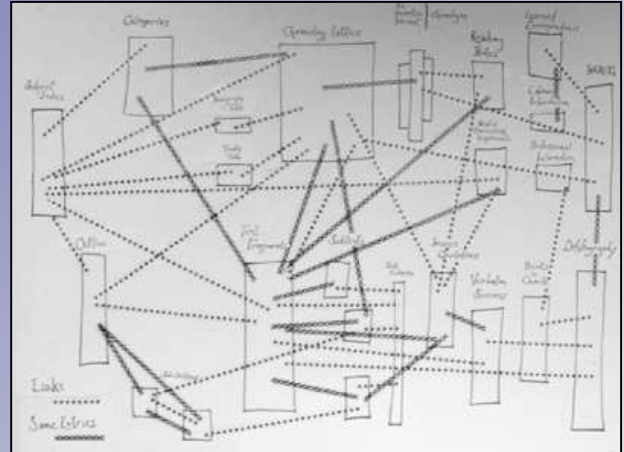**The WVU student chapter of the ACM; the WVU Center for Literary Computing; and the National Science Foundation present ….**

An evening with the inventor of hypertext: Theodor Holm Nelson

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TITLE: Beyond Paper Simulation

ABSTRACT: The computer field has accepted an ancient definition of documents and locked it down. They think paper is rightful just because it's customary.Indeed, today's systems simulate paper under glass: you can't write on it or connect to it. There is no connection of quotations to their origins-- a fundamental issue widely ignored. There are no authorial aids except those which enforce hierarchy (outliners). And today's hypertext systems,including the Web, embed connections so that none can be added by others.We seek to correct these errors with more general forms of structure:parallelism, cross-connection and interpenetration, implementing the openly-defined transliterary data structure in a different kind of 3D (folding space).

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Ted Nelson is an idealistic troublemaker who has fought for these concepts far too long.

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