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** Next Meeting:   Wednesday, Nov. 28 1984 **
**                7:00 P.M.                 **
** Poly Hall - Turing Auditorium (Rm.111)   **
**                Stanford University       **
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AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

- 7:00 General Club Business
 - Election of Officers + Approval of Constitution
- 7:30 New Business
- 8:30 Random Access
- 9:00 Conclusion of the official Club Meeting

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Membership: Dave Casto 326-7006
Bulletin Board: Lindsey Puckett 967-3101
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Jackie Carr (858-1641)-WordStar
Les Weil (321-5541) Public Domain Software
Jeff (Days: 321-5930) Pascal; Dos 2.0
Paul (968-8283) APL
Jim Webster (326-3365) Multiplan
Corwin Nichols (424-9049) - "C"
Greg Tinfow (493-7404) AST Boards
Curt Carlson (941-5680) Expansion Boards

SIG GROUPS

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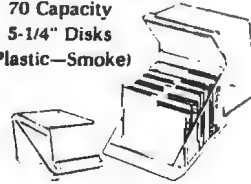
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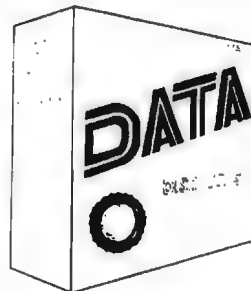
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EDITOR'S CORNER

The November meeting is the last meeting of the year for the Stanford/Palo Alto IBM-PC club. We go from the last Wednesday of November to the last Wednesday in January before we meet again. Therefore, this is the last newsletter for this year.

Your attendance at this November meeting, "ELECTION NIGHT", is important. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and added to the following nominees:

President: Jim Dinkey
→ Jim Caldwell
Rebecca Bridges
Jim Wompler

Vice President: Jim Caldwell
→ Rebecca Bridges

Treasurer: → Curt Carlson
Tony Nunes

In addition, to the election of officers, we will be voting on a club constitution. Thanks to many hours of work by Dave Casto, enclosed in this newsletter is a draft of the proposed constitution. Please read it over. If you have any suggestions or corrections, bring them to the meeting. The constitution must be passed by vote of the majority of members in attendance at this November meeting.

The end of the year includes other changes. Rebecca Bridges has volunteered to take my place as newsletter editor. Writing the newsletter is one part of the job. Getting it printed, updating the membership list, running off labels from the club member database, driving to the post office to buy stamps, folding, sealing, stamping and labeling, then mailing it are other parts. Being responsible for getting the job done and meeting deadlines is often "heavy" and lonely for one person. The San Francisco P.C. group has three co-editors including one responsible for advertising. If you can help with our newsletter, phone Rebecca.

Speaking of volunteers, our SIG GROUP LEADERS' phone numbers are on the front page of the newsletter. If you are interested in meeting with a small group of PC users to learn more about communications, hardware/assembly, Lotus 1-2-3, Geneology, or simply to meet with other novices phone Sig Group Leaders for time and place for the next SIG GROUP MEETINGS.

Beverly Altman requests that members who have borrowed club library diskettes please return them. In the future, those interested in a copy should bring a blank disk to the meeting.

DUES: We remind members for at least two months by writing the word "Dues" on the mailing label. The January newsletter will be sent only to those members who joined in '84

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Voluntary Student Organization
CONSTITUTION

Article I. Name of organization:

THE STANFORD/PALO ALTO USERS GROUP FOR THE IBM PC

Article II. Purposes of organization:

- A. To provide a forum for IBM PC (and compatible computers) users to discuss and cooperate on their common interests and needs;
- B. To provide an interface between the University community and the business community on the use and applications of personal computers.

Article III. Eligibility for membership:

Regular membership is both open and limited to members of the Stanford community, namely students, faculty, and staff; Associate membership is open to any person outside the Stanford community who agrees to abide by the Constitution and policies of the Group.

Article IV. Officers

A. Titles and responsibilities:

President: Elected. May be a regular or an associate member.

Coordinate the efforts of the Group's officers and committees;

Recommend individuals for appointed positions;

Establish the agenda for general membership meetings;

Chair the Steering Committee meetings.

Vice-president: Elected. May be a regular or an associate member.

Act in the absence of the president;

Promote and coordinate the activities of Special Interest sub-groups;

Treasurer: Elected. Must be a regular member, and a currently registered student.

Handle the funds of the organization in the manner prescribed by the rules and regulations of the ASSU and the Students Organization Fund;

Receive all incoming Group monies, and pay only such expenses as approved by the Group Board.

The above three elected positions constitute the Group Board which shall have the sole authority (by a two member majority vote) to approve expenditures, ~~set dues~~, appoint other officers, and call for special elections.

All other policies and Group actions (other than elections and removal of elected officers) shall be voted on by the Steering Committee which will be composed of the three elected officers plus between four and twelve appointed officers, with four including one elected officer required as a quorum, and with three aye votes and a majority required for adoption. Appointed officers will include

Representative to ASSU: Appointed. Must be a regular member, and a currently registered student.

Act as liaison between the Group and ASSU.

Serve as election officer in the event a special election must be held.

Article IV. Officers: (Cont'd)

Program coordinator. Appointed.

Arrange for special presentations and outside speakers for general meetings, and provide necessary logistics for such features.

Newsletter editor: Appointed.

Edit and publish the Group newsletter.

B. Election of officers:

1. In October of each year the Group Board will appoint a temporary office of elections, and notify all members, both regular and associate of the opportunity to submit nominations for elected officers prior to November 15.
2. The election of officers will take place at a general membership meeting prior to December 15, with all members present eligible to vote, both regular and associate members. During said meeting, and prior to start of voting, the officer of elections will announce all nominations received and accept additional nominations. A majority vote of those present is required for election.
3. In the event of resignation or removal of an elected officer, a special election will be held at the next general membership meeting, with the Representative to ASSU acting as election officer.

C. Removal of elected officers:

1. The office of treasurer, and the office of Representative to ASSU shall be declared vacant immediately if the incumbent ceases to be a currently registered student.
2. Any of the the three elected officers may be removed by petition signed by three regular members and voted on in the same manner as specified in Article VI regarding amendments to the Constitution.

D. Length of term:

1. Elected officers will serve a term of one year starting January 1, and are eligible for re-election. Elected officers chosen to fill a vacancy which occurs during the year will serve until the next December 31.
2. Appointed officers serve at the pleasure of the Group Board. Each office will be reviewed promptly after each annual election for both content of the position, and possible rotation of assignments to encourage wide participation.

Article V. Dissolution of organization:

- A. Disposition of uncommitted funds: All uncommitted funds will become the property of ASSU to use as it deems appropriate.
- B. Disposition of property: All other property of the Group will be offered at auction to the members, regular or associate, in good standing at an auction announced to the entire membership, and any proceeds be added to the Group funds.
- C. The organization shall dissolve if the number of Stanford students falls below five members in good standing, if qualified members are not voluntarily available to fill all three elected offices, or if the total membership (regular plus associate) falls below ten.

White shirt

Article VI. Procedure to amend the Constitution

Any three members may propose an amendment to this Constitution by submitting a signed petition containing the proposed change to the Group Representative to ASSU. Such a petition will be sent by mail to all members of the Group in good standing in the next regular club newsletter, and a vote taken at the next general membership meeting. Proposed amendments will be considered adopted if they receive a majority vote of all members present and in good standing at this general membership meeting.

BOX TOP LICENSES: WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS?

What are your legal rights as a software user? You probably all have read the restrictive license agreements attached to software packages telling you that you are liable for everything, and the software company is liable for nothing. Several months ago, attorney Jack Russo talked to our group about this subject, and a recent article in the San Francisco Chronicle (11/14/84 by attorney Stephen Elias) summed it up nicely.

First of all, are these "box-top" licenses valid? According to many legal experts, the license is not enforceable because no real negotiation took place, and under general contract law the two parties must negotiate the contract.

As far as copying the software, there is only one situation in which you can legally make a copy: for backup purposes. The Copyright Act of 1976 gives you the right to make "archival copies." You cannot give copies to friends, nor can you make one copy for your home and one for your office.

The issues are a little fuzzy on whether you are allowed to sell your original software. According to the Copyright Act, you are allowed to sell or otherwise dispose of your possession without the copyright owner's permission. However, most license agreements specifically prohibit this. "Let your own judgment be your guide," was the advice given by attorney Elias.

IBM'S "TOPVIEW"

At the Second PC Fair in San Francisco last month, I sauntered over to IBM's booth to take a look at its new product, "TopView." The literature had run out earlier in the day (that's what I get for going late in the afternoon on the last day of the fair) so everything I'm telling you is straight from the demo the IBM account executive gave me. I was pleasantly surprised that this guy was not your typical IBMer: he was in need of a shave and wasn't even wearing a white shirt.

Anyway, TopView is an impressive product that combines multi-tasking with windows. You can set up windows, each

containing a different application package. TopView will allow you to have something printing or processing in the background while you are working on a different application in the foreground. Additionally, data can easily be transferred between the concurrently running applications.

It sounds an awful lot like MicroSoft Windows, doesn't it? Looks like MicroSoft missed the boat. Windows has already been delayed three or four times and will not be released until next summer. (Has MicroSoft given us any reason to believe this latest release date?). On the other hand, TopView is scheduled to appear on the shelves "sometime in the first quarter of 1985".

In the demonstration I saw, the IBM Writing Assistant (aka PFS Write) and MultiPlan were running simultaneously. With a few clicks of the mouse, data was copied from a spreadsheet into a document file. You do not need to convert the data, nor do you need to exit one program and load another.

You get many of the advantages of an integrated program, plus the ability to use your favorite, full-featured applications.

Presently the list of compatible software is comprised solely of IBM packages. Never fear, though: most of the popular software packages will be TopView-compatible by the time the program is released. IBM has given major software companies (e.g., Lotus Development) the specifications to allow their programs to take full advantage of TopView's capabilities.

TopView works with DOS 2.0, 2.1 and 3.0 (and possibly 1.1). You will want to have lots of RAM if you purchase this applications manager. Together, TopView and DOS eat up about 175K, which does not leave you with much room for your applications. For example, if you wanted to run MultiMate (256K) concurrently with 1-2-3 (128K) you will only be able to build a relatively small worksheet even if you have a fully loaded PC (640K).

IBM has aggressively priced TopView at \$149.

Rebecca Bridges
326-8605

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NOVICE NEWS: Word processing was the subject of discussion at the Novice SIG Monday, November 12. Rebecca fielded questions on WordStar and MultiMate, while Kathy Carroll helped us out on Volkswriter. We also discussed MicroPro's newcomer to the word processing world: WordStar 2000. The next meeting will be held in January, with communications tentatively slated as the topic. For further information, call Rebecca Bridges 326-8605.

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PC-AT Demand far exceeds supply and IBM has declined to take orders past November. Future Computing has reported that IBM was prepared to sell 60,000 AT's before the end of the year, but that volume appears to be inadequate.

The hot-selling AT is expected to cut deeply into sales of the AT&T PC and the Compact Deskpro, which had been counting on the faster execution speed of their 8086 processors.

A shortage of 1.2 megabyte floppy disks has manufacturers scurrying to meet the unexpected demand from PC AT users. IBM says that the floppies will not be available until November 1. Other manufacturers are expected to have diskettes available in the near future. Second party companies say that they could have had 1.2 megabyte diskettes available in quantity if IBM had given them 2 months advance notice.

PC AT memory cards in short supply? Many dealers say that IBM has failed to deliver adequate supplies of the 128K memory expansion cards that bring the AT up to a full 640K. Dealers reportedly have hundreds of 512K AT's on the shelf that were ordered as 640K systems.

RUMOR. The PC2 from IBM will be available in 30 days. It will be built around the Intel 80186 with all 8088 software compatibility problems solved. IBM is expected to cut the price of the PC by another 20% and offer an upgrade in the form of a daughter-board that plugs into the 8088 socket. This could be the knockout punch for many of the PC clones.

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