

Kids Love Computers

"I'm willing to go any place where there are children who want to have access to computers," said Nolan Tomboulian. He proved his willingness to share his understanding of the world of computers when he went to Smyrna School September 17.

Mr. Tomboulian is a computer science teacher at Carteret Technical College. He was invited to introduce computers to the seventh and eighth graders at the school by math teacher Jody Wilson.

"That was a good group," he said of the Smyrna students. "The students want to learn. They've heard about computers."

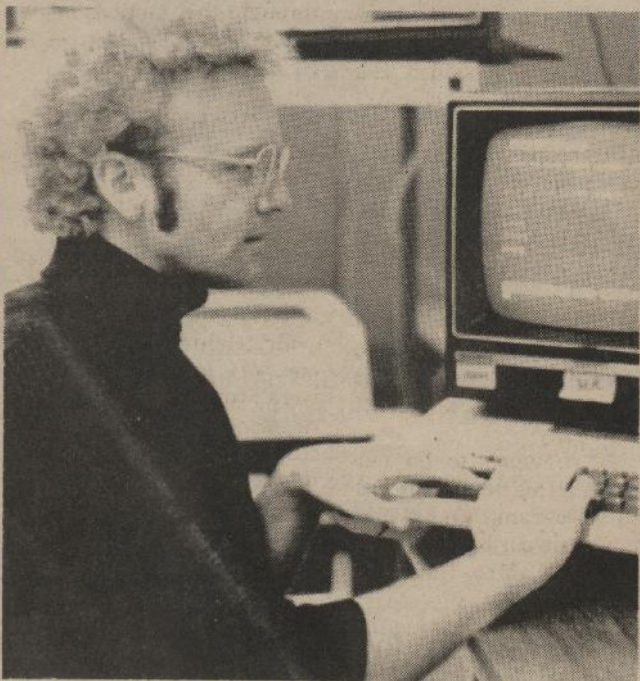
With the help of a couple of different programs designed to hold their interest, Mr. Tomboulian introduced word processing. "They see it's not that complex. The computer is a box I can put anything in I want to and get the results out," he said.

The biggest problem he found in introducing computers to children is that they don't have the necessary typing skills. Before he goes to another class, he said it would help if the teachers could give the students some familiarity with the keyboard.

His first exposure teaching the computers to elementary school children came in November. A teacher at Camp Glenn School invited him to her third grade class. The children had been reading in their school books about Daddy coming home from working with computers.

The teacher thought the children would like to know a little more about computers. Mr. Tomboulian was willing but said he now feels that was too young.

When asked why he was so willing to carry his machines to the students, he replied, "Because I'm an educator!"



Nolan Tomboulian sits at a computer console at Carteret Technical College. He teaches computers at the college but is happy to share his knowledge with school students in the county. Most recently he took his computers to Smyrna School for a demonstration.

