

Computer Alliance announces line especially for colleges

THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMPUTING CONSORTIUM-- Computer Alliance, a company that markets computers exclusively to the college and university community, announces three new computers built especially for the needs of the educational community. Computer Alliance sells most of the "major brand" computers, but felt there was a strong need for less expensive IBM-compatible equipment for the students, faculty, and colleges. A free catalog showing all products offered may be obtained by writing computer alliance, 3030 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965.

All three new machines are strictly compatible, both hardware and software, with similar IBM equipment. All three have one year limited warranties, four times the industry-standard warranties. All are serviced by a National Service Center.

The Alliance XT is a 640K, one floppy-drive computer that is fully compatible with the IBM XT, and costs \$850 in basic configuration, without a monitor. Up to three additional drives can be added--floppies hard drives, tape backups.

The Alliance Portable is a 640K portable with one floppy drive,

selling for \$1,195. An additional floppy drive or hard drive can be added. As an important feature for traveling students or faculty, the portable has an external monitor jack, so regular-sized monitor can be used on the road.

The Alliance 286 completes the new Alliance family of computers aimed at the educational community. An exact clone of the IBM AT, the Alliance 286 is based on the new 80286 faster chip design. It is 5.6 times faster and more powerful than the IBM PC. And the cost is roughly the same as the IBM PC-- \$1,795 for a one-floppy, 512K system without a monitor. Additional floppies, hard drives, tape back-ups, monitors, and other equipment can be added. In addition, memory can be expanded to 3 megabytes.

John Palomaki, Director of Marketing, made the following comments: "We felt the time had come for the educational community to have more computing options, especially lower-cost, full-function equipment. Students and faculty were simply paying too much for "name-brand" equipment, when we knew full well that "compatibles" offered much more for the money. People are now accustomed to buying

"generic" products and getting more for their money. So we imported these machines as "generic" microcomputers. This means a dramatic price break without sacrificing quality."

Campus representatives, faculty or staff members on the campus, work with Computer Alliance to help potential buyers determine their needs, configure equipment, and make wise purchasing decisions. Representatives are paid, on a commission basis, to be the local liaison with the students and faculty. Some campuses have unpaid "coordinators" who distribute information about Computer Alliance but do not help with customer contacts, and are not paid commissions. We invite inquiries from individuals who might wish to serve as either commissioned representatives, or as unpaid coordinators.

Computer Alliance started three years ago as a non-profit organization to help liberal arts colleges obtain large-volume discounts on equipment. It expanded dramatically, reorganized in the Summer of 1985 as a regular corporation, started serving all types of colleges and universities, and now handles seven brands of computers, and dozens of printers, terminals, and other equipment.

Safety Tips: Buckle up

by Todd Allen
Division of Police and Safety

All occupants of motor vehicles should wear safety belts while the vehicle is being operated. The following will present several reasons why this is a good idea.

Insurance companies have indicated that if safety belts had been worn, many motor vehicle accident injuries and deaths may have been avoided. Safety belts may prevent occupants from being thrown out of a vehicle, thus eliminating the vehicles' frame as a protective shell. In addition, studies have shown that occupants of vehicles involved in accidents that do not wear safety belts are thrown around inside the vehicle, hitting windshields, steering columns, dashboards, seats and the like. Remember that the occupants are going the same speed as the vehicle and unlike the motor vehicle, do not have a set of brakes to stop with. The safety belt acts like a set of brakes to stop the occupants.

Several insurance companies give extra coverage to their insured wearing safety belts while occupants of motor vehicles. Check with your automobile insurance carrier to see if they offer this incentive.

Next, many state laws require occupants of motor vehicles to wear safety belts while the vehicle is being driven, thus the police will issue traffic tickets to those not conforming, involving fines and costs. Pennsylvania has a mandatory child restraint law which says all children under the age of four years of age transported in a motor vehicle must be secured in an approved child restraint system.

In addition, the driver of a motor vehicle is responsible for the safety of the occupants and may be held liable for their injury. Because of this, drivers should demand that all occupants wear safety belts.

Finally, safety belts may be a little inconvenient and some injuries or deaths may not be avoided by the wearing of them, however, your chances are better if you wear them. Injury and death can happen to anyone, anytime as 50,000 people are killed in motor vehicle accidents annually with many more than that number injured. Since an accident may pop up out of any situation, be ready by wearing your safety belt.

—Health Tips—

Mononucleosis increasing in incidence

Health Center--Infectious Mononucleosis is a common disease and is increasing in incidence, but does not 'spread like wildfire'. The largest number of reported cases are in the 15-24 year old age group, but can occur at any age.

The cause is thought to be a virus.

The onset is characterized by sudden, irregular fever, sore throat, swollen neck glands, and occasionally, a rash on the trunk or upper arms, or jaundice. An in-

creased need for sleep is common. None of these symptoms seldom last over one or two weeks.

Those who suspect they may have "mono" should seek medical advice and have a blood test done.

Activity can be resumed as soon as one feels well enough. In fact, those who resume activity seem to throw off the clinical signs sooner than those who are inactive.

The idea that mono is a chronic disease with frequent relapses is false.

Tom Ridge visits

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The lecture will last approximately twenty-five minutes with a fifteen minute question and answer period immediately following. The students will have about fifteen minutes to talk to the Congressman on a one-to-one basis following the question session.

"Most students have never met a congressman. It would be nice for students to get in touch with their government," said Dr. Redenius. "Students who have come to his seminars before were never disappointed and the students that didn't attend--wished they had."

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