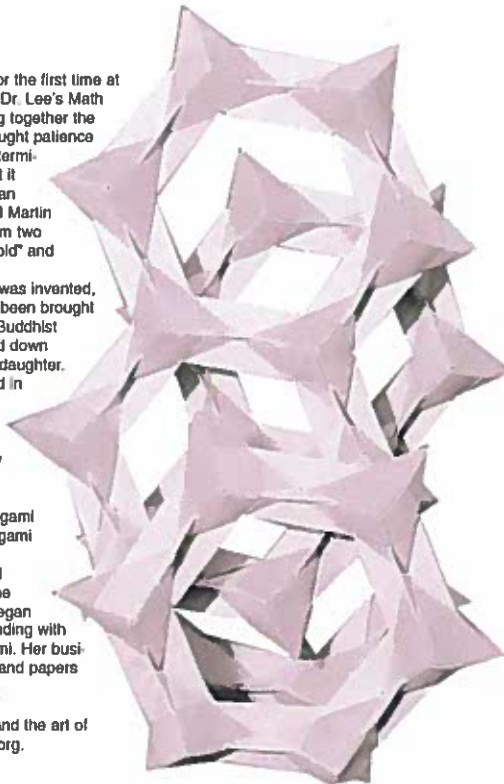


ORIGAMI

Students celebrate Eastern art form

World Origami Day was celebrated for the first time at Asbury Monday. Forty students from Dr. Lee's Math 120 classes worked for weeks putting together the display in Kinlaw Library. "Origami taught patience and precision; it was a test of our determination to finish no matter how difficult it got. This is the same with our Christian lives, as I see it," sophomore Michael Martin said. The word for origami comes from two Japanese words, "oru" meaning "to fold" and "kami" meaning "paper." No one really knows when or where origami was invented, but paper folding is believed to have been brought to Japan in the late sixth century by Buddhist monks. Origami designs were passed down through oral tradition from mother to daughter. The first written instructions appeared in 1797 in "Thousand Crane Folding." Akira Yoshizawa has made major contributions to modern day paper folding. He published books with new models in the 1950s. His work introduced origami to many people and led to the formation of origami societies across the world. World Origami Day is celebrated in honor of Lillian Oppenheimer, a woman who was still folding at age 96. After discovering the flapping bird in the late 1940s, she began teaching others to fold and corresponding with others who shared her love for origami. Her business of ensuring rare origami books and papers was preserved through OrigamiUSA.

For more information about origami and the art of paper folding, visit www.origami-usa.org.



This geometric piece of origami was on display in Kinlaw Library beginning Monday. The students of MAT 120 worked to put together a display for World Origami Day.

How to fold a paper jumping frog:

Use a small rectangle of stiff paper. A 3 x 5 index card works very well.



1. Fold paper in half lengthwise. Unfold.



2. Bring top corner to side edge diagonally. Unfold. Repeat with the other side.



3. Bring top edge to place where diagonal creases reach the sides. Unfold, but do not flatten out the crease.



4. Push in the center of the paper where the creases intersect. Push the sides inward and the top down on top of them. Press flat.



5. Fold the little flaps in half upwards. They will become the front legs.



6. Bring side edges in to meet at center line.



7. Fold front leg flaps in half downward and outward. Bring bottom edge to tip of nose.



8. Fold upper flap in half downwards.



9. Now you have a finished frog! Push down on rear edge and make him jump.

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