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IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 1987 ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD FINALS.

THE OM PROGRAM OFFERS FINE OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOU, AND THE PROGRAM'S ORGANIZERS DESERVE GREAT CREDIT FOR THE BOOST THEY ARE GIVING TO CREATIVE THOUGHT. YOU REPRESENT THE MOST TALENTED MINDS FROM MORE THAN 7,000 SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE OM PROGRAM. YOU ARE THE LEADERSHIP OF TOMORROW AND IN THIS THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR HARD AND IMAGINATIVE THINKING. TOGETHER WITH PRINCIPLES, PATRIOTISM, AND TEAMWORK, THAT WILL STAND YOU IN GOOD STEAD THROUGHOUT LIFE.

MRS. REAGAN JOINS ME IN WISHING YOU EVERY SUCCESS. YOU'RE ALL WINNERS! GOD BLESS YOU.

RONALD REAGAN

The *Lipper* Award

Each year the Lipper Award is given to an individual and/or organization for contributions to the development of human creativity. This year the OM Association proudly presents the award to Dr. Sidney J. Parnes, Professor Emeritus of Creative Studies at the State University at Buffalo and Chairman of the Board of the Creative Education Foundation. For the past 40 years he has conducted a wide variety of management and creativity workshops, seminars and institutes, both in the United States and abroad, for personnel in business, education and government.



He had conducted several extensive research studies on the nurture of creative behavior. His most important books include *A Facilitating Style of Leadership*; *The Magic of Your Mind*; *Guide to Creative Action* and *Creative Actionbook*; *Assessing Creative Growth*, Books I and II; *Toward Supersanity: Channeled Freedom* and its *Research Supplement*; and *A Source Book for Creative Thinking*. Presently he is concentrating on research into imagery and the creative problem-solving process. He is on the Advisory Board of *Journal of Creative Behavior*.

The Lipper Award is in honor of Arthur Lipper III, trustee of the Lipper Foundation, early supporter of the Odyssey of the Mind Program and the award's first recipient in 1981. Other recipients include Dr. E. Paul Torrence, Bill Jones and the Chevron, Charles Clark, Walt Disney and The Walt Disney World Company, and Dr. Paul B. MacCready.

OM NOTES

- Approval for the **Odyssey of the Mind Program** has been granted by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) through the state level.
- Add **Elizabeth Reeves** as an associate member for 1986-87.
- "Somehow early in the home and school, we are not nurturing creativity but stifling and destroying it." — Concert pianist and educator, **Lorin Hollander**.
- **Mary Beth Ford** from Wallingford, Pennsylvania, reports that **Joan Mondale**, former township resident and wife of Walter Mondale, visited Nether Providence Township. At a township tricentennial celebration, Mrs. Mondale viewed a humorous reenactment of the signing of the Declaration of Independence presented by Wallingford Elementary School members of a "History. . . The Way It Was" team.
- Did you see the June issue of *People Magazine* that included an article about Odyssey of the Mind?
- **Bonnie Meagher**, Odyssey of the Mind coach at Utica Junior High in Utica, Ohio, writes that last summer she had the opportunity of doing a ten-hour introduction to OM. She did this as part of the Able Learners Program sponsored by the Continuing Education Division of Central Ohio Technical College and the Ohio State University at Newark. Bonnie states that this may be an idea for other college campuses who host the competition to help build interest in the OM Program.
- **Karen Verbeke**, OM Board member, recently received the Lindback Foundation Award from Beaver College in Glenside, Pennsylvania. This award is given annually by the college for distinguished teaching. Along with the prestige of winning was also a monetary award.
- Odyssey of the Mind is for every youngster with untapped resources and a sense of curiosity about how things work in ways that are challenging and enjoying. . . **British Columbia Association's** fund raising brochure.
- Parent coaches, please don't think the new curriculum guides will give teachers who coach during class time an advantage over you if you coach outside of school time. The guides are intended solely as enhancements to the curriculum and are not intended to aid the teams with the solutions to the problems.
- Due to the time lapse between when problem clarifications are made and when the OM newsletter is received by the member, next year's newsletters will not include clarification printouts. To obtain current clarifications, a member must send to our headquarters a self-addressed stamped envelope. The possibility also of using a modem to obtain clarifications should be finalized by the 1987-1988 membership year.
- Upon receipt of your 1987-88 membership packet, please check your membership name for accuracy.

WORLD FINALS NOTES

- Decision Structure: Weight-held scores at this year's World Finals.
 - Division I: Texas: McCoy Ele School, 555.5 pounds
 - Division II: Oregon: Corvallis Mid Sch Enrichment PROG, 695.5 pounds
 - Division III: Wisconsin: Retired Ashwaubenon Firemen, 591.5 pounds
- Thanks to **Northwest Airlines** for making the flights non-smoking that carried our world finalists teams out of Saginaw.
- Congratulations to **Jan Williamson** from Ohio for winning two round-trip tickets on Northwest Airlines to any location Northwest Airlines flies in the contiguous United States. The tickets were donated by Northwest Airlines as part of its sponsorship of the World Finals and raffled off at the Creativity Festival.
- Sixth place in Cro-Magnon Division II was incorrectly announced at the Awards Ceremony. The correct team is **Shepherd School** from Washington, D.C.
- The **Vernal Middle School** team from Utah, competitors at World Finals in OMER to the Rescue, Division III, is composed of five team members. Four of these team members, classified as special needs students, include one deaf student and one hearing impaired student. This was the first year these students experienced OM and had no problems competing. Coaches Bill Thomalla and Nancy McKee worked as a coaching team. Nancy teaches hearing impaired students; and, therefore, knows sign language. As quoted by Bill Thomalla, "The team members had a great time at World Finals. They said it was the best thing they have ever been involved in and want to do it again next year. Competing in OM gave them a lot of self-esteem."
- Extra congratulations to the Decision Structure, Division III team sponsored by the **Retired Ashwaubenon Firemen** (Wisconsin). The team members, without a coach for the entire year, became world champions.
- Cable News Network (CNN) and WTBS, cable stations from Atlanta, Georgia filmed at World Finals. One segment was featured on "Science and Technology Week" and another short segment on "Good News."
- At the Program Governance Committee meeting, **Karen Verbeke** was reelected to the OM Board of Directors to serve a three year term of office.
- This is the first year that teams from **Mexico** and **Manitoba** have competed at World Finals. They were great competitors.
- **Marina Jones** served as OM's interpreter for the Mexican team during the spontaneous portion of the World Finals competition. Marina also spent a great deal of time with the team. Everyone loved the Instituto Technological Y de Estudios team and we feel certain they enjoyed their first experience with Odyssey of the Mind.
- The Odyssey of the Mind **Littlest OMER Award** goes to Patsy Wright, Tennessee Association Director. Two weeks after the Tennessee state finals, her son was born. He attended World Finals as the youngest spectator.
- Having a disc jockey at the **Coaches' Recovery Party** worked out super. Instead of leaving at midnight, coaches and judges danced until 1:30 a.m. Pre-teens and teens also had disc jockeys for their parties but had to leave by midnight.



WORLD FINALS ROUNDUP

The 1987 World Finals at Central Michigan University May 29, 30, and 31 was the best one yet. Six hundred and two teams, representing three Canadian provinces, forty-five states, and Mexico, competed on Friday and Saturday in this our eighth World Finals.

Marcy Mager and Regina O'Brien, Association Directors from New Hampshire and Georgia, co-directed the pep rally. Highlights of this year's World Finals included a pep rally where each participant help up a flash card for the various activities.

This year an additional activity, the **OMER of the Year Contest**, was entered by one person, a team member, coach or chaperon. OMER had to present a self photograph, make a ten-second statement to the audience, and wear a costume designed by the team.

The Division IV World Champions from Bowling Green University in Ohio displayed their Leonardo da Vinci spring car at the creativity festival and drove it for the spectators after the coaches' competition.

The outdoor **Awards Ceremony** turned out great. Each individual association could be spotted by its different tee shirt. Participants sat in the stands and chanted "IBM, IBM" as a tribute to the many nice things which IBM had provided for the World Finals.

Thanks to the 176 judges, problem captains and scoreroom officials who helped insure the success of this year's competition. These volunteer judges paid their own transportation costs to Michigan and put in two grueling days of work and, yet, they were fair, competent, and courteous to all the teams. The heat wave put a slight damper on the World Finals, but the competitors left contented knowing that the judging was fantastic.

SPECIAL THANKS TO IBM

Each participant at World Finals received a brightly-colored red three-ring notebook and a beautiful poster both compliments of our corporate sponsor, IBM. In addition, IBM furnished a five by twenty feet yellow banner with Odyssey of the Mind printed in red which was displayed in the arena.

The full-page advertisements congratulating the Odyssey of the Mind world finalists in the May 25 issue of *Time Magazine* and the May 25 issue of *Newsweek Magazine* were compliments of IBM. The ad also appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

IBM affiliates across the continent have been contacted by their international headquarters about the possibility of the affiliates providing support to the local associations. One way that the affiliate in Tampa, Florida is helping the Florida association is for the coming year it will support one long-term problem. The affiliate will provide judges and supply whatever is necessary for the problem.

KATHY MARTINCHEK

MANY, MANY, THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Kathy Martinchek, Michigan Association Director, did a superb job coordinating Michigan judges and the Michigan contingent who made this year's activities run smoothly. Carrying boxes, helping with product sales and doing whatever was asked of them, the Michigan personnel certainly helped to make the Odyssey of the Mind a fine competition.

CREATIVITY FESTIVAL

The Creativity Festival at World Finals was great! This was our first festival ever. Each association had the option of participating in the festival by developing a creative game either as an entire association or by individual teams. This game was then used to lure World Finals participants "to pay" for the right to play the game. A bag of tokens, complimentary with each team registration packet, served as the "money" used at the festival. No real money was used.

Central Michigan University's Finch Field House was sectioned by the usage of stage drops. Associations participating in the festival were given the usage of 15' by 15' booths similar to those at state fairs to do their games. Special activities at the festival also included performances by Bonzo the Clown, demonstrations of creative chemistry, mime ensembles, demonstrations of robotics, a magician, and "Computer Fun" presented by Creative Learning Systems from San Diego, California.

Activities were extremely imaginative. Southwest Ontario's booth had a mannequin, which when kissed, gave a printout of the person's kissing power. Rodent Roulette had a mouse running on a roulette wheel. When it stopped, the winner was indicated by the hole with food the mouse chose. A watermelon spitting contest, panning for real gold, hand painting and numerous other activities made the festival quite successful.

Nancy Misner, coordinator of the Festival and incoming Michigan Association Director, worked exceptionally hard making certain that the festival ran smoothly. She had great support from other Michigan Association personnel who worked long hours at the festival.

- Winners at Creativity Festival: Most tokens collected -
First: **Southwest Ontario**; Second: **South Dakota**
Third: **Michigan & Oklahoma**
These associations each will receive \$500, \$300, and \$100 respectfully.



Colored posters like this one were given to attendees at World Finals

1987 WORLD FINALS WINNERS

Three Stars for Texas

DIVISION I

OMER TO THE RESCUE

First Place
Wilson Ele Sch Tm A
Lubbock, Texas
Coach: Ruth Sedler
Brooke Phillips
Emily Ann Perry (Jaquez)
Holly Parks
Amy Vaughn
George Hernandez
Brian Cain
Elizabeth Ashdown

OMER TO THE RESCUE

Second Place
Sylvania G.A.T.E. Program A
Toledo, Ohio
Coach: Laurie Ann McNulty
Chris McNulty
Brad Lewis
Brian Lipszyc
Gwen Warnock
Kathie Youngberg
Kara Bundschuh

OMER TO THE RESCUE

Third Place
Citrus Park Elem.
Tampa, Florida
Coach: Connie Hicks
Jaime Hicks
Ryan Castendyke
K.C. Horner
Corrie March
Brian Roberts
Angela Thompson

DIVISION I

POETIC LICENSE

First Place
Andy Woods Elementary TARGET
PROG
Tyler, Texas
Coach: Sandra Love/
Kathy Harry
Scott Brandt
Claire Caton
Sarah Caton
Catherine Chesley
Nancy Payne
Kimberly Sublette

POETIC LICENSE

Second Place
Clintor School OM-A
Clinton, Oklahoma
Coach: Debbie Duncan
Marian Meacham
Amanda Donley
Nathan Coit
Jeremy Mosburg
Misti Bunch
Jon Stone
Daniel Caceres

POETIC LICENSE

Third Place
Waupaca Elementary G/T Program
Waupaca, Wisconsin
Coach: Marilyn Dixon
Ben Achten
Paula Lochner
Sarah Lochner
Graeme MacDonald
Olivia Robinson
Joey Robison
Ken VanDyke

DIVISION I

DECISION STRUCTURE

First Place
McCoy Elementary School
Carrollton, Texas
Coach: Tom McWhirter
Chelsea McWhirter
Jennifer Simonson
Angie Gates
Natalie McCrackin
Ben Lundgren
Colleen Smith

DECISION STRUCTURE

Second Place
St. Brendan School
Bothell, Washington
Coach: Betsy Monica
Holly Bergman
James Collins
Theresa Hathaway
Lisa Nordstrom
Laura Robinson

DECISION STRUCTURE

Third Place
Cedar Park/Edgewood
Selma, Alabama
Coach: L. Wood
Lauren Andres
Jennifer Ellis
Mary Alston Fitts
Nicole Fuller
Leigh Miller
Rebecca Stringer
Jody Titus

DIVISION I

CRO-MAGNON

First Place
Bandelier Elementary School
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Coach: Sandy Lethem
Cathy Csepregi
Michael Feferman
Matthew Jackson
Claire Johnson
Anee Marsjanik
Tim Scott
Todd Windes

CRO-MAGNON

Second Place
Sparta Elementary Enrichment
Teams
Sparta, New Jersey
Coach: Elaine M. Pace
Scott Thomas Illingworth
Jessica McIntyre
Jesse Damon Wilbur
Alysha Merideth Myronuk
Allyson Jane Bainbridge
Lisa Hamer

CRO-MAGNON

Third Place
Nashport Elementary
Nashport, Ohio
Coach: Sharon Clement/
Cynthia Tuck
Greg Bickle
Jan Bednarczuk
Katie Clement
Erica Marks
April Morgan
Jeff Schowinsey
Rachel Tuck

DIVISION II

OMER TO THE RESCUE

First Place
Oxford Hills Junior High School
South Paris, Maine
Coach: Suzanne Grover/
Janet Phillips
Garth Grover
Andrew Ellis
Susan Beckerley
Neil Bensen
Jeremy Hill
Marc Cousins
Brant Dolleman

OMER TO THE RESCUE

Second Place
Creative Arts Workshop
New Haven, Connecticut
Coach: Sally Hill
Tagan Rosenblatt
Jessica Vulte
Nick Oxley
Heather Brooke
Jason Tsou
Alexis Brown

OMER TO THE RESCUE

Third Place
Tallmadge G/T Team A
Tallmadge, Ohio
Coach: Bruce & Franze Pifel
Eric Pifel
Jeff Williamson
Greg Bee
George Thomas
Michael Tan
Andy Pifel

DIVISION II

CHAIN REACTION

First Place
Pitman M.S.
Pitman, New Jersey
Coach: Brian Farr
Jennifer Abbott
Matt Donadio
Andrew Levan
Laura Williams
Susan Bartelt
Christopher Genter
Jon Mollenhauer

CHAIN REACTION

Second Place
White Rock REACH PROG
Dallas, Texas
Coach: Rich Karm
Cindy Karm
Lance Karm
Stella Lin
Hillary Pane
Aprile Swayzøe
Brenden Tennant
Jennifer Whitney

CHAIN REACTION

Third Place
Brooks Hill School
Fairport, New York
Coach: Geoff Foley
Andrew Foley
Joel Benzing
Teague Ruder
Brad Torsone
Joel Greco
Scott Pressimone

POETIC LICENSE

First Place
N. Olmsted Enrich Prog A
N. Olmsted, Ohio
Coach: Jim Bogнар
Krista Bogнар
Suzy Dunn
Julie Freed
Laura Sponseller
Michelle Tarver
Carol Kopec
Allison Henry

POETIC LICENSE

Second Place
Sayreville Middle School
Parlin, New Jersey
Coach: Gina Herdegen
Keith Barrack
Dana Bialow
Lori Brower
Carrie Czernikowski
Kristin Mioduszewski
Portia Resnick
Jennifer Staelman

POETIC LICENSE

Third Place
Hamilton Middle School
Denver, Colorado
Coach: Harlene Hatch
Karin Klee
Allison Greenstein
Brenda Dombrow
Nicole Jansch
Kathy Jefferies
Sandra Keefer
Alison Edwards

DIVISION II

DECISION STRUCTURE

First Place
Corvallis Middle School EED Enrich
Corvallis, Oregon
Coach: Dan McKenzie
John Milne
Brian Michael
Ben Smith
Scott McKenzie
Peter Wolmy
Scott Merten

DECISION STRUCTURE

Second Place
Valley Springs Middle School
Arden, North Carolina
Coach: George Manning
Michael Allen
Jack Lawrence
Jacob Peart
Jon Wallace
Scott Stevens
Brian Pike
Rodney Anderson

DECISION STRUCTURE

Third Place
Wilson Middle School
Plano, Texas
Coach: Margaret Floyd
Bridget Driscoll
Larry Frauenheim
Todd Nice
Mark Stevens
Bobby Wilkinson

DIVISION II
CRO-MAGNON
 First Place
 Henry Middle School Team B
 Denver, Colorado
 Coach: Janet Sutton
 Sue-Ann Freas
 Sandra Gonzales
 Danielle Hagen
 Heidi Heath
 Christine Jeffery
 James Rost
 Brenda Wilson

CRO-MAGNON
 Second Place
 First Ward Middle School
 Bellaire, Ohio
 Coach: Chuck Malone
 Tania Bechtel
 Lilli Carrigan
 Tracey Hall
 Alicia Silverio
 Dorere Unterzuber
 Dawn Zido
 Misty Tedeschi

CRO-MAGNON
 Third Place
 Dimmitt Middle School
 Dimmitt Texas
 Coach: Vicki Richards/
 Glenda Sims
 Fabian Longoria
 Susan Waggoner
 Heather Moore
 Christy Killough
 Jeanne Davis
 Robert Vera
 Shanna Schaeffer

DIVISION III
OMER TO THE RESCUE
 First Place
 Okemos High School
 Okemos, Michigan
 Coach: Dave Chapman
 Bonny Chen
 Carolyn Heiney
 Kathy King
 John Marttila
 Micah Siegel
 Jason Sullivan
 Janna Berkman

OMER TO THE RESCUE
 Second Place Tie
 Firelands TAG Program
 Wakeman, Ohio
 Coach: William Ray
 John Ray
 Kama Dobbs
 Rachel Tansey
 David Beko
 Justin Tobias
 Debbie Banks

OMER TO THE RESCUE
 Second Place Tie
REACH II A
 Richardson, Texas
 Coach: Elaine Yenne
 Britt Yenne
 Greg Genrich
 Sheila Plotnick
 Jeff Farrington
 Courtney Phillips
 Dan Wallach
 Wes Chang

OMER TO THE RESCUE
 Third Place Tie
 Wilson High School
 Spencerport, New York
 Coach: Roger Brott
 Alan Brott
 Conni Brott
 Todd Everett
 Randi Gendrou
 Anthony Giordano
 Dan Smith
 Scott Standhart

OMER TO THE RESCUE
 Third Place Tie
 Thomas Stone High School
 Waldorf, Maryland
 Coach: Jan Rowell
 Brian Foreman
 Josten Brockett
 Leo Hinze
 Michelle Lyons
 Christy Kish
 Craig Ackerson
 Shawn Taylor

DIVISION III
CHAIN REACTION
 First Place
 Nashua Senior High — Team Spirit
 Nashua, New Hampshire
 Coach: Roger Simpson
 Trevor Carlton
 George Eliades
 Benjamin Holland
 Andrew Whyte

CHAIN REACTION
 Second Place
 James Beneway High School
 Ontario, New York
 Coach: Jim & Mary Lou Alexander
 Michael Alexander
 John Bowen
 David Clark
 John Domm
 David Doyle
 Michael Garland

CHAIN REACTION
 Third Place
 Ramsey High School
 Ramsey, New Jersey
 Coach: Barbara Hoppin
 Bobby Chin
 Joseph DelRio
 Craig De Young
 Gary De Young
 James Hoppin
 David Suzuki
 Karen Suzuki

DIVISION III
POETIC LICENSE
 First Place
 Deer River High School Team A
 Deer River, Minnesota
 Coach: Dennis Peterson
 Michael Becker
 James Craven
 Dianna Isham
 Erika Schroth
 Clayton Templeton
 Anne Zitka
 Jena Ahiman

POETIC LICENSE
 Second Place Tie
 Northwest Rankin Attendance
 Center
 Brandon, Mississippi
 Coach: Joy Hellard
 Jessica Doyle
 Kim Ambrosino
 Chris Mapp
 Jess Prior
 LeeAnn Bates
 Lisa Millet
 Lara Wheeler

POETIC LICENSE
 Second Place Tie
 Colonial Heights High School
 Colonial Heights, Virginia
 Coach: Laura Moon
 Christopher Deckert
 Laura Lee
 Christina Rufus
 Carolyn Sanford
 Hope Sanford
 Julia Spencer

POETIC LICENSE
 Third Place Tie
 Lewiston High School
 Lewiston, Maine
 Coach: David Theriault
 Tracy Ovellette
 Susan Ruff
 Arthur Ruff
 Donna Lambert
 Darlene Whitley
 Ernie Lone
 Gerry Therrien

POETIC LICENSE
 Third Place Tie
 Seaholm High School
 Birmingham, Michigan
 Coach: B. Landau/
 H. Machette
 Laura Cassell
 Tine Henningsen
 Jennifer Kress
 Amy Perugino
 Raut Reichman

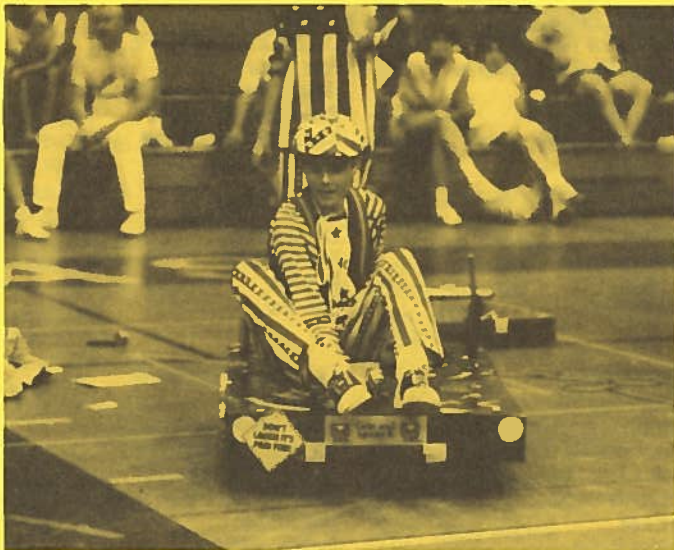
DIVISION III
DECISION STRUCTURE
 First Place
 Retired Ashwaubenon Firemen
 Green Bay, Wisconsin
 Coach: James Steckart
 James Steckart
 Amy Kaster
 James Puprocki
 Colleen Quinn
 Will Robinson
 Kurt Ritz
 Dan Witt

DECISION STRUCTURE
 Second Place
 Allen High School Team A
 Allentown, Pennsylvania
 Coach: Bryan Hartman
 John Polaski
 Matt Kloiber
 Andrew Snyder
 Joe Buesgen
 David Morgan
 Mark Fatzinger

DECISION STRUCTURE
 Third Place
 Decatur High School
 Decatur, Mississippi
 Coach: Lois B. Cooper
 Mark Amis
 Mike Cooper
 Jud Graham
 Stephen McMullan
 Jimmy McElhenney
 Dean Blount
 Ab Germany

Deer River High School of Deer River, Minnesota, first-place winners in Poetic License, Division III, dressed royally for the Awards Ceremony.





OMer Comes to the Rescue.

Ranatra Fusca Creativity Awards

Odyssey of the Mind's prestigious Ranatra Fusca Awards for outstanding creativity were given to twenty-two teams and one individual. The person or teams won the awards for creativity in either the long-term or the spontaneous portion of the competition. At this year's World Finals, special Ranatra Fusca medals were awarded to those students recognized as most creative in their individual problem and division.

In addition, the coaches of the winners received plaques for their schools. The following teams and student names will be engraved on the Ranatra Fusca trophy:

AR: Rogers Jr High School
 CA: Bear River High School
 CT: St Thomas School
 MD: Thomas Stone High School
 MA: Discovery Prog: Melrose JHS
 MS: Norhtwest Rankin Attend Ctr
 MO: McCluer North Probe Prog
 MT: Roosevelt School
 NE: Platteview High School
 NE: Stanley Hall School
 NJ: Woodstown High School
 NM: Bandelier Ele School
 NC: Catawba Heights Ele School
 OH: N. Olmsted Enrichment Prog A
 OK: Edmond School Team A
 SC: Travelers Rest High School
 SWON: Extended Education Prog B
 SWON: Glenwood School
 TX: Dimmitt Middle School
 WA: Somerset Ele School
 WA: Suzanne Steinman
 WA: Sacajawea Jr High School
 WI: Chippewa Falls Middle School

EXTRA CONGRATS

The North Almsted, Ohio team that won Division II Poetic License is composed of the same team members who last year placed first in Great Art Lives Division II.

OMER 500 CONTEST WINNERS

Judges' Division: First Place - Alan Drew, NY
 Second Place - Kevin Adams, NY
 Third Place - Adele Jackson, NE

Coaches' Division: (Poetic License)
 First Place - Brian Farr, NJ
 Second Place - Roy Urch
 Third Place - Karen Morgan, PA

Coaches' Division: (Purist)
 First Place - Ken Berry
 Second Place - Jackie Arrigenna, NY
 Third Place - Tom Lash, VA

OMER of the Year Contest

WINNER: IL: Copeland Manor School, Libertyville

Fourteen Best:

AR: Rogers Junior High School, El Dorado
 BC: Gleniyon-Norfolk Schook, Victoria
 MA: Barnstable's Gateway Prog, Hyannis
 MA: Melrose Junior High School, Melrose
 MD: Thomas Stone High School, Waldorf
 MI: Frost Elementary School, Jackson
 MT: Park High School, Livingston
 NE: Wahoo Elementary School, Wahoo
 NH: Inter-Lakes Elementary School, Meredith
 NV: Washoe County AT Program, Reno
 NY: Brockport Middle School, Brockport
 PA: Makefield School, Makefield
 TX: Target Program, Tyler
 VT: St. Johnsbury Middle School, St. Johnsbury



1987 World Finals Award Ceremony

A REMARKABLE COACH

Students frequently tell us they cannot convince someone to coach their teams due to innumerable excuses from the prospective coach. The most frequent excuses given to the students by the solicited coach seem to be lack of time and inadequate remuneration for coaching. For the past three years, Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake Middle School students did not have problems finding a willing coach.

Chester Guild, Professor of Computer Science at SUNY-Albany and teacher of computer programming, coached five Odyssey of the Mind teams during the past three years. Since a swimming accident eleven years ago, Chester has been paralyzed from the neck down and confined to a wheelchair. This past year, Chester coached an "OMER to the Rescue" team and a "Decision Structure" team. One of his teams has attended the New York finals each of the past two years.

According to Chester, the most frustrating occurrence about coaching was when he introduced his two "Compound Fracture" teams to balsa wood. Having no previous knowledge of balsa wood and how to use glue, the team needed to be shown. Chester couldn't physically show them how to cut the wood. Although coaching baseball and scheduling of baseball officials are two of Chester's volunteer activities, Chester states, "I love OM. It's my favorite."

With his super outlook on life, Chester feels that handicapped people should try to make the best of their situations and proves it by example.

Next year, the Guild family is moving to New Jersey. It will be New York's loss and New Jersey's gain.

OM BOARD BRIEFS

Approved at the May 31, 1987 meeting, the following is a synopsis of minutes from the September 27, 1986 OM Board of Directors' meeting.

- Chairperson Carole Micklus reported a membership total of 4,446 members total for the 1985-86 membership year. For the 1986-87 membership year OM will offer an associate membership.
- The 1985-86 annual report was accepted.
- OM will delay any action for the use of the name "Olympics" until the pending case by another group is resolved.
- An ad hoc committee was appointed to investigate the pay scale for OM employees.
- The revised 1986-1987 budget was accepted.
- The World Finals participants' costs will be maintained at a rate no lower than that of the previous World Finals.
- The membership fee for the 1987-1988 year will be \$90 per membership.
- A professional fund raiser will be hired to initiate a fund raising campaign.
- Several names were mentioned as possible recipients of the Lipper Award.
- James Madison University and the University of Maryland were discussed as possible sites for the 1988 World Finals.
- A scholarship committee report indicated Chevron will offer \$8,000 in grant monies for 1986-1987.
- A draft of the Association Directors' Handbook was previewed.
- Collegiate workshops will be given at various sites. The ITEA/OM Collegiate World Finals will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 26, 1987.
- An OM Board of Directors' Certificate for Service will be awarded to people who aid the operation and purpose of OM.



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