

Clime Connections



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Reflections

from a lame-duck president

The 1994-95 school year begins CLIME's 8th year of existence. This year will be the first time since its inception that CLIME will have a new president. As of January 1, 1995, Lew Romagnano, a professor of mathematics at Metropolitan State

College of Denver (see president-elect's column) will take over the helm of the organization.

He brings much experience, energy, sensitivity about the issues in mathematics education and enthusiasm for the possibilities that technology

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President-elect's Column

by Lew Romagnano

It had taken me years to get over my horrible first brush with computers in high school. It was quite remarkable that my school, Brooklyn Tech, even had a computer in 1969 (an IBM 1130 — that's all I remember about the class, except that one of my friends mysteriously got the line printer to spew out, sideways, large block-letter curse words, much to the dismay of the person I will

There will be three mailings this academic year (1994-1995): November, January and March.

The January issue will focus on technology activities and in March you will get the Clime annual meeting preview. Don't miss our annual Clime meeting this year! It will take place in Boston, Massachusetts on April 6th. Stay tuned for details.

generously call the teacher.) I still shudder when I encounter the words "keypunch" or "FORTRAN." In 1981 however, microcomputers had arrived. They seemed much easier to get to, and BASIC was, well, basic. Besides, using little BASIC programs I was able to show my AP Calculus students

that the slope of the secant line did approach a limiting value when you decreased the interval. The computer actually did all of those calculations, so you could really see it happen. (At least I could.) Just at the time I was getting this first glimmer of the potential power of computers as an educational tool, I attended a summer conference featuring Seymour Papert. I was so impressed with him and with Logo that I ran off to buy a copy of *Mindstorms*. My thoughts

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