

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Computer Centre

NEWSLETTER

authorization: Director of the Computer Centre

1 SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE

Not a good week for many users. Some new disk drives were delivered and required acceptance testing. The problem is that until the GE-225 is retired, we have not sufficient space in the Computer Room to install the new disk controller and data channel. To acceptance test the new drives, therefore, it was necessary to uncable existing drives. This disturbance of the cable arrangements has resulted in transient errors from the cables, connectors or controller.

Users will also appreciate that during the period of examination results there are lengthy time critical jobs which must, in the University's interest, be given priority. We hope that this situation will be relieved when a second printer is installed next year at the remote batch station in the Commerce Building.

2 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

The Centre will be closed on public holidays. Prime shift operation will be provided from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the days between Christmas and New Year public holidays.

3 ERR= RETURNS IN FOROTS

Available on NEW: is a version of FOROTS which has been modified so that ERR= returns specified in a read statement will be taken if an illegal character is detected in the input data.

This version may be used with any program loaded for use with FOROTS by setting NEW in one's search list. This may be done at LOGIN -

e.g. LOG proj.no,prog.no/NEW/COST:\$1

or by using the SETSRC program -

e.g. .R SETSRC  
\*NEW  
\*+C

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THE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF THE COMPUTER CENTRE

WISH ALL USERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.