

Pattonville Heights students win competition

Students at Pattonville Heights Middle School recently took first place in the Robot Rally competition of the regional Science Olympiad, held Feb. 23. The students had to build a robot to accomplish certain tasks in a specified area containing objects such as ping-pong balls, batteries, Lego blocks and a tennis ball. Within three minutes, the robot, under remote control, had to put the items into an area surrounded by an half-inch barrier and into a container without leaving the marked off area or spilling any of the items off the task surface. Points were given at the end of the time by counting how many items were placed in the goal areas. The heavier items, such as the batteries, were given more points than the ping-pong balls or Lego blocks.