

1054-01-110      **James J Tattersall\*** ([tat@providence.edu](mailto:tat@providence.edu)), Department of Mathematics, Providence College, Providence, RI 02918. *Benjamin Finkel and the Ohio Normal University Herald*. Preliminary report.

In 1893, in an attempt to improve the teaching of elementary mathematics in rural schools, Benjamin Finkel (1865-1947) published the *A Mathematical Solutions Book*. At the time, he was teaching at the Kidder Institute in Missouri. A year later, in an effort to improve secondary school teaching, he founded the *American Mathematical Monthly*. The journal eventually led to the establishment of the Mathematical Association of America in 1915. During his senior year at Ohio Normal University, he edited the mathematical department in the *University Herald*. We focus on the contributors and their contributions to the mathematical column of the *University Herald* that appeared from 1887 to 1888 when Finkel was the editor. (Received September 09, 2009)