UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Computer Centre

WFEKLY NEWSLETTER

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1 OPERATIONS

1.1 PDP-10 System

Friday 6 October parity error, monitor reloaded, 1338-1449.

Monday 9 October system failure, monitor reloaded, 1240-1259.

Wednesday II October program stop, continued, 1240-1255.

Thursday 12 October Hardware error 0800-1300.

schedule for forthcoming week: maintenance 0600-0800 operations 0830-2400 batch 2400-0600.

1.2 GE-225 System

schedule for forthcoming week: maintenance 0700-0830, 2000-2!30 operations 0900-2000, 2!30-2400.

2 NEW DIRECTORY

A NEW directory has been implemented. This directory contains new versions of system programs that are being tested before they are implemented. Users wishing to use these more up to date versions may do so at their own risk - these programs attract type 4 support only.

The	NEW	directory	contains	the	following	programs:

program	operational	experimental version no	
	version no		
BASIC	15	17A	
COMPAR		16	
FILCOM		16	
FILEX		1B	
TECO	21	23	

The new version of Teco has a 'help' documentation file that has not currently been placed on the HELP directory. It is not intended to place TFCO/HLP on the HELP directory until this experimental version of Teco becomes operational. Users wishing to see this documentation should consult the program librarian. Unless errors are found this version of Teco should become operational on 1 November 1972.

3 PUBLIC TERMINALS

Two more teletypes have been made available as public terminals on second shift making a total of four in all. In view of the heavy load on the system during normal working hours these terminals will not be available during prime shift - they will be placed in the clients' room between the hours of 6.32 p.m. and midnight when the work load on the machine has eased.

4 SUGGESTIONS

It is apparent that one of the most important considerations in the running of the computer is close liaison between the Centre and its clients. To this end a suggestion box has been placed in the fover and a SUGGEST command has been implemented on the system. These facilities are available for any user wishing to make pertinent suggestions. It is requested that users sign their suggestions so that the Centre can reply to the user or contact him for detailed discussion on his ideas. Unsigned, abusive or trivial suggestions will not be considered. Suggestions of general interst and their replies may be published in the newsletter for the benefit of other clients.

The present suggestion box is temporary only and it is hoped that a more secure one will be availabel shortly,

To use the SUGGEST command:

.SUGGFST2

The suggestions will be transferred to a SUGEST directory where they will be collected periodically.