Coming Next Issue

Tools for interaction

Michael Downes describes two documentstyle options, *dialog.sty* and *menus.sty*, which provide functions for printing menus on a screen and reading users' responses. These have been written so that they are also usable with non-\LaTeX{} macro packages that include plain.tex in their base, such as \AM\TeX\ or eplain.

More new books

Reviews of the following are expected:
- Norman Walsh, *Making \TeX{} Work*
- Christian Rolland, *\LATEX{} guide pratique*
- Stanley Sawyer and Steven Krantz, *A \TeX{} Primer for Scientists*
- and possibly others…

New techniques in METAFONT

Certain geometrical problems that arise very often in glyph design are not directly solvable by METAFONT's plain macros. Yannis Haralambous presents two such problems and solutions for them, along with a discussion of an approach that, although geometrically correct, does not work in real-world METAFONT practice and should be avoided. [Delayed by technical difficulties]

ASCII.sty

Because they needed a font to prepare a table of ASCII control codes and their associated IBM graphics characters for a book on interfacing medical equipment to an IBM PC, R. Ramasubramanian, R.W.D. Nickalls and M.A. Reed developed a new style option and encoded font containing these characters for use with \TeX{} and \LaTeX{}. The new font is based on the public domain IBM Courier font.

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