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The annual meeting of the Allegheny Mountain Section of the MAA has included a student puzzle competition for several years. In 2009, with a little help from the faculty, a Puzzle Czar, a new format, and some great prizes, the competition was transformed into a successful event that could be scaled to fit different institutions. In this talk, we will discuss the details of the new format, what we found to be particularly effective, and what we still want to accomplish. (Received September 15, 2009)