

## **Odyssey of the Mind**

# Newsletter

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## Judges win Ranatra Fusca — First-ever WF Award for Judges

eam members competing in Hybrid Relays, Division II, saw more than their share of performances at the 13th annual OM World Finals Competition this year. In the Rec Center, before each 8-minute long-term solution got underway, Hybrid Relays, Division II team members were entertained by the antics of a creative judging team that included Barbara Barcume, Sid Brockman, Steve Brown, Dave Cook, Dorothy Courtney, Jonathan Dowell, Julia Harding, Wally Hayes, Frank Mansfield, Ron Rigillio, Kris Shearer and David Stahlecker.

While some of this funsense began in Tennessee last year, the judges entertained kids on *every* team this year. And that's what it was all about.

Sid Brockman, Head Judge, said, "We did it to relax the kids. We wanted the kids to have a great time and enjoy this experience. They work so hard all year for this eight-minute performance; we wanted to give them the recognition they deserve."

According to Sid, the judging team would read the Style Sheet and then decide just how to key into their theme and "welcome the team". Sometimes they involved the audience, sometimes they danced, sometimes they sang songs . . . and it was all spontaneous.

Although their performance was for the kids, the judging team loved doing it. Jonathan Dowell sums it up this way: "OM kids, I'm convinced, are the best kids in the world! I think that's what's so great about [these judges] — they're just grown-up OM kids (Division V as it were)!"

## 10 World Finals Teams Shatter Structure Record

t the Awards Ceremony on Saturday night, there were many firsts — the first Outstanding OMer awards were announced; a non-US team won first place for the first time; but the first citations were for all the teams that broke, literally shattered, the structure records that WF teams previously held. This newsletter features the speech delivered by Dr. Bradley, Problem Captain for the Structure Problem and the names of the record breakers.

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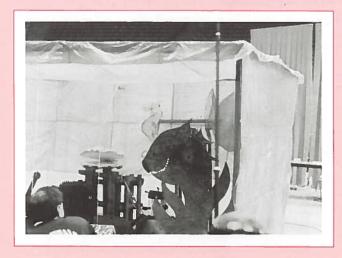
## CBS This Morning FEATURES 1992 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD FINALS

n Friday, May 29, CBS TV featured a story about the 13th Annual OM World Finals competition. The segment presented taped footage of OM events that took place on Thursday, May 28. This included the Opening Ceremonies and afternoon competition. The camera captured a portion of Papillion Lavista (Papillion, NE) High School's Delayed Reaction performance.

As the solution unfolded, two students from the Division III team explained the reactions to the "TV audience". Later, the students were asked to comment on their OM experience. When anchor/interviewer Paula Zahn asked what the girls learned, Dawn Chamberlain and Melissa Pope described their OM experience as one that provided them with technical knowledge, taught them how to work cooperatively as a team and helped them learn how to handle stress.

These gals should be congratulated for handling themselves so well — especially during the 4:45 a.m. interview that took place on Friday morning!

Editor's Note: The Papillion Lavista team tied for 4th overall and placed second in long-term scoring in Delayed Reaction, Division III. All performances — by the team as a whole and two individual team members — were well executed. Congratulations to all.



#### 10 World Finals Teams Shatter Structure Record

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Being here in the beautiful mountains Colorado, one is reminded of the sayings, 'Mountains were meant to be climbed,' and 'Records were meant to be broken.' Over the past three days, Atlas teams did both. The record of 978 pounds, set in 1983, has not only been broken, it has been shattered. It is an honor to announce the name of each team that broke this long-standing record. At least one team in each division surpassed 978 pounds. We would like each of these teams to stand and be recognized as its name is read.

#### Division I:

Yocum Elementary School — El Dorado, Arkansas 9:16 AM - Saturday 1,025 pounds (Note: only Div. I team to ever hold 1,000)

Division II:

Berkshire Middle School — Bingham Farms, Michigan 11:39 AM - Saturday

1,150 pounds

(Note: highest weight ever held)

York Central School — Retsof, New York 9:01 AM - Saturday

1,095 pounds

Smiley Middle School Team A — Denver, Colorado 1:32 PM - Thursday

1,015 pounds

(Note: 1st team to hold over 1,000)

Tower Heights Middle School — Centerville, Ohio

10:43 AM - Friday 985 pounds

Division III:

George Washington HS Team C — Denver, Colorado

2:10 PM - Friday 980 pounds

Blue Valley Enrichment Prog G — Stilwell, Kansas 2:39 PM - Thursday

1,005 pounds

(Note: 1st Div III team to go over 1,000)

T C Roberson High School — Asheville, North Carolina

9:28 AM - Friday

1,060 pounds

Greenville High School — Greenville, Texas 3:42 PM - Thursday

1,145 pounds

(Note: 1st Div III team to set present world

record; co-record holder)

Wylie E. Groves High School — Bingham Farms, Michigan

11:50 AM - Friday

1,145 pounds

(Note: co-record holder)

Editor's Note: The record of 978 lbs., set in 1983, was held by a team from Little Rock, Arkansas. The team placed second overall in the "Wrecking Ball" Structure Problem that year.



## TIME ON THE MOVE

by Linda Marks Parent Coach Cherokee ES, Arizona

Pee Wee Herman's first balloon, Elvis Presley's pink guitar, and pixie dust from Saturn . . . these are several of more than one hundred unusual artifacts that Dirck's Moving Services transported from Phoenix to Denver for an Odyssey of the Mind team. Team members Alana Aldag, Melissa Fischer, Gerby Marks, Meagan Marks, Patricia Wilce and Robyn Yount competed in OMument I at the 13th Annual World Finals Competition in Boulder, Colorado.

These team members knew that it would not be easy to move "time" from one state to another, so they challenged local moving companies to complete the task. Many were skeptical, but Rick and Chip Dirck of Dirck's Moving Services accepted eleven-year-old Robyn Yount's challenge, "Can your company move 'time' for us?"

The Dirck's, in the moving business for 15 years, are presently agents for Allied Van Lines. In addition to transporting the traditional furniture freight, they've hauled such diverse cargo as: football helmets for the ASU football team, props and costumes for Ballet Arizona, and Gulf War gifts from the Julio Iglesias' concert.

"We've moved just about everything you can name", reflected Rick Dirck, "but 'time' is the one thing we have

never been able to move before."

The six creative Cherokee Elementary students showed Dirck's Moving Services how to pack the present, past, and future into one of the largest moving trunks - with room to spare. The "past" was represented by a surrealistic century plant made of cloth and cardboard and decorated with homemade artifacts from history — Davey Crockett's coffee beans, Andrew Jackson's pipe and Florence Nightingale's old bandages. The present was a huge, elaborate gift (to pun with the other kind of present). And the future? A wild metallic time machine which served as a museum of future artifacts. It housed everything from a black hole in space to a punk-rock frog from Pluto.

"I bet you've never actually seen time fly," ten-year-old Gerby Marks warned as he switched on a wooden clock face powered by a motor and a second-hand airplane

propeller.

Impressed with the team's creativity and hard work, Rick Dirck transported "time" from Phoenix to Denver. "I'll be sure they get there on time," he promised with a smile.

Editor's Note: Cherokee placed eighth overall in Division I OMument at the 1992 OM World Finals.

## 1991 World Finals Video Receives Award

Mr. Ned Eckhardt, OM's video producer, earned OM Association, Inc. an Award of Excellence in the 1992 American Corporate Video Awards. Cited for this award was the 1991 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Video.

The award of excellence is bestowed on the second and third place winners in various categories. The videotape was considered with others in the Special Event/Entertainment Category. Congratulations, Ned and kudos to your film crew — Jeff Davenport, Beth Moser Davenport, Michelle Decker, Jennifer Devine, and Pete Sanford. They did a wonderful job last year — and have done so each year!

### HAT/FLOAT CONTEST WINNERS



#### Semi Finalists:

Arkansas Michigan Minnesota Mississippi

Missouri

Montana Ohio Vermont Washington West Virginia

#### Finalists:

1st Place: Washington 2nd Place: Montana 3rd Place (tie): Vermont West Virginia

## BANNER CONTEST WINNERS

Semi Finalists: California Florida Georgia Kansas Massachusetts Michigan North Carolina New Hampshire **New Jersey** Vermont





Finalists: 1st Place: Massachusetts 2nd Place: California 3rd Place: New Hampshire

## **Daffynitions**

The April 1992 issue of Edpress News published some of Walt Hathaway's examples of "Authentic Assessment". Thought these might provide some summer challenges for OMers who are waiting for next year's problems to arrive.

BIOLOGY - You have a paper clip, a string, and a rubber band. Create life. Estimate the differences in subsequent human culture if this form of life had developed 500 million years earlier, with special attention to its probable effect on the English parliamentary system. Prove your theses.

HISTORY — Describe the history of the papacy from its origins to the present, concentrating especially, but not on its social, political, economic, religious, and philosophical impact on Europe, Asia, America, Africa. Be brief, concise and specific.

Daffynitions of mathematical terms from Pamela W. Coffield follow:

CENTIMETER: Price of cloth at a discount store

MINIMUM: A small chrysanthemum

## Regional Director Reflects on OM "Gifts"

In a letter to Carol and Sam Micklus, Christina Hom, a California regional director since 1988, shares some personal feelings that reflect the universal sentiments of all OMers. Here are excerpts of her letter to the Micklus':

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to you both for the Odyssey of the Mind Program and its impact on my life...

At this recent World Finals Competition, one of our three world finalist teams won a first place (across the board in spontaneous, style and long-term) and the Ranatra Fusca. [Sam Brannan M.S., Sacramento, CA. for Delayed Reaction, Division II.] There are so many "specials about this team". The team members had difficulty letting each other express their ideas and feelings so their coach developed a spontaneous verbal problem to help them listen to each other. During the past few months they raised funds for their World Finals expenses and gave some money to me for WF expenses.

[Since] serious medical illnesses in my family caused me to miss both our regional and our state competition, this team made a video for me in which they discussed the evolution of their long-term and style solutions, how the different delayed reactions are initiated and how [they] operate and what recyclable materials they used—such as plastic from six packs. They also included what they researched at the library, referenced field trips they took, and showed me prototypes they discarded.

These team members will go on to make a significant contribution to society and their own future families with their creative problem-solving and team work skills. They are a wonderful bunch of kids and OM has given them an opportunity for experiences and the development of selfimage that money just can't buy.

## Ranatra Fusca Winners

The following world finals teams won Ranatra Fusca awards. The judges' reasons for the awards follow:

#### **HYBRID RELAYS**

Division I: Fawn Hollow School, Monroe CT — Team — (long-term)

Coach: Mary Ellen Hass, Nicandra Perusi;

**Team members:** Christopher Fleisch, Robert Giannini, Richard Hass, Paul Kulikowski, Richard Perusi, Kathleen Utecht, Linda Voll.

Exceptional creativity was shown for the engineering and design of the stair climbing vehicle. Rather than climbing stairs, this team's vehicle was used in its solution.

#### **HYBRID RELAYS**

Division II: Trigg County G/T Program Team B, Cadiz, KY — Team — (long-term)

**Coach:** Martha Bowen; **Team members:** James E. Adams, III, Sarah Adams, Lucas Chesnut, Joshua Garland, Michael Hughes, Chris Lynch, Hilary Washer.

Exceptional creativity was shown for the risky but unique design for this team's pneumatic vehicle. It was made of recyclable material which tied in with the theme. A team member blew onto the vehicle—the risk was that the team could not know how much air pressure was in the bottle or balloons. The vehicle stopped halfway to the goal because there was not enough air.

#### **HYBRID RELAYS**

Division II: Rec Center, Boulder Colorado

Judging Team: Barabra Barcume, Sid Brockman, Steve Brown, Dave Cook, Dorothy Courtney, Jonathan Dowell, Julia Harding, Wally Hayes, Frank Mansfield, Kris Shearer, Ron Rigillio and David Stahlecker.

Exceptional creativity was shown for the spontaneous thematic presentation that this judging team delivered to each long-term team prior to their performance.

#### **HYBRID RELAYS**

Division III: G Holmes Braddock Sr. HS, Miami, FL — Individual — (long-term) Jasper Pollard; Coach: Joy Hellard Exceptional creativity was shown in the construction of all 5 vehicles. All were unique, fascinating and showed detailed construction. This team member took a most creative approach to solve the problem, rather than the most reliable, thus taking the greatest risk.

#### **DELAYED REACTION**

Division II: Sam Brannan MS, Sacramento, CA — Team — (long-term) Coaches: Nancy Craig and Ray Flood; Team members: Adam Berg, Stephanie Craig, Stephanie Flood, Kim Gillette, Lindsey Munro, Tucker Readdy, Edsel Tupaz. Exceptional creativity was shown in this team's ability to creatively integrate the chosen theme into this difficult problem. The team displayed outstanding creativity in the use of low cost/no cost recycled materials.

#### **DELAYED REACTION**

Division III: Eli Whitney Museum, Hamden CT — Team — (spontaneous)

Coach: William Brown; Team members: Ben Cichy, Dave Cipriano, Molly Hay, Clint Mueller, Kristen Nelson, Robbie Prestegrad. Amy Stephens.

Exceptional creativity was shown in the complexity and concept of their solutions' design as well as the remarkable degree of risk-taking required by its execution.

#### ALICE IN OMERLAND

Division I: Brussels American School, DoDDS — Team — (long-term)

**Coach:** Brian Thompson; **Team members:** Chris Clermont, Shareena Hatta, Nathan Mucholland, Sarah Phillips, Anne Postell, Micheal Reed, Paige Stoll.

Exceptional risk-taking was evident because the team brought a poignant and sensitive topic to life. Their totally unanticipated theme of child abuse and homelessness affected the audience and was the sole dramatic solution to this problem. Stark simplicity of sets dramatized this moving performance.

#### ALICE IN OMERLAND

Division III: Chippewa Falls MS, Chippewa Falls, WI — Team — (spontaneous)

Coach: Cheryl Schoonover; Team Members: Karen Engelsjerd, Renee Kragness, Melissa Kell, Sara Leifheit, John Look, Katie Look, Nikki Razzbach.

Exceptional creativity was demonstrated because the team used an intermediate ball in the "Hit and Run" problem's solution. In order to maximize the transfer of energy and propel the ball farther, the team used the softball (normally not successful) to hit an intermediate ball, which, in turn, hit the foam ball farther. This team displayed both creativity and risk-taking.

#### **ATLAS**

Division I: Beechwood School. Ft. Mitchell, KY — Team — (long-term)

Coach: Mimi Bernard; Team members: Jason Bernard, Lee T. Bergs, Phil Fairbanks, Billy Hesch, Jim Hiltz, Joey Marshall, Daniel Wolff.

Exceptional creativity and risk-taking was shown as the team used an artificial "sixth" character. The team interacted with this character's recorded dialogue. Timing was extremely crucial and the performance was executed perfectly.

#### **ATLAS**

Division I: East Dale ES, Fairmont, VW — Team — (spontaneous)

Coach: Patricia Dicken; Team Members: Kiley Berry, Conner Boram, Jan Boyles, Jacyee Dempsey, Ryan Schiffbauer, Melissa Vincent, Johnathan Wright.

Exceptional creativity and risk-taking was shown in the entire team's rapid and creative responses which included highly unique creative concepts and connections. Many of the answers generated other unusual or unlikely connections which worked in the framework of the problem. This team was a model of and vehicle for the types of creativity we hope to encourage through Odyssey of the Mind.

#### **ATLAS**

Division II: Teague MS, Apora, FL — Team — (long-term) Coach: Jo Howard; Team members: Timothy Ahn, Daniel F. Chaufair, Christopher Di Natale, Andrew Howard, Kevin Jorden, Heidi Noble, Jerod Werstler

Exceptional creativity and risk-taking was shown for this team's structure design. It tested the team's theory — the more triangles in the design, the more weight held. The structure's shape was a six-point star.

#### **ATLAS**

Division II: Tower Heights MS. Centerville, OH — Team

Coaches: KT Mechlin and Jim Dobrowski; Team members: David Dobrowski, Todd Dyer, Mike Fraker, Reagen Mallaney, Maggie Mechlin, Molly Warnock, Erica Younkin.

Exceptional creativity was shown in a uniquely successful and risk-taking solution to this hands-on structural problem. This team knew the difference between their tops and their bottoms.

#### **ATLAS**

Division III: North Olmsted Enrichment Program, Team A, N. Olmsted, OH — Team — (long-term)

Coach: James Bognar Team Members: Jim Barker, Sarah Cook, Siobhan Dalrymple, Gia Hayes, Brandon Hiller, Matt Levar. Jake Willis.

Exceptional creativity was shown in the multifaceted presentation through both collective and individual efforts. Their unique performance of a scene for the Arabian Nights used exceptionally creative artifacts such as a table whose main support was an elaborate gold dragon with a gleaming eye; a distinctive, well-decorated box that housed the structure; a green, life-like Gargoyle, whose wings flapped, head turned and mouth moved, synchronized with his speeches, and others.

#### **OMUMENT**

Division II: Faith School, Ft. Benning, GA — Team — (long

Coaches: Cindy Givens and Libbie Kurinec; Team members: Karen Adams, Rachael Novier, Jay Parker, Aaron Roggia, Amita Shah, Aaron Smalser, Stacy Uselton. Exceptional creativity was shown when the team created a skit and then used the materials from the set to construct the monument — in a matter of seconds. The skit was entirely original; character and plot were very well developed; humor was sophisticated and dialogue was well done. The team was composed of risk-takers who could act, choreograph and create an object out of unlikely material. They epitomized the Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award.

## The 1992 Outstanding OMER Award Winners

This year, OM introduced a new award, The Outstanding OMER Award. This award was instituted to recognize those OMers — individuals or teams — that exemplify the spirit and philosophy of the Odyssey of the Mind Program. It was awarded to OM participants who by their actions, words or deeds, displayed exceptional character traits, skill or teamwork. As with the Ranatra Fusca Award given for creativity, recipients of the Outstanding OMER award received a special medal. The judges citations included accolades for special effort, positive attitude, spirit and cooperation. The winners are listed below:

#### Hybrid Relays I:

Edgewood Elementary School Yardley, PA **TEAM MEMBERS:** Aleah Borghard Maura Brennan Adria Greene Peter Jaslow Shelly Rosenfeld Jonathan Schor Aarti Sheth

#### Hybrid Relays III

Morehead JHS El Paso. TX Individual (Coach): Roger Madafor

#### Hybrid Relays III

Waverly High School Team A Lansing, MI **TEAM MEMBERS:** Adam LaPratt David Hartman Eric Fitton Andy Yuan Nathan Borton Jodi Wood Barb Perry

#### **Delayed Reaction II**

Edgemont Elementary School Provo. UT **TEAM MEMBERS:** Amy Anderson Monet Bults Scott Chapman Tricia Clark Gina Groeger Sean Richardson Eric Swensen

#### Delayed Reaction II

Mineral Springs School Mineral Springs AR **TEAM MEMBERS:** John McJunkins Renay DeLoney Corey Semmler Justin Smith **David Stewart** Jane Hartness Henry Schaal

#### **Delayed Reaction III**

Wirt County High School Palestine, WV **TEAM MEMBERS:** Sherrie Nichols Kim Mowrey Ronnie Roberts Tony Hanna Danny Lynch Bill Tomlinson Minda Kohner

## The 1992 Outstanding OMER Award Winners (continued from page 5)

Delayed Reaction III

Edward C Reed High School

Sparks, NV

TEAM MEMBERS:

Jason Nystedt

Jack DeLong

Jason Williams

**Humiston Tanner** 

Ron Parratt

Critter Copeland

Jason Callahan

**Delayed Reaction III** 

Lincoln County High School

Stanford KY

Coach: Robert C. Camenisch

**Delayed Reaction III** 

Bronson JHS/Littleton HS

Littleton NH

**TEAM MEMBERS:** 

Erica Gunderson

Marcus Jurado

B. Tavis Henry

Pikvan Kwan

MacLean Pancoast

Matthew Ferland

Andrew Tupaj

Alice in OMerland I

Fairmount School

Hackensack, NJ

**TEAM MEMBERS:** 

DonSheri Barnett

Diana Comarato

Robyn Greenwald

Lora Leonardo

Adriana Matera

Melina Matsaukas Alexandra Mihailescu

Alice in OMerland II

Albertville Special Ed Prog II

Albertville, AL

Individual: Elise Woodward

Alice in OMerland II

Cape Henry Collegiate School

Virginia Beach, VA

Individual: Stacie Crain

Alice in OMerland II

Rogers Middle School

El Dorado, AR

Individual: Brandi Parker

Alice in OMerland III

Wayzata Sr High School Team B Plymouth, MN

TEAM MEMBERS:

Kara Bausch

Stephanie Boehmer

Missy Nahorniak Jenni Undis

Beth Wicklund

Carol Yeh

Susie Nam

Alice in OMerland III

Proctor Hug High School

Reno. NV - (2 Awards)

TEAM MEMBERS:

Wanda Ramynke Kathleen McFarlane

Mike McFarlane

Alice in OMerland III

Central Gwinnett High School Tm B

Lawrenceville, GA

**TEAM MEMBERS:** 

Tyler Brown

Chris Brown

Wesley Whitener

Nathan Voss

Wanda Vance

Kara Sutton

Marcy Cincotta

Alice in OMerland IV

School of Arts & Sciences Georgia Southern University

Statesboro, GA

TEAM MEMBERS:

Amanda M. Wilkerson

Anissa Anthony

Cory Butler

Matt Jones Gerry Baygents

Tom Lawrence

Alice in OMerland IV

Discovery Lab

West Virginia University

Morgantown, WV

TEAM MEMBERS:

Justine Swaney

Eric Ting

Young Hahm Brian Chang

Brian Rodrique

Eric Minor

David Bonfili

Atlas I

Noll Hills Elementary School

Overland Park, KS

Individual: Grant Messick

Atlas I

Saint Elizabeth Seton School

Scarborough, ON

TEAM MEMBERS:

Michael Vitullo Erica Cleveland

Danyil Galadza

Alison Chick

Alexander Howard

Tammy Hui

Young Hui

Atlas I

East Dale Elementary School

Fairmont, WV

Individual: Jan Boyles

Benjamin Stoddert Middle School

Waldorf, MD

**TEAM MEMBERS:** 

Robert Blizzard

Kimberly Crowder Randy Crowder, Jr. Gary Schaaf

Brian Schaaf

Donnie Stemp

Vicky Villa

Atlas III

Delaware Valley High School

Milford, PA

**TEAM MEMBERS:** 

David Berger

Jennifer Schafer

Todd Watson

Adam Morgan

Brett Karopczyc

Chris Wymbs

Michelle Reaggs

Atlas III

Individual (Judge): Pat Girbach, MI

OMument I

Houston Elementary School

Houston, MS

**TEAM MEMBERS:** 

Jeremy Brooks Ben Earnest

Ashley Peel

Rosanna Sanders Jonathan Williams

OMument 1

Webster Intermediate School

Auburn, ME

**TEAM MEMBERS:** 

Michelle Clark

Charles Jordan

Maureen O'Connor

Jenna Lelanshy

Lindsey Hirsch David Wheeler

Andrew Packer OMument II

Elkton School

Elkton, SD TEAM MEMBERS:

**Dustin Baker** 

Tara Even Heather Mathis

Brandi McDowell

Erin Stoltenburg

Melanie Zink Camille Swenson

**OMument II** 

Milwaukie JHS

Milwaukie. OR TEAM MEMBERS:

Darci Cassinelli

Staci Magdlen

Anika Palkki Michelle Stumpf

Angela Ward

## **1992 WORLD FINALS CHAMPIONS**

Hybrid Relays: Division I
First Place York ES
Raleigh, NC
Coaches: David Pettengill and Valarie
Mannlein-Alverez
Team members:
Lucas David Adam Kilas

Lucas Doub Arthur Furler Ernst Hain Bradley Hearn Adam Kiker Tyler Moorhead

Second Place: Discovery ES Palm Bay, FL Coaches: Terri Goggin and Terri Moeller

Team members:
Brainnee Goggin
Ryan Marks
Eslim Quiles Scheffer Steward Craig Willis

Third Place: Lincoln School Annoka, MN Coach: John Dicken

Team members: Andy Bauman Robert De Greeff Evan Moore Natalie Morgan Lucy Hunter Tory Johnson J.P. West

Fourth Place: Carson ES Team A Denver CO
Coach: Wayne J. Graham
Team members:
Michael Graham Er

Eric Sammons Greg Schuchman Nickolas Tacinas Evan Hein Nick Kaluk Eric Mikelis

Fifth Place: Ellicott ES Orchard Park, NY Coach: Diane Nash

Team members:
Doug Courtney
Laura Day
Stacey Fintak
Becky Forth Spencer Hughes Nathaniel Merrill Melissa Weaver

Sixth Place: Winnemucca Grammar School Winnemucca, NV Coaches: Susan Putnam and Jane

Davidsaver

Team members:

Paige Alger Ramone Batish Lyle Boner Stephanie Cannon **Beatrice Conley** Katie Garijo Stewart Quigley

Hybrid Relays: Division II First Place: Maple Grove JHS Team A Maple Grove MN Coach: Russ Nahorniak Team members:

Tony Meyers Sara Ostroot Kate Stimson Bob DeHaven Kelley Erickson John Hegstrand Jill Jennenke

Second Place: Tower Heights MS Centerville, OH Coach: Joe Servaites

Team members:
Janet Clemens
Scott Dyer
Emily Hughes
Jeremy Kaufman Jennifer Magro Jeff Servaites

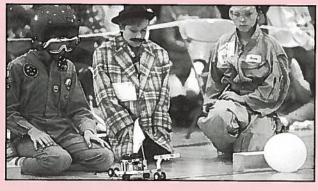
Paul Stechmesser

Third Place: Boonville JHS Boonville, IN Coach: Judy Baum Team members:

Alison Baum Megan Burnham Charlie Dill Peter Rudolph Angela Smith Bobby Wilson Ryan Reynolds

Fourth Place: Hamstead Academy Atkinson, NH Coach: Jeanne Breinlinger

Team members: Joshua Breinlinger Sierra Gitlin Kendra La Brosse Matthew Noyes Nathan Wells Matthew Gouette Jared Kramer



Fifth Place: Brookfield School Sacramento, CA Coach: Edward M. Chow Team members: vvilliam Allen Christopher Amar Eliot Biggert Andrew Petrich Jeremy Ouise

Sixth Place: Norfolk ES Team A Norfolk, NE Coaches: Deb and Mark Gronau Team members:

Crystal Bowland Scott Engel Travis Erwin Jason Muchmeier Kate Surber Andrew Uher Ross Girnau

**Hybrid Relays: Division III** *First Place:* G. Holmes Braddock Sr HS Miami, FL Team members:
Anna Agrawal Edward Dodd
Alexander Barreto Jasper Pollard
Andreew Beregszazi Norma Torava

Chris Da Fonseca Second Place: Forest Lake Sr. HS Forest Lake, MN Coach: Pat Cheyne

Team\_members: Erik Anderson Mike Anderson Andrew Kloster Jennie Olsen Jason Brendan Jake Silverberg Lisa Fandel

Third Place: Urbandale HS Program Urbandale, IA Coach: Ben Harrington Team members:

Jenny Betts Jason Decker Joe Kauzlarich Zak Kimble Wes Harrington

Fourth Place: Beaver County Day School Chestnut Hill, MA Coach: Shelly Tyre Team members:

Jim Akiba Eric Cooper Dan Goldwasser Marc Gordon Justin Meyer Lorne Silkes

Fifth Place: Waverly HS Lansing, MI Coach: Holly Lapratt Team members: Barb Perry Jodi Wood Andy Yuan Nathan Borton Eric Fitton David Hartman Adam Lapratt

Sixth Place: De Pere HS De Pere, WI Coach: James Guy Team members:

Greg Breed Sam Haworth Eric Hinkel Paul Khol Chris Manders Joe Turner Mike Howlett

Hybrid Relays: Division IV
First Place: Sierra Nevada College
Incline Village, NY
Coach: George Brooks
Team members:

Amber Davidson Jeff Dodd Jeremy Perdy

Trisha Simonet Glen Steinkopf

Second Place: University of British Columbia Vancouver, BC Coach: Jim Atwater Team members: Chris Chan-Henry Mary Flavas Kara Tsang Mancy Kang Helen Wong

Third Place: Southeastern Oklahoma State University Durant, OK Coach: John Rigg Team members: Bob Barham Sherry Caperton Dave Meadows John Rigg Dave Robinson

Fourth Place: University of Northern Colorado Colorado
Denver, CO
Coach: Scot Carson
Team members:
Scot Carson
Mary Depperschmidt Jason Monroe
Rich Gordon
Robert Vigil

Fifth Place: University of Denver Denver, CO Coach: Nancy Sampson Team members: Elizabeth Bernstein Paul Bernstein Dan Griebenaw Jeff Nathan Scott Severson Megan Speltz

Sixth Place: Iowa State University Ames, IA Coach: Franklin Voorhes Frankilin Voorhes Kim Robinson Keith Kasych Sophia Thrall Aaron Nelson

Delayed Reaction: Division II First Place: Sam Brannan, MS Sacramento. CA Coaches: Nancy Craig and Ray Flood Team members: Adam Berg Stephanie Craig Stephanie Flood Kim Gillette Lindsey Munro Tucker Readdy Edsel Tupaz

Second Place: Trickum MS Second Place: Incom N Lilburn, GA Coach: George Churchill Team members: George Churchill IV W Chip Mitchell D Tim O'Connell H Wendy Roberson Derek Stovall Heather Thompson Third Place (tie) Buckeye North JHS Mingo Junction, OH Coach: Pat Windom Team members:

Kristi Buncey Jeremy Burdick Faith Dossett Andre Harris

Stephanie Schoppe Joshua Straus Erin Windom

**Hutchinson JHS** Hutchinson JAS Lubbock, TX Coach: Catherine Miller Team members: Melody Berens Amanda Casler Michelle Gloria Seth Miller

Gwendollyn Moore Jennifer Rogers Tim Williamson.

Fourth Place: Woodrow Wilson MS Edison, NJ Coach: Dan Semenza Team members: Anrea Burke Stephanie Kirsch Joyce Chen Erica Darpino Mina Kim Caroline Lee Zoe Robins

Fifth Place: Seminole Northwood School
Seminole, OK
Coach: Carla Branscum
Team members:
Larra Branscum
Lani Gleichman
Kendall Pryor
Jeanne Mc Mains

Sixth Place Somers MS Somers, NY Coach: Lucille Rand Coach: Lucine Hand
Team members:
Philip Guerci
Phillip Kern
Regina Pontbiand
Alyson Radding
Barry Rand
Darren Rand
Jonah Safris

**Delayed Reaction: Division III**First Place: Waynesboro Area HS
Waynesboro, PA Coach: Marge Kiersz Team members: Matt Gladhill Ben Fulk Ben Kiersz David Levense Todd Marks Nathan Scott

Second Place: Central Valley HS Veradale, WA Coach: Laurie B. Latta Team members: Kjell Anderson Kathy Clark Trevor Neal Mike Pottratz Lori Test

Third Place: Galway Central HS Galway, NY Coach: Michael Stone and Julia Roy Team members: Jodie Evans John Freer Robert McKay Allison Roy

Jeremy Stahl

Fourth Place: (3-way tie) Papillion Lavista HS Papillion, NE Coach: Bevery Fairbanks Team members: Dana Chamberlain Sara Harney

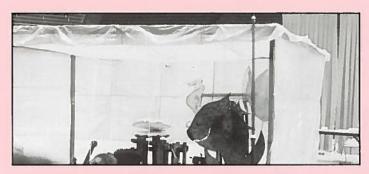
Mary McKay

Jeff Miser Dawn Grover Tricia Fairbanks Melissa Pope Cresent Valley HS Corvallis, OR Coaches: Simon Dodd and Brenda

Massey
Team members:
Apricot Anderson Danielle McFadden
Maghna Chakrabarit Ben Smith Ryan Smith Tim Dodd David Irving

Barnwell HS Barnwell, SC Coach: Jim Satkowski

## **1992 WORLD FINALS CHAMPIONS**



Team members: Kim Atkins Hans Bhargava Brandi Creech Philip Flynn

Tracy Hunter Ann Satowski Ellen Witherspoon.

Fifth Place: (tie) Mainland Regional HS Little Egg Harbor, NJ Coach: Bart Micklus Team members:

Marc Rubinfine Stephan Segal Lori Skibble Mike Batz John Conklin Grady English

Quest: Hagerstown JR/SR HS Hagerstown, ID Coach: Jorgena Watson Team members:

Jason Burdette Matt Doerstler Jamie Johnson Brent Smith Emily Williamson Richard Federico

Sixth Place: (3-way tie) No. 1 Middle School Shanghai, China Coach: Lu Fu Chuang Team members:

Zhang Yue Zhen Wei Liang Zhu Jun Hua Chen Si Jie Lin Feng Qui Feng Xu Yi Qun

Meyers Park HS Charlotte, NC
Coach: R. Noble Dillard
Team members:
Jennife Bond

Julie Rouse Mike Vaginos Andy Young Danby Elliott Craig Jones Katrienne Klapheke

Rosewell, HS Rosewell, GA Coach: Carol Skaggs

Team members: Jim Axelsson Eric Greene Sara Maycock Jeff Winter Melanie Leake Kathryn Wymer

Alice in OMerland: Division I Alloquerque, NM
Coach: Midge Nichelason
Team members:
John Chamiltoniatto Bre

**Brebt Milville** Amy Nichelason Joshua Torgerson Anne Howard Evan Kist Matt Marlman

Second Place: Shaffer ES Team A

Team A Littleton, CO Coach: Sheila Swanson Team members: Sarah Conrad Brian Kelly Daniel Park Josh Stitt Cory Swanson Kyra Van Hooser

Third Place: Hutchinson School Memphis TN Coach: Ruth Bowlin

Team members:
Bliss Bolin
Shelly Clifford
Irwin Magevney Louise Stanton Robin Watson Candace Woods Kate Patterson

Fourth Place: Kendale Lakes ES

Miami, FL Coach: Alisa Newbauer Team members: Daniel Elfenbein

Jawara McPherson Lauren Elesa Rolando Justiniano Sandy Kellogg Allison Newbauer Laura Sanchez.

Fifth Place: Kentucky County Day School Louisville, KY Coach: Doug Vetter Team members:

Jennifer Casale Molly Murphy Elizabeth Cooper Brad Vetter Nicholas Laughlin Dana Vetter

Sixth Place: Discovery Program Melrose, MA Coach: Marge Silvestri

Team members: Neil O' Malley Andrew Rawson Kate Spector Amy Cerullo Sarah Duggan Lee Hummer Sarah Matteucci

Alice In OMeriand Division II First Place: Crystal Program Oregon, WI Coach: Penny Paster

Team members: Joe Barry Tony Callahan Eli Paster Zak Paster Chad Rittenhouse. Cadie Langer Dee Dee Paster

Second Place: Danville Bate MS

Danville, KY Coach: Deborah Parker and Jane McKune Team members:

Thermoers. Christopher Brantley Ann Bell McKune Rachael Coburn Cooper Pass Amanda Jackson Danae Peckler Mary Robert Nahm

Third Place: McColloch MS Dallas, TX Coach: Susan McCormick

Team members:
Brittany Baird
Ellen Engstrom
Jack Hight Lacy Martin Laura Morriss **Nick Peters** Betsy Hogan

Fourth Place: Hammocks MS Miami, FL Coach: Robin Coporkin

Team members: Evan Coporkin Ryan Coporkin Lauren Feldman Healey Gabison Meredith Levine Lori McMullen Sushema Sheth

Fifth Place: Stilwell JHS West Des Moines, IA Coach: Dean Brooks Team members: Dan Brooks

Joni Stock John Kindsuch Julie Wood Carolyn Lyon Chris Peterson Mary Zimmerman

Sixth Place: Ben Davis JHS Indianapolis, IN Coach: Gary Emmert

Team members: Amber Bourne Mark Fryman Damon Hall Jeff Warren Gina Wentworth Corey White Ananda Snodgrass

Alice in OMerland: Division III First Place: Vorosmarty Mihaly Gimnazium Budapest, Hungary Coach: Josef Kereszturi

Team members: Zoltan Deutsch Csilla Gevai Ferenc Gyori Daniel Herner Mirtill Rackevei Arpad Takacs Peter Torok

Second Place: Grosse Pointe So HS Grosse Pointe, MI Coach: Linda Rhodes Pauly

Christopher Buckingham Adam Rhodes
Andrew Drescher
Patrick Niven
Ashley Peacock

Third Place: Londonderry HS Londonderry, NH Coach: Joan Laurenti Team members:

Russell Sigrist Kevin Smith Jeff Guertin Allison Laurenti Dianna Mason Sara Vogel

Fourth Place: (tie) Edison HS Fresno, CA Team members: Lisa Couret Christopher Hernandez

Barry Korerat Colleen Murray Sarah Stolberg Matthew Hipp



Central Gwenett HS Team B Lawrenceville, GA Coach: Susan Dietz

Team members: Chris Brown Tyler Brown Wanda Vance Nathan Voss Wesley Whitener. Marcy Cincotta Kara Sutton

Fifth Place: Wayzata Sr HS Team B Plymouth, MN Coaches: Sharan Hilliard and Anne Topp Team members:

Kara Bausch Stephanie Boehmer Missy Nahorniak Susie Nam Jenni Undis Beth Wicklund Carol Yeh

Sixth Place: (tie) Medford OM Program Medford, MA Coach: Marilyn Blumsack

Team members: Tony DaSilva Melissa Fenton Joseph Peppe Cheryl Tomaszczuk Lisa Villano John Lanzerotta

Lakeside HS\* Hot Springs, AR Coach: Roy Owen Team members:

Susan Bristow Lance Felix Alex Mouton Marcus Owen Karen Steelman Jennifer Woods

Alice in OMerland: Division IV
First Place: School of Arts and Sciences
Statesboro, GA Coach: Amanda Wilkerson Team members: Anissa Anthony Mat

Matt Jones Gerry Baygents Cory Butler Tom Lawrence Amanda Wilkerson

Second Place: Midwestern State University
Wichita Falls, TX
Coach: Tom Devenport
Team members:

Paul Berg Chris Burney Rocky Patel Scott Rogers

Tom Devenport Third Place: California University of PA

Coaches: Candy and Jacquelyn Jordon Team members

Aimee Dillow Halem Nassif Jacquelyn Jordon Shawn Smiley Tom Lambert

Fourth Place: University of Denver Denver, CO Coach: Nancy Sampson

Team membérs: Andy Aho
Dianne Fechenbech
Kim Lundgren

Lee Anne Mellberg
Brett Petersen
Heidi Zimmerman

Fifth Place: Discovery Lab: WV University Morgantown, WV Coach: Debbie Busch

Team members: David Bonfili Brian Chang Young Hahm Eric Minor Brian Rodrique Justine Swaney Eric Ting.

Sixth Place: Rochester Institute of Technology Rochester, NY Coach: Robyn Mann Team members:

Kevin Serwacki Gina Festa Jeremy Sniatezki Lara Greben Robyn Mann

Atlas: Division I First Place: Tubbs ES Lubbock, TX Coach: Barbara Curbo Team members:

Hindlers Courtney Smith Amanda Morris Steven Kirkpatrick Lindsey Kevin Sancibrian Williamson

Second Place: Willson School Team B Bozeman, MT Coach: Pat Devine Team members: Karen Devine

Perry Robert Emily Shively Allison Graves Kurt Hanson Tim Oakberg Kyle Wojtanówicz

Third Place: (tie)
Glen Arden Elementary School
Arden, NC
Coach: Kathleen Noyes

Team members: Peter Best Christine Carver Loren Hawkins Martin Hewett

Becky Money Melissa Torpey Matthew Wright

## **1992 WORLD FINALS CHAMPIONS**

Yocum ES El Dorado, AR Coaches: Sammie Givens and Tracie Tyner Team members:

Matthew Black David Petty Jason Horner Johnathan Amanda Meadows Reynolds Sara Perdue Allen Tyner **David Petty** 

Fourth Place: Peninsula Challenge Program Team B Gig Harbor, WA Coach: Mimi Fielding

Team members: Randy Claiborne Guy Fielding Michael Lee Chris Mordue

Stephen Mordue Lance Peterson Dustin White

Fifth Place: Wren Primary School Piedmont, SC Coaches: Barbara Holmes and Judy

Simpson Team members: Julie Peeler Kim Satterfield

Seth Cameron Julie Peeler David Holmes Kim Satterfield Jeremy McCauley Matt Simpson Reid Messiah

Sixth Place: Stratfield School Fairfield, CT Coach: R.J. Tubbs

Team members: Shira Abrhams Ben Bleiman Adam Lewis Victoria Lowerson Carley Tubbs Brian Harding Rachel Josovitz

Atlas: Division II First Place: Bowman MS Plano, TX Coach: Carol Schroeder Team members: Amy Hwang

Grayson Phillips Ellen Schroeder Darcy Wong Marilyn Lau Susan Murphy Rebecca Paradis

Second Place: Benjamin Stoddert MS Waldorf, MD Coaches: Nancy Blizzard and Gayle

Crowder Team members:
Robert Blizzard Gary Schaaf
Kimberly Crowder Donnie Stemp
Randy Crowder Vicky Villa.
Brain Schaaf

Third Place: Berkshire MS Bingham Farms, MI
Coach: Kathy DeRonne
Team members:
Melanie Adie
Kelly Bertoia
Jordan Buschmohle
Shand DeRonne

Anand Patil Andy Prysby Angela Yu Sheryl DeRonne

Fourth Place: York Central School Retsof, NY Coach: L. Michael Krueger Team members:

Elaine Farruggia Brian House Pete Krueger Greg Liptak Nicole Maier Kurt Schnieder Brian Striker

Fifth Place: Tower Heights MS Centerville, OH Coach: KT Mechlin and Jim Dobrowski

Team members:
David Dobrowski
Todd Dyer
Mike Fraker Maggie Mechlin Molly Warnock Erica Younkin Reagen Mallaney

Sixth Place: Smiley MS Team A Denver, CO

Coaches: Cindy Bowlin and Anthony Lopez

Team members: Ashley Green Rod Green Jimmie Mays Nathan Rubow Ann Jacobs Nick Liehman Kevin Smith



Atlas: Division III First Place: Wylie E. Groves HS Bingham Farms, MI Coach: Maggie Van Camp

Coach: Maugre Carlo
Team members:
Alison Van Camp
Christopher DeRonne
Tanua Drosis

Alison Van Camp
Micah Heilbrun
Christopher Zammit

Second Place: George Washington HS Team C Denver, CO
Coach: B. J. Scott
Team members:
Jennifer Curtis
Karen Dowling

Amy Nottingham Tom Potter Larry Lofton

Third Place: Greenville HS Greenville, TX Coaches: Ralph Williams and Marsha Fincher Team members:

Chris Cooney Heather McNew Heather Green Greg Hackney Betsy Hurst Crissy Newton Daniel Spann

Fourth Place: TC Roberson HS
Asheville, NC
Coach: Vicky Best
Team members:
Rodney Anderson Brian Pike
George Boussios Mike Shepard
Theo Helm
Stephani Lilly

Fifth Place: Roosevelt HS

Des Moines, IA Coach: Meredith Watters Team members: Joe Grace Aaron Jorgensen Austin Ramszy Josh Rosebrook Jeff Smith Nick Szumski

Sixth Place: North Olmsted Enrichment Program A North Olmsted, OH Coach: Jim Bognar Team members:

Jim Barker **Brandon Hiller** Sarah Cook Siobhan Dalrymple Matt Levar Jake Willis Gia Hayes

The OMument: Division I First Place: Windham Center School Windham, NH Coach: Dale B. Robinson

Team members: Karen Broderick Steye Diem Martha Prizio Adam Robinson Jeffery Lynn Stacey Starner

Second Place: Villa Academy Seattle, WA Coach: Cindy Bouillin Team members: Danielle Jones Lisi Jensen Courtney Pleas Lisi Jensen Heidi Rogers Kristen Kindsvogel Caroline Scheetz. Maureen Lane

Third Place: (tie)
Jefferson Road School
Pittsford, NY Coaches: Peggy Brizee and Kathy Kurlen Team members:

Truman Brizee Megan Harrison Melissa Karlan Megan Harrison Katie Legg Amanda Hawthorne Greg Sabey

Valhalla ES Pleasant Hill, CA Coach: Mike and Jan Bledsoe Team members:

Ben Bledsoe Augie Bush Marty Klein Amber Lane Alexis Lyons Adam Nilsen Kristi Vander Ploug

Fourth Place: Makefield ES Morrisville, PA Coaches: Karen and Kevin Hand

Team members: Yvonne Godfrey Kevin Hand Ryan Perez-Daple Mia Verdini Aimee Jones Reed McConville Tiffany Voll

Fifth Place: (3-way tie)
North Olmsted Enrichment Program A
North Olmsted, OH
Coaches: Pat Hulec, Carolyn Dumont,
Barbara Linton

Team members: Zackary Baker Mary DuMont Sarah Fallon Nicole Hulec Brooke Hiller Todd Lipton Christi Planisek

Menasga Blue Program Menasga, WI Coach: Mary McCoon

Team members: Debbie Ashenbrenner Nora Edelstein Kristy Kutchenrer Jody Schmidt Megan Wasserman David Groh Sahar Jamal

Belleville ISP Program Team A Belleville, IL Coach: Joanne Rompel Team members:

Jenny Dallas Kyle Gurney Miguel Harvey Jenny Stone Tara Colburn Elyssa Patten

Sixth Place: Philadelphia ES Philadelphia, MS Coach: Frankie Shumaker Team members: Anna Beezley Kristen Deweese Joseph Flanigan Tommy Henry Vanaman

The OMument: Division II
First Place: Faith School
Ft. Benning, GA
Coach: Cindy Givens and Libbie Kurinec Team members: Karen Adams Rachael Novier Jay Parker Aaron Roggia Amita Shah Aaron Smalser Stacy Uselton

Second Place: Kingwood MS Humble, TX Coach: Helen Dovle Team members: Charlie Bloch Abi Butler Josh Jennings Neil Little Keith Nobbs Andrew Pirie Beth Rosenbalm

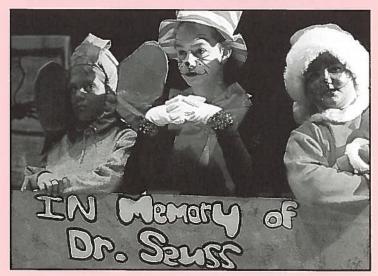
Third Place: Charles H Boehm MS Yardley, PA Coaches: Gail Edwardson and Csilla \_\_\_\_ Sadloch

Team members:
Christine Belledin Jill Edwardson
Amanda Codd Ryan Newman
Carey Connelly Vera-Leigh
Kelley Connelly Sadloch

Fourth Place: Swanson ES Omaha, NE Coach: Judy Simons Team members: Kari Epstein Jamie McGill Kayla Monson Lucas Mouttet Jon Simons Scott Stalnaker Erica Wachter

Fifth Place: Niguel JHS Laguna, CA Coach: Bob Rosenbluth and Tom Reed Team members:
Mike Rosenbluth
Aileen Delacruz
Jill Harrell
Chris Perkins Briana Pompei Kelly Reed Susie Stevens

Sixth Place: Milwaukie JHS Milwaukie, OR Coach: Sherri Magdlen Team members: Michelle Stumpf Darci Cassinelli Staci Magdlen Anika Palkki Angela Ward



## OM Notes

Carol Biros, regional director in Southeastern Pa (also head judge at the 1992 World Finals) recently wrote to tell us about a judge who officiated at the SEPOM regional competition last March. This young man, who aspires to work as an engineer, attended judges' training this year. This was his first exposure to the Odyssey of the Mind Program.

The problem captain conducting the judges' training was quite impressed with Viswa Mohanty, a brilliant and truly gifted young man who is deaf. She observed how quickly he grasped the philosophy and guidelines of the OM Program.

After training, with the assistance of his interpreter, he served as a line judge for the regional competition. Participants and fellow judges enjoyed his participation and hope to see him again next year.

This article appeared in Pages of Opinion in The Blade newspaper, out of Toledo, Ohio. Thanks to Jim Whiteman, Toledo, Ohio and WF official, for passing it on to the home office.

#### Odyssey of the Mind: A Time for Pride

On March 14 I had the pleasure of attending a remarkable program at UT 's Scott Park Campus, Odyssey of the Mind, a gathering of bright, innovative students, teachers, and parents competing in different arenas.

This gathering would inspire any adult as to the direction our youth are taking. Elementary and junior high school students full of enthusiasm make you wonder why we dwell on the negative and don't accentuate the positive aspects of today's students.

No metal detectors had to be used for weapons. Racism and graffiti were not topics of discussion, nor were they evident. There were teachers and coaches not worried about giving up their Saturday to spend with their pupils.

The attitude of everyone involved should be applauded and a message sent. Not all is lost. There are a lot of good, decent kids out there.

Every student and adult alike should be thanked

for projecting this positive image.

There is learning going on in our schools. You sometimes have to look for it due to the impression that spray paint and threats are the only things being done in school today.

Congratulations to all who participate in Odyssey of the Mind. I am very proud of them all.

Charlotte Johnston

Editor's Note: This letter should make all of you - students, parents, coaches and administrators proud of the OM spirit and the good feelings it projects.

This Letter to the Editor appeared in The Mountain **Times.** The Wilders are long-time supporters of NCOM.

#### **Odyssey of the Mind**

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your support of the Hardin Park Odyssey of the Mind team. Our team gave the best performance they have ever put on while in Boulder, Colorado at the World Finals! They were poised and confident before an audience of hundreds of participants from 40 states and 15 countries. Officially they are ranked 25th in the world! It was a remarkable "world class" challenge.

Odyssey of the Mind World Finals is truly a Global

Experience. Our students from Watauga are often culturally isolated from the "world community." In Boulder, we were housed in a dorm which held the delegation from Russia, Poland, Japan and Hungary, There, we watched our team discover that they were equal to children from all over the world. They were only limited by language. By the end of the week, it was wonderful to see children playing, trading, competing and sharing across geographical and political boundaries. These young people are our future and because of the international awareness which programs such as Odyssey of the Mind affords, there may be hope for a global future.

We were able to raise the \$6,000 needed to make this trip because of the generous support of our business community, the Board of Education, a successful raffle, and car wash. We thank The Mountain Times for their coverage of the Odyssey of the Mind events this year. To the many individuals who contributed, and to an anonymous donor, your gifts were very helpful. Four individuals who were extremely helpful were Brenda Reese who encouraged and sponsored the team, Jan Rowe who facilitated the funds transfers, Bill Horn who traveled with us as a parent chaperon, and Ann Barr who was our mentor and chaperon. The parents who helped organize the fundraisers were dedicated and involved. As coaches we really needed their assistance.

The support of the other schools and the administration demonstrates a positive commitment to Odyssey of the Mind in Watauga County Schools. I am sure this will be a lifelong memory for all of us. The children and coaches of the team as well as their parents are appreciative of the community support.

> Sincerely, Shelton and Delores Wilder

### CORRECTIONS

- I am pleased to credit the state of West Virginia and WVOM for encouraging the talent of Jeremy Scott, recent Division II winner of OMER's OMathon Contest. Jeremy is a student at Hurricane school in St. Albans, West Virginia—not Wyoming—as cited earlier in the Renewal issue of The OM Newsletter.
- Score sheets mailed to participants incorrectly listed a few competing teams in Hybrid Relays Division III.

1110	e corrections are listed below:		
Pos.	Name & City	Pos.	Name & City
7	BULLARD HIGH SCHOOL Fresno, CA	31	LOVEJOY HIGH SCHOOL TEAM A Lovejoy, GA
8	PISCATAWAY HIGH SCHOOL TEAM B Piscataway, NJ	31	JOHN OLIVER GIFTED PROGRAM Vancouver, BC
9	NEW HOPE HIGH SCHOOL Columbus, MS	32	CANYON DEL ORO HIGH SCHOOL Tucson, AZ
10	SALAMANCA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL Salamanca, NY	32	GAUSS HIGH SCHOOL Frankfurt, GM
11	JAMES RIVER HIGH SCHOOL Buchanan, VA	33	MARKED TREE HIGH SCHOOL Marked Tree, AR
29	DOVER HIGH SCHOOL Dover, DE	34	HAMPSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL Augusta, WV
30	ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL Louisville, KY	35	CONESTOGA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL Murray, NE
31	FENTON HIGH SCHOOL Bensenville, IL	36	WENDOVER HIGH SCHOOL Wendover, UT



## 1992 Graduates Receiving Diplomas at World Finals

#### **High School Graduates**

William Raymond Gaines II Daleville High School Daleville, AL

Chris Reid
Dallas County High School
Plantersville, AL

Howand Shullman Miami Sunset Senior High School Miami, FL

#### Junior High / Middle School Graduates

Kristina Beck Ryan Fritchley Ryan Moore Ellen Reilmann West Junior High School Belleville, IL

Lauren Fortuna
Eyrin Leslie
Robyn Schryer
Brooke Simpson
Cara Tabor
Julie Thomas
A.C. Reynolds Middle
School
Asheville, NC

Jenny Dallao
Miguel Harvey
Elyssa Patten
Mike Siemens
Jenny Stone
Marc Whitney
Brian Schotten
Central Junior High
School
Belleville, IL

Kirk Blonien Charles Duncan Mexico Junior High School Mexico, MO

#### 8th Grade Graduates

Billy Gile St. Ann School Decatur, AL

#### Graduates of other Programs\*

TAG: Star Hill ES Dover, DE

Danny Andrade Francisco Felton Leroy Shorts David Sweeney Ben Raab-Long

\*These 5th grade students earned D.A.R.E. certificates (Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program) The D.A.R.E. program teaches children to resist negative peer pressure through role-playing.

## Mary Beth Ramsey—Is she a Real-Life Doogie Howser?

Mary Beth Ramsey, an eleven-year-old sixth grade student at Norwalk Middle School, Norwalk, Iowa has been an OMer for five years. This summer, she is scheduled to be part of a three-person research team at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa that will study crayfish. When the research is complete, Mary Beth will have a published paper.

The research work that Mary Beth will conduct is an addition to the full-time college course load she will be carrying this summer. It may not surprise you to learn that Mary Beth Ramsey is the youngest student in lowa to take college courses. If she can achieve the goals she has set for herself, she will earn her Bachelor of Science Degree from Simpson before she graduates from Norwalk High School in 1998.

Mary Beth plans to pursue a career in the science field and has been encouraged to apply to Harvard Medical School. (To date, the youngest student accepted into Harvard is 15 years old.) Her father, Bob, feels that her drive and success is a direct result of being an OMer. We wish Mary Beth the best.

## COACHES AND OFFICIALS CONTEST WINNERS

#### Coaches (Purist Division):

1st - Tom and Marcia Bleck, Gurnee, IL

2nd - Bill Levine, Andover, MN

3rd - David Lind

#### Coaches (Poetic License Division):

1st - John Thomson

2nd - Linda Ingersoll, St. Jacobs, IL

3rd — Bill Marvin, Plaistow, NH Nancy Marvin, Plaistow, NH Jill Lemay, Plaistow, NH

#### Officials

1st - David Valentine, Sturgeon Bay, WI

2nd - Mike Alexander, Ontario, NY

3rd — Brant Wood, Lansing, MI

Millie Bollinger, West Mifflin, PA

Briefly Speaking

The OM Board of Directors met on Sunday, May 31,1992. At that meeting the minutes from the March 12,1992 meeting were approved. Highlights of that meeting follow:

- OM Board candidates will submit prepared statements on topics related to OM; they will also interview for the position.
- The additional \$20,000 Honda awarded OM allowed OM to award 20 additional scholarships. New procedures are being established for reviewing scholarship applications.



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## Poet's Corner

#### Odyssey of the Mind

by Robyn Bier Grade 5

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enjoyed it alot

N ow we're finished, but the fun isn't

D one!

## My OMers

by Bobbie Fockler

For me to say "These kids are great." Or "My we have had a wonderful year." Couldn't even begin to explain to you Why I hold this group so dear. It all began in the first week of school My concern could not be hid. My question was, as Mr. Moore can attest, "How will you challenge my kids?" It was not long after a letter came home With details of an upcoming program. "Your child has been selected to become a part Of a group that we call OM." It went on to say that coaches we need And, parents, that means you. Give your time to this gang and you will see That in turn you will grow too. I thought a bit and it became so clear Just what I had to do. As a parent to a creative child You know stimulation must come also from you. I could try to explain what the Program's about Some would like to know, I've a hunch. But I think instead I'd like to tell Just how it's affected this bunch. These kids now know that goofy is good And basically anything goes. Few limits, few rules, just use your mind The end result no one knows. Anything common is boring at best Being different is where the fun comes. They get crazy, get corny, yes zany and weird. These kids are odd, or would appear to some. For few the reward means a shiny medal That's a bonus for their word this year. But for all the reward is the education they get

By being crazy, being corny and being weird.