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Computer Technology Club makes trip to Carnegie

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The Slippery Rock University Computer Technology Club traveled to the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh Saturday. According to Michael Casper, president of the club, the goal of the trip was to encourage student interaction. The club experienced films in the Rangos Omnimax Theater, toured the USS Requin Submarine and visited four floors of exhibits.

The club watched two films, "The Coral Reef Adventure," an underwater adventure from film makers Howard and Michele Hall, and "The Human Body," a story of processes that take place in the human body from day to day, Casper said.

The Omnimax theater, according to the science center's Web site, uses a 15,000 watt, short-arc Xenon lamp to project films through a 1,800 fisheye lens onto a 79 foot diameter perforated aluminum dome. The theater's sound is transmitted through a six-channel Sonics Proportional Point Source (PPS) loudspeaker system. Each channel has a digital equalizer to ensure proper acoustics and 2,000 watts of power.

According to the center's Web site, the theater pushes a total of 15,200 watts of sound through a total of 44 speakers, which are designed to eliminate variations in both volume and sound quality over the theater seating area.

Naresh Patel, vice president of the Computer Technology Club, said the movies were another way for the technology club to experience new things.

"It was good for the club to share the benefits of the trip," said Patel. "The club members learned different things."

The club also toured the USS Requin submarine.

Students learned how, according to the center's Web site, more than 80 crewmembers lived for months at a time.

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“As a group, we tried to see as much as we could,” said Casper. “But at the end of the day there were still more exhibits.”

Casper said the experience was similar to the other events the club holds for students.

“We enjoyed the science center’s style of hands on fun and have some great memories,” said Casper. “We have tried to provide many opportunities like this for students to build friendship and camaraderie.”

Another event of interest and benefit to the entire campus is LAN-Warriors, a gaming event open to all students on campus, said Casper. The event, which will be held Saturday from 1 - 10 p.m. in Founders Hall, will show students how to network computers over a LAN, or local area network. It will also allow students to play games against each other over the network, said Patel.

“Planning and implementing these activities involved a great deal of encouragement and guidance from the faculty and staff at SRU,” said Casper. “Dr. Michael Conlon and Dr. Sharadchandra Joshi provided support and are helping to make the club a success.”