

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Computer Centre

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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1. OPERATIONS

1.1 PDP-10 System

Friday	17 March	end of day accounting, which aborted previous night, 0945-1025 system failure, offline 1140-1145, 1535-1643.
Monday	20 March	set up of new monitor, 0945-0950.
Tuesday	21 March	card reader maintenance, batch only offline, 2110-2300.
Wednesday	22 March	end of day accounting, which aborted previous night, 0945-1013 system failure, offline 1245-1258.
Thursday	23 March	system not available until 1018, due to set up and trial of new file backup procedure system failure, offline 1847-1850, 2232-2240.

schedule for forthcoming week: maintenance 0700-0900
operations 0945-2330.

1.2 GE-225 System

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

2. PDP-10 OPERATIONS

As from Tuesday 4 April, a new system of backup for users' files will be introduced. This should result in more reliable backup to the file system and provide for faster recovery of files in the event of a system crash. A further benefit should be that there will be less interference with interactive work during the evening shift. However, the introduction of this new procedure will result in an earlier shut down of the system at 2300 hours instead of 2330 as at present. This limitation on scheduled hours will be removed with the introduction of third shift operation later in the year.

3. CARD PUNCHES

At present there are four card punches in the client's room at the Centre. Another card punch has been ordered and delivery is expected shortly. This will increase the facilities available. However, the Centre would like to stress the conditions under which these machines are made available to users.

- (a) One machine, marked number '1' is for the use of Computer Science students and staff only.
- (b) All machines are only to be used for punching corrections. They are not available for general data preparation.
- (c) There is a time limit of five minutes per machine.

The card punches and data cards are currently free, but if it is felt that users are continuing to abuse the above conditions, then the Centre may be forced to introduce the use of coin operated machines.