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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Date : Week ended 4 February 1971

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1. OPERATIONS

1.1 PDP-10 System

Normal schedule: Maintenance 0700-0930

Timesharing 1000-1700 Batch 1000-2300

1.2 GE-225 System

Normal Schedule: Maintenance 0700-0900

Operations 0900-2400

2. BASIC MANUALS

The BASIC manual is now obtainable at the University Bookshop. The price per manual is \$2.70.

3. RESTORATION OF VARIABLES IN A CALLING SEQUENCE

CALL SUB (real, real, real, complex, complex, real, integer, complex, complex, complex, complex, complex, complex, complex, complex)

This statement causes the integer variable in the calling sequence to be destroyed by one of the complex variables being restored at the end of the subroutine.

The solution is to put all the complex variables first in the calling sequence, followed by the real variables and then the integer variable.

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1. OPERATIONS

1.1 PDP-10 System

Normal schedule: Maintenance 0700-0930

Timesharing 1000-1200, 1400-1700 Batch 1000-1200, 1400-2300

Friday 22 January Parity error on disk 2230, System closed Monday 25 January Maintenance for disk transmission errors

1240-1350, 1625-2400

Tuesday 26 January Maintenance for disk transmission errors

1120-1215

Thursday 28 January Disk problems 1115-1200

Disk errors, maintenance 1345-1630

1.2 GE-225 System

Normal Schedule: Maintenance 0700-0900

Operations 0900-2400

2. REMOTE TERMINALS

The first sixteen remote terminals were released by the Centre during January and have been running successfully during their first month of operation. During this period the use of terminals was free of charge to give the opportunity of becoming familiar with this new mode of operation. As from Tuesday 2 February 1971, normal charges will be levied for remote terminal work. On this date, passwords will also revert to the one nominated on the Authorization Form. Changes made to passwords during January will be ignored.

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The seminars on the remote terminal system have been fairly well attended. Any users who missed the lectures have an opportunity to attend either of the two seminars planned for February. The seminar for the 9 February will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Lecture Room B18 of the Engineering Building. The venue for the seminar on the 23 February has been changed and users will be notified through the Newsletter.

A number of manuals have been produced to assist users with their work. Unfortunately, due to unavaidable delays these manuals are not all presently available. The University Bookshop currently holds stocks of the FORTRAN and EDITOR manuals. Release of other manuals will be notified in the Newsletter and later Bulletins. A list of all the commands available under the new system is obtainable on request from the Computer Centre.