

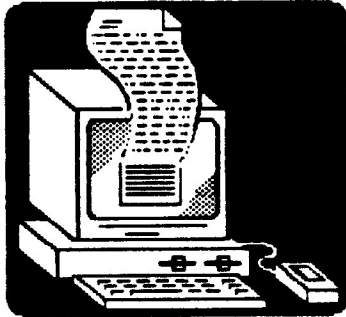


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## THE PRESIDENT SAYS...



By John Moore

The general impression I received at the last meeting is that most members want to have training and instruction in the more basic areas of computing. In keeping with this, I'm looking at things like DOS 3.3 and how the floppy disks are laid out, ProDOS and the 3.5 disks, and if members are interested, perhaps a short tutoring in copy de-protection. This is the type of material I like to think of as the real "nuts and bolts" of computing. I suppose we could even look at some basic maintenance and "hardware hacking" if the interest is there. Anyway, this is your club and we will do our best to fill the needs you feel. (I remember that I joined the club to broaden my knowledge base and after I got acquainted with the membership, much of the time I found myself in the role of trainer rather than trainee. This is rather brief because I have been procrastinating and tonight I got a call saying, "I needed it three days ago." Well, you don't talk back to newsletter editors other than to say "Yes, mam!" and then promptly sit down to the old word processor and start pounding it out. I promise to do better next time. See you all at the meeting and hopefully I'll have something for show -and -tell.

Next Meeting is  
Feb. 15  
The topic:  
Beagle Brothers  
Presented by  
Larry Tucker

Please don't forget...  
Dues are payable  
NOW!  
Next month you will not  
receive a newsletter if  
your dues are unpaid.

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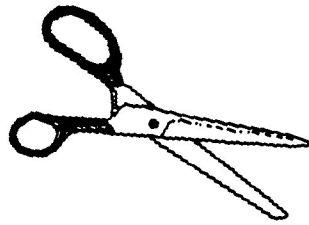
### **Meetings-Regular Membership**

The Regular Membership Meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month, with a start time of 7:00 p.m.. The meeting is held on the Chemeketa Community College campus, in Building 2, Room 113.

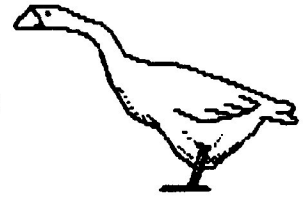
The general public is invited to attend.

### **Meetings-Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors Meeting is held a half hour before the regular meeting at the same location or wherever we can all get together at the same time.



## **EDITOR'S NOTES**



**By Bobbi Kirk**

Well folks, it's time to put out another newsletter and in thinking of what to write about this month I've been thinking about the programs or presentations I'd like to see offered in the coming months. Your board of directors is planning for the coming year and -AGAIN- some input would be appreciated! I personally would like to see some demonstrations of publishing programs (like Publish It! 3, Graphic Writer III and Medley 2.0) that I've heard about but haven't seen yet. Maybe a program on vaporware would be appropriate? I personally use the computer for fine art and I wonder if anyone would be interested in a demonstration or talk about how that is done? I know other members who use their computers for writing newsletters, writing poetry, teaching applications and many who use, or would like to use, the computer for business, either personal (like budgets) or professional (like budgets). Would anyone like to see some business software demonstrated or would you like to demonstrate a business program you use and like? How about some writing programs? How about games? If you have some input please let us know. If you don't want to mention it at a meeting you can always call one of the board members and discuss it with them. Our numbers are after our names on the second page of the newsletter. Do remember, this organization is only as interesting as the membership makes it. If you don't contribute, even if only in the form of asking questions or attending meetings or providing some input to some of the more active members, you really can't expect to get as much out of it as you could. Help us to help you!



I'd like to give a special Thanks! to the folks at Focus Electronics, especially Steve and Dan, for all their help and for the generous use of the laser printer.

## TEACHER'S COLUMN



By Kirk Gamble and Darrell Robertson

I thought for awhile I wouldn't have anything new to share about computer education at Pratum. The initial excitement of having a new IIGS in the school wore off and "volunteer" learning ended. Assignments were allowed to slide and the amount of in-depth problem solving being done just wasn't there anymore. Remember those students staying after school to play with Logo? This time I am able to sit down at the school computer to write this. Such are the problems of teaching. But, after some adjustments I made with the students, they are once again doing some work I am pleased about.

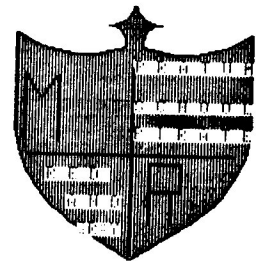
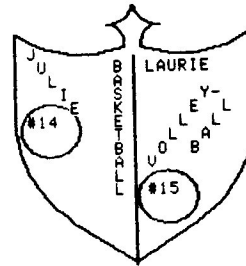
The adjustments I made were: (1) you must be current with your work or you don't play in the next basketball game, and (2) remember, report cards are going home soon. Then I assigned a lot of work.

Report cards went home yesterday and we played a basketball game today, short only a few players.

All my students have completed enough typing lessons that my best can move around the keyboard at around 27 words per minute. So, we pulled out Newsroom and published our first newspaper of the school year. Two students were assigned the task of learning how to use the program. Everyone wrote articles, but only the fastest typists entered the information into Newsroom. When it came time to do "layout," our success was minimal. The graphics they tried to import into the layout didn't transfer. Newsroom also has a cumbersome method of laying out text. There

are a series of 3 or 4 blocks on each side of a page to be filled with text. If your article is more than that block, it fills up a portion of the next block. If the article is short, the rest of the block stays empty. We ended up actually cutting and pasting the articles by hand to get the look we wanted. I'm sure we can do better next time, I hope.

Logo skills have jumped lately. Students have come from using the repeat command to get an interesting graphic, to writing short programs called procedures, and combining those



procedures to draw graphics. They have mastered using color commands in their procedures and also text commands. It is fun watching their program run and see each part of the graphic draw itself onto the monitor screen. When someone learns a new Logo command, they share it around and help each other work the bugs out of their programs. I am afraid they have surpassed me once again with their Logo skills. I'll share some of their graphic programs with you and hope you enjoy their effort.

The Fred Meyer receipt campaign lasts into March, the 17th I believe. Keep collecting. This is a great opportunity for schools to get computer equipment that they wouldn't get otherwise.

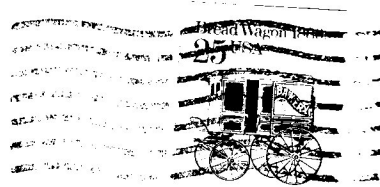
Now that the WAC Journal comes out every month, Darrell and I have to find double the computer news at our schools. My students might not appreciate the adjustments I'll have to make with them just to give me something to write about.



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