'm so sleepy. I think I'll lie down by this old apple tree and . . .



Last year's world finals in Maryland were so much fun. I can't wait until I go to Boulder, Colorado on May 24th for the 1989 World Finals. I can see me flying into Denver's Stapleton Airport. The 747 airplane from Chicago is full of OM kids from all parts of the world.

The shuttle bus trip from the airport to Boulder shouldn't take very long since it's only a twenty-six mile ride. Oh, good. The nice folks from Passageways Travel, the official OM travel agency, are waiting to help me move through the airport and onto my prearranged shuttle bus.

Humm. . . Looks as though some kids packed even the kitchen sink for this trip. Hope everything fits onto the bus. Of course it does. The Passageways folks already thought about that.

It's great riding on the bus with kids from so many different parts of the continent. A girl from British Columbia has a really neat French accent, a boy from Mexico doesn't even speak English, and a deaf girl from Utah speaks quite clearly. Children make the world's greatest ambassadors of goodwill.

Williams Village Student Housing Complex looks as tall as the Rocky Mountains in the background. Only one adult per team may go in there to the OM registration desk and the university housing desk to find out where we're staying. All the kids have to wait outside for the adults. Some teams will be housed in nearby motels. But that's no problem; some are closer to the campus than part of the college housing. Most motels are within walking distance to the university.

While everyone scurries to find the location of their props, I need to hurry and make my bed so I can go to the warmup activities. At these activities kids from different states and provinces form teams and work together on a fun activity of approximately 1½ hours in length. I wonder what the activities will be like? Someone said they're called New Games.

Everyone — coaches, team members, grandparents, and tournament officials, trade pins or buttons that are specific for their state or province. Canadian kids sometimes trade little Canadian flags. The kids from other countries have pins, buttons, etc. that are always in demand. Last year the Chinese team threw out raccoons to spectators. Whew!!! I was scared and wanted to hide when I first saw those raccoons. I sure was glad to find out they're only stuffed ones.

My hat gets so full of pins. People enjoy shaking my hand and having their pictures taken with me. I just love world finals.

While team members "warmup," coaches meet with the problem captains. Coaches usually need to ask last minute questions about the long-term problems and competition procedures.

**Wednesday night** — Tonight I'm going swimming in the recreation center pool. That's a great complex, complete with racquetball courts and an ice skating rink where Debbie Thomas practiced for the Winter Olympics. I've never tried ice skating before, but I think I'll try it after I go swimming. I'll only have to pay for the rental of my skates.

**Thursday morning** — The opening ceremonies get us off to a good start. The national anthems from all the participating countries are played and everyone gets anxious for competition to begin. Of course, I'll make my official appearance then.

**Thursday afternoon** — Although competition begins after lunch, this afternoon I'm going to take a Passageways Travel arranged tour of Central City, an old mining town where the first underground gold vein was discovered. It was once called "the richest square mile on earth."

**Thursday evening** — Tonight's entertainment night. I wonder what will happen? Usually it's a fun time. You can tell what association kids are from by their specialized tee shirts. I just love the song, *The Greatest Love of All*. The hat/float and banner contest is tonight. Division IV competition takes place tonight, also. These college students aren't as smart as they think they are. I'm going to see an OM-sponsored movie after the Division IV competition.

**Friday** — A full day of competition. Today, the Mexican team members are competing in *Ye' Gods* in their native language. Their judges, however, are fluent in Spanish as well as English. I must remember to visit the OM souvenir sales booth to see my picture on the front of the world finals tee shirts. I also want to pick up my IBM souvenirs. This year they are a carry-all bag and a set of eight specially designed Odyssey of the Mind post cards. When I mail my post cards, I'm going to the US postal booth to get my cards imprinted with the specially-designed commemorative USPS cancellation stamp with guess whose picture on it?

**Friday evening** — The coaches' competition in the events center is hilarious. These adults think they can solve any problem. It's so much fun to see them try though. OM Association scholarship winners attending world finals will be introduced tonight.

**Saturday** — With their snowy peaks, the Rocky Mountains look magnificent towering over the campus. We're taking a tour up into the national park today. Eleven thousand feet altitude makes me feel dizzy.

**Saturday evening** — Whew. It's dinner time and competition is finally over. The awards ceremony starts at 7:30 and will be the most memorable event in many of the finalists' lives. Chuck Jones, creator of *Pepe LePew*, *Road Runner* and *Wiley Coyote*, and co-creator of *Bugs Bunny* and *Elmer Fudd*, will receive the Lipper Award. Ranatra Fusca winners and world champions are announced. Winning teams have their pictures taken with me. Of course, everyone who attends world finals comes away a winner.

The parties are the greatest fun of all. We'll dance until midnight. Of course, I could dance all night. Preteens and teens have separate parties with their own disk jockeys. But the coaches seem to have more fun than anyone at their "recovery party."

**Sunday** — I'm glad tomorrow is a holiday. It gives our team an extra day in Boulder. Today we're going on an all-day tour to Colorado Springs to see the Air Force Academy and to ride up to Pike's Peak.

**Monday** — World class runners will be in town today to run in the well-known Bolder-Boulder 10K race. I'd like to see them. However, our plane departs early. It's sad to see it all come to an end. I can't wait until next year's world finals in Ames, Iowa.



## The Russians Are Coming The Russians Are Coming

Educators from the Russian school that visited the San Francisco area as mentioned in last issue's OM Notes informed us that they anticipate sending two teams to participate at world finals. Dr. Micklus visited Troitsk, a suburb of Moscow, in March to speak about the Odyssey of the Mind Program.

Dr. Micklus's visit to Russia was followed by a week's stay in China where he viewed the Shanghai competition.



## 1988-1989 Associate Members

We are extremely pleased to have these persons as 1988-1989 OM Association associate members.

- Alberta:**  
St Albert School District
- Alabama:**  
Kevin Brown
- Arkansas:**  
Kay Kyle Luter  
Paula Rawls  
Nell Rockett  
Diane Rynders
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- Washington:**  
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Kathleen Whitcomb
- Wyoming:**  
The Rognmoe Family

## World Unity Through Odyssey of the Mind

The following article is self explanatory.

"We, the members of the Hampden Academy OM team, realize that our theme is very deep and may not be recognized. For this reason, we made this article. In order for the theme to be more easily recognized, we must first look at the people who make up this team.

"West German, **Felix Hagaman**, an eighteen year old, among other things, enjoys skiing. He is a young man who has a vibrant and colorful character. We could always count on him to brighten the mood if things weren't going well.

"**Jeremy Howard** is an eighteen year old senior. He was born in Exera, NH. He enjoys playing outdoor sports such as skiing and soccer and also likes to spend quiet time reading.

"**Kim Haskins**, the youngest team member, is thirteen years old. She has been on OM teams for four years. Her second year, her team made it to the worlds. She would like to become an actress and also enjoys singing and horseback riding.

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## Briefly Speaking

Approved at the March 5, 1989 OM Association board of directors' meeting, the following is a synopsis of the December 4, 1988 directors' meeting.

The following motions were made and carried:

- To accept the minutes from the June 5, 1988 meeting.
- To accept the treasurer's report.
- When 1988-89 membership figures are finalized, to establish a committee to study chartered association trends in membership.
- To appoint Carole Micklus as chairperson of the board of directors.
- To appoint Bob Purifico as vice-chairperson of the board of directors.
- To appoint Shirley Adams as secretary of the board of directors and as treasurer of the board of directors.
- To amend the by-laws.
- To clarify the treasurer's duties.
- To authorize the executive director to carry out the fiduciary responsibilities of the corporation.
- To accept the 1988-1989 budget.
- To clarify if the proposed corporate competition will be in conflict with any other corporate sponsorship.

Carole Micklus, board chairperson, gave the following reports:

- Membership is running ahead of this time last year.
- The program governance committee meeting held in Denver in October was a positive move towards getting the feeling of the chartered associations' needs.
- IBM's corporate sponsor will expire in February and a possibility exists of a renewed longer term sponsorship.
- The OM liability insurance is \$1 million with a \$1 million umbrella.
- The 1987-1988 annual report.

Also presented or appointed:

- A report on streamlining the world finals awards ceremony.
- A plaque to Carole Micklus for distinguished service as OM Association Executive Director.
- A Lipper Award nominee committee.
- Karen Verbeke as scholarship committee chairperson who stated to date 53 students applied for scholarships.

NEW BUSINESS:

- An inaugural copy of *Ties Magazine* was distributed. Ron Todd, the editor, stated he hoped some OM activities could be used for future publications.
- A curriculum project meeting is scheduled January 14 and 15 near Washington for sixteen of the writers.
- The directors watched the new 12-minute awareness videotape.



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## The Height of OM Sportsmanship Prevails

*Kitty Laughlin, from Washington-Jefferson Elementary School, wrote us the following note about an extremely fine example of OM sportsmanship. Enjoy.*

"I am writing to share an incident that occurred at the Southwestern Regional Competition on March 4, 1989.

"In the problem *Do More With Less*, Division II, a judge accidentally broke the structure of the team from Huntingdon Middle School. The team was given time to rebuild its structure but needed more balsa wood. The team from Washington-Jefferson had already competed. They had run out of time before their structure broke so they had the structure intact that they could have used for the state competition.

"Brian Woormer decided to break that structure to give Huntingdon the balsa wood they needed so they could compete. Wow! Talk about cooperation and sportsmanship!

Continues Laughlin. "Huntingdon went on to win first place over Brian's Washington-Jefferson team, second place. Both teams will compete at the state competition on April 15.

"Perhaps this is what OM is really all about! Hats off to Brian and good luck at states!

"PS. I was not Brian's coach, but I am Brian's teacher and extremely proud of him. I coached a different problem."



## Memories of a 1988 OM Regional

*The following article, taken from this year's Michigan Region V program, was written by team members from Nellie Reed School in Vernon.*

"I did as my coach recommended and went outside to run around the house five times. I lay on my bed to sleep but was not settled until after relaxation exercises.

"On the way to meet the school bus for our one hour forty-five minute ride to Delta, I was glad I had such a comforting mother. It was difficult to wake up at five o'clock.

"We got on the bus and were on our way. I say by a friend who fold me what Delta was like. He was nervous, but I beat the socks off him when it came down to nervousness. I was so nervous that I ate half my lunch before we arrived at eight thirty.

"At Delta our whole class competed. Our problems in Division I were *Showtime*, *Comics*, and *Gift of Flight*. I like OM because it's fun to build props and perform. OM isn't just about winning, it's the experience you get from trying over and over. You learn that you have to work together. If you don't work together, it's like the whole group falls apart. You can't get any help. You have to learn to sew, cut, nail, and glue yourself.

"*Showtime* members were getting ready to perform. We were missing our membership sign. I was going crazy. We found it one minute before we performed.

"It was a thrill watching our other two groups perform. If you are a sub, you have to sit on your hands because you can't give any clues.

"At lunch time, I could smell French fries and many other good foods in the cafeteria. Around five o'clock people started trading buttons in the gymnasium. At six the award ceremony began. The air for me felt of victory.

The results were NELLIE REED first place for *Showtime*, first place for *Comics*, and fifth place for *Gift of Flight*. I have never had a medal in my entire life. It felt great wearing one!

Kori Hitchcock  
Stephanie Jandik  
Magan Taack

Seth Allen  
Michelle Koerner  
Jeff Ludwig

Kent Edwards  
Eric Davis  
Matt Stephens"

## OM and the National Science Foundation Participate in Joint Venture

One of the goals set by the National Science Foundation for its National Science & Technology Week 89—April 23-29, was to plant seeds of curiosity and exploration in students' minds. To help it reach this goal, the National Science Foundation mailed pamphlets to 75,000 schools throughout the United States. The pamphlets, funded by the IBM Corporation, provide information about the Odyssey of the Mind Program. Included on the pamphlets were four of our short-term problems adapted for the schools' use. "Pasta Power" was one of the four.

### Science and Technology Activity: **PASTA POWER**

**The Problem** (suggested for teams of three people)

Your problem is to design and construct a structure made of spaghetti, a can and mailing labels that will support weight. Nails will be placed into the can until the structure breaks. The team whose structure supports the most nails will be declared the "PASTA POWER CHAMPION."

#### Limitations

1. Provide each team with 25 pieces of spaghetti (approximately 10" long), 6 pressure-sensitive mailing labels (1" x 2½"), 2 rubber bands and a 1 lb. coffee can to make its structure. The team will also be given scissors and a ruler to use. The scissors and ruler may not be a part of the structure.
2. The top of the can must be a minimum of 12" above the testing surface when weight placement begins. If, at any time, the distance is less than 12", the structure will be considered broken.
3. Once you have placed the first nail into the can, you may not touch the structure or the can again.
4. You must place the nails in the can one at a time without removing them. Nails must be supported for 3 seconds to count for scoring.
5. Your score will be equivalent to the number of nails supported.

#### Recommendations

1. If a team has nearly filled its can with nails and the structure appears to be able to hold more without breaking, the team may place a larger can directly on top of the original one and continue.
2. One pound of regular spaghetti (approximately 10" pieces) should be enough material for approximately 17 or 18 structures.
3. At the test site, have 2 three-pound coffee cans, 10 pounds of 3½", 16-penny nails, a ruler and a trash can.

