Publishing? Just bounce on to the Springboard

LETRASET has been pushing *Ready,Set,Go!* with a vengeance ever since it bought the product last year. The company obviously knows where the future of printing lies.

Ready,Set,Go! 4 has just been announced in the USA and it is reported as being a very significant upgrade. One of the new features is a global search and replace of styles which is unique in desktop publishing.

There is no doubt that if the new product is as good as the rumours say it is then it's going to make both *PageMaker* and *Xpress* look to their laurels.

Closer to the classroom, everyone seems to be talking about how good *Springboard Publisher* is.

Featuring pull-down menus, the program gives flexible layout allowing the user to format multi-page documents with any number of columns. It has a built-in wordprocessor, tools for artwork and what is said to be an extensive library of high quality clip art.

The program also has a facility which enables text to flow automatically around graphics and inset text areas. *Publisher* will also allow users to import text from other wordprocessors. You can even add horizontal, vertical or diagonal text.

This means that users can now publish work of almost professional quality on an Apple II. An optional laser printer driver is available for $59.95 (excluding tax) which should allow the production of very high quality camera ready artwork.

Springboard Publisher costs $199.95 (excluding tax) and is available from Dataflow for the Apple IIe (with 128K), IIc and the IIGS.

A version of the program for the IBM PC and work-alikes will be available any time now.

Springboard already has a desktop publishing package on the market for IBM PCs and the IBM-JX called *The Newsroom Pro*.

The program uses the function keys to access all functions, and, like its more modest cousin, *Newsroom*, the program has outstanding graphics capabilities. It allows the user to enter text and artwork simultaneously while working down one of two possible columns. Text wraps around artwork and will rearrange itself if you move the picture.

The Newsroom Pro is not copy protected and supports over 50 different printers. It has one drawback — it will not operate with a Hercules graphics card. Cost, IBM PC $255.70, IBM-JX 275.70, both prices excluding tax.