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[color=blue]> does anyone know if somebody is porting unix[/color]  
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Two days ago I attended the first meeting of the Boston Computer Society's ST user group. At that meeting one of the officers mentioned that he had a discussion with Jack Tramiel the preceeding week. The following items emerged from that discussion:

- there is no OEM deal with AT&T, but Atari did buy UNIX from them
- Jack is not at all worried about the Apple/GEM thing
- Atari will show a 1 Meg system at COMDEX
- Atari plans to release a lot of educational software for the ST
- Atari will have their hard disk drive by Christmas, for \$699, the same price as Haba. The decision as to whether it will be 10 or 15 Mb has still not been made
- TOS in ROM should be out in about a week

At this same meeting there was a brief demo of ST Basic. It is a interpreter and requires 143K bytes (!). The manual was about 1/2 inch thick. Basic was to be mailed to all ST owners who sent in their warranty cards. There was some question as to whether the manual would also be sent (the manual we saw was in loose-leaf form).

NEWCHROME (an updated FAT) and ST Writer were also demoed, are from Atari, and are also free (from your dealer or computer club).

Tom Hudson's (formerly Analog magazine) DEGAS draw program was also demoed, and was impressive. It will be available in about 7-10 days from Batteries included, for \$49.95.

We also heard several MIDI demos using the AKAI synthesizer and Atari MIDI

software. One attendee just bought a Casio CZ101 synthesizer the previous nite, for \$350.

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