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I have really enjoyed this three week experience. Although it was a lot of work I'm glad I decided to take this class. At first I was very overwhelmed with all the work and I felt like I would be struggling for the whole 3 weeks. But after a couple days I adjusted to all of the work and became very comfortable with WebCT and the work load. It was still a lot of work but it became routine after a while. I enjoyed learning the problem solving with MicroWorlds and it helped prepare me for robolab. Robolab is unlike the program I previously used for programming and I found this program to have a lot more complications. For our Can-do challenge our group placed 3rd place and we didn't take our last turn. We realized the problem after our second try but after trying to fix it the sensors started not to work and without out light sensors we could not perform. We are currently finishing the second robo challenge and I feel better prepared in doing it.

As far as the reading's the things I took out of it most are the constructivist learning theories, decentralization, and the open ware software. I understand the constructivist learning theory and agree with it. Also I feel that decentralization needs to occur although there are many companies and systems that are actually moving towards centralization. I like the idea of open ware software especially for schools. It will help them have access to more technology by making it cheaper for them to afford.

I liked most of the guest speakers enjoyed many of the field trips and although many of them related to education I did benefit form some of them. I'm interested in aeronomical engineering and am going to look into that as a possible major and when looking at different colleges for that major UMCP has a good program. I also got information about a summer program in women's engineering next year that I intend to look into. Like said before I enjoyed this program and am glad I went. I got more than 3 college credits out of it. I got an insight into college life, a learning experience, and a lot of practical information that I will take with me as I grow and mature. Thank you for this opportunity and this wonderful experience.