
Editorial Comments

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DEK on tour

As we go to press, Don Knuth is touring parts of the Continent, stopping in various places to receive honors, give speeches and answer questions. Every time he answers questions about T_EX in front of a T_EXnical audience, a little more history emerges. Some of that appears later on in this issue — a transcript of Don’s Q & A session at last summer’s TUG meeting in Florida. And tapes and transcripts are being made during the the current journey — something we might look forward to in issues to come.

Don has also re-established himself on the Internet, but not as an e-mail recipient. An attractive and informative set of WEB pages can be viewed at <http://www-cs-faculty.stanford.edu/~knuth/>; in them you can learn about what he’s doing these days, why he won’t read e-mail (or faxes), and many other facts important or trivial.

One important fact is the situation with the Computer Modern fonts. Corrections were made in 1992, but many people are not yet using the “new” versions. An “Important Message”, extracted from Don’s WEB pages, appears on p. 29.

Don’s words have also recently appeared in the April 1996 issue of *Dr. Dobb’s Journal*, where Jack Woehr records “An Interview with Donald Knuth”. Check it out for some history of computer languages *other than* T_EX. (Thanks to Nelson Beebe and Lincoln Durst for bringing this article to my attention.)

***TUGboat*: the year ahead**

The publication schedule will be somewhat different this year, with the Proceedings being compiled and published (as issue no. 2) *before* the annual meeting and copies handed out at registration. In past years, the authors' productions were compiled first as preprints, and only after the meeting frozen in the formal *TUGboat* format. However, the committee for this year's meeting preferred (as is traditional in some circles) to be able to distribute the formal proceedings at the meeting. Any papers not delivered for processing by June 10 will not be included, but held for a later issue.

Issue 3 will be a regular issue.

Issue 4 will be a theme issue, on “non-mathematical” \TeX , \TeX and the humanities, \TeX and the world's languages, Two decidedly non-mathematical \TeX users, Pierre MacKay and Christina Thiele, both former TUG presidents, have agreed to be co-editors of this special issue. They will be starting with some ideas of their own, but would welcome suggestions and proposals from readers and prospective authors. They can be reached at the addresses shown in the address list at the front of this issue.

The first issue of 1997 — volume 18! — will again be a regular issue.

Suggestions for topics that might be appropriate for future theme issues are welcome; they can be sent to me or to any member of the *TUGboat* team, listed on the back of the title page.

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