

Math department explores new software

□ **Gettysburg College math professor engages students and faculty in discussion of new software.**

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The mathematics department completed a two-day workshop series that focused on technology in the mathematics classroom on Sept. 20 and 21, 2000.

These workshops were a part of the ongoing laptop initiative at Meredith. The purpose of the

workshops was for faculty and students alike to become more aware of software that can be implemented into the classroom setting.

Dr. Carl Leinbach, professor at Gettysburg College, was the guest presenter. He received his undergraduate degree from Lafayette College in 1962 and obtained his masters degree in mathematics from the University of Delaware. Later he went on to University of Oregon in pursuit of his Ph.D.

His expertise eventually aided in the development of the Computer Science program at Gettysburg College.

Math students and profes-

sors were encouraged to attend these workshops.

The students got a better understanding of the importance of technology in the field of mathematics.

For the faculty, learning about the available software and its different uses will help the department in choosing which software they would like to introduce into the classroom.

The department hopes that their software choices can be put onto the laptops, making the programs readily available for use in the classroom.

"This awareness of computer literacy will help students in job placement when they finish

here at Meredith," said Dr. Virginia Knight.

The workshops were funded by money set aside by Dr. Rosalind Reichard, vice president of Academic Advising, as part of the laptop initiative.

All departments have been encouraged to invite a speaker with technology expertise in various related areas.

The different workshops aim at enabling students and faculty to work together to use Meredith's new technology to its fullest potential.

"If the students are going to have laptops, the faculty needs to be informed on how to keep up and use the new technology

in the classroom. We want students to know that this is an ongoing project for the entire Meredith community. In the math classroom we want these demonstrations to help us be more aware of the available software that will help enhance our mathematics courses," said Knight.

Residence Life Week serves as outlet of spirit in aftermath of tragedy

□ **Students participated in everything from watching movies in dorm parlors to competing in a competition modeled after the Olympics.**

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Spotlight on Residence Life Week, running from Monday Sept. 17 thru Friday, Sept. 21, 2001 focused on bringing students across campus together through various spirit activities and daily themes.

The spirit week fell at a time when the student body as a whole was still recovering from the shock of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., in which over 6,000 people are currently reported missing.

Thus the week gave students an unexpected outlet for emotions and opportunities to build unity through team-building exercises.

Each day of the week boasted a different theme of dress for students, such as Hat Day, Pajama Day, Tie-Dye Day and Mix-and-Match Day.

Across campus, dorms engaged in games and other activities to bolster unity and spirit.

Stringfield and Poteat dorms had tie-dye parties in preparation for Wednesday's Tie-Dye Day.

"I think this is the time of year when seniors start getting really busy," said senior Sammi Derr, "but this week helped us stay involved. I was glad we had the tie-dye social in front of Poteat. That way, we could all wear our shirts on Wednesday."

The week also included events such as a movie night, in which a different movie played in the parlor of dorms across campus on Monday evening and the Outrageous Olympics--a wacky spinoff of the original Greek games--on Tuesday night.

Residents could take a break from studying, pop a bag of popcorn and join friends in the Faircloth, Heilman, Vann and Poteat parlors to watch movies such as *Urban Legends*, *Something About Mary*, *Dirty Dancing* and *Shakespeare in Love*.

"I thought Residence Life did a great job with this event," Diane Hall, resident assistant in Heilman. "We had plenty of popcorn and drinks for everyone."

On Tuesday night, dorms rallied together to form teams for the Outrageous Olympics in the courtyard from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Five teams were made from a residence hall or from a combination of two residence halls.

Edy's Ice Cream provided cold treats, and students participated in team-building events such as a balloon toss, a tug-of-war and a flip-flop and fly relay.

"We had a good turnout and people had fun. I was really pleased with how everything turned out," said Residence Life Director Heidi LeCount.

"I think the week has helped the students, especially the freshmen, unify in a non-class atmosphere," said Thornton.

"The Outrageous Olympics helps you to meet more people in building," said freshman Emily Mitchell. "We pretty much know all the people on our hall but this is helping us meet other freshman from the whole building."

In addition to helping residences meet each other, Spotlight on Residence Life Week helped students look past the previous week's tragedies involved with the collapse of the World Trade Center's twin towers and collapse of part of the Pentagon in Washington,

D.C.

"Residence Life Week came at a good time," said sophomore Sarah Falco.

"It lifted people up and took their minds off of everything else that had been going on. I think the Olympics, especially, provided us with a sense of unity. It brought people together that might not have been

otherwise."

"This week helped us get back to life at Meredith," said senior Liza Cahoon.

"I think we need to be focusing on life here, our school routine and all the resources our campus has to offer."

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