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Welcome to the age of the computer in the home! Future meetings will be held the third thursday of each month at 7 P.M. in Room 200 Turner Hall, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, Normal, IL. Future dates include December 20, January 17, February 21, and March 21, 1985.

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The program for December will consist of:

- \* Our normal business meeting.
- \* "Compuserve Overview" by Bill Hull
- \* Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings.

XXXXX PRESIDENTS NOTES XXXXX

Over a year has come and gone since TI announced that they were getting out of the home computer business and many people at the time were predicting gloom and doom. These people predicted that hardware and software would be discontinued, retailers would stop selling TI products, support of our computer by publishers would diminish and many would be stuck with a useless computer.

Well, Have their predictions come true? I personally feel that the answer is NO! Sure, you can't go accross town and walk in and buy the latest and greatest TI product but when you think back, there really wasn't much around anyway. If you take the time to look at the box of mail we get each month then I'm sure you'll agree that vendors are still willing to service TI owners. There are also more books and monthly publication than ever before. Is your computer useless? That my friend depends on YOU!

But what about next year you might ask? Well, again I must tell you that it depends on you. If you, the TI owner, continue to buy hardware and software vendors will continue to support you. If you continue to buy books and magazines then publishers will continue to publish. If you don't share your purchased software then a viable market will continue to exist. Most of all, if you continue to use your computer it will continue to provide you with enjoyment.

Is the 99/4A doomed? Only time will tell.....

Bill Hull

NOVEMBER MICRONEWS SKIPPED... Once again your editor was called out of town about the time he would have normally published the MICRONEWS. Instead of slaving over a hot computer I was having a great time seeing New Orleans and attending a conference on Human Resource Management. I'm sure most of you understand that the job comes first but for those who have a concern due to a lack of a newsletter, I can only say I'M SORRY.

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED LAST MONTH... In accordance with the bylaws of our constitution, new officers were elected during the month of November. The officers for 1985 are:

President - Brian McFeeters

Vice Pres. - Sid Smart

Secretary - Ed Torbert

Treasurer - Ray Hinrichsen

The 1985 officers will assume their new positions in January.

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COMPUTER FAIR JANUARY 11-13... For the third year in a row MICRO will take it's place at the College Hills Mall computer fair. Last year we were ranked by mall officials as having the most interesting display during the three day event. Aubrey Johnson has been named chairman of this year's organizing committee and he is still looking for individuals to spend a couple of fun filled hours showing off the TI. If you would like to help please see Aubrey at our next meeting or you can call him during the evening at 309-452-3210.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BEGINS IN JANUARY... Membership renewal for 1985 will began at the January meeting. Any current member who fails to renew his or her membership prior to the April meeting will be deleted from the membership roster. Any of our out of state members who wish to continue there memberships may ask for a membership renewal form via U. S. Mail.

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LIBRARY TAPES OVERDUE... It has been brought to my attention that there are several members who have checked tapes out of the library and have never returned them. Please check your tape libraries to see if you have any of these software packages. If you can not return them in person please send them to our Post Office box. Names of all individuals still holding delinquent library tapes after the first of the year will be listed in the MICRONEWS.

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MISSING HARDWARE... It seem that the RF modulators to the computers owned by the club and your's truely have disaappeared. No one wants to accuse anyone of taking this equipment but we would like to have these modulators returned. Please check your hardware boxes to see if one of these modulators got mixed up with any of your equipment. If we have to replace these modulators the club will be out \$50 - \$60 and that's money the club can't afford to spend. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.