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261 Files maintained on the annual Science Olympiad events, video tapes documenting Olympiad events, and examples of medals given to participant winners. The Science Olympiad program began in Delaware with the leadership of John C. Cairns, Dover High School teacher and later the Department of Public Instruction's State Science Supervisor, and spread throughout the nation. The goal is to create a passion for learning science and to improve the quality of science education by changing the way science is perceived and the way it is taught with an emphasis on problem solving and hands-on learning.

270 Files may include event programs, memorandums, publicity, reports, event information, registration information, rules, and a description of competition events. The national tournament was held at Delaware State University in 1988 and University of Delaware in 2002. Files for these events include a program, news release, student manual, coaches manual and rules, and a poster (2002). Included with the files are publications with articles about Delaware's Science Olympiad program, including the 1977 *The Science Teacher* magazine. Other items of interest are letters from and photographs of Vice-President and President George H. W. Bush (1988-1992) and the "Science Olympiad" newsletters (1989-2001) edited by Cairns, including a 1995 issue with a history of the Olympiad.

Video tapes include the national tournament at Delaware State University in 1988, the opening and closing ceremony of the national tournament at the University of Delaware in 2002, and the 1992 Olympiad participants meeting with President George H. W. Bush. The medals include those given at the Delaware Invitational, elementary competition, regional tournament, and the national finals.

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