

University

Special program focuses on computers

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Computers have become an integral part of today's society. They are utilized in practically every field of science, research, medicine and business, not to mention their use in the homes of thousands of families across the country. With increased use it is inevitable that computer technology will turn its attention to another area of great importance, education.

The University, in its continuing effort to help students and faculty remain on the cutting edge of advancements in computer-related educational technology, has initiated a special focus program during the second summer session on Computers in University Education.

The program is under the guidance of James L. Murphy, dean of the UNC summer session and a professor of economics, with special assistance from professor Richard Rust of the English department. Rust serves as the faculty coordinator of the program.

Students enrolling in the second summer session will be able to take advantage of the latest in innovative educational software.

The program offers 15 courses in 11 different subjects, ranging from biology to RTVMP, and software developed by UNC professors.

Two of these programs — "1912: Can You Get Your State to Approve a Woman's Suffrage Amendment?," a simulation created by history professor John Semonche and "Exploring Small Groups," developed by math professor Ladnor Geissinger — have won national recognition.

As part of this special summer focus program, "Computers in University Education," the University will be holding its second annual SummerFest Computer Fair on July 12 in the Student Union. Representatives from IBM, Zenith, and Apple will have products and demonstrations on display in rooms 205 and 206 of the Student Union from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will also be a display of the new NeXT computer, developed by

Apple co-founder Stephen Jobs.

In addition to these displays, there will be a presentation of EDUCOM/NCRIPAL award-winning instructional software available in rooms 404 and 405 Hanes Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EDUCOM is non-profit organization of more than 500 colleges and universities founded in 1964 to help promote the use and development of computer software on college campuses.

NCRIPAL, the National Center for Research to Improve Postsecondary Teaching, was established in 1986 on the campus of the University of Michigan with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The presentation will be supervised by Margaret Hazen of the Microcomputing Support Center.

According to Carol Page, outreach

coordinator of the Microcomputing Center who helped organize the event, the main goal of this year's CompuFair is to increase student awareness of the instructional aspects of the computer.

"We want students to view the computer as more than just a word processor," Page said. She also said computers allow students to work at their own pace and review concepts or ideas they may be having difficulty with. This type of individual instruction is not always available to students enrolled in very large classes.

When asked if she thought computers could one day replace teachers, Page said that, although computers are valuable tools in teaching, they are only tools. "Neither teachers nor the instructional aspect of classroom discussion can fully be replaced by computers," she said.

Funds for educational software development projects are mainly provided by corporate sponsors such as IBM and Apple, Inc.

The software developed by UNC professors that are being used in this summer's program were created under the auspices of UNC's IBM Courseware Development Project, headed by Bill Graves.

This year's focus program is similar to that of last year's program, which dealt with Education and the Current Technologies.

The program was awarded the "1988 Most Outstanding Program Award for Creative and Innovative Summer Programs" by the North American Association of Summer Sessions, which is comprised of more than 430 member colleges and universities.

Recyclers gain new direction

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A University-wide recycling program to coordinate the recycling efforts of students, faculty and staff has been installed at UNC.

The program will be coordinated by the University's Physical Plant and will attempt to meet the growing recycling needs of the University. The

program's goal is to reduce the 20,000 tons of waste sent to the University's landfill annually and instead recycle these materials.

"There's been a lot of pressure from SEAC to get administrative support for recycling," said Philip J. Prete, the program coordinator. "Numerous departments have also asked for the University to become

environmentally concerned since the town is concerned."

The University spent \$300,000 last year sending waste to the Chapel Hill landfill, which is becoming full. Prete said a new landfill will be needed in the next few years, so the University needs to look at new methods of disposing of its waste.

The cost of waste disposal has risen from \$10 to \$15 per ton in the past month. When a new landfill is installed the cost will rise to about \$30 or \$40 per ton, Prete said.

Direct education concerning recycling needs is the best means of informing the University community. "We would like to see recycling information included in the students' orientation program in the upcoming years," Prete said.

This information along with the Student Environmental Action Coalition's program in the fall should raise awareness of recycling needs on campus, he said.

Prete said the UNC recycling program is currently concentrating on recycling computer and office paper, newspaper, corrugated cardboard and glass.

Prete said the success of this phase in the program will depend entirely on individual willingness to work with the program.

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