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I am happy to greet all the many students, coaches, and staff attending this year's Odyssey of the Mind World Finals, and to welcome our visitors from abroad.

Few experiences in life are as fun or memorable as when we put our minds to work to solve a challenging problem -- and then solve it! Each of you at these World Finals has proved that you can do just that. Your boundless imagination and creativity have taken you to new heights. It's good to know that someday you'll be sharing those talents as leaders in your communities and your country.

Mrs. Reagan joins me in congratulating all of you on your creative odysseys of the mind -- to us, each one of you is clearly a winner. God bless you.

Everyone at world finals was thrilled by the note from President Reagan.

Chinese Team Delights Everyone

The stands filled. Excitement mounted. A most enthusiastic "Gift of Flight," Division II team from Shanghai, China, composed of four boys and one girl, prepared to compete. Although not fluent in English, by smiling and waving, the team members communicated extremely well with the audience.

During the long-term style presentation, one team member exhibited his gymnastic abilities by executing a kip and a roundoff. The team received a standing ovation for its performance and its uniqueness to the competition.

A special airplane was constructed for the free choice style category. The style airplane was propelled by a single thin rubber band approximately four feet in length. By the rubber band's winding onto itself, the slow-to-release rubber band moved the propeller. Materials used in the plane's construction consisted of very thin styrofoam for wings, reeds for the body and propeller, and the rubber band. Thin wire, glue, and thin nylon thread held the parts together. To the audience's astonishment, this rubber band-powered plane stayed aloft in Cole Field House for over two minutes. Zhao Xu Yang, the plane's designer, won a Ranatra Fusca.

The Chevron Corporation honored them with a luncheon as they stopped in San Francisco on their return home. San Francisco mayor, Art Agnos, wrote an official proclamation honoring the team from Shanghai.



This specially designed Odyssey of the Mind world finals postal cancellation stamp decorated many pieces of mail sent home by world finals attendees.

OM NOTES

- **Connie Hicks**, Florida OM association director, reports that the Florida association's first **OMERFEST** was held in conjunction with the state competition. The OMERFEST's goals were for the team members to get to know each other in a non-competitive situation, to fill time between competition and the awards ceremony, and to provide entertainment. Trick skateboard riders provided part of the entertainment.
- How about this for making certain your team's structure arrives safely? Due to time constraints, **Dr. Don Watson**, heart transplant surgeon and OM associate member, rented a plane to pilot himself and his daughter to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the 1987 world finals. He also took the team's three structures to insure their safety of flight.
- We are extremely pleased to learn of **Dr. Dorothy Sisk's** future involvement with the Florida OM Association. A noted gifted education expert, Dr. Sisk will present the Odyssey of the Mind program during her forthcoming tour of Russia.
- **Edward Jenney**, Shiloh, OH must have been pleasantly surprised. On his application to General Motors Institute, Edward wrote of his involvement with coaching a Division I "Straddle Structure" team from Ashland. As part of the OM scholarship program, **GMI** had given a \$1,000 scholarship to be given to an incoming freshman. No one applied for it. Admissions officials remembered Edward had listed OM experience on his application and offered him the scholarship without his applying for it.
- Several colleges/universities report to us that they give special considerations to incoming freshmen listing OM involvement on their applications.
- **IBM in Wausau** has agreed to provide computers and personnel for next year's Wisconsin state tournament.
- **Ashwaubeon School District** in Green Bay, Wisconsin pays its coaches three percent of their base salary to coach plus a bonus for every team the coaches recruit.
- Plans are underway for the second annual fall **program governance committee meeting**. Denver, Colorado will be the location to enable the association directors to inspect the University of Colorado in Boulder, site of the 1989 world finals.
- **IBM in North Carolina** furnished trophies, ribbons, and program covers for all regional tournaments and the state tournament.
- **Bruce Bartlett, Ph.D.**, principal of Shepardson Elementary School in the Poudre School District R-1, Fort Collins, has been named Colorado's National Distinguished Elementary Principal for 1988. Jointly sponsored by the U.S. Education Department and the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the National Distinguished Principals Program was launched in 1984 as an annual event. Six Odyssey of the Mind teams from Shepardson Elementary School participated in their district tournament.

Answers to the spring OM's "Toothpick Testers"

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| 1. #9 | 7. #5, #6, #8, #10 |
| 2. #1, #4 | 8. #1, #4, #8, #11, #15 |
| 3. #2, #16 | 9. #2, #11, #14, #15, #17 |
| 4. #2, #9, #16 | 10. #2, #16 |
| 5. #8, #9, #10 | 11. 4: #5, #6, #12, #13 or #2, #8, #9, #10 |
| 6. #1, #4, #14, #17 | #2, #8, #10, #16 |

Additional 1987-88 Associate Members

CT	Marilyn Ettman	MI	Marion Burns
FL	William Taggart	NY	Herb Mummers
FL	Dianne Thornburgh	OH	Arlene Grohl
IN	Bruce Edelman	TN	Diane Peake
ME	Linda Martin	TX	Sue Stevens

Answers to the spring OM's "Funny Relations"

Starting at the top left and moving across each line: pie in the sky, not in the mood, a wolf in sheep's clothing, double play, a thickening plot, a change in the weather, high chair, reading between the lines, hurry up, sandbox, long underwear, add insult to injury, pineapple upside down cake, you're under rest, nothing on tv, shrinking violets, a cliffhanger, touchdown, cornerstone, little house on the prairie, double car garage, roger over and out, the splitting atom, heart of the matter, New Year's eve in times square.

Coaching an OM team is unlike coaching any other sport because the coach is NOT the Leader, NOT the Problem Solver, NOT the Decision Maker. NOT being any of those is VERY HARD WORK.—
Taken from California's state program.



Membership signs come in all shapes and sizes.

IMPORTANT NOTE: 1988-89 OM Association scholarships will be available to high school **juniors** and **seniors**. And, the application deadline has been changed to December 1. Look for more pertinent information in the membership packet.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

1988 OM Chevron and Honda \$1,000 Winners

- Heather Adams, Washburn Dist HS, Washburn, ME
- Leanna Marie Allis, Douglas County HS, Sedalia, CO
- Michele Benton, Barker Cent Sch, Barker, NY
- Joanna Berry, Concord HS, Concord, MI
- Erik Philip Blasch, Parkview HS, Lilburn, GA
- Wesley En-Tse Chang, Richardson HS, Richardson, TX
- Irene Ai Tze Chow, Centerville HS, Centerville, OH
- Peter Chow, Oliver Sec Sch, Vancouver, BC
- Christopher Cobb, Plano Sr HS, Plano, TX
- Kevin Crawford, Adams Friendship Sch, Adams, WI
- Christopher Charland, Quabbin Reg HS, Barre, MA
- Stephen Matthew Davee, Corvallis HS, Corvallis, OR
- Rodney Lane Dewyer, Ludington Jr/Sr HS, Ludington, MI
- Barbara Sue Hansen, Salem-Keizer Sch, Salem, OR
- Joyce Anne Hart, Lee Davis HS, Mechanicsville, VA
- Jody Martin Justus, Newman Smith HS, Carrollton, TX
- John Tobin Kane, McIntosh Sch, McIntosh, SD
- Laura Lea Linduff, Henryetta Sch, Henryetta, OK
- William Ian McAlexander, Edison Computech, Fresno, CA
- Shawn Patrick McCaffrey, Lincoln HS, Denver, CO
- Stephanie McConnell, Mendham HS, Mendham, NJ
- Beth Anne McKew, Nashua Sr. HS, Nashua, NH
- Fiona Jean Nelson, Lakes HS, Tacoma, WA
- Michael Paulukonis, Madison Sr HS, Madison, SD
- Kelly Anne Quick, Sayreville War Memorial HS, Parlin, NJ
- Micah Jason Rasmussen, Vineland HS, Vineland, NJ
- Christopher Larry Roberts, Sheridan HS, Thornville, OH
- Arthur Edward Ruff, Lewiston HS, Lewiston, ME
- Robert James Sayre, Jacobs HS, Algonquin, IL
- Jon Matthew Schrage, Howells Orange Sch, Howells, NE
- Karen Schroeder, Connetquot HS, Bohemia, NY
- Micah Seth Siegel, Okemos HS, Okemos, MI
- Christina Lynn Smith, Millville HS, Millville, NJ
- Bronwyn Angela Speirs, Western Branch HS, Chesapeake, VA
- Shu-yuan Tung, St. Clairsville HS, St. Clairsville, OH
- Dawn Ellen Watkins, Centerville Sch, Centerville, OH

The following recipients will receive \$325.00 each:

- Pamela Dennett Leach, Sebastopol Sch, Sebastopol, MS
- Connie Michelle Myers, Sebastopol Sch, Sebastopol, MS
- Gina Michelle Weaver, Sebastopol Sch, Sebastopol, MS

**GMI ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE
WINNER: \$1,000.00**

Edward Jenney, Ashland School, Ashland, OH

Kathy Martinchek Elected to OM Board of Directors

At the world finals program governance committee meeting, Kathy Martinchek, current Michigan regional director and past association director, was elected to the OM Association Board of Directors. She replaces Dr. Albert Oliver who served as a board of directors member since its inception in 1982.

Kathy works as a gifted education consultant for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District in Charlevoix, Michigan. She frequently conducts OM coaches' and judges' workshops. In addition to serving as a state problem captain, Kathy served as a world finals judge. Her diversified OM background should enable her to be a tremendous board asset.



Team members impress world finals judges.

GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Paula Deweese
 FROM: Coaches of the OM Team
 DATE: March 18, 1988
 RE: Reimbursement of Services and Supplies

Listed below are the expenses that Sandra and Barbara will need to be reimbursed for:

Paint	7.34
Glue, tape, staples	1.80
Maalox	113.90
Valium (for 3)	243.00
Visit to gastroenterologist	150.00
Stress therapy session (10) @ 25.00	250.00
Coaches' final dinner	30.00
Coaches' after-dinner snorts	60.00
Coaches' upcoming therapeutic weekend retreat (\$1250.00 per coach)	2500.00

TOTAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT \$3,270.33

Only Odyssey of the Mind coaches can thoroughly appreciate the memorandum.



Thanks to IBM for providing world finals participants with zippered red portfolios and posters like these.

1988 WORLD FINALS WINNERS



ATLANTIS: Div II

First Place: Dunbar Ele Sch
Tampa, Florida
Coach: Connie Hicks
Jaime Hicks
Corrie March
Sara Skeins
Brian Roberts
Anna Michel
Stephanie Alt

Second Place: Seminole HS-Tm A
Seminole, Oklahoma
Coach: K. Ledbetter
Jon Hooten
Adrian Cook
Erin Hammon
Brandi Bennett
Suzi Dencker
Chandra Parsons
Erika Mattingly

Third Place: Pitman Mid Sch
Pitman, New Jersey
Coach: Brian Farr
Gabrielle Hirst
Jill Kuhn
Tara Bullock
David Semler
Melissa Higbee
Kim Davies

ATLANTIS: Div III

First Place: Richardson High Sch
Richardson, Texas
Coach: Elaine Yenne
Britt Yenne
Greg Genrich
Wes Chang
Chris Yenne
Jeff Farrington
Robert Ursprung
Dan Wallach

Second Place: Thomas Stone HS
Waldorf, Maryland
Coaches: J. Rowell / D. Anderson
Mia King
Adam Burden
Kelly Anderson
Tracey Stuller
James Ebel
Janice McCall
Bonnie Kaval

Third Place: Parkview High Sch
Lilburn, Georgia
Coach: Barbara Blasch
Lewis Gitter
Philip Rod
David Fritz
Cam Garrett
Jonathan Allen
Erik Blasch



GIFT OF FLIGHT: Div I

First Place: Sunburst School
Glendale, Arizona
Coach: Emily Mills
Micah Boyd
Ryan Burton
Josh Simpson
Josh Schulz
Anna Maria Mecham
Erica Schindel
Mark Vander Ark

Second Place: Webster Stanley ES
Oshkosh, Wisconsin
Coach: James Klimaszewski
Heather Guenther
Brent Schneider
Nou Vang
Dana Daubner
Kong Thao
Jenny Gasser
Pat Bauer

Third Place-Tie: N. Olmsted En Prog D
N. Olmsted, Ohio
Coach: Glenn Levar
Mathew Levar
Jason Sikorski
Ryan Kelly
Greg Prusha
Amy Stasiak

Third Place-Tie: Urbandale E TAG Prog
Urbandale, Iowa
Coach: Ben Harrington
Wesley Harrington
Zak Kimble
Joe Kauzlarich
Jeff Gold
Molly Puente
Jennifer Rump

GIFT OF FLIGHT: Div II

First Place: Osseo G/T Prog B
Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
Coach: Russ Nahorniak
David King
Garrett Miedema
Matt Torgerson
Grant Flesland
Shawn Espeseth
Jim Roberts
Jason McCarty

Second Place-Tie: Scott Memorial ES
Wytheville, Virginia
Coach: Pamela McDonald
Patrick McDonald
Angie Crouse
Shawn Roberts
Kevin Hamm

Second Place-Tie: Magnolia School
Grass Valley, California
Coach: Michele Uppman
Garey Hoffman
Matt Hopper
Joey Margine
Blake Paul
Scott Steen
Mac Young

Second Place-Tie: Meads Mill MS
Tm A
Northville, Michigan
Coach: Gayle Fountain
Richard Bell
Mark Belonga
Travis Doolittle
Joel Elsesser
Ross Fleming
Jason Lennig
David Rossing

Third Place: Palmer Jr High Sch
Independence, Missouri
Coach: Molly Hankins
Chris Lewis
Kory Lorenz
Mike Reneau
Tim Thacket
Brett Williams

GIFT OF FLIGHT: Div III

First Place: St. Clairsville High Sch
St. Clairsville, Ohio
Coach: Pete League
Gary Wright
Tim League
Seth Stark
Dave Daiker
Dennis Decker
Eric Burdock

Second Place: Corunna High Sch
Morrice, Michigan
Coaches: George & Judy Flynn
Daniel Flynn
Mark Elkins
April McCreadie
Colleen McKenna
Mark Newman
Michelle Sweet

Third Place-Tie: Connetquot High Sch
Deer Park, New York
Coach: Dale McGar
Stan Czyzyk
John Capolongo
Karen Schroeder
Sam Krueger
Debbie Caraco

Third Place-Tie: Urbandale High Sch
Urbandale, Iowa
Coach: Harvey Kimble
John Hofmeyer
Steve Green
Marc Filby
Brent Long
Jacob Alexander
Wade Beltramo
Todd White



CLASSICS...IT'S SHOWTIME: Div I

First Place: Schroeder Ele Sch Tm A
Troy, Michigan
Coach: Janice Creer
Scott Creer
Dan Lawson
Kelly Lux
Katrina Manzano
Chris Nogoy
Anjali Rajpal
Laura Berkaw

Second Place-Tie: Newport News
TAG Prog 3
Newport News, Virginia
Coach: Fran Kelly
Kelly Hunt
Tuwanda Jones
Griffin Weber
Karen Leigh
William Hockett
Matthew Ployd
Jessica Venable

Second Place-Tie: Baltimore City
GATE Prog
Baltimore, Maryland
Coach: Jacki Rone
Ayesha Talbott
Danielle Johnson
Deneah Sanders
Heather Carney-Blackwell
Jamal Witcher
La Travia Floyd

Third Place-Tie: Montgomery School
Washington, DC
Coach: Kathleen Carroll
Omar Arnold
Elainena Edwards
Terasita Edwards
Sherris Gore
Bernice Howse
Steve Johnson
Martin Kennedy

Third Place-Tie: Southside School
El Dorado, Arkansas
Coach: Esther Byrd
Connie Byrd
De Byrd
Jo Byrd
Sarah Beth Cameron
Dana Hodges
Rebecca Gates
Celeste Villegas

CLASSICS...IT'S SHOWTIME: Div. II

First Place
MSDA G/T Prog B
N. Berwick, Maine
Coach: Paul Basko
Jay Randall
Brian Herrick
David Ouetette
Kevin Otenti
Aaron Basko
Nathan Pedersen

Second Place: Minisink Valley MS
Slate Hill, New York
Coach: Diane Trinkaus
Diane Cipriani
Kevin Coughlin
Bethany Iraci
James Niblock
Kim Knealing
Jeannine Novak
Steven Scholten

Third Place: N Clackamas TAG Prog C
Milwaukie, Oregon
Coach: Kate McKenna-Glauner
Laura Duke
Megan Foster
Brianna Higgins
Jodi LaPoint
David Palkki
Charmaine Smith

CLASSICS...IT'S SHOWTIME: Div III

First Place: Sheridan High Sch
Thornville, Ohio
Coach: Sheila Myracle
Christopher Roberts
Lynn Van Sickle
Elizabeth Jolin
Ty Ramsey
Damon Wren

Second Place: Beloit Rams Prog
Janesville, Wisconsin
Coach: Carol Johnson
Ric Barbera
Gina Barbera
Mike Amos
Ken Busto
Barb Orr
Kristi Frazer

Third Place: Jessamine G/T Prog
Nicholasville, Kentucky
Coach: Susan Jordan
Paul Derber
Jeff Cunningham
Amy Jordan
Shane Morris
Cari Norris
Mark Royce
Kristen Seery



STRADDLE STRUCTURE: Div I

First Place: P.E.P. Prog
Pitman, New Jersey
Coach: Joyce Corsey
Jeff DiLisi
Stefanie Abbott
Jane Steffen
Amy Johnson
Randi Benash
Scott Szymanski
Geoff Stafford

Second Place: Beverly/Bingham G/T
Prog B
Birmingham, Michigan
Coach: Ruth Carson
Maria Castro
Tanya Drosis
Micah Heilbrun
Kristen Mayrhofer
Ann Meyer
Andrew Sinclair
Alison Van Camp

Third Place: Morrison Ele Sch Team A
Central, South Carolina
Coach: Dan Herr
Marianne Herr
Michael Whitmire
Herbie Cooper
Stephanie Wainscott
Jessee Barrett
James Fox
John McCormick

STRADDLE STRUCTURE: Div II

First Place: Parkside Junior High Sch
Jackson, Michigan
Coaches: Andy Putnins / Nancy Dawson
Tiffany Dawson
Elaine Craig
Erin Frisch
John Putnins
Jeremy Showers
Michael Sprague

Second Place: Salamanca Jr/Sr HS
Salamanca, New York
Coach: Jim Lapey
Laura Lapey
Christy Bradley
Nathan Jones
Steve Miller
Julie Zelazny
Lisa Hutchison
Julie Harris

Third Place: Sierra Vista Prog F
Sierra Vista, Arizona
Coach: Clara E. Urch
Junna Hayashi
Marie Spivey
Ann Miller
Alice Johnson
Sung Chon
Andy Smalley

STRADDLE STRUCTURE: Div III

First Place: Pace Prog T
Plano, Texas
Coach: Julie Wilkenson
Bridget Driscoll
Larry Frauenheim
Amy Nelson
Todd Nice
Kirsten Puchacz
Mark Stevens
Bobby Wilkinson

Second Place: Poquoson High Sch
Poquoson, Virginia
Coach: Dave Shuster
Matthew Shuster
Chandler McDowell
Andrea Smith
Crystal Griffith
Brian Sander
Dirk Manski

Third Place: Sturgeon Bay Sch
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
Coach: Lucille Kirkegaard
Chris Valentine
Chris Powell
Eric Dufele
Dan Emery
Steve Szwejbka



COMICS: Div I

First Place: Tubbs Ele Sch
Lubbock, Texas
Coach: Kim Minzenmayer
Chantel Curbo
Steven Ewerz
Sean Huntsman
Alyssa Glass
Freddie Tobias
Jared Duchscherer
Randi Crosland

Second Place: York County Extend
Team B
Grafton, Virginia
Coach: Donna Owens
Kate Zernes
Diane Nolan
Amanda Tate
Anthony Bavuso
Courtney Landrum
Will Shanklin
Lillian Pitts

Third Place: Schroeder Ele Sch Tm B
Troy, Michigan
Coach: Veronica Nolan
Alex Bonjour
Martha Clinton
Chris Kearns
Maryann Nolan
Nandita Subhedar
Ashley Wales
Jon Wieland

COMICS: Div II

First Place: Faith School
Ft. Benning, Georgia
Coach: Libbie Kurinec
Troy Hutchins
Jennifer George
Loren Magruder
Chris Moore
Dana May
Pontress Webb
Danny Segal

Second Place: Hamilton Mid Sch
Denver, Colorado
Coaches: Edwards / Harlene Hatch
Bradley Stein
Kristi Spierling
Julie Sorensen
Amy Mauro
Thomas Wise
Molly Gower
Jenna Lampe

Third Place: York Mid Sch
York, Maine
Coach: Andy Berenson
Karen Goodell
Amy Anni
Derek Healy
David Johnson
David Pease
Mike Caldwell
Laura Groves

OMER REMEMBERS...

My first World Finals may be over and done,
But memories help me relive all the fun.

I remember your hugs and your smiling faces,
Such wonderful people — exciting places.

Competitions in Showtime, Comics, and Flight,
Atlantis, and Structure all were a sight.

To see your courage, to watch you try,
To hear you laugh, to hear you cry. . .

You opened your hearts and stretched out your hands
To welcome new friends from far away lands.

I'm really so proud of your OM spirit;
Your cheers for each other let everyone hear it.

My collection of pins is a memory, too;
It's special because they all came from you.

You gave from your hearts — a good message to teach,
I've got every state — but no Georgia peach!

There's always next year. . . new plans to be made,
Problems to solve, and buttons to trade.


Colorado looks great; I'll be there with you.
Bringing cameras, and hugs, and new memories, too!

The *Lipper* Award

Each year at world finals the Lipper Award is presented to an individual and/or organization for significant contributions to the development of human creativity. The OM Association this year proudly presented the award to the MacArthur Foundation. Kenneth W. Hope, director of the MacArthur Fellows Program, accepted the award.

The Fellows Program of the MacArthur Foundation is widely recognized for its support of creative individuals and projects. The prestigious MacArthur Fellowships, commonly known as the "Genius Awards," are presented each year to individuals in arts and sciences. The five-year awards range from \$128,000 to \$300,000, depending on the age of the recipient.

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 were Dr. E. Paul Torrence, Bill Jones and the Chevron Corporation, Charles Clark, Walt Disney and The Walt Disney World Company, Dr. Paul B. MacCready and Dr. Sidney J. Parnes.

In the world finals award ceremony audience were past Lipper awardees: Arthur Lipper III, Charles Clark and William Jones. 

Ranatra Fusca Creativity Awards

Odyssey of the Mind's prestigious Ranatra Fusca Awards for outstanding creativity were given to sixteen teams and five individuals. The persons or teams won the awards for creativity in either the long-term or the spontaneous portions of the competition. 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 students' names will be engraved on the Ranatra Fusca trophy:

1988 RANATRA FUSCA WINNERS

AL: NORVIN RICHARDS
 CA: EDISON COMPUTECH
 CH: ZHAO XIE-YANG
 DE: JOSH SHARP
 GA: ARCADO ELE SCH
 GA: FAITH SCH
 IL: EDISON MID SCH
 ME: LEAVITT AREA HIGH SCH
 MD: FLOWER VALLEY ELE SCH
 MI: SCHROEDER ELE SCH
 MI: TRAVERSE CITY JHS TM A
 MN: OSSEO G/T PROG B
 MN: SCANDIA ELE SCH
 MS: NW RANKIN ATTENDANCE CTR
 NH: FLOYD BROCK
 NY: MINISINK VALLEY MID SCH
 NY: RUSSELL ELE SCH
 PA: WALLINGFORD ELE SCH
 SC: LAING MID SCH TM A
 VA: YORK COUNTY EXTENDED PROG B
 WI: SEYMOUR HIGH SCH



WORLD FINALS ROUNDUP

- Six hundred and two teams competed. One hundred and ninety-eight adults judged or provided tournament assistance. Competition began at 1:00 on Thursday afternoon and spanned two and one-half days. Approximately 10,000 persons attended the awards ceremony. This was our biggest world finals.
- Approximately 1,500 judges, coaches and honored guests enjoyed the Saturday night coaches' "recovery party." The University of Maryland dining services did an outstanding job preparing delicious food for the occasion. A teen and a separate pre-teen party with disc jockeys ran concurrent so the coaches could enjoy their "recovery party."
- The Chinese coach, interpreter and chaperon enjoyed themselves at the coaches' "recovery party." Everyone made them feel at ease as the Chinese became the center of the dancing and party goers took turns dancing "American style" with them.
- The **First United States Army Band** from Fort Meade, Maryland was featured as the major entertainment for the Thursday night program.
- An IBM affiliate in Nebraska helped finance a Nebraska world finalist team's trip to Maryland.
- **Federal Express**, home-based in Memphis, flew the **Hutchinson School's** props complimentary to world finals. **Holiday Inn**, also home-based in Memphis, gave the **Hutchinson School** a 40 percent discount on housing for world finals for its College Park, Maryland motel.
- **Baker Elementary School**, Albuquerque represented all four Division I teams from New Mexico.
- Sixth grader, **April Morgan** from Frazeyburg, Ohio participated in her fourth consecutive world finals.
- Families seem to like the Washington, DC area as a world finals location because of the many interesting places to visit. Participants had the option to tour the Smithsonian, the monuments, the White House, the capitol, Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the national aquarium, and Goddard Space Center. Many participants also met with their congresspersons.
- Regional directors representing twenty-two chartered associations met on Friday evening.
- The University of Maryland nuclear engineering staff conducted a tour of their on-site nuclear reactor.
- **Dr. Micklus** requests that the adult who took his red jacket from the coaches' recovery party please return it. Also if you took the Odyssey of the Mind banner from the registration area, please return it.
- **Beaverton TAG Program's** and **Tillamook Tag Program's** shipped props never arrived on campus. Still, the two Oregon teams managed to compete.

**Governor Schaefer Proclaims
June 2, 3, and 4, 1988
Odyssey of the Mind —
World Finals Days in Maryland**

Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer proclaimed June 2-4, 1988 as Odyssey of the Mind — World Finals Days in Maryland. The 11" by 14" size proclamation was read to the audience-filled Cole Field House during the world finals opening ceremonies. The proclamation begins.

"WHEREAS, The glory and the promise of our nation and friendly peoples around the world rests in the minds and in the visions of our youth, who truly have so much to offer. . ."

We concur, Governor Schaefer.

Odyssey of the Mind Flag Contest

At this year's world finals, we held a special event — a flag contest. Each world finals team had the option to enter a team-designed flag. One winning flag from each of the three competition divisions was selected as the best. These three flags will be incorporated into one flag which will be flown as the official Odyssey of the Mind flag.

Flag contest winners:

- Div I, First Place—DEL PASO MANOR SCH, CA
Second Place—JAY ELE SCH, ME
Third Place—SEET PROG, NJ
- Div II, First Place—STODDERT MID SCH, MD
Second Place—REDLAND JHS, FL
Third Place—SYLVANIA GATE PROG C, OH
- Div III, First Place—BORGER HS, TX (ORIGINAL
ART WORK: REX KARE)
Second Place—GOTHENBERG G/T PROG E,
NE
Third Place—TALLMADGE G/T PROG A, OH

GIFT OF FLIGHT

I thought I'd tire of talk of flight,
And things with wings, and cringe at the sight
of folded paper planes.
Instead, you gave the winter wings!
Now, in spring, I look for airborne things
and find them everywhere,
and think of you, young gods of flight on Mount Olympus.

When deafening silence reigned
and no majestic fanfare sounded you to life,
I, weak mortal, fell into a spiral of panic and despair.
But you, you enacted a living lesson for us all:
You never gave up, you never gave up, and never gave up!
You rose on trembling wings to the mountain top
And you took me with you.
My heart soared with pride,
More luminous than the phoenix's fiery plumage,
More consuming than the sun's white-hot flames.
Again you were my heroes, when standing was a painful
act,
as difficult as for a mortal to fly,
you stood and lifted me.

Now tempered by time, pride engenders gratitude,
As boundless as the sky.
Thank you,
Thank you for this gift of flight.

Anne K. Garcia, Coach, Gaylord, Middle School
Gaylord, Michigan, Div. II, Gift of Flight

OMER THE TARGET CONTEST WINNERS

- Coaches (Purist Division)
 - 1st place: Hyman Olasov, SC
 - 2nd place: Chen Wei Xin, Shanghai
 - 3rd place: Bob Shapiro, NV
- Coaches (Poetic License)
 - 1st place: Bill Malesh, MD
 - 2nd place: Dan McKenzie, OR
- Judges
 - 1st place: Mike Dionne, NY
 - 2nd place: Marcia Thrutchley, TX
 - 3rd place: Pat Everett, NY

1988 WORLD FINALS VIDEO YEARBOOK



A VHS cassette, chronicling the 1988 World Finals activities at the University of Maryland, is available for purchase. The cost of the tape is \$50 for one copy. Orders of five or more copies, mailed to the same address receive a ten percent discount. Make checks payable in US funds to OM Association. This makes an excellent gift to be treasured for years. To order, return this form to OM Association, P.O. Box 27, Glassboro, NJ 08028.

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Children and adults delighted in seeing and touching our full-costumed mascot OMER. Participants enthusiastically placed their special pins on this baseball cap as our official OM mascot, OMER, roved the University of Maryland campus greeting everyone. Born in Disneyland in the Disney tradition, OMER looked as if he stepped right out of Fantasyland.



OMER enjoyed leading the 1st US Army Band and having his picture taken.

OM Association Board Briefs

Approved at the June 5, 1988 OM Association directors' board meeting, the following is a synopsis of the March 6, 1988 minutes.

The following motions were made and carried:

- To accept the amended November 1, 1987 minutes.
- To accept the treasurer's report.
- To have the OM Association attorney write a statement about the treasurer's duties to be incorporated into the by-laws.
- To draft a pilot study proposal on ways to structure membership. Several states that vary geographically and in membership will be selected for the study.
- To investigate a corporate level creative problem-solving competition.
- To accept the directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage package.
- To adopt an employees' benefits plan with a four percent compensation based on salary effective August 1, 1988.
- To accept full responsibility to run the Division IV Odyssey of the Mind Program.
- To accept the proposed Lipper Award nominee.
- To compensate the scholarship committee chairperson, including expenses, up to \$1,000.

A scholarship committee report revealed that this year 105 applicants representing 25 associations applied for the OM scholarships. One third of the applicants were interested in furthering their education in the engineering field.

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