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First, second and third place trophies will be awarded the top winners.

Judges will be faculty from the Department of the Mathematical and Computer

Sciences in YSU's College of Applied Science and Technology.

The events, and the awards ceremony, will be in Meshel Hall, the University's new high technology center.

The annual contest is sponsored by the YSU student chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) in cooperation with the Computer Center and the Department of Mathematical and Computer Sciences.

Officers of the ACM chapter are: Karen Barney, Bloomingdale, president; Tony Clacko, Girard, vice president; Brian DeHoff, Canfield, secretary/treasurer.

Dr. Albert Klein of Canfield, professor of Mathematical and Computer Sciences, is chapter advisor.

Following is a list of participating high schools:

Austintown Fitch Bessemer Mohawk Boardman Campbell Memorial Canfield Cardinal Mooney Carrollton Chaney Jackson Milton Lakeview Liberty Lisbon David Anderson Maplewood Mathews McDonald Poland South Range Springfield Local Struthers Warren Harding Warren Western Reserve West Branch Wilmington Area Woodrow Wilson

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Schedule

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Place: Meshel Hall lobby - 2nd floor

Activity: Registration of teams and attending faculty members

Time: 9 to 9:20 am

Place: To be announced at registration

Activity: Meeting to explain contest rules and judging procedures;

question and answer session

Time: 9:20 to 10:15 am

Place: Meshel Hall, Room 304

Activity: Practice on terminal usage; help available

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For further information on the contest, and the winners, contact Dr. Albert Klein at 742-1813.

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