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PRESS RELEASE

COMPUTER MAIL NETWORKING

Western Front, 303 East 8th Ave.,
Sunday April 1, 1979 - 9:00am to 4:00pm
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The Western Front is participating in a computer networking experiment called "Interplay: Computer Dialogue/Interactive Communications", as part of the Computer Communications Workshop, hosted by the COMPUTER CULTURE EXPOSITION, Toronto, Canada. In cooperation with the I.P. Sharp Associates Computer Communications Network (IPSA): Mail-box and multi-point Confer systems to be donated. Workshop Coordinator: Bill Bartlett, Direct Media Association, Pender Island.

You are invited to participate in a computer communications workshop to be held Sunday, April 1, 1979. Twenty-two centres and individuals from Australia, North America, Britain and Europe are being invited to take part in this dialogue on the use of "electronic mail" and interactive computer communications. With the cooperation of I.P. Sharp Associates, Toronto, a special arrangement has been made for free access to the IPSA network on April 1, between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Vancouver time.

Workshop themes deal with the feasibility of ongoing interactive communications: time, space and dialogue. Participants will discuss a long range focus for computer communications, how to use such a system (interaction versus unilateral thinking) and "Electronic Mail" and its effects on communications. The most important aspect of the workshop is the actual communication with others.

As, in the past, the artists at the Western Front were among the first in Canada to use the mail service for interactive art networking on a shared image and idea level, we now request your participation with us in electronic mail networking on a creative, idea level. To date we will be "on line" with other centres in Vancouver, Victoria, Toronto, San Francisco, Houston, New York City, Vienna.

Mr. Ola Juvkam-Wold at the Data Terminal Mart 365 East Broadway in Vancouver has generously agreed to assist us by installing a hard-print terminal for the duration of the experiment on April 1, which will enable us to communicate with the other centres.

The Western Front phone, 876-9343 will not be operational for incoming calls on the above date because it will be in use as the carrier for the terminal information. If you are interested in participating or viewing the process please try to attend on April 1. If you can't come in person but want to take part, consider phoning in a message that we can relay for you to one or all of the centres. Please use this phone # 876-1548 for this between 9:00am and 4:00pm.

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