

SIGGRAPH

JUNE '87

ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY
Los Angeles ACM / Special Interest Group on Computer GRAPHics
P.O. Box 90698, World Way Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90009

MEETING.....: STEREOSCOPIC COMPUTER GRAPHICS.
DATE.....: TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1987.
COORDINATES: UCLA, MOORE HALL, ROOM 100,

14 Hillgard Ave., LA (Westwood). UCLA is just west of the San Diego Fwy., between Wilshire and Sunset Blvds. Park in lot #2 (\$3.00) if possible.

The meeting is \$1.00 for LA ACM/SIGGRAPH members - \$3.00 for nonmembers. A social hour, with refreshments, will begin at 6:30 pm, with the program following at 7:30.

The June meeting will feature computer generated imagery, photographed and displayed with stereoscopic techniques, and accompanied by computer synthesized music. A stereo photo is created by recording the image of an object from two separate viewpoints. When viewed with a binocular viewer, which offers separate images to each eye, a sense of 3-D depth is created.

We will see several examples of stereo imagery, including photos from L. A. Labs. Also, Brad Defraf, formerly of Digital Productions, will present stills from a five minute stereoscopic computer animated film, produced by Digital Productions, for the Hitachi Pavillion at the 1985 expo in Japan. The working slides to be presented were used to test the quality of the stereoscopic effect. NANCY COLLIER.

Procedures are in order for the late, and abbreviated, newsletter. As Editor, I am responsible for meeting publication dates. However, this newsletter is a collaborative effort, and I depend on prompt submission of material. With this in mind, in particular, critical information was not received until June 3. If you receive your newsletter late, from time to time, feel free to call (213) 392-1074 or (213) 280-1179 for meeting information.

ELECTION OF 1987-1988 LA ACM/SIGGRAPH OFFICERS

If you are a voting member of LA ACM/SIGGRAPH, the following ballot may be used to vote for officers for the 1987-1988 year. The ballot (or a facsimile) may be brought to the June ninth meeting, or mailed to LA ACM/ SIGGRAPH P. O. Box 90698, World Way Postal Center, Los Angeles, CA 90009.

The names below have been entered as nominees. Indicate your choices and/or enter a write-in name:

CHAIRMAN.....: James A. Banister _____

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VICE CHAIRMAN.....: Richard Bliss _____

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VICE CHAIRMAN.....: Ken Cope _____

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SECRETARY.....: RACHEL BLACHLY _____

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TREASURER.....: GORDON CLARK _____

Write-in _____

>>>> SIGGRAPH 87 HIGHLIGHTS <<<<

SIGGRAPH 87 promises to be an exciting event. Over 100,000 feet of exhibit space has been leased to 251 vendors. These vendors will be presenting products and demonstrations which include 3-D images on a universal liquid crystal stereoscopic display, a 300 dot/inch display (res. equal to a laser printer), a high-speed processing engine which can animate up to 50,000 polygons/second with constant Gouraud or Phong shading, an interactive ray tracing system, a PC based real-time 3-D animation system with 5 MIPS performance, and software tools which offer reusable components for building window and icon-oriented graphical user interfaces.

The jury has selected entries for the '87 Film and Video Show. Featured pieces will include "Peppy" from Toyo Links, Japan, a pineapple in a sombrero playing a ukulele. "Fabricated Rhythm," from AT&T, shows pieces of cloth draped around mannequins; "Stanley and Stella," from the Symbolics Graphics Division and WDP will use behavioral animation to tell a love story between a bird and a fish; and a simulated shuttle takeoff will be shown by NASA, which includes the whole launch pad, texture mapping of the ocean, computer generated smoke and exhaust, and the sound from an actual launch!

>> SIGGRAPH '86 A STUDENT VOLUNTEER'S VIEW <<

This year's ACM/SIGGRAPH Conference was held in Dallas, Texas August 18-22. The conference is much more than a trade show with a few classes and panel sessions. The energy at the event creates a role which is much greater than the sum of its parts. Those just starting into the field of computer graphics should consider volunteering to help with next year's event in Anaheim. We will be publishing hints throughout the year on how to benefit from this type of event and details will be forthcoming on the credits you may earn by volunteering; these include admission to activities, course notes and proceedings - all of which can be prohibitively expensive if you are a student on a limited budget.

The following is a volunteer's view of this year's conference. Mary Feyereisen is a student in the Continuing Education Program for Graphic Design at the University of Minnesota.

Being a volunteer, I was privileged with every job imaginable; from crowd control at the Electronic Theatre to badge checking at the Human Computer Interaction Session; course lunches to registration; the accounting office to the Animation Screening Room. My free time was consumed with the exhibition Hall, art shows and meeting talented individuals with whom I will be working someday.

Through this, I learned creativity and technology can function individually, but united this combination produces the computer graphics industry. 'What does our future hold with this constantly changing field?' This is a question with which I was faced. There are no limits to what our artists and programmers can do; the only limits are those which we inscribe for ourselves and our industry. I see a new generation of computers and wizards and together they will answer the questions our future demands through future SIGGRAPH Conferences.

The conference was exciting for me, as well as for many other volunteers and attendees. I will not hesitate to volunteer next year or the year after or until I finish my design program. Then, of course, I will be one of the 22,000 or more attendees. I learned that this is the place to make your contacts, present your ideas and learn from others. See you in Anaheim!"

MARY M. FEYEREISEN.

For information about volunteering for this year's conference, contact James A. Banister, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, TRW MS R1/1062, One Space Ark, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

>>>> 3-D GRAPHICS UPGRADE FOR PC AT SYSTEMS <<<<

Image Works, 1316 Third Street Santa Monica, CA 90401, reports that it has introduced new polices which allow current owners of IBM PC AT (or clone) based systems to upgrade to the Digital Arts 3-D graphics systems which feature a powerful 64 bit

>>>> GRAPHICS ILLUSTRATOR NEEDED <<<<

Mariah Inc. is looking for an illustrator/artist with DOS and EGA paint package experience. Must have strong freehand ability and be capable of drawing characters and objects in 16 color EGA res. Text and object animation experience a big plus. Project is freelance contract basis, approximately 6-8 weeks with possible extensions. Please send resume and portfolio samples to: Rich Cook, Mariah Inc., 270 North Canon Dr., Suite 103, Beverly Hills, CA 90068.

>>>> CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS <<<<

JUNE 9: LA ACM/SIGGRAPH MEETING: Stereoscopic Computer Graphics. UCLA, Moore Hall, Room 100. Social: 6:30pm, Meeting: 7:30pm. Info: (213) 392-1074 or (213) 280-1179.

JUNE 15: IICS/LA MONTHLY MEETING - Sony Showcase of Video Equipment (possibly including the DVR-1000 4:2:2 Component Digital Video Recorder). Sony Corp., 10833 Valley View, Cypress (Valley View & Katella), 7:00 pm.

JUNE 16: WOMEN IN DESIGN - Potluck at Emilie Kong's Studio, bring portfolios to share. Discussion: "The Superwoman Syndrome." 7 pm. Info: (213) 452-1341.

JUNE 16: VISUAL MUSIC ALLIANCE (VMA) - Ron Hayes on large scale multimedia events. EZTV Video Gallery, 8547 Santa Monica Blvd., West LA, 7:30pm. Ange Pike (818) 885-7316.

JUNE 19: LA SIGGRAPH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE. Send submissions to: Randy Randall, LA SIGGRAPH, 10000 Washington Blvd., Suite 400, Culver City, CA 90232; (213) 280-1179. FAX: (213) 280-1042.

JULY 1: LA/ACM MONTHLY MEETING - Info: Mary Ellen Brennan (213) 336-7250.

JULY 2: NCGA LOCAL CHAPTER MEETING. Social: 6pm, Meeting: 7pm. Info: Kathy Talbert, (818) 988-2600, ext. 4117.

JULY 2: INDEPENDENT COMPUTER CONSULTANTS MEETING - Proud Bird Restaurant, 11022 Aviation Blvd., LA. Social: 6pm, Dinner: 7pm, Speaker: 8pm. Reservations: (805) 252-3736.

>>> NATIONAL/INT'L EVENTS & CONFERENCES <<<

JUNE 8-10 ACM SYMPOSIUM ON COMPUTATIONAL GEOMETRY -University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, N2L 3G1, or call Derick Wood, Computer Science, Univ. of Waterloo at 519-888-4456.

JULY 25-26: NATIONAL CUBICOMP USERS GROUP - in conjunction with SIGGRAPH 87, Anaheim Convention Center. Debbie Winsberg (818) 365-8627.

July 27-31: SIGGRAPH 87 CONFERENCE - Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California. Exhibits only: \$15.00/3 days - buy on site. Advance Registration Programs available at June LA ACM/SIGGRAPH meeting.