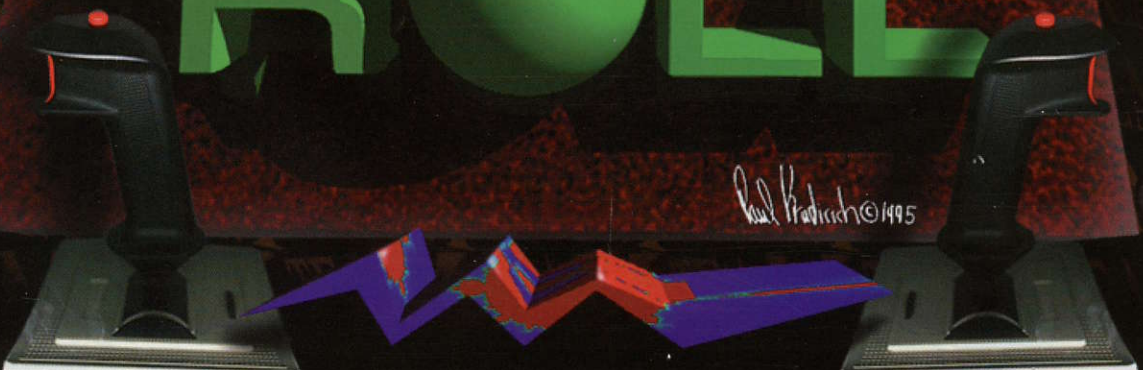


U.S. FIRST COMPUTER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RAMP

U.S. FIRST
The COMPETITION
1995

ROLL



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National Championship

Dear Competitors and Guests:

America's young people today inhabit a world of popular television. In that world, lawyers are heroes, recording artists are idols and athletes are superstars. Scientists barely exist. Technological achievement is unknown. It's no wonder that kids today dream of MTV stardom or making millions playing basketball, but not of building a better microchip or winning a Nobel Prize.

Games are fun, and the arts are enriching. But we've got to show that the worlds of science and technology are also worlds of wonder and excitement, richly rewarding and immensely fulfilling. We've got to make the next generation see and feel the challenge of science and the joy and value of mastering its mysteries.

That's what U.S. FIRST is about.

It's about changing the way the kids of America think about science and technology.

One way we do that is through competitions like RUG RAGE, TOWER POWER and RAMP N' ROLL—competitions that present science as a made-for-television sporting event, complete with cheering squads and banners and play-by-play announcers. The competitors learn by doing, but even more important is the excitement they generate in their schools and communities and ultimately all across America.

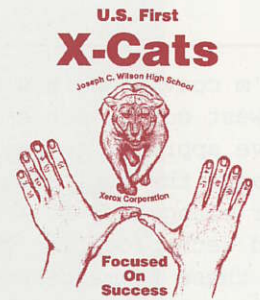
In all that U.S. FIRST does, our corporate participants hold the key to success. This is partly because we are deliberately a private sector organization, even though our franchise includes helping meld together public and private efforts. But more importantly, it is because corporate America is expert at persuasion, and already spends billions of dollars each year on changing the way people think—through advertising, promotion and the sponsorship of sports, cultural and other events.

We are particularly thankful to Walt Disney World for believing that our vision is one that the kids of America will welcome. Walt Disney World's commitment to host the U.S. FIRST Competition at Epcot '95 vastly increases its reach and proves that U.S. FIRST has an important message for our time.

Thank you for being here, and for your essential support.

Dean Kamen

Founder, U.S. FIRST



QUOTES

"I'm convinced it's the lowest cost, most effective approach to really change the attitudes of our youngsters to science and technology...The kids on these teams become heroes in their schools, just like the football players...This peer acceptance is what it takes to make them want to study science."

Gordon F. Brunner

Senior Vice President
The Procter & Gamble
Company

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"The thrill of the kids participating in this is just unbelievable. They're engaged. They're involved. They're thinking. They're working together as a team."

Dr. Roland Schmitt

President Emeritus
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

PULP FRICTION

"The message is clear—the commitment of the world's best engineers to be new role models for our nation's youth can make a difference...No other program has the potential to influence so many young minds while reinforcing the national goal of being a world leader in business and education."

Paul A. Allaire

Chairman & CEO
Xerox Corporation

"Dean came into my office and said, now, if these corporations can sponsor Olympic athletes, why isn't it a great idea that they encourage young scientists in the same way. And he's absolutely right about that."

President George Bush

June 23, 1992

"The competition truly is a fine, creative example of what can be done to excite the next generation about science and technology and motivate young Americans to the pursuit of scientific and technological excellence."

President Bill Clinton

March 27, 1993



THE THRILL OF VICTORY.

THE AGONY OF A SHORT CIRCUIT.

BLOOD. SWEAT. TEARS. AND MAYBE THE OCCASIONAL BLOWN FUSE. IT'S ALL A PART OF THE 1995 U.S. FIRST COMPETITION. AS AN OFFICIAL SUPPLIER AND SPONSOR, THE TORRINGTON COMPANY IS PROUD TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT EVENT. HERE'S TO A GREAT DAY OF COMPETITION AND, IF NEED BE, REWIRING.

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