

# *Clime Connections*

**Council for Logo & Technology in Mathematics Education**

## **Firing Imaginations**

*by Ihor Charischak - Founder of CLIME*

On occasion, I am reminded by some Clime members that we are straying from the original intent of the organization, which was to exclusively support the use of Logo. If by straying they mean that we are also discussing other software then they are right. However,

if they are questioning whether we have strayed from Papert's vision as outlined in *Mindstorms*, then I disagree. One of Papert's complaints about what was happening in the computers in education movement was that too many computer enthusiasts had become

"technocentric". They believed that the computer itself could revolutionize how

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## **Logo In-service Revisited**

*by Lew Romagnano - President*

Several months ago the director of Chapter One mathematics programs for the Denver Public Schools called to ask if I would conduct a Logo workshop. She said she had a group of middle-school teachers who wanted to use Logo more than they already were to enhance their mathematics classes. They were sure that Logo could help them meet the curriculum objectives specified by the district for these unsuccessful kids.

Frankly, I was surprised to get this call. It implied a level of interest among these teachers that bucked a trend I had been observing for some time. Perhaps Logo is not being abandoned by all but a few of the old believers.

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I was, just in the last few days, finally able to conduct this two-hour after-school gathering. About half of the eight teachers had never seen Logo except in the district's curriculum guide, where Logo is still explicitly required for middle school students. Three others were quite fluent and had been using Logo on the generous number of computers in their Chapter One classrooms in very creative ways for some time. Using Brian Harvey's public domain "Berkeley Logo" on Macintosh computers (see the last issue of CLIME

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