Letters

Since no one wrote any letters for this issue (an editor’s lot is sometimes a lonely one), I decided to use this space to tell you about a few of the people who have volunteered their time to make this magazine possible.

For example, Dr. Harold Stone. When he’s not making a living as a professor of computer science at Stanford University, he’s the energetic technical editor of COMPUTER. It’s Harold’s job to line up the “guest editor” for the special emphasis feature in each issue (in this one it’s “Performance Evaluation”) and to make sure the magazine maintains its general overall technical excellence. He also reviews unsolicited manuscripts and finds time to write a book review or line up a special applications article on some significant advances in the industry. Building on the work of Dr. Richard Fuller and Dr. William Davidow, COMPUTER’s two previous technical editors, Harold has arranged for articles on our profession that have proven of great interest and lasting value to our readers.

Every day about two to three inches of news releases extolling the virtues of practically every conceivable product in the electronics field pile up on my desk. After an initial scrutiny here, the are delivered en masse to Cecil Frost, editor of COMPUTER’s New Products and New Applications columns. Cecil rummages through these great stacks of paper, and based on his analysis of the interests of Computer Society members, carefully selects and edits the material that finally appears in print. Cecil is a senior consultant with the Southern California based firm of Compata, Inc.

Our resident iconoclast is Jim Haynes who edits the Cookbook and serves up the St. Patrick’s Almanack at irregular intervals. Somehow, in a corner of the Computer Center at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Jim splices together some helpful hints, a pithy aphorism or two, an occasional letter from a reader and other miscellaneous. Jim is a mail freak — even receiving a seed catalog addressed to Occupant turns him on — so, if you have comments or contributions for his column, drop him a line. With wistful optimism, he puts his address at the beginning of each Cookbook column.

A special thank you goes to Harry Larson who for many years has acted as both writer and editor for the column, The Forum on Social Implications. Harry is involved in product planning at CalComp as well as other commitments. Because of increased activity at work and his commitments, Harry is reluctantly giving up the stewardship of this important column and is now assisting in the search for a new editor. We hope to have the Forum back on-line in the near future.

There are many volunteers who have made and are making significant contributions to COMPUTER but these are the regulars — the guys who have been around from the days when we were the Computer Group News. I want to thank them all for their support, energy and enthusiasm.

John Kirkley
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Update

Information
for the computer professional

COMPCON 72 To Present Computer Design Innovations

“Innovative Computer Architecture” is the theme of COMPCON 72, the sixth annual IEEE Computer Conference, scheduled for September 12-14 in San Francisco.

Approximately 1200 professionals are expected at the 18 sessions which are organized into four sub-topics. These are: Case Studies of Major Computer Systems; Computer Subsystems and Technology; System Analysis, Design Tools and Performance Measurement; and Evolving Computer Architecture.

“The net effect of this arrangement is to give participants the equivalent of four conferences for the price of one,” according to Tracy Storer, conference organizer.

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M. Morris Mano
California State College at Los Angeles

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