

# pegasus newsletter NO.5

## Christmas Edition

### PERSEUS ON THE MOVE:

Perseus had a real work out last month, being used by teachers or pupils from 41 schools around the country. In this time, three thousand kilometers were travelled and the system was set-up and stripped down thirteen times. In one day 217 users were logged onto the system.

Throughout Perseus gave a faultless performance and won a lot of friends and admiration.

One effect of this is for us to declare ourselves in need of a holiday. Accordingly the office in Parnell will be closed from the 18th of December until the 18th of January, 1982.

To all our friends we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We trust that you will enjoy your holidays as much as we look forward to enjoying ours.

Use the holiday break to work on letters, comments or what-have-you for this Newsletter - Remember its success lies largely with whatever YOU contribute.

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## HARDWARE NEWS

### Level 2 Expansion.

Remember the Level 2 Expansion, mentioned in the previous newsletter? The first three of these new boards came through the production line this week and the general opinion of the staff seems to be of approval (almost bordering on delight). As the staff have never been particularly backward in coming forward as far as brutal criticism of the product is concerned; we find their approval to be gratifying in this case.

The board is the same size as the Pegasus CPU board and is built to slide into the case in a 'layered' effect with the existing board. It really does look good and, as far as we can ascertain from the extensive tests that we are devising for it at the moment, works as well as it looks.

Subject to the results of this testing (and we have seen nothing other than optimistic results, so far) many more of these boards will be produced in the early New Year.

### Level 3 Expansion

The spade work for Level 3 Expansion is well under way now and we look forward to having something very concrete to tell you about it in the first newsletter of 1982. This will likely be sent out in the first week or two in February, giving our resident Editor/Author/Printer/and little bit of everything person to return and recover from his trip to Canada.

## SOFTWARE NEWS

As mentioned in the 'Hardware News' section of this newsletter, our Chief Editor and what -have-you genius is away in the Northern Hemisphere on holiday. Amongst his other hats he wears one that says 'Forth Expert' so the Forth users portion of the newsletter will be non-existent this month. I have been unable to put sufficient pressure to bear on the such grey matter as is still abounding in this building to ensure a suitable contribution to this section of the newsletter, and so..... on with totally un-technical bits and pieces.

We have received two programs from users this month.

The first is from the Hastings - Napier area and is called 'Duel in the Sun'. As you might guess from the title the game takes two players who shoot each other, cowboy fashion, in a fight to the finish. Kudos must be passed on in this issue, I am afraid, because although the tape with the game made its way to my desk no further details came with it. Thank-you, whoever you are.

The next game is called 'Cars' and seems to be a very interesting game of skill. I do know where this came from but as it was only brought in here last night and at present there seems to be a mini-wrangle over royalties. The architects of this game are John and Tony Kucernak and hopefully listings will be available by the time our next newsletter comes out.

Our own pride and joy, as far as games is concerned, is 'Zombies'. This game is the latest to be added to our list of games available on cassette. Please notice its addition to the price list on the back page. We are sure that you will find it as interesting as our staff seem to have done over the past few days.

# PRICE LIST (1st December 1981)

## PRODUCT:

	SUG RETAIL	SCHOOLS
4K PEGASUS KITSET	698.00	521.00
4K PEGASUS with BASIC	998.00	815.00
64K EXPANSION	895.00	664.00
ROM EXPANSION	135.00	103.00
CARRYING CASE	48.00	48.00
GRAPHICS OPTION	62.00	48.00
PRINTER INTERFACE (cable & PIA)	53.83	53.83
EXTENDED BASIC	120.00	120.00
ASSEMBLER/DISASSEMBLER	70.00	70.00
PASCAL	100.00	100.00
FORTH	100.00	100.00
WORD PROCESSOR	70.00	70.00
GRAPHICS GAMES on cassettes		
TANK, GALAXY WARS, SNAKE,	12.00 each	12.00 each
DRAGON, STARTREK, ZOMBIES		
Other cassette software		
CHARACTER CREATOR LINES		
STACK OPERATIONS,	12.00 each	12.00 each
HISTOGRAM		
EPSON PRINTERS		
MX80 (traction feed)	1,318.68	999.00
MX80 (traction & friction)	1,510.08	1,144.00
Printer graphics option	217.80	165.00

We welcome letters and comments for the newsletter.  
Our address is on the front page.