

Letters to the Editor

On Keeping Logo in Council for Logo in Mathematics Education

Dear CLIME:

I strongly support your decision to keep the CLIME News focussed on Logo!

Jackie Dewar, Los Angeles, CA

I commend you on your efforts to keep CLIME for Logo and for your efforts in increasing Logo sessions at the NCTM meetings. I noticed the same decrease (in the number of Logo/technology sessions). The new hype about Hypercard and Hyperstacks, interactive video and so on is clouding the issue about student input and control in learning. We do not need prepackaged video shows, but real problem solving with Microworlds.

Velma Yoder, Messiah College, Grantham, PA

I resist the suggestion to rename ourselves. If the membership is not Logo, but computers, I'll give in, but I think the focus is important. I do agree that supporting Logo-like approaches is fine. But to me, Logo is an approach, not an application; Therefore, keeping that focus is what I want. If it's just "technology", then we are not unique-there are other organizations that do this.

Doug Clements, SUNY at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

What's New...

•**Rudy Neufeld** has announced the publication of his new book, *Learning Math with LogoWriter*, which is appropriate for Lower Elementary grades. It is to be used with a manipulatives based mathematics program in which learning takes place from concrete to pictorial to symbolic. This 100 page teacher resource book which includes reproducible blackline masters comes with a diskette. The purchase price is \$39.95 (US) plus \$2.00 shipping. The site license is \$400 (US). Write to Logo Publications, 7 Conifer Crescent, London, Ontario N6K 2V3 to order or to get further information.

•**The MIT Press** (55 Hayward Street, Cambridge, MA 02142) promises that *Approaching PreCalculus Mathematics Discretely* by Philip Lewis and *Investigations in Algebra* by Al Cuoco will be available this summer. Both books use Logo to apply and explain much of the material.

•**The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Educational Computing Logo Group** has a series of Logo Memos that are available for distribution. Some of them have a math theme. Titles include:

Teaching Children to be Mathematicians vs. Teaching Children about Mathematics (Papert, 1971) \$6.00

Understanding Understanding Mathematics (Michener, 1978) \$6.00

Beyond the Cognitive: The Other Face of Mathematics (Papert, 1986) \$5.50

For a complete list write to:

•Logo Publications
MIT Epistemology & Learning
20 Ames Street E15-309
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Terrapin Inc. has announced that they now have a **Robotics Kit for the IBM** as well as the Apple Computer. Robotics are fun and educational for all students. Gifted students can develop sophisticated robot devices that perform practical functions. Each kit comes ready to get you started. Just add PC Logo and run! The Robotics kit can control Fishertechnik, Capsella, Robotix, and Erector sets. The kit costs \$270.

Conferences Notes

Some of you may be wondering what happened to the second annual **Great Lakes Logo Conference** that was originally scheduled for the first week of May. Well, it has been incorporated as a major strand in the **ECCO Conference in Cleveland, Ohio** which will be held October 10-12th, 1990. The deadline for proposals to participate was May 30. However, there still may be some slots available. Contact Alice Friedman, c/oECCO, 1123 S.O.M. Center Road, Cleveland, OH 44124 (216/461-0800) for more information.

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