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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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1 OPERATIONS

1.1 PDP-10 System

Friday	8 September	system setup 0930-10000, system failure disabled operators' teletype, monitor reloaded, system unavailable 1200-1210.
Tuesday	12 September	system failure, offline 2145-2150, monitor reloaded.
Wednesday	13 September	system in loop, offline 2230-2234, monitor reloaded.
Thursday	14 September	system failure, offline 1950-1956, monitor reloaded.

schedule for forthcoming week: maintenance 0700-0900
operations 0930-2300.

1.2 GE-225 System

schedule for forthcoming week: maintenance 0700-0830, 2000-2130
operations 0900-2000, 2130-2400.

2 COBOL AND ALGOL DATA FILES IN BATCH

It is important to note that Cobol and Algol, when accepting data from the input device (i.e. cards) do not under all circumstances recognize the file separator card as terminating the file, and may attempt to read beyond it. This situation may cause serious problems with the student accounting system. It is recommended that data be copied to a disk file and input taken from that file.

In summary, do not put data for your Cobol or Algol programs after the .RUN command but copy them to a disk file prior to execution of your program.

3 PLOT

An error in the PLOT routine in the CalComp library file has been corrected. The error resulted in incorrect pen positioning when a large movement in the negative X direction was required.

4 SNOBOL 3

The Snobol 3 Interpreter has been released on the LANG directory.