Good Grief! It's time to write the February column already…so Happy Valentine's ❤❤❤❤ Day!! Hope you all made it to the December Christmas party/fair. It was a real success with a large number of vendors represented and Best of… was swamped all evening. If you were unable to attend, you should make a somewhat belated New Year's resolution to go in '91.

Apple Computer's System 6.0.5 was introduced along with HyperCard 2.0. It is my understanding that this is a fully functional copy of HC and not the shortened version. Those of you who now have it, please give me feedback. The training sessions started in January on the 26th and finish this month (February 23) at the Pyle Recreation Center in Tempe.

Introduction to HyperCard 2.0 Disk Set. This two disk set, which runs on the earlier version of HC, is for those of you who are wondering just what HyperCard 2.0 is all about. It was released in conjunction with the training classes being offered in January and February.

Also new on the Best of… table are the following: (1) A Best of… Catalog providing very short descriptions of all items/programs on the Best of disks. This catalog will be updated quarterly and is priced at only $1 to cover the costs of printing and binding. (2) A disk holder with a 50-disk capacity for bringing order to the chaos of your software . (3) A cute little letter opener that looks very much like a Best of disk, logo and all, for your favorite MacLover (yourself, too). (4) Then there is the biggie - an 800k Fujitsu external disk drive for only $89 plus tax and shipping. These are going fast.

New Disks introduced at the December meeting were **Sounds V** and two limited editions, **Color Games** and **Desktop Publishing, Selections**. I described Sounds V and Color Games in the January issue of the newsletter, but did not have the DTP Disk finished at press time so will cover it here. (First let me explain that "limited edition" means the same as "test marketing". Twenty to twenty-five disks of a limited edition title will be made and put out for your consideration. Whether or not more are made will depend on sales and your comments.)

Desktop Publishing, Selections is my attempt to assemble some aids or tools for the serious/determined desktop publisher. These are not for the light-hearted. TypeBook 1.23 is available to help build books of typefaces to show your customers; Image 1.31 is a grayscale graphic art program; Edit II and Context 1.3 are text editor desk accessories; DepthGauge measures pixel depth on your color or gray scale images; Blender DA helps calculate graduated gray scale and color blends; Artisto+ helps you find and view your clip art without quitting an application; Curlers is a handy little critter that automatically inserts quote marks and apostrophes instead of inches and feet; eps to pict assists in conversion of graphics; Proportion Calc is for calculating reductions accurately; SuperRuler gives you tear-away rulers wherever you need them; PopChar helps you find that elusive character in whatever typeface you are using; FontLister lists your resident fonts with their ID numbers (great when you are taking the file to a service bureau); and last (but certainly not least), AirBrush is an airbrush in a desk accessory. Please use and enjoy and let me know what you think and what you might need in the future.

Introduced in January were **Games VI** and **Games VII** just in time for the long winter days with nothing to do (right?!). Another very special arcade game was released in January called **Solarian II**. It is shareware and requires a Mac II or SE30 with 8 bit (256) color. It will be a limited edition, so if you are interested, and have the right equipment, you might want to snap it up. It is a great action game with colorful graphics. In among the games disks, I slipped in one for the graphics group–**PostScript V** with a collection of new EPS graphics. Take a look in the notebook with the red cover at the Best of… table for printouts.

In the works are revisions for all the CDEV's, DA's, Virus, Utilities, Business, and Telecom disks. By the time of the February meeting, you will be able to obtain the newest versions of applications on many if not all of these disks and perhaps some new stuff, too. Be sure to pick up the newest edition of the *Amug Best of… Directory* to learn about the up-to-the-minute changes. Next on the list of changes and additions are those that will be made to the Clip Art and font disks. The older disks will become "oldies but goodies" and, hopefully, a new collection will be released.

Last month, we put out the word that we could use some assistance from time to time with the preparation of disks for our three satellite store locations. Wow! Thanks to all of you who responded. We will be in contact with all of you from time to time, trying to call on you for help without overwhelming anyone. Please be patient and know you are not being ignored or unappreciated. We had a wonderful response and it may take awhile to contact you all. Again, thanks!!!