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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Thirteen high schools in the tri-county area have already registered teams for the third annual "Physics Olympics" at Youngstown State University.

The "Olympics," a fun-and-learning event, is sponsored for area high school physics/science clubs by YSU's Physics and Astronomy Department in the College of Arts and Sciences. Officials said some additional teams may still be accepted.

This year's "Physic Olympics" will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, on the campus. Most events will be held in Beeghly Physical Education Center. Others will be in Ward Beecher Science Hall.

A new event, the "mouse trap racer," has been added to this contest. Teams will try to convert the trap into a racer, utilizing the energy potential of the mouse-trap. Other contests will include an egg drop, airplane contest, "slow bike," bridge building, and a quiz show. In the egg drop, for example, teams design and construct containers for raw eggs that will be dropped from three heights to determine whose "package" will provide a safe, unsplattered fall.

Trophies will be awarded to winning teams. Last year the Poland Seminary High School team was overall winner when approximately 100 students from 10 high schools participated in the "Olympics."

Entries thus far this year are from Mahoning, Columbiana and Trumbull counties.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Stephen Hanzely of Poland, professor of physics and astronomy at (216) 742-3617.

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