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it started with 1 idea,**

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Next meeting
QUICKEN & TURBOTAX
IUS, OGLE CENTER
Tuesday, February 1st, 6:30 p.m.

From The Editor

This is a special issue of KIPCUG's I/O! Please read Winnie Miller's article on what the "C" in our name might stand to represent. The year 2000 will see KIPCUG increase our mission of teaching, helping, and serving our community. Can you find some time to help our area children through the Salvation Army? How about tutoring high school classes on C++? Support Kentucky Harvest by bringing a can of food to our General Meeting on February 1, 2000! Join KIPCUG in honoring the top Computer Student at IUS this spring! Could you donate 2 hours to share with other members how you use your computer at one of KIPCUG's SIGs. Introduce a new member to KIPCUG and win FREE Membership Months for you! Volunteer to share a ride to a meeting! We could add your name to our Speaker's Bureau - KIPCUG receives various requests throughout the year for short informative talks or training opportunities. Phil Whitehouse is coordination efforts throughout our community as you read these words. Steve Goldberg is generating a list of members that would like to serve on our Board of Directors. Judy Lococo and Fred Soward are planning upcoming meetings that will increase everyone's knowledge. Our SIG leaders are working to create a learning atmosphere all over town! As you read this issue of I/O, we will try and interest you to get "involved" in 2000!

PS: We could use some help on the I/O Staff!

How can we help you? John

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MGI Software - January 4, 2000

Quicken 2000

Take advantage of the Internet
to make informed decisions



Look who will be here on the first Tuesday in February !

Intuit sends Matt McCann to demonstrate their latest, greatest version of their #1 product. Matt is one of the best speakers on the "circuit." Combine the meeting with Special Pricing for KIPCUG, February's meeting will be one the best on the schedule this year.

Some say, "It's like Quicken, but better!" Other say, "It's like the Internet, but more useful!" What in the world is it?

It is the brand new - Quicken 2000.



Intuit (the makers of Quicken) has done a terrific job of enhancing Quicken and Quicken 2000 is really hot! Here are a few things that are new for '2000:

Improved One-Step Update: Now includes bill payment and intrabank transfers in the click of a button.

Insider Trading Alerts: In addition to investments, quotes, asset classes, and news, now you can down-

load insider trading alerts right into Quicken.

Six Life Events Planners: Prepare for your life events with inter-related financial planners. Find out if you can send your kids to college AND still retire when you want to.

Home and Car Comparables: Automatically track the value of your home and car. Get up-to-date comparables for these important elements of your net worth.

Account Overview: See an overview for each of your accounts, all on one page.

Streamlined User Interface: Makes it easier to find the features you're looking for.

Join us at our next meeting when Matt McCann will be on hand to

show off Quicken Deluxe 200, Quicken Home and Business 2000, and Quicken Financial Suite 2000. This is one presentation where you won't need to bring throwing tomatoes or other perishable food items because Matt has an offbeat, fun and wacky presentation style.

As an added bonus, Matt will also bring along special user group pricing of the software, for that night only. So this is one meeting that you won't want to miss. So show up early, and enjoy the meeting, after the meeting, take home your own copy of the latest Quicken.



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Getting to IUS from Louisville

Our meetings are in the Ogle Center at Indiana University Southeast.

Take I-65 north to I-265. Turn west on I-265 (after passing under the overpass).

Take the Grant Line Road exit from I-265.

Turn right at the intersection onto Grant Line Road. IUS is a half mile on the left.

Ogle Center is at the back right of the campus. You will not "get a ticket" for parking in the wrong lot or meter area. Park behind or in front of the building.

Over The Program Director's Shoulder

by Judy Lococo, KIPCUG

The big 00 has come and gone, and I don't mean Bond, James Bond, either. To many of the uninformed, Yawn2K seemed to have been a non-existent media event. But, there are those of us who know that if it hadn't been for the countless hours put in by tireless technodweebs, we could have had some truly exponential problems.

Matt McCann is coming a'callin' this month, and I have to say his timing is impeccable. We should have a demonstration of **Turbo Tax**. Hopefully, we will see all the neat features in **Quicken2000** as well, and how it interfaces with www.quicken.com. Who knows, we may even be able to find out s'more about Quickbooks, in the process. With Matt driving the computer, you just know there's real entertainment value in store, too. There will probably be gales of laughter inside the Ogle Center at IUS, so come prepared for some fun and surprises blended in with the presentation. For what it's worth, the first time I ever saw the infamous "Dancing Baby" was at one of Matt's presentations.

Also on tap is our Back-To-Basics on Home Networking, and I know you won't want to miss this one!!! I won't mention any names, but show and tell will probably hold your attention.

And while you're at it, bring along some canned goods to the meeting for **Kentucky Harvest**. I rarely ask anything of all the attendees or members but this is one time I will. Here's another all-volunteer group of people who don't even accept

money, only food products, and who are responsible for establishing a national organization just like them. They are unselfish people who should be commended for all their labors, so bring along as much as you can lug. Lots of hungry people will appreciate it.

Next month debuts a couple months of meetings with companies you probably aren't familiar with. But this is because things are branching out into areas besides desktop publishing, or office suites, or most of the "old reliable stand-bys." March will be highlighted by **Executive Software's** version of utilities, especially for WindowsNT, but more recently to include Windows 95/98 as well. It has disk defragmentation, etc. and undelete capabilities that only Microsoft could fully appreciate until now because they have included light versions of this company's products in its own operating systems! Also appearing will be **Pinnacle Systems**, a hugely successful video editing software/hardware company that is sure to rock your socks with their capabilities. I can't even get the VCR programmed right to time-delay tape, so anything they can show me will definitely be a learning experience. This tag team all-star lineup has the potential for an extremely worthwhile meeting for a diverse group of people. Something for everyone, as they say.

April is another double-header. **Mobility Electronics** (can you say..."hardware"?) won the PC Week Best of Show award at Fall COMDEX 1999 for it's new hardware designed to diversify your portable computer or handheld

devices. Their docking stations, adapters, etc. will make portable computing less stressful and tiring. No, we're not all road warriors, but who knows what lies ahead of us? Also on tap is a look at **Appgen**, a high end general business and accounting software company. It speaks its own language, if you will, and although several of you are now retired from business, there are many out there who are asked for recommendations. I know there are at least two SCORE chapters within reach of this newsletter, and if they don't send two busloads of representatives to see this one, they're remiss in their mission statements.

May is TBD, but I've tentatively scheduled a **Microsoft** tour. This one promises to be a lot of fun, as it's the Pocket PC Windows Preview Tour With Casio, Compaq, HP, and Windows CE. We'll see Microsoft's take on the inroads that the small handheld devices are making into our everyday lives, and as usual there will likely be some awesome door prizes at this one.

Stay tuned for any changes or updates, as some of these are subject to change at this point in time. That's one of the hazards of working this far out, as "stuff" happens, and we have to work around them. But at least you can tell I'm working, right?

If you bring along a couple of friends, who will also bring along some canned goods, we can triple the donations to Kentucky Harvest, and dazzle Matt McCann as well. Yes, Bruce Quick, Libby Thurman and Sue Ratkowski, this means you, too... ;-)

MGI's PhotoSuiteIII & VideoWaveIII

by Matthew Mercurio, KIPCUG

WOW! In a nutshell, that's what I have to say about MGI's latest and greatest software releases, PhotoSuite III and VideoWave III.



They were demonstrated by MGI at last January's KIPCUG meeting. During their visit with us, the plan was to have MGI demonstrate the software during the day on the local television show DotCom and then once again later that night at our KIPCUG meeting. Unfortunately, the taping for DotCom was moved back a week unexpectedly and therefore MGI did not get a chance to go on the show. Fortunately for me, I was asked to take on this task in their absence. I say fortunately because this gave me an opportunity to see first hand exactly what MGI brings to the table and to our computers! Like I said earlier, WOW!

Both of these software packages are chalked full of very useful tools. Likewise, both programs come with appealing interfaces that are built with user friendliness written all over them. In my opinion, the User Operating Age or UOA ranges from the novice years and up. The price for these packages is very attractive as well. Finally, at the risk of sounding like a commercial, these software applications would be a useful edition to anyone's software collection.

Lets me share with you what I found when evaluating MGI's software. In order to give you a well-rounded review, I must first explain my thought process when coming to my conclusions. Usually when I do a software review, I look for different angles to put the software through its paces. In doing this, I have came up with 6 areas of focus that I think is important with every piece of software. They are listed in order of importance as follows:

1. Practicality - The product has to be not only applicable to the user's needs, but meets as many of those needs without throwing in any extra fluff to jack up the price.

2. Price - Again, the price should be comparable to what the software has to offer by means of practicality. This is not to say that pricey software is not worth it or that maybe I am just cheap in my software purchases. I am merely stating, if you are going to pay a lot for software, then you should expect a lot of useful tools and not over-hyped fluff.

3. Ease of Installation - Setting up and installing a piece of software should fall somewhere between using an etch-o-sketch and programming your VCR.

4. Interface - If the software is not user friendly, then most of the time the user becomes confused then frustrated and finally gives up on using the product all-together. Simply put, the product has to have a user-friendly graphical interface.

5. Stability - Some software programs are written and marketed so fast, that there isn't a whole lot of

time for alpha and beta testing. Unfortunately this is nothing new to the user and the result is usually buggy software.

6. Support - Help with software? Me, a self-proclaimed computer genius that has worked on all sorts of computers, ranging from my old Ti -35 calculator to my brand new battery powered remote controlled car? Of course! I never buy software, unless I know I have someone to call when I totally destroy an otherwise very useful tool.

I used the above rules as a standard when I looked at both PhotoSuite III and VideoWave III. I am happy to report that both products passed with flying windows!



Figure 1: PhotoSuiteIII Platinum Edition

Now that you know the ground rules, let's look at the software starting with PhotoSuite III. In my never-ending pursuit of finding the perfect picture editor, PSIII almost makes my search complete. As you can see, the main console of the program is very appealing. The navigation of this software is made easy. With backwards and forwards buttons, the GUI gives you the look and feel of using an Internet browser. In

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PhotoSuiteIII & VideoWaveIII (Cont.)

addition, something that I am a big fan of is the hover instruction applet. This means I can find out very easily what a particular button will produce if I click on it. All I have to do is hover my mouse over the button and a brief description of the tool will appear. Pretty simple and when it comes to software, the simpler the better.

PSIII comes with a wide variety of tools and they are accessible at the main console. Six buttons take you from getting your photo's into your computer to creating some very professional results. Cropping, morphing, touching up, and rendering are standard in PSIII. But there are some really cool features built in as well. You can make calendars, family albums, invitations, business cards, signs, notices, and many more projects. On the business end, you can do a wide range of tasks from making business cards to using the built-in Avery standardized label generators. This software will also allow you to create and email photos right from within the program. There is even an on-line depository for sharing your photos over the Internet. PSIII runs on Win95, 98 and NT. WinNt must have service pack3 installed. Also Internet Explorer 5.0 is required and comes with the software. As far as system requirement's goes, it requires a minimum 166MMX processor, but 266MMX is recommended. 32 Megs of Ram is minimum. A 24 bit true color setting with a SVGA video card is required. Also, 80 MB Hard Drive Space, Plus 50 MB Hard Drive space for IE5 and DirectX 6 is required. The program ran without a hitch on my 400Mhz 128 Meg Ram laptop. I suspect it will run just the

same on a smaller machine. The software comes with a very easy to read manual, and there is a tech support number included as well. The price is very nice, and at the time of this review it was \$49.95 for this version.

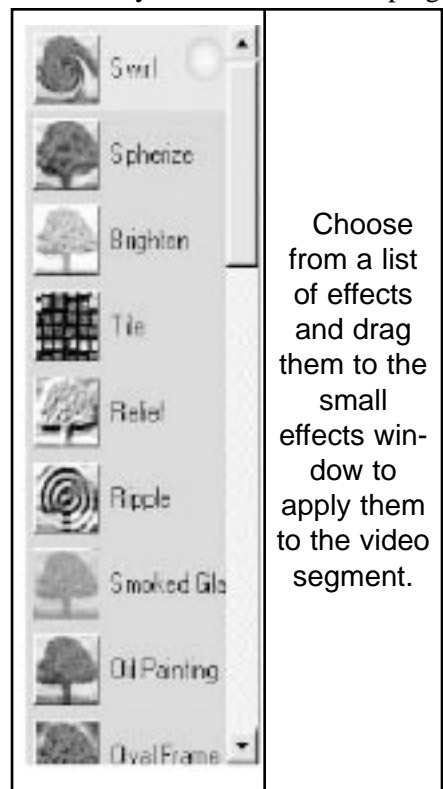


I found VideoWave III to be as equally well rounded.

After a few questions and a couple clicks of the mouse, I had the program installed and running. The overall installation only took about 5 minutes. After launching the software, I was greeted with another user-friendly interface. All-though VWIII does not use the Internet browser technology, I still found navigating through the program easy. This software also has an easy to read manual. Also, on-line help manuals are available as well. VSIII comes with a few .AVI clips to get you started. Dragging and dropping these clips into the preview window will get you use to the tools available to you. Everything begins in the Cutting Room. By dropping and dragging different clips into the main editing window, the user can manipulate the clips in a variety of ways. Adding text, creating effects, and making smooth transitions between clips can be accomplished

by using the Transition, Storyline, and the Producer options.

Special effects, such as fade in and fade out, wipe in and wipe out, swirl, smoke, and ripple are all available by the buttons placed conveniently within the interface. You can add audio to your videos using the Audio Studio feature Importing and exporting video's is easily accomplished in many different ways and formats. VWIII has the ability to work with digital video as well as analog video, taking full advantage of the new digital video technology available. One of my favorite features is the ability to create and send your avi's to a VHS tape. With the right type of video capture card, you can actually create videos and output them to your VHS tape to play later on your VCR. If you're into video taping



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Kentucky Harvest Y2K KIPCUG Clean Out!

Kentucky Harvest
1st Annual (And Only)
Y2K KIPCUG Clean Out

Trying to figure out what to do with 100 gallons of extra water and 200 pounds of freeze dried potatoes you brought home for 12/31/1999?

First take a bath.

Then come to KIPCUG's Kentucky Harvest Y2K Clean Out and bring that extra food with you.

Not only will you free up your spare bedroom (which was looking like a survivalist's catalogue store) but you will be feeding some hungry people in the Kentucky-Southern Indiana area.

In addition, you might actually learn how to turn your new (old) computer on, or how to fix its quirks (YES, WE DO WINDOWS), or how to make that internet connection faster (or for free), or what new

products are on the market and learn how they really work from people JUST LIKE YOU who use them.

Did you know that you could save the cost of membership in KIPCUG (a mere \$35) with the purchase of just 1 piece of software or hardware at the KIPCUG User Group Discount Pricing?

So, just going to the meeting might make you more productive, both personally and professionally.

By bringing food for Kentucky Harvest, you would be helping your whole community.

As you know Kentucky Harvest was established here in Louisville over 12 years ago and has collected almost 30 million pounds of food and has distributed it to over 100 different agencies in Louisville and Southern Indiana.

Kentucky Harvest has "food raisers" not "fund raisers" because it is an all volunteer organization of more than 1,000 volunteers each month.

You can help Harvest help your community and learn something about computers at the same time. (Not counting freeing up that spare bedroom!)

By the way - please dispose of those 30-30 ammunition shells someplace else along with those 50 gallons of diesel fuel, but we would take the unused generator for local disasters.

So COME ON OUT February 1, 2000 to the Kentucky Harvest 1st Annual (And Only)

Y2K KIPCUG Clean Out.

Busy Call Forwarding

by Pat Todd, KIPCUG

Do you have one telephone line? When you are on the phone or connected to the Internet your line is "busy" and you can't be reached. CALLWAVE solves the busy signal for \$1/month.

Located on the Internet, you go to www.callwave.com and download the program. It's an easy set-up.

The Internet Answering Machine works with the Busy Call Forwarding feature on your phone. While you are on line, Busy Call Forwarding routes your calls to the



Internet answering Machine via a toll-free number (1-800-380-4341).

Locate your local phone company and ask the service agent to set up "Busy Call Forwarding" on the phone line that you use to connect to the Internet.

I called BellSouth and they hooked me up within a couple

hours. It costs \$1.00 per month for this service. It is well worth it.

If you have Call Waiting ask them for the instructions to set it up with that also. All I did was go into setup when I went into the Internet and put a 70 in front of all my phone lines to disable my call waiting.

This has been the greatest help to me since I got this computer a couple of years ago.

Thanks for the tip goes to another KIPCUG member Jim Payne for suggesting it at one of our PigSig's.

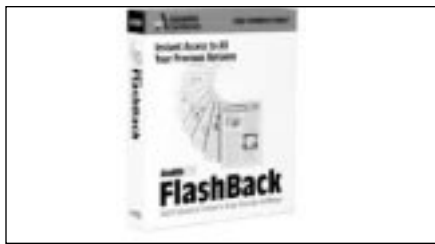
Alladdin Systems' Flashback

by Charley May, KIPCUG

No, it's not your worst nightmare over and over again, FLASHBACK is a software program designed to prevent your worst nightmares (lost data, or having to revise your work

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back to some previous point because something has changed. Alladdin FlashBack(TM) is the ultimate safety net for your important document that allows virtually unlimited undos. It's really simple to use!



Flashback is a new software program designed to make a large or small project easier to revert to previous stages of completion through its method of tracking your project along the way. FlashBack allows you to recreate any document just as it was when it was saved. Every time you save a FlashBack-protected file, you create a permanent record that you can go back to any time you want. Now your ability to "undo" changes is limited only by how often you save! Save as often as you like without falling victim to "saver's remorse!" We all make mistakes. FlashBack makes it painless to correct them.

The FlashBack program watches what you save. If you click on the disclosure triangle underneath the heading, it will open up so that you

can see all the dates and times you have modified that file. It shows you what the original document looked like and compares it to the modified version. It only saves the differences. Now at any time in the

future you can come back to any previously saved version of that document. If you double click on an earlier version, FlashBack will recreate the document at the time and date specified by the version. If you double click on the item itself at the top it will open up the original document.

With FlashBack you can save your important work as often as you like without the worry accidentally saving over something you wanted to keep a copy of. Now the waffler in all of us can "undo" in perpetuity. In your business do you ever have a client or boss who never knows what they want, and now they do? And it was an earlier version you

showed them? Now you can give it to them, instantly because you've got it. That is, if you buy FlashBack. Alladdin FlashBack Ver1.1 is \$49.95 from Alladdin or go to the Web site above and download a trial copy, use it, and make up your own mind. I think you will like it! Download a 30-day DEMO copy at trialware/index.html

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Looking Ahead - President's Corner

by Fred Soward, KIPCUG

As if we're all not busy enough, the Board of Directors has been doing overtime to bring a group of information-packed meetings to you over the next several months. If you've looked through the Program Director's report, you already know about most of what's ahead. However, I thought I'd throw in my two cents as well.

This month (February 2000), will see some very exciting things at our General Meeting. We reinforce our community service mission by partnering with Kentucky Harvest. What a great way to get rid of all those Y2K supplies we stashed in cupboards, closets, basements, and old 'puter cases? I'm willing to bet someone even stashed some cash in an old TRS-80 somewhere. <grin>

We also figured that once you clean out the Y2K stash and see how much room you have, you'll also want to get rid of some of those old computer relics. That is, unless you're planning to start a computer museum. <grin> Susan Moore, our Membership Director, is looking toward putting together a Spring Cleaning Swap Meet. She'll have the details, but I did want to let you know that it is in the works.

Other community service projects we're looking into include the Salvation Army and Atherton High School. The Salvation Army has specifically asked us to help with several projects. For more information on these volunteer opportunities, check out the Computer Volunteers Needed link on the KIPCUG WebSite. Steve Goldberg

is heading up the Speaker's Bureau. We occasionally receive requests from the community for speakers on various computer-related topics. If you are interested in being on the list, please contact Steve.

We'll also be running another audience survey at this month's General Meeting. We need your input to know how we're doing. We think we're doing great because no one's complaining. Of course, the other side of that is that no one's telling us because few even care anymore. That's what I'm personally concerned about. So, please be honest and provide useful comments and suggestions when you complete this survey.

Several people have asked for a back-to-basics to show how to setup a home network. Although we've discussed the basics before, we've never actually put a network together on stage. That's going to be tough for whoever does it because there's so much to cover and B2B is only 30 minutes at most. Not only that, there are a lot of options out there. At this month's B2B, you'll see some of the options and you'll see some of the challenges as well. If you've never setup your own network, this should be extremely informative. If you're a networking professional, try to remember back to when you were first starting out, trying to figure out the difference between Ethernet and Token Ring. I challenge all of you to write about your own networking experiences for upcoming issues of I/O. That includes "remembering back" to that first network for the professional networkers among us, to those who setup a home network as a

result of this month's B2B, and to anyone else who's been involved with networking along the way. That's where we are going - just about everything in sight is being connected to the rest of the world...

And, if that's not enough, did you see the special offer we've come up with for new members? The details are also on the KIPCUG WebSite. Well, it's really not for "new" members, but for current members who bring in new members. Until April 30, current KIPCUG members can earn a one-month extension of their membership for bringing in one new member. Multiply that one month times the number of new members signed up and we may have some really industrious people who become lifetime members almost overnight! <grin>

*Pinnacle
Systems*

Over the last year, we've seen many different graphics programs presented by several different software vendors. That's because we heard the request from you. Not all the vendors we asked to come to KIPCUG have come by to visit. One thing we haven't done is brought in any graphic hardware vendors. That is, until March 2000! With Pinnacle Systems, we bring one of the leaders in Video Editing hardware to our General Meeting. If you were at the January 2000 meeting, you heard Randy Whittle from MGI Graphics mention that he used their high-end product for video editing. I've talked with the Pinnacle Systems people thru EMAIL, I've visited their

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Caring About Your Community

by Winnie Miller, KIPCUG

Did you think KIPCUG members only sat in front of their mind intriguing ugly computers all day? The C in KIPCUG means computers. The C also means Caring about your community and helping others. It is the busy people that have the time for others in need.

Opportunities for helping others can range from a one shot deal to monthly or weekly investments in our community, neighbors, children and those in need of computer skills.

Many schools, boys and girl club, churches involved with seniors and youngsters needing computer help and skills are at your doorstep. Fingertips a better word. Abused people in shelters need training to survive on their own. Recently I was aware of the fact some abused people stay in shelters with their children as long as two years. An over-night shelter just meant that to me. However that is not the case. Whole families for various reasons could be sheltered over a year. The Center of Hope houses five different programs alone.

We have SIG Groups for many of our individual interests. Maybe we need a SIG Group just for the Caring KIPCUG members that could give of their time, their many talents and abilities. Phil Whitehouse is our Volunteer Coordinator. He scrambles for helpers at meetings that greet visitors, carry materials and man the many desks that are available for you when you attend a meeting. Steve Goldberg is in charge of our Speaker Bureau always looking for members that can speak about com-

puters at various places around the city. Now we are scrambling for other kinds of volunteers.

You are in charge of your time and desire to help others in the community.

KIPCUG needs you! Our community needs you.

At present there is a huge need from the Salvation Army Girls and Boys Club. This information from Rita Stern:

"THE SALVATION ARMY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

5 Locations

Hours: School year: Tuesdays through Fridays 2:30PM to 8PM

Saturday mornings

Summer hours: Monday through Friday 9 AM to 5PM

Ages 6 through 18

Every club has some sort of computer lab, most are small, underused and antiquated. Anyone who can configure and boot up a system would be welcome. None of the clubs have Internet access at this time, it is on the drawing board.

Volunteers working with children only must undergo a police background check. This is done through our headquarters located at 216 W. Chestnut St. It is free and takes 24 to 48 hours. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact my office or any of the clubs directly through the club director. (Only a signature for working with children is necessary here)

Magnolia Club, Stella Hill, director, 223 E. Magnolia St.

Newburg Club , Pat Depp, director
5020 Indian Trail

Parkland Club, Edna Graham,
director, 3200 Greenwood Ave.

Portland Club, Tony Goodwin,
director, 2509 Portland Ave.

South Louisville Club, Tom
Richmond, 1010 Beecher St.

We have other needs for people with computer skills for someone who can tutor the Development Department staff in using some marvelous programs that we have and don't use, like Paintworks and other graphics programs.

The Salvation Army runs 4 churches in Louisville. These are referred to as Corps. Each Corp has programs serving youth and the elderly in their neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are in "economically depressed" areas and the Corp provides counseling, financial and physical support and educational opportunities to anyone in addition to providing spiritual guidance. The Corps are ministered to by an officer or officer couple(ordained ministers). Any of the following officers would be glad to have a pair of helping hands at a keyboard:

Brook St. Corps, E Breckinridge
Portland Corps, 306 North 28th St.
Sanders Citadel, 1701 Payne St.
South Louisville, 1010 Beecher

Please contact me if there is ANYTHING I can do to facilitate this commitment.

Thank You, Rita Stern
Volunteer Coordinator 357-8533"
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Community

There are some recently received new computers in boxes waiting for one of you to help set it up. Is that down your alley? Yes, Virginia, there are people that can't set up a computer. Remember the day you set up your first computer? Do you have an old printer, computer, scanner you do not need? Am informed you can have a tax deductible of the full cost of any equipment you give to the Salvation Army.. This is Caring with a little perk hidden. That old 3.1 would help teach and comfort someone in need. A black and white printer may make the difference in a life. So soon we forget.

There are many ways you as a KIPCUG member could help. An hour out of your life, half day, a whole day, equipment, phoning others for help to name a few.

Who knows you may be invited to a summer pizza party just for being the C in KIPCUG. C for caring, C for capable, C for concerned. C for companionship, C for KIPCUG cooking on all four burners as volunteers..

C you soon helping others.
Be a volunteer!

Contact Phil Whitehouse,
Volunteer Coordinator for KIPCUG.

Note: KIPCUG is always looking for people that are willing to invest in their community. Drop Phil an E-mail at basicpop@aol.com

Swap Meet

ANNOUNCING THE FIRST EVER KIPCUG SWAP

Do you have computer related hardware, software, etc. that you would like to trade with someone else. At the general meeting on April 4, 2000 you can bring your item to swap. Because of restrictions by IUS this is limited to swaps only, since no money can be collected. You will be given an opportunity to post a description of your item before the meeting. You must retain possession of your item during the meeting. KIPCUG is not responsible for any items placed at the swap location at any time. Please, no junk.

Membership Special

MEMBER INCENTIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

For every new member that you convince to join KIPCUG from February 1-April 30, 2000 a current member will receive an extension of one (1) month of membership. Now is the time to talk to your friends and co-workers and invite them to join KIPCUG so that they can receive the benefit of the same great meetings and SIGs that you already have. The benefit is doubled if the new member is a corporate member. The only limitation is that the new member must not have been a member within the last year. The number of members that you can get credit for is limited only by your efforts

New KIPCUG Members

We welcome the following new members:

BOB KELLER
CAROLYN FORBES
CATHY TAGGART
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ERIC BLACK
GARY L NILES
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JONATHAN (JON) KELLER
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RAYMOND H BARNETT
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The SIG Scene

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

Meets 10:00 am on the 4th Saturday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at 635-1153 or jewel@win.net

ACCESS SIG "NEW"

Meets 10:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER York Stahmer at stahmer@yahoo.com

DELPHI SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER Larry West at 239-7378 or TheDelphiPerson@aol.com

GENEALOGY SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Louisville Free Public Library, Eline Branch, located in the St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd.
Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 or susankmoore@iname.com (www.win.net/mooresk)

HARDWARE SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 1st Monday of the month at the Louisville Free Public Library, Eline Branch, located in the St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd.
Contact SIG LEADER Grant McCormick at (wk) 266-9999 ext. 213, (home) 935-2497 or CO-LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or hardware@sig.win.net

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Friday of the month at the training center located in the CompUSA Louisville store at 825 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. (PIG SIG @ 8:30)
Contact SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan at 1-502-477-1639 or tpscan@bluegrass.net

INTERNET USER & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 4th Thursday of the month at 330-F Distillery Commons, in the Win.Net offices, at the corner of Lexington and Payne streets. Networking begins at 6:00 PM.
Contact SIG LEADER Glenn Fish at 589-6800 ext. 19 or fish@win.net

INVESTING SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club, Bowman Field. We do not discuss the merits of Mutual Funds.
Contact SIG LEADER Doc Viele at 452-6878 for details.

NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG "NEW"

Meets 10:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER Gary McKnight at 448-6165 or joey@eclipse-net.com

NEW USERS SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg. Pig SIG starts at approx. 8:30 PM.
Contact SIG LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net

OS/2 & OTHER 32-BIT OS SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 120 Webster in the Bakery Square Building, right next to the Butchertown Pub.
Contact SIG LEADER Art Atkinson at 589-7411 or aatkins@ibm.net

VISUAL BASIC SIG

Meets 7:00 PM. on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion at 479-8952 or mccampion@aol.com

WEBMASTER SIG

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Contact SIG LEADER Don Daub at 589-6800 ext. 18 or dondaub@win.net

WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG

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Contact SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead, 852-4761 (W), 375-4796 (H) or jim.travelstead@louisville.edu

SIG Director:

Interested in starting a new SIG? Comments or feedback regarding any of our current SIGs? Give Charley a call or drop him an E-mail.
Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

The SIG Scene (cont.)

by Charley May, SIG Director

"HEADLINE NEWS"

KIPCUG started the Millennium with two "NEW " SIGs! On January 8, 2000, KIPCUG's NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG and the "NEW" ACCESS SIG (without programming) had their first meetings, read more below.

KIPCUG SIGs is looking for people interested in attending a VISUAL FoxPro SIG. At the present time there are 4 or 5 people interested in finding others to study Visual FoxPro with. If you are interested please Email "sig@win.net" with your name, preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the possible formation of a SIG (please type "Visual FoxPro SIG?" in the subject line).

KIPCUG SIGs are looking for people interested in attending a DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG. At the present time there are several people interested in finding others that want to learn about Desktop Publishing. If you are interested please Email "sig@win.net" with your name, preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the dates, times and formation of a DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG (please type "DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG?" in the subject line).

KIPCUG SIGs is looking for people young and old, interested in attending a GAMES SIG. At the present time there are a half dozen people interested in finding others to play and learn about games with. We have a meeting place with a

large screen projector so sharp that you can see every pixel! If you are interested please Email "sig@win.net" with your name, preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the schedule for formation of a GAMES SIG (please type "GAMES SIG?" in the subject line).

Could you lead a SIG on Spreadsheet Design and Implementation! KIPCUG SIGs are looking for a leader to head a Spreadsheet D & I SIG, should have experience in multiple spreadsheet programs, design knowledge of formulas a must.

Now this months SIG SCENE!

ACCESS (with) Programming SIG

The ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG will meet on January 22, 2000, at New Horizons Computer Learning Center. The regular 4th Saturday meeting with John Kilpatrick will assume a good working knowledge of Access and focus more on issues involving programming and techniques.

The January meeting will start our take-home Project a "Contact Manager Plus" with super bells and whistles. We will enhance your Project with special features of your choice that are unavailable with Access alone and must be programmed with SQL or VBA. John will show you in detail on the NHCLC classroom computers exactly how to add these features

during the coming months. These concepts can be applied to participants other projects and could be useful at the office. Please bring a floppy so that you can take home your project. Future sessions will include special features that require programming.

In February, we will continue with the Contact Manager Plus.

The topic for March will be preparing graphs from Access and more development of our project.

ACCESS SIG (without programming)

The New ACCESS SIG with its New SIG LEADER York Stahmer meet for the first time on January 8, 2000. The New SIG will continue to meet on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to noon at New Horizons Computer Learning Center. The new SIG will focus on more basic skills in using Access and the built-in tools and wizards. We have room for 20+ attendees and computers loaded with MS Access for each attendee.

In the January 8, 2000 meeting, York started our take-home Project a "Contact Manager", which we will continue to enhance during the coming months. York covered the information that you might want to include in your own contact manager, a nice project for the new millennium. He lead will lead a discussion of how to organize the various pieces of information in different tables and how they are related and

The SIG Scene (cont.)

might be retrieved efficiently. This will be a project that each Attendee can work on with their own ideas, tailoring it to their own specific needs. This project is just starting, so bring your ideas and requirements to the February meeting and get started on your own Contact Manager. Please bring a floppy so that you can take home your project.

The February presentation by TEAM MEMBER Susan Moore will cover making forms and reports both with and without the wizard. Please bring any favorite books on Access to share titles and impressions. We will also continue work on the Contact Manager project.

DELPHI SIG

The DELPHI SIG met on December 15, 1999, always the third Wednesday of every month, at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center. We discussed Y2K problems and how to work around them using Delphi and talked about our upcoming project. The meeting was concluded with a small Christmas Party.

In January, we will go back to our discussion of the certification topics. If you are interested in certification or all the things one must know to be at the "certified level" of knowledge, please attend and see if you find this segment interesting and productive.

Pick up a few Delphi tips!

GENEALOGY SIG

The GENEALOGY SIG did not meet in December due to the holidays.

The GENEALOGY SIG will hold its January meeting at its regular location the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. SIG LEADER Susan Moore's presentation will cover the Fourth in a short series of more basic topics on inputting information into TMG, covering Emigration / Immigration Records, where to search, entering information and documenting citations

In February Susan will cover the last in a short series of basic topics on inputting information into TMG on Cemeteries, Military and City Directories.

The March meet will start a short series on how to get started if you have never researched or organized your family history. This session will include tips and hints for new and established researchers.

We are looking for suggestion for additional topics for the series.

SIG LEADER Susan Moore and all of the SIG's attendees are looking for YOU to join the SIG at a future meeting. We have room for more attendees and now have a large screen Projector (much clearer) for presentations. If you need details on how to get to the SIG, go to "www.win.net/mooresk".

HARDWARE SIG

The January 3, 2000 meeting was cancelled as the presenter was sent out of town on business.

The February 7, 2000 meeting will be on scanners, if you got one for Christmas and have questions, bring the manual and your questions.

The March 6, 2000 meeting topic will be announced.

If you have a HARDWARE problem that you would like to bring to the meeting to hopefully be solved, PLEASE call one of the phone numbers listed in the proceeding SIG Directory to get in the queue and so that HARDWARE TEAM Members can be prepared to handle your problem. With this advance planning you may not have to bring, as much of your computer equipment with you and the HARDWARE TEAM will be better prepared to help you.

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG

(NEW - Geared for users with some experience)

The January 21, 2000 meeting will be on the third Friday of the month, at 6:30PM and will revisit Y2K issues and address whether problems revealed in the first 3 weeks of the New Year require greater attention. We will quickly go back over what we learned about how the operating system builds itself up,

The SIG Scene (cont.)

and revisit the MSCONFIG controls that allows us to control unexpected system conflicts. We can then start looking at the files the system creates when tracking errors, like the Boot log file, the modem log, the ppp log and the Windows error log. We will use SCANDISK, SCANREG to verify the system. Time permitting, we will begin looking at removing and adding system hardware and drivers.

In February the meeting will continue the theme of system troubleshooting, looking at the Windows Control Panel and the many tools it has. The Modem diagnostics Display, Network and System settings and properties panels all control elements of windows after it is loaded. A special add-in TWEAKUI offers control of several windows recovery and error logging features.

The March meeting will develop a checklist of these tools, to attack and resolve errors when they occur.

INTERNET USER AND TELECOM SIG

The December 2, 1999 meeting featured SIG LEADER Glenn Fish's presentation on how companies are using wireless technologies for their voice and data need.

January, February and March topics to be announced.

INVESTING SIG

SIG LEADER Doc Viele conducts the investing discussions that have been going on since 1986. There were 15 attendees at the January INVESTING SIG meeting. Attendees spontaneously discussed trust and inheritance this month.

Next SIG Meeting will include general information on investing and the usual information exchange.

This is not an investment club; they DO NOT discuss mutual funds.

NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG

The New NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG meets the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to noon at New Horizons Computer Learning Center. New SIG LEADER Gary (Joey) McKnight held the first meeting of the New NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG on Saturday, January 8, 2000. Joey got off to a roaring start with 14 attendees that seem eager to learn more about NT. Joey and the SIG established the future direction of the group. There was also some discussion on the advantages of NT certification in the furtherance of ones professional endeavors. The group also discussed the advantages of various publishers course work.

The February 5, 2000 meeting will cover the first part of the two to

three part series of discussions on Network Essentials.

NEW USERS SIG

The January 10, 2000 meeting was held at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center and SIG LEADER Charley May continued the "return to the basics" started in October. Charley reviewed file and folder organizing and manipulation operations in MS Explorer and answered question on the "take home" examples that attendees practiced with at home, to give them more experience. The presentation and "hands on" the NHCLC computers examples gave attendees a chance to try the "when, where, why and how to use them" methods, as well as a take home practice project.

The February 14, 2000 meeting will quickly go back over what we learned last month and answer any questions that came up during home practice. Then we will learn how the many functions of the Toolbar work with what we previously learned and a few keyboard shortcuts thrown in too. Remember to bring floppy disk to store the next lesson.

In March we will review past subjects, answering any question that come up after attendees have had a chance to practice at home, then we will build on these skills

If you want to be on the NEW USERS SIG email notice list, send your name, phone and preferred email address to "sig@win.net" and we will add you to the list.

The SIG Scene (cont.)

OS/2 & OTHER 32-BIT OS's

December Meeting was canceled due to holidays.

KIPCUG Member, if you are interested in OS/2, NT or LINUX, please consider attending Art Atkinson's SIG held at 120 Webster in the Bakery Square Building.

January, February and March topics to be announced.

Future meetings will resume in January 25, 2000 and will continue to see broader 32 BIT OS coverage, moving into NT and LINUX Operating Systems.

New attendees should e-mail or call SIG Leader Art Atkinson at 589-7411 or "aatkins@ibm.net" for meeting details. All meetings cover OS/2 tips, problems and shortcuts.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The VB SIG met as usual on the second Thursday at 7:00 PM, January 13, 2000, at New Horizons Computer Learning Center. SIG Leader Martin Campion, made two presentations. The first was a demo of a graphics library called FastGraph (FG) which allows the VB Programmer to do some very cool stuff with graphics. FG allows the setting up of "virtual buffers" which contain graphics information that can then be transferred among sections or to the screen. Martin

showed the attendees some of the examples that come with FG, including a fish tank with tropical fish swimming around in it. Martin then demonstrated a more complicated program he wrote, using FG to scroll around on a map of the US which was about 4 times the size of the screen, with several layers of information on the map.

The second demo was of the MS Chart Control that a member of the group had expressed an interest in. This control allows the quick placement and manipulation of a 2D or 3D graph with labels, etc. on a VB Form.

If YOU have ANY interest in learning VB or think YOU might be interested, please come to this SIG and give it a try.

WEBMASTER SIG

The January 20, 2000 meeting will cover Web Site development tools & helpful Web Sites. We will have a group discussion about the Web Site development tools that we are each currently using, and we'll also take a look at some popular Web Sites, as well as some that are new to the Web Site development arena. Bring a friend!

The February 17, 2000 meeting will be jumping' with the presence of the folks from LeapFrog, a local web development company that offers "visionary solutions to web challenges".

On March 16, 2000 Don's Guest

Presenter is Mr. Rick Tur of Tur Consulting. Rick's presentation will be on Website backend database interfacing.

WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG

SIG Leader Jim Travelstead held the December 27, 1999, meeting of the WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG at COMP USA's Training Center; it was the last meeting of the Millennium for all KIPCUG SIGs. Jim's presentation was on MS Outlook 97, 98, looking at the Contact section, the Calendar section and the Email function. Jim answered members' specific questions brought to the meeting with his usual thoroughness.

Remember to bring your W, W & E problem(s) and get an answer from the Guru himself, SIG Leader, Jim Travelstead!

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MEETING

MGI Software, a market leader in photo and video editing software, kicked off the year 2000. Randy Whittle gave an excellent presentation that was informative and educational.



MGI Software, a market leader in photo and video editing software, presented by Randy Whittle on January 4, 2000

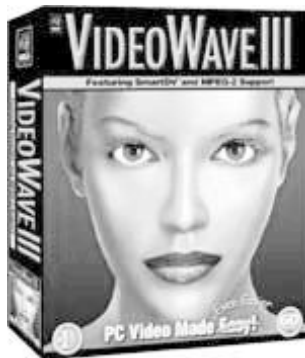
If you were interested in digital photography or digital video but didn't think you could afford it, two market-leading products from MGI Software, MGI PhotoSuite III and MGI VideoWave III, will certainly give you unlimited options when it comes to your photos and videos.



MGI PhotoSuite III is a complete PC photography solution. It is a fast, easy way to edit, enhance, and organize your photos while giving you a creative freedom you've

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never had before. Randy covered the basic functions showing how to turn your photos into greeting cards or incorporate them into personal calendars, web pages, family letters, and share them with others via email or on the Internet. He brought current MGI PhotoSuite users up to speed with PhotoSuiteIII's newest features. Randy "stitched" 3 separate photos together to create a panoramic photo. PhotoTapestry creates a photo made from 1500 different small photos. You may have seen posters for sale created using this new technique.



With MGI VideoWave III, you can now capture, edit, and produce your own videos on your PC. Randy actually produced a short video during his presentation. The video combined several short segments that he brought together using VideoWaveIII's build-in transitions. Designed for the average user, you can edit your family VCR tapes, combine just the best sections, bring in a few still photos, overlay with a sound track and finish by adding titles and credits. At under \$100,

we don't know why you wouldn't want MGI's Video WaveIII in your "tool box!"

Randy held a drawing for the KIPCUG members in attendance Tuesday night and gave away several copies of MGI software. He also gave the rest of us the opportunity to take home a copy of PhotoSuiteIII and VideoWaveIII at User Group pricing. Major Discounts!!!

Check out www.mgisoft.com for complete information and an on-line demo of all MGI products.

Thank you MGI and Randy Whittle!



Dave Puckett was honored at the January meeting. He has decided to take a seat in the audience and enjoy his KIPCUG membership from the other side of the podium.

Dave has been hosting our "User-To-User" segment for several years. He was one our first Presidents and has promoted KIPCUG since it started.

"Pucketted" - verb meaning that you have just volunteered!

Association of Shareware Professionals

By Harold Holmes

The Association of Shareware Professionals - A Primer

The Association of Shareware Professionals (ASP) was formed in April 1987 to strengthen the future of try-before-you-buy software as an alternative to conventional retail software.

Today, it's a vibrant international organization with almost 700 shareware authors, distributors, and marketers who can help shareware professionals create and run their businesses. The ASP's members create and market some of the finest software available today.

ASP members' software spans the spectrum, from high-quality accounting and inventory programs for business, to award-winning utilities and games for all computer users. While some of our members' programs, such as WinZip and Paint Shop Pro, are international best-sellers, there are thousands of other excellent business tools, Internet applications, games, educational programs, graphics and multimedia programs that are top-shelf, and available at moderate prices.

Shareware is a method of software distribution, and not a type of program. In fact, try-before-you-buy software is being discovered by traditional "shelfware" companies, and will soon dominate the marketplace.

If you're looking for moderately priced, high-quality software, please visit the ASP's web site at [c](http://www.asp-shareware.org). You can do a keyword search and, for

most programs, you can purchase them securely online, directly from the author's web site. Or you can visit our members' web sites and download free trial version of their programs. We encourage you to try our software before you buy it.



Do you have questions about specific shareware programs, or about shareware in general? The ASP maintains a public newsgroup on our news server. You're welcome to visit the newsgroup, and post your questions or comments. Hundreds of our members visit this newsgroup every month, and would be happy to try to answer your questions. Just point your web browser to news://news.asp-shareware.org/asp.Public_Discussion

ASP members are always looking for beta testers. They need people who would be interested in trying their programs before they're ready for prime time. Beta testers get to see programs months before anybody else, get their ideas incorporated into the programs, and most end up with a free copy of the program for their efforts. If you'd like to become a beta tester, visit our public newsgroup, and post a message that mentions the types of programs that you're interested in.

If you're a software developer, we hope you'll consider joining the ASP. We offer a wealth of information about how to start a software business and how to market share-

ware, as well as technical programming information. Our members-only newsgroup has more than 22,000 messages on threads about all areas of program development and marketing. ASP members are always eager to help other ASP members.

We hope you'll visit the ASP web site, and try some of our members' fine software.

- Harold Holmes, President

The Association of Shareware Professionals
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Looking Ahead (cont.)

WebSite, and I've talked to several people in the area who use their products. It looks to me like they truly do have products aimed at just about every level of user. If you're trying to figure out how to make that family video album or how to transfer all those years of video tapes onto CD, this is definitely going to be a meeting you need to attend! I know many of you bought the VideoWave software from Randy in January. If you don't already have a video capture board to use with that product, or if you're looking for a quality video editing product, be sure to check out Pinnacle Systems at the March 2000 meeting.

While we're talking about graphics and the like, you should know that there's a Graphics and Desktop Publishing SIG in the works. We've been talking about this for about a year now and, with Schoun Regan's help, it looks like it just might happen in the next few months. Keep checking "The SIG Scene" and Charlie May, our SIG Director, let you know when it happens. If you're really interested, though, send him an EMail and let him know. That way, once it does become a reality, you'll be among the very first to know that yet another KIPCUG SIG is a GO!

Executive Software

The other presentation at the March 2000 General Meeting will be from Executive Software. They are best known for Diskkeeper, a disk defragmentation utility for Microsoft Windows NT. It is the

product I personally go with every time I need to defragment an NT system and it's the one I recommend without hesitation. Although I've used competitor's products much longer for non-NT systems, this is the only one I trust on anything "NT." My personal horror story is that I did use a competitor's product (designed for NT) once and only once to defragment an NTFS drive on an Exchange Server. Toast, absolute toast, when I was done. <sigh> Could not, would not, boot to NT on restart. Good thing I was familiar with my tape restore utility! <grin> After restoring, defragmented the same machine with Diskkeeper and there were no problems. Another product they have available is Undelete. I've had good success with it the few times I've used it. Until now, only NT machines benefitted from Executive Software's excellent products. With version 5.0, released last Fall, both products are available for Windows 95, 98, and NT. Diskkeeper was also the first utility fully certified by Microsoft for Windows 2000. I've used it on all the aforementioned systems. The only problem I ran into was with an older copy of Windows 95 and Internet Explorer 4.0. It really wants IE 5.0, but will work with IE4.01. There are other technical issues dealing with DCOM for the techno-nerds among us that I won't go into here. Suffice it to say that for that one installation, it just didn't load correctly. Diskkeeper is looking to load in a Microsoft Management Console (MMC) and IE4.0 on an older version of Windows 95 just won't cut it. There are workstation/stand-alone versions of the software as well as server-based versions. One of the

most exciting features of the server-based Diskkeeper product is being able to reach across a network and analyze the fragmentation of a user's drive across a network. Then, once that is determined, being able to remotely defragment a user's hard drive without the person's interaction or, better yet, set it up for after-hours, unattended defragmentation. And, it works! <grin> For those in the know, the light version of Diskkeeper is included in Windows 2000.

That's a lot of activity! Your part in this agreement is to tell us if we're on the right track. We believe we are, because most of the above is a direct result of y'all asking. What else? Well, we really need your support to pull off these events at a level the community's come to expect of KIPCUG. Come to the meetings, participate in the activities, and promote the group to others in the community. Our number one mission, as stated in the bylaws, is to educate. That's what we're doing with all of this. Hope to see you soon!

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MGI (cont.)

events, then software will make even the most novice user look like a professional. I was amazed at all this software has to offer and for the price you can't beat it. MGI has hit a homerun with giving the user the ability to save their work with the MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 formats at such a low cost. \$99.00 is the cost for this software and I highly recommend it! The system requirements are a bit beefier than required for the PSIII product. VWIII will run on Win95, 98, NT. Win98SE is recommended if you are going to any digital video work. 266Mhz processor is recommended 350 Mhz for digital video. 64 Megs of Ram minimum, 128 recommended for any DV work. Capture card, SVGA video card, and 16-bit sound card are required for any special DV work as well.

There you go, this software is available at CompUSA and on the Internet at www.mgisoft.com. Also for KIPCUG members only, there is a bundled package price for both PhotoSuiteIII and VideoWaveIII available on the KIPCUG website (www.kipcug.org) for \$89.00 for both. As for my take on these products, I would recommend these programs to both novice and the more advanced computer user. Great job to the MGI developer team for putting together these programs and delivering it to our computers for such an economical price!

KIPCUG Membership is required for the special pricing at www.kipcug.org. You may send in your purchase upon sending in your application on the next page to the Louisville address listed on the form.

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The following members have volunteered to provide assistance to any current member on these topics:

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