Chapter 2: Regulating the Net: Free Speech and Content Control
"The Internet as Public Space: Concepts, issues, and Implication in Public Policy"
(Jean Camp and Y.T. Chien)

Learning Expectations:

To know more about the properties of the Internet.

Quote:

"As an alternative model, physical spaces are not technologically deterministic. It seems trivial to say that in architecture, function does not follow form, yet it is an important distinction between the media types model and the spatial model. The Internet is more like physical places in that the same generic technology defines things, which are very different-different spaces locale, media, or forums."

Book Review:

The internet has many functions and capabilities that are being used. Exchanges of information are done to provide knowledge to other users. Dating back to the early years of the Internet, its only function circulates only among the U.S. Military, to exchange information on a specific subject matter limited to military data. Now, the Internet has evolved dramatically. The use of Internet is becoming a necessity to all people.

I believe that in the near future, there will be no need for newspapers to exist. All the features of a newspaper can also be provided through the Internet and perhaps, surpasses it. One of its advantages is that the information posted in the Internet has a much wider scope than any other forms of media.

More capabilities of the Internet are yet to come. It is quite hard to predict the demands of the people in the near and distant future. There is an uncertain assumption that Internet will destroy every other media existent as of today. The use of radio is slowly fading. And who knows if the television set will still be required someday.

Integrative Questions:

1. What can the "old" media do to adapt to the Internet.
2. Will Internet die like the other forms of media?