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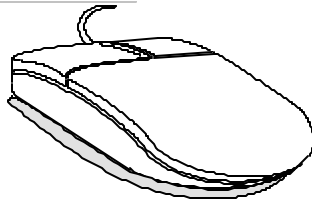
—TECHNOLOGY UPDATE—

Computers-- Technology moves on!

Anyone need a new PC? What do you call new? Ready to build the best? Define the best? All questions are relevant to a given situation based on certain criteria. As Microsoft says, "Where Do You Want To Go?" From our perspective, we might ask, "How Do We Plan On Getting There? (Where ever there is.)"

Building , buying and upgrading a PC can be a rewarding experience, once you know how. Get the biggest & fastest machine you can afford. Why? Programs are getting more robust. They require more memory, hard drive space and more processing power. Buy only what you need to get started. Buy a PC with upgradeability. Our choices seem limited at times, since PC specs. are changing so rapidly. Make a list of your needs & wants. What you want may not be what you need! Make a list of the essentials. Make a wish list of the "Bells and Whistles". All that fun stuff, like a CD Rom drive, a sound card or a fax / modem. Depending on what you plan on using your PC for will determine this "Need vs. Want". Plan your budget. Prices are always changing. Some up, some down and some specs change before your ready to make that special purchase. Yes, the longer you wait the better the hardware will be at a better price. However, if you plan on doing something with a PC, then get ready to make the plunge! Get the facts! Talk to experts in their field and to your friends before spending any of your hard earned money. Above all else, Keep It Simple! And have fun. The specs can be tedious, but you'll be glad you did your homework.

Latest News Flash: The (VLB) Vesa Local Bus is dead. All new systems will be supporting the



PCI bus by the end of August. Many major retailers will still have VLB bus systems on hand due to current stock. This may be a good time to pickup on a good deal! Watch your specs. while you watch your pocket book!

Excellent deal: AMD 486

DX-4 100 CPU prices are falling. Cost should be below \$100.00 before the end of this year, 1995!

Memory: More the better. Suggest 16 megs

of ram on one simm board. *Note:* Pentium owners: Use 60 ns ram or faster ram, 70 ns ram chips are not fast enough on Pentium machines.

Best 586 chip: Intel Pentium 100 MHz CPU, best price. Intel Pentium 120 MHz CPU still too expensive. Yes, the Intel Pentium 133 & 150 MHz CPU's are coming soon to a neighborhood near you!

Anyone ready for a RISC chip? Too "RISCY"! RISC is the future, not now, later.

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