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WELCOME to the micro computer resource room of the first Joint Conference of NCSPOD AND POD. The idea for a conference RESOURCE ROOM and networking among members originated at 8th Annual Pod Conference. Several of us observed that each of us had different knowledge about micros. Further, we assumed that if we could find a process for sharing our knowledge, we could collectively know a great deal more. The micro computer, as a small free standing unit, seems ideally suited to a decentralized learner centered model for teaching and learning. Thus, the micro resource room is designed around a user centered concept. Conference participants are invited to visit the micro computer resource room on Friday and Saturday at their convenience to explore applications of micros to higher education, and to dialogue among members. Individuals experienced with particular software are invited to sign on as consultants during the conference. Those with questions are invited to post them on sign up sheets at the resource room. Using the postings, please network on an informal basis to find your resourceful other. Whenever sufficient interest exists, a special interest group (SIG'S) can be created to explore particular topics. The option of a continuing round table at breakfast and lunch exists.

AVAILABLE IN THE RESOURCE ROOM

EQUIPMENT: AppleIIe, IBM-PC, and Macintosh.

SOFTWARE CATEGORY/ TYPE OF MACHINE NAME SOFTWARE/PC-APPLEIIe-MAC

WORDPROCESSING		SPREAD SHEETS	
Wordstar	PC	Lotus Tutorial	PC
PC-write	PC	Multiplan	PC
Apple Works	AppleIIe		
Apple Writer	AppleIIe		
Mac Write	MAC		
		DATA BASE MANAGERS	
		PC-File	PC
		Nutshell Tutorial	PC

COMMUNICATIONS		Games	
PC-Talk	PC	Flight Simulator	PC
		Eliza	PC
GRAPHS		Executive Suite	PC
Mac-Paint	MAC	Demon's Forge	PC
Printer Shop	AppleIIe	Decathlon	PC
PC-Picture Graph	PC	Pac Man	PC
PC-Key Draw	PC	MISC	
Ladybug (logo type)	PC	Desk Organizer (Demo)	PC
		Stat Fast	MAC
		TK Solver	MAC
		Typing Tutor	PC
Courseware			
Psychology Today (test prep)	PC		
Psychology and Life (test prep)	PC		
Psychology and Life (study guide)	AppleIIe		
Mentor Master (tutorial prep)	AppleIIe		

LUNCHEON ROUND TABLE: Check the signs for a Micro Computer Discussion at one of the luncheons.

SHARE YOUR RESOURCES AT THE CONFERENCE: If you have experience with a particular piece of software and would be willing to talk to someone about it, please sign up at the Micro Computer Resources Room. Indicate when you might be available, how you can be contacted, and your level of experience: novice, intermediate, advanced.

Need help on software????? Please sign up at the Micro Computer Resource Room. Indicate what you want to know and how you can be reached. Check the posted listings of those who agree to be resources. Drop by and play---the micro's don't bite.

INTERACTIVE VIDEO PROJECT---Barbara M. Florini

The development staff of the Center for Instructional Development at Syracuse University is actively involved in computer-assisted interactive video and in video text projects. In working with these technologies, three areas are of special interest to us. One concerns appropriate use of them in light of their high associated costs. Another pertains to better learning outcomes. The third relates to students' attitudes toward learning by means of these technologies. We have begun to collect some data regarding these areas of interest, and hope to add to it over the next few years.

Last year two CAIV projects were completed, one for a course in instructional development in higher education and the other for a course in nursing. The underlying purpose of both instructional units was to help students learn important processes that are especially difficult to teach in more conventional ways. The units were field tested during the spring semester, and were well-received by students. Each unit will be used again during the 1985-1986 school year. CID staff will present a session on the CAIV instructional development project at the POD conference in October.

In addition to continuing to investigate appropriate uses for CAIV technology, the CID staff will be exploring educational applications for electronic text during the current academic year. This opportunity has been made possible through an equipment grant to Syracuse University from AT&T. Although the initial primary use of this system is to provide information via electronic text in the university's new Schine Student Center, CID staff will have ready access to the equipment in order to carry out their explorations. ATTEND THE CID SESSION AT THE CONFERENCE, SEE THEM AT THE SOCIAL HOUR, OR WRITE THEM AT THE CENTER.

DABBLER'S CORNER -RKB-

So, what's going on in micro's? Here are a few observations based on the dabbler's recreational reading. Read on for your own fun and confusion. Follow any advice at your own risk.

As you probably know, the growth market for micros is slowing down, prices are falling and some companies have or will fail. Buyers can be shopping for price. If you mail order (a good deal on standard software) know your suppliers and be sure that you are getting the latest version. The FAT MAC with 512k is the new Apple Macintosh Standard. The bundled package with 512k, two disk drives, mouse, image writer printer, Mac Write and Mac Paint now sells in the \$2295-2695 range. A real value, the dabbler is thinking of springing for one to go with his PC. My co-editor suggests that prices may go down another \$100-200 for the Xmas season. This machine has great graphics and a user friendly interface and it's share of detractors. In the last year, third part software vendors, such as Lotus and Microsoft have adapted popular packages for the Mac. Presumably a color monitor is in the works. Hard disks are now available. This machine will have a lot of future. (con't above)

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Other PC's and PC Compatibles: If you are interested in a bread and butter word processor, spread sheet, etc, look at one of the bundled units like Leading Edge, Tandy 1000, or Kaypro which come with both hardware and a decent selection of software. If you are handy, daring, and have most of the software you need but want a second, faster machine, look at the PC-Turbo. For \$795 you can get 640k, 2 disk drives and a keyboard. For about \$180 each you can get a Princeton Max 12 composite monitor and a Hercules color graphic card from PC-Unlimited, Austen, Texas. Beware of some to a lot of problems if you want to transfer software across machines especially in the graphics area.

Laser printers from Apple and Hewlett-Packard have come down in price (\$2500-3500). These machines produce great copy rapidly. The newest version of the HP is supposed to be able to print text and graphics together so one doesn't have to run a page twice. If you do a lot of printing quality work, consider firing your print shop and buying one of these. CAUTION, If you need stencils and lots of production copy better hang on to your dot matrix or letter quality printer. Consider one of the new "near letter quality printers".

USER GROUPS

User groups have evolved around most of the popular computers: Apple, Kaypro, IBM, Osborne, Tandy, etc. Typically they meet monthly to share ideas, publish a newsletter and have a small membership fee (\$10-15/year). They operate on an informal networking model and members are typically quite generous in sharing ideas and assistance. Many user groups distribute free public domain software via a librarian or electronic bulletin board.

THANKS to Glenn, Rusty, and Bob for their help in arranging equipment and facilities. Preparing from a distance is not easy. Thanks also to all the others who agreed to bring software or equipment, and agreed to be available as consultants in the resource room.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS We anticipate future copies of this newsletter on an irregular basis as the spirit moves us. The purposes of the newsletter include sharing ideas and sources of information regarding the application of micros to higher education. Your submissions are invited attention: Ronald K. Boyer, Psychology Department, ML 376, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221 or Barbara Florini, Center for Instructional Development, Syracuse University, 115 College Place, Syracuse, New York 13210.

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NETWORKING: If you wish to be included in a networking process after the conference, please sign up at the micro computer resource room during the conference and/or write to one of the editors.