

THE REFLECTION

As the old saying goes, "the best laid plans of mice and men are wont to go astray", and so, too, is it with the plans for the REFLECTIONS. The original plan was to do the newsletter on the Amiga using "Professional Page" and to have it laser printed. Obviously that is not the case. The newsletter WAS done with "Professional Page" and sent off for laser printing back in October, alas, it has not been seen since. Since that failed, we have decided to go back to the beginning and re-do the whole thing, but not as elaborately. Perhaps if the newsletter does succeed we will be able to make other arrangements for laser printing in the future.

Well, here it is November, a time for Thanksgiving, football, colored leaves, crisp weather and maybe even a TURKEY or two! Let us hope that this newsletter does not turn out to be one.

We start off this month by congratulating New Image on the long awaited release of version "1.2". The update from the problems of the "1.1" release will be welcome by all. This release is being made from the new offices of New Image Software, Inc. in Southhampton, PA with an initial shipment of about 300 disks FREE of charge to those that purchased the "PF3/1.1".

For those of you that have been unaware of the happenings at New Image we will bring you up to date. The new president of New Image is Larry Kline, a businessman from Pennsylvania who brings years of business expertise to the company. The shipping offices, and main corporate offices have been moved to Pennsylvania. For anyone wishing to communicate with New Image the mailing address is:

New Image Software, Inc.
P. O. Box 215
Southhampton, PA 19866

and the voice line for ordering and billing information is:

215-953-9276

There were a few shipping delays during the move to Pennsylvania but now that the new offices are set up things are back to normal and shipments should be handled in a timely manner.

An additional voice support line has been added in California, where Don has moved to, thus closing out the number at 801-465-2956. His new voice support number is:

714-526-3270

And the Utah voice support number at 801-423-1966 has been changed to:

801-423-2209

Any of the numbers can be used for orders, the last two for voice technical support. And, of course, the Port Commodore BBS remains at 801-423-2734 and Tec-Net at 904-756-2700.

Tales of a COMPUTER WIDOW

(or old wives tales)

Fantasies of a computer widow

As I turn my key in the lock and push open the door there to my surprise stands my husband with a chilled glass of wine in one hand and a long stemmed yellow rose in the other.

As my first shock waves pass and I begin to sputter an appropriate greeting he gently puts his fingers to my lips and hoarsely whispers No computer tonight.....

No, no ladies this is only a dream but so long as we are dreaming let's dream on!!

I shower put my hair up in curls (the way he likes it) and apply my most expensive perfume to both myself and my new shorty nightgown and meander into the COMPUTER ROOM! My man looks up at me and when I breathe softly "Come with me you sexy thing", he IMMEDIATELY shuts down the entire computer system and blindly follows.....

The kids are in bed and finally asleep and my thoughts turn to the Computer Man--as those keys are flying and my phone line is down, now I think is the time for REFORM!!! I run into the kitchen and lovingly cut pieces of cheese and warm french bread and oh so gently uncork the chilled champagne. Now I proceed to call his name----finally he responds by running down the hall yelling "what the ---- is wrong?" He sees me waiting in the family room with the wine and cheese and a pretty red

bow tied around my waist (the only material other than skin on my body) and to my delight he does NOT even remember to turn the system off.

Surely similar thoughts have crossed the mind of many a computer widow. I'm only sorry to say they are purely fantasies. Believe me ladies when I say the men who run computer BBS's are a breed who stand alone and they deserve to have a special place in life because they are a most unique group.

In closing I would only recommend this special group of men be given a group rate at their nearest mental health clinic!!!!!!!

By Lynn P. Fitch.
(SHADY LADY)
married to Dr. Shade

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REGIONAL EVENTS

There are several regions of the country that are literally teeming with IMAGE boards and IMAGE activity. One of the most active is the Atlanta area where several of the sysops have formed a group called AISA (Atlanta Image Sysops Association) that adheres very closely to the standards established by NISSA (New Image Sysop Support Association) and some of the AISA members are also NISSA members. AISA has opened their membership to sysops outside the Atlanta area but it is primarily designed for the Atlanta area sysops.

Other areas that have a concentrated IMAGE presence include the Philadelphia area which now includes the new "Lyonesse Den" in addition to the other IMAGE boards that were already in the area. Philadelphia and the surrounding area has more IMAGE boards than any other city in the country. Denver also has a very high number of IMAGE boards. The northwest is represented by a group in Washington.

In coming issues we hope to have columns by correspondents from these and other areas of the country that will keep everyone informed of the activities that are taking place, what people are doing to increase user participation, what 'mods' are found to be the most popular, what problems people are having and what can be done/is being done to deter piracy of the IMAGE software. The best way to keep the company strong is to continue to support the company and help promote it and keep it out of the hands of pirates.

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* NISSA NEWS NOTES *
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NISSA is the mark of excellence. There is a growing number of boards joining the ranks of the NISSA boards and adhering to the strong guiding principles espoused in the NISSA guidelines. The NISSA guidelines have been used as a model to form other support groups. But what is NISSA?

NISSA is the New Image Sysop Support Association. An association made up of member boards nation wide that are dedicated to providing support for fellow sysops. But it is much more than just a name. Sysops adhere to strong principles concerning the authorship of pfiles and the piracy of another work. They strive for a higher degree of cooperation with other sysops.

NISSA is open to any qualified sysop, he need only make application and agree to abide by the principles outlined in the NISSA files.

NISSA has earned the reputation for support and the respect of users and sysops alike. If you feel that you are qualified we would invite you to join NISSA and become one of the boards that proudly display the NISSA logo.

Questions And Answers

NEWS And VIEWS

Q: When is 1.1/1.2 going to be released?

A: Happy to be able to answer this one. The release of "1.2" was announced by Larry Kline, president of New Image Software, Inc., on Qlink on October 13. He announced that shipments would begin on November 1, 1989. And shipments were made as scheduled. Everyone should have their "1.2" by now.

Q: When will the "programming manual" be completed?

A: The information I have is that Don Gladden has been working on the manual for some time now and has it virtually completed. He had some final touches to add to it to include the changes in the "1.2" but it should be ready very soon now.

Q: What about relative subs?

A: Little John is working on a 'mod' for the "1.2" that will include relative subs and SIGS. At this time it has not been determined whether it will be released as a 'mod', on a pfile disk in the future, or as part of the NEXT version. Much will depend on how much work is involved with getting it written.

Q: Any word on "networking"?

A: Ray Kelm (Professor) is working on the network. He has been very deeply involved with the "1.2" project but now that is finished he should be able to devote more time it.

Jim Woodson (WOOLY), author of such hits as "Fright Night", "Devil's Triangle" and "Wild-n-Wooly" has been hard at work on a whole list of new projects that include RLE graphics, NEW Pfiles and C/G graphics. He has put together a disk full of RLE graphics and is presently putting together a disk of pfiles and a disk of graphics. These products were offered to New Image for release but they declined stating that they did not want to issue any new pfile disks at this time. They did state that they had no objections to the disks being released by the author.

Jim will be working closely with Doc Shade at Tec-Net and the disks will be released through there. Orders will be taken on Tec-Net at 904-756-2700, the Tec-Net Substation at 904-441-5923, Port Commodore at 801-423-2734 and on Wrong Number II at 914-328-9078 or you can order by voice at the voice lines in Florida at 904-756-2191 or in Utah at 801-423-2209.

At this time orders are being taken for the RLE disk, the Tec-Net Holiday disk and the newsletter. The pfile disk and the graphics disk will be completed in the next couple of weeks and will be available at that time.

Please note that these are NOT being released by New Image but are being made available independently by the author.

The Following is a list of NISSA SSB and NISSA Associate Boards. This list is current as of 10/15/89.

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