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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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## ONLINE UNIVERSITY TEACHING CENTERS DIRECTORY

The Department of Communication Studies at the University of Kansas maintains the Online University Teaching Centers Web page, a directory of sites focusing on teaching and faculty development at the college/university level around the world. Some sites focus exclusively on teaching while others are multifunctional. The directory is located at <http://ukanaix.cc.ukans.edu/~sypherh/bc/onctr.html>

You can send suggestions for the directory to Howard E. Sypher, email: [hsypher@falcon.cc.ukans.edu](mailto:hsypher@falcon.cc.ukans.edu)

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## FAIR USE PAMPHLET

Much of the movement to reform U.S. copyright law to take into account new technologies centers on the rights of publishers and other copyright holders. In this rush to protect revenues, who speaks for the educational sector and its needs for access to copyrighted works? One group that does is CETUS, the Consortium for Educational Technology in University Systems, a partnership of the State University System of New York, the California State University System, and the City University of New York. In their pamphlet, *Fair Use of Copyrighted Works*, they state that "copyright is at a critical juncture, and universities have an extraordinary opportunity to influence the development of the law and related practices as they affect higher education. If universities fail to provide initiative on copyright issues, other parties will exert their influence to shape the law for purposes which do not necessarily advance teaching, learning, and scholarship."

The electronic version of the pamphlet is available on the Web at <http://www.cetus.org/fairindex.html> and contains links to fair use guidelines and other resources that are intended to promote a fuller understanding and appreciation of copyright laws. A print copy is available by contacting Bonnie Dunn, CSU Chancellor's Office, P. O. Box 3842, Seal Beach, CA 90740 USA.

For more information on other CETUS activities, see their Web page at <http://www.cetus.org/>

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## AUSTRALIAN HUMANITIES REVIEW

*Australian Humanities Review*, edited by Cassandra Pybus (email: [ahr@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:ahr@latrobe.edu.au)), is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary electronic journal that began publication in April 1996. It is published bi-monthly with weekly updates by La Trobe University under the auspices of the Australian Vice-Chancellor's Committee. Current issues are available on the Web at no charge at <http://www.lib.latrobe.edu.au/AHR/> (Archived issues, when available, will be accessible by subscription.) In addition to the current issue, the Web site features a section titled "Emuse," which posts reader responses to articles.

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## ENDANGERED LANGUAGES PROJECTS

A recent Associated Press article states that "scholars believe 90 percent of human languages may disappear by the mid-21st century, pushed to oblivion's edge by the spread of English and other languages via media, trade and migration." The prevalence of English as the lingua franca of much of the World Wide Web may also be contributing to this trend. UNESCO's Endangered Languages Project supports efforts to document dying languages which are then recorded in the UNESCO *Red Book On Endangered Languages*. The University of Tokyo's Department of Asian and Pacific Linguistics in the Institute of Cross-Cultural Studies is cooperating with these efforts by maintaining the International Clearing House for Endangered Languages. For links to both the Clearing House and the UNESCO *Red Book*, connect to <http://www.tooyoo.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

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## ADULT EDUCATION RESOURCES

As part of his work for the vocational/adult education department at Auburn University and for the Alabama Council for Technology in Education, Bill Orr has put together a Web page with various resources for teachers. The page includes links to resources in distance education, adult education, K-12 education, and multimedia. The page is located at <http://www.auburn.edu/~orrwill/>

You can send suggestions for additions to Bill Orr, Wallace Center Bldg., R-244, Auburn University, AL 36849 USA; tel: 334-844-3822; email: [orrwill@mail.auburn.edu](mailto:orrwill@mail.auburn.edu)

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## BEYOND INFOBITS

You read *Infobits*, but it's not enough? Keep current on more publications covering information technologies by reading *Cybernautics Digest: Reports about Converging Technologies*. Each month the editors scan newspapers, magazines, and journals for articles on new technologies in the areas of finance, government, manufacturing, marketing, research, art, education, and entertainment. They provide readers with brief summaries and, if available, Web links to the full articles. Samples from back issues are available at <http://www.pscu.com/html/cyber/cyber.html>

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## SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION PLANS NEW WEB SERVICE

According to an article in the April 1996 issue of *The Digital Kids Report*, the Scholastic Corporation, one of the largest publishers and distributors of children's books and educational materials in the world, will be launching a new for-fee service on the World Wide Web in September 1996. The Scholastic Network will "focus on the Internet and what it means to teachers, students, and the U.S. education system." Included in the service is the Internet Guide, an area in which Web sites are rated by children and teachers. Another area, the Home Page Program, will set up a

network of school home pages. To preview some of the features planned for the Scholastic Network, connect to <http://www.scholastic.com/Network/home.htm>

Scholastic's main Web site, Scholastic Central, is located at <http://www.scholastic.com/>

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## WEBABLE!

WebABLE! is a World Wide Web information repository for linking people with disabilities to accessibility solution providers. In addition to providing information on support groups, products, and conferences, their Web site maintains a library of articles and white papers including: "Making the Web Accessible for the Blind and Visually Impaired," "Design of HTML Pages to Increase their Accessibility to Users with Disabilities," and "SGML: What It Is and Why It's Good for Braille." Another useful feature is the "Web Sites for People with Disabilities" page which includes links to other Web sites for these categories of disability: blind and visually impaired, deaf and hard of hearing, mobility, and cognitive. Visit WebABLE! at <http://www.webable.com/>

## SAMPLE ISSUE OF CYBERSKEPTIC'S GUIDE

The complete November 1995 issue of *The Cyberskeptic's Guide to Internet Research* (mentioned in "Evaluating the Internet," [March 1996](#) issue of *IAT Infobits*) is now available on the Web at <http://www.bibliodata.com/skeptic/skepdata.html>

## IAT LIBRARIAN'S LINKS

The document, "Book Publishers, Sellers, and Reviews on the World Wide Web," has been removed from our Web site. This document was created at a time when only a small number of book publishers and sellers had sites on the Web. Now, rather than try to keep up with the explosive growth of these sites, we are discontinuing this document. If you need a starting point to lists of book sources, try the American Booksellers Association's BookWeb site at <http://www.ambook.org/>

The following IAT publications were recently updated:

"From Reality to Virtuality: Readings and Resources in Virtual Reality" <http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/irg-32.html>

"Education Technology and Computer-Related Conferences Information on the Internet" <http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/irg-37.html>

"Searching the World Wide Web" <http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/irg-08.html>

For a complete list of the IAT Library's publications, arranged by subject, see "Librarian's Links" at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/guides/subjects.html>.

## INFOBITS FTP ARCHIVE DISCONTINUED

In an effort to minimize the number of computers where we keep back issues of *Infobits*, we discontinued the archive

on our anonymous FTP site this month. Back issues of Infobits in plain text format as they were originally emailed are now available on our Web site at <http://www.unc.edu/cit/infobits/text/index.html>

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