

## NOTES

May I again express my appreciation to Dr. Peter Bruck for his work as guest editor of this issue. Two other people deserve my appreciation also for the extensive work they have done in proofreading all the articles as we worked to put this issue together within the two weeks available to us. My wife, Connie, and Kathy McConnell have worked hard to read each article as it came off the printer. I want to publicly thank them for their patience and help. We thank our subscribers for their patience. This issue is late but hopefully with the next issue we will be back on schedule.

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A new interdisciplinary group called Studies in Communication and Information Technology has been established at Queen's University, Kingston. The objective of the group, whose Chairperson is Professor John Meisel, is to advance academic and policy research related to the social aspects of the new technology, by organizing seminars, workshops, and by initiating research projects. The group will also undertake the publication of occasional papers deemed to contribute to examining the role of information and communication technology in Society. For further details contact:

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Remember that the annual conference of the Canadian Communication Association will take place at the University of Montreal, 31 May - 2 June 1985. Plan now to attend. Check **Communique** for the latest information about the conference.

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Nominations are being solicited for the McLuhan Teleglobe Canada Award. Deadline for nominations is 30 April 1985. For further information contact Mrs Aline Sigurdson, Canadian Commission for UNESCO, 255 Albert Street, P. O. Box 1047, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5V8

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Pacific Telecommunications Conference '86, Evolution of the Digital Pacific, the 8th Annual Forum of the Pacific Telecommunications Council, will be held 12 - 15 January 1986, at the Hawaii Regent Hotel, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii. Papers are requested on the three sub-themes chosen for this conference:

- 1) **Current Telecommunications Developments:** will cover a broad spectrum including facilities developments, business aspects, user needs and concerns, regulatory and policy questions, standards, economics. Focus may be on voice, data, video and broadcast topics.
- 2) **Future Developments** including computer-communication convergence, artificial intelligence, will focus on probable implementations which will impact telecommunications and societies in the 1990's and beyond. Papers should focus on the technological aspects as well as on the possible impact -- social, economic, educational.
- 3) **Training and Education Needs and Programs** will give overviews of existing telecommunication training organizations and programs including discussions of how programs relate to perceived future needs of trainees and users.

One page outlines of proposed papers should reach the Council by 15 June 1985. For further information contact: PTC '86, 1110 University Avenue, # 308, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826 USA. Telephone (808) 941-3789, telex 7430550PTC.

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