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***Welcome to a new issue of DATABITS! This issue has a good balance of technical and non-technical features. There are reports on the use of interactive data access and data management policies within the LTER network. There are also plenty of hints on how to better use the computers at your site, including software reviews and technical hints. Finally, there are articles on conducting GPS campaigns and some solutions to common problems in scientific information management. There have also been some superficial format changes to DATABITS. Its now created using Framemaker software on a Sun Workstation. As always, DATABITS depends on you for contributions. Thanks!***

## **Software tips from Antarctica**

4)SPREADSHEET, TEXTPROCESSOR

PRODUCT: AsterX

SYSTEM: Unix

NOTES: We've been using AsterX (spreadsheet, textprocessor, draw) unix xwindow set of programs. It would be interesting to know if anyone has done a comparison with Lotus or Framemaker. ORDER: commercial product-- *Karen Baker, Palmer LTER*, KBaker@LTERnet.edu