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Subject: Staudt letter.

PWM:

I think the letter is swell as it stands, with one possible extension
having to do with proselytizing the Internet. I think there perhaps
needs to be language which indicates that we will break the extant
vicious circle whereby information about the Internet and how to access
its resources is only available by accessing Internet resources. I view
that, by the way, as a two phase problem. The first has to do with
preparation of suitable documentation. Most of what there is is sadly
un-customized for our audience, though it pretends to be for the naive
user. I would propose that such materials be prepared, be vetted by
domain experts, and be distributed essentially by every means we can
think of including paper airplanes if you think the fourth floor of the
tower provides enough height to reach an appropriate community. The
second phase has to do with the "here, kid, the first one's free" drug-
pusher approach to technological integration; we need to make the CLS
server not only an Internet server, but a server for dialup and requests-
by-mail; the hope there is to whet appetites (particularly in the
practitioner's community).

Lurking in my cerebellum in the vicinity of this latter issue is the
question of practitioner Internet access. I think we should have a
discussion with Dave Johnson about this, and try to find out what the
technical issues are in getting ABAnet-Internet connectivity of some
kind. There are about a zillion ways to approach this, ranging from mail
gateways (which we can do), to support for Internet-style telnet under
the ABAnet package, to Gopher support under the ABAnet package, to .....
If we could get ourselves a couple of bucks to put together a gateway
either ourselves or in harmony with Cornell's existing management
responsibilities to NSFNet we might have something....

Now this may all be second-stage, detailed-proposal stuff. But I have a
hunch that in pushing the Internet we need to push Internet-access (both
in terms of heads and hardware) as well....

Tb.