

The Mollie Thompson lecture

Colin Steele delivered the 1996 Mollie Thompson Memorial Lecture at the State Library of New South Wales in May and it's now available on the 'net at http://www.anu.edu.au/caul/knit_one.htm. It's a typical address from Colin — full of interesting anecdotes and intriguing ideas and it reads very well, but you do miss some of the breathless enthusiasm of his delivery.



Kerry Webb

There's a lot to think about in this discourse on the organisation of knowledge on the Internet, not least in the way that this Web version is presented. How often in reading a paper have you looked at a footnote and wished to be able to follow it up then and there? Well, wish no more. Colin's paper has hypertext links to most of the references.

But (not surprisingly) it's what he has to say that makes the biggest impression. He makes a strong plea for library professionals to get involved in the 'net developments, but I have the feeling that we've been hearing this for too long without any indication that we have actually contributed to the big developments. Sure, we've been prominent in the groups working on metadata work, but who knows about it? And how many librarians are involved in Yahoo! and AltaVista? Colin has made some good points in this address, but unless the rest of the world hears about what we are offering and accepts our offers, we've missed our chance.

EBSCO on the 'net

EBSCO Australia's Subscription Services Home Page at <http://www.ebsco.com/essau/welcome.htm> features information about what they can offer. Don't look for fancy graphics there — just the facts. It's a good professional presentation.

Censorship matters

The situation with censorship of the Internet is somewhat clearer following the meeting of the Commonwealth and State Attorney-Generals in July. The New South Wales legislation which had been proposed as the model to be followed throughout Australia, has been put aside and the Commonwealth Government, through the Australian Broadcasting Authority, will implement a self-regulation regime based on Codes of Conduct to be developed in consultation with the industry. There is a great deal of interest in the issue still, and a number of sites will have information on the debate as it continues.

EFA (Electronic Frontiers Australia Inc.) has the STOP! Campaign web site at <http://www.efa.org.au/Campaigns/stop.html> with its analysis of the New South Wales proposed legislation, a paper for Attorneys-General extolling PICS for parental control of the Internet, and the Australian Parental Control FAQ.

Regulating the 'net

Roger Clarke is a Canberra consultant with an abiding interest in sociological issues on the Internet,

like regulation and privacy. He's updated his pages on Regulation with recent developments in filtering, especially following Jim Miller's recent presentations on the PICS filtering scheme. This page is at <http://www.anu.edu.au/people/Roger.Clarke/II/Regn.html>. He also has a page of sources intended to assist teachers at <http://www.anu.edu.au/people/Roger.Clarke/II/Chiu960701.html>

EFFector

EFFector is the monthly online newsletter of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit civil liberties organisation working in the public interest to protect privacy, free expression, and access to public resources and information in new media. Both current and back issues are available online in either HTML or text format at <http://www.eff.org/pub/EFF/Newsletters/EFFector/>

The job guide

The Department of Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (DEETYA) has set up a Job Guide at <http://jobguide.deet.gov.au/cgi-bin/nph-jobguide>. It features information about career and training options for people of all ages, and comes with a choice of interfaces, from text-only to animation and sound. The information is also available for IBM and Apple Macintosh computers on 3.5" diskettes and on CD-ROM.

Who'll come a waltzing with Tony?

Tony Barry's *Matilda in Cyberspace: The Australian Academic Network Newsletter* was chosen as *The Australian's* 'Site of the Week' on 16 July. It's designed to allow contributors to promote services and make announcements about matters of interest to the academic community in Australia. Brief contributions are preferred with a URL link back to the contributors site where additional information may be mounted. Contributions may be made by e-mail to matilda@ningaui.anu.edu.au or via a web based interactive form. *Matilda* is located at <http://snazzy.anu.edu.au/Matilda/> where more details are available.

Matilda in cyberspace was one of the projects which received funding from the National Priority (Reserve) Fund allocation for improved library infrastructure, administered by the AVCC Standing Committee on Information Resources.

A web map

The August issue of *PC Computing* has a supplement, a 'Map to navigating the web'. It is an actual map that presents what the editors of the magazine consider the best the Internet has to offer in search engines, web indexes, guides, research and FAQs and 'new' and 'cool' sites. For each entry, its name, URL and a brief outline profile are provided. You can find the map at <http://www.zdnet.com/pccomp/lowband/webmap/spmaps/map0896/>

Library icons

No, it isn't another story about the more memora-

Are we seeing designers taking the book paradigm and translating it to Web pages, or are there people re-examining what books are about, what the Web is about, and merging the best points of the two?

ble members of our profession: it's a project to develop a set of graphical symbols for use with bibliographic database applications. It's funded by IFLA and addresses the need for a 'core set of icons, with universally agreed meanings'. You can vote for your preferred icons at <http://lorne.stir.ac.uk/iconstd/>.

Another Cinemedia

There's a well-known site on the 'net called Cinemedia, offering access to Movie and TV information. Now there's another one at the web site of the State Film Centre of Victoria. This Cinemedia is described as 'an evolving cinema and multimedia exhibition, development, discussion and information space' and includes the State Film Centre Library and offices of the Australian Film Institute, Film Victoria and other organisations in the film and video industry. It's a very attractive site. You'll find it at <http://cinemedia.net/sfo/library.html>.

Macquarie online

The Macquarie Dictionary and a number of related works have been mounted on MacquarieNet to provide an information service aimed at students from kindergarten to year 12, based on Ferntree's SIM database system. Individuals or organisations can take out subscriptions to the service, and site licences are available. So that you can try before you buy, a

sampler based on kangaroos is available free of charge. Check out <http://www.macnet.mq.edu.au/>

INTERNET RESOURCES

This is a free newsletter produced by the library at Heriot-Watt University. It has information about new and recent Internet resources of interest to the higher education community. It also has occasional commentary on various aspects of electronic information. You'll find it at <http://www.hw.ac.uk/libWWW/irn/irn.html>.

High School students' journal

The Concord Review is a journal featuring the work of high school students. It has published nearly 300 serious history essays by secondary students in twenty-one countries in the last nine years. The Web site at <http://www.tcr.org> has sample essays from the special issue prepared for the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. It also has submission guidelines, a submission form, a subscription form, and information the review's Emerson Prizes.

From the index, it appears that nearly all of the contributors come from the US, the UK, Canada and Australia, but the essays do cover a diverse range of topics. ■

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