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About INFOBITS

Infobits is an electronic service of the Institute for Academic Technology's Information Resources Group. Each month we monitor and select from a number of information technology and instruction technology sources that come to our attention and provide brief notes for electronic dissemination to educators.

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TOO MANY OPTIONS, TOO LITTLE TIME

Magazines covering the new media technologies don't have to be dry and difficult to understand. While it doesn't have quite the trendiness of *Wired* magazine, *NewMedia* magazine charts a lively, entertaining course through the mass of information on CD-ROMs, videos, interactive TV, and other multimedia technologies.

The September 1993 issue of *NewMedia* contains a special digital cable report section. "Mega Channels" by Steve Rosenthal (pp. 36-46) is an overview of the hardware needed to provide the projected 500-channel cable TV networks to our homes. "Surfing the TeleNet in 2008" by Suzanne Stefanac (pp. 40-41) offers a peek at the ups and downs of life in the interactive age.

NewMedia [ISSN 1060-7188] is published monthly and sent without charge to qualified new media professionals in the USA. Paid subscriptions for non-USA subscribers are available. Contact: Customer Service Department, NewMedia, P. O. Box 1771, Riverton, NJ 08077-9771 USA; tel: 609-764-1846.

LANGUAGE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

The LLTI (Language Learning Technology International) listserver is supported by the Consortium for Language Teaching and Learning, IALL (International Association of Learning Laboratories), and Dartmouth College.

To subscribe, send email to: listserv@dartmouth.edu with the message:

SUB LLTI your_firstname your_lastname

THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPUTERS AND WRITING

The goal of the Alliance for Computers and Writing is to advance the use of computers to teach writing. This professional association will work with the established conferences, publications, and committees in the computers-and-writing field. Some of the Alliance's current and planned activities include: (1) maintaining a central database for the profession, (2) using the database to advertise activities within the profession, (3) creation of an information clearinghouse, (4) creation of regional Alliances, and (5) advocacy of the use of computers to teach writing.

The Alliance will open its doors, officially, in January 1994. One of its first efforts will be to increase the support that faculty get when they attempt to incorporate computers in their teaching. To do this, the Alliance will work to expand

the number of training workshops available, make available sample syllabi of training workshops, identify local consultants willing to talk to people in their geographic area, publish guidelines for the kind of support needed for faculty to succeed in their efforts to use computers in their teaching, and help support local conferences.

For more information about the Alliance and their first regional conference (Nov. 6, 1993 in Fairfax, VA), contact Trent Batson, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC 20002 USA; tel: 202-651-5494; TDD access: 202-651-5454; email: twatson@gallua.gallaudet.edu

A listserv list for the Alliance has been set up. To join, send email to: listproc@unicorn.acs.ttu.edu with the message: `subscribe ACW-L firstname lastname` substituting your own first and last names.

1995 Update note: The ACW has a World Wide Web page at URL <http://english.ttu.edu/acw.html>

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

University Libraries and Scholarly Communication is a 205-page study prepared for the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The study addresses two main areas: the information and publishing explosion that "jeopardizes the traditional research library mission," and the new electronic information technologies that "make it possible to envision radically different ways of organizing collections and services." Topics covered include: growth of library collections and expenditures, book and serial production and pricing, information as a commodity, bibliographic information in electronic form, electronic publishing, document delivery, and economic and legal issues.

The study is available from ARL (Association of Research Libraries) for \$8 (payable to ARL). Contact: Gloria Haws, Publications Manager, 21 Dupont Circle, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036 USA; tel: 202-296-8656.

It is also available electronically via the Internet. For instructions for retrieving the electronic document, see note at the end of this issue

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETRIEVING ELECTRONIC COPY OF MELLON FOUNDATION REPORT/LIBRARIES

Information provide by: Ann Okerson, ARL
Updated October 1995 to reflect changes on the Internet.

Association of Research Libraries Web server at URL <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/mellon/mellon.html>

Association of Research Libraries Gopher at URL <gopher://arl.cni.org:70/11/scomm/ulsc>

University of Virginia Libraries Gopher at URL <gopher://gopher.lib.virginia.edu:70/11/alpha/mellon>

Via FTP from the University of Virginia Libraries at URL <ftp://ftp.lib.virginia.edu/pub/alpha/mellon/>.

Note that the graphics are available in 2-3 different formats: 150 or 300 dpi, and Postscript. You will have some choices to make and will be importing the different pieces one by one. There is also an ftp (not gopher) file that is quite large and contains all the chapters in one file...as ASCII text files.

URL: <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/bitsep93.html>

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