UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Computer Centre

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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1. OPERATIONS

1.1 GE-225 System

Normal schedule: Maintenance 0700-0900

Operations 0900-2400

Monday 21 September - Card Reader maintenance 0700-0955

1.2 PDP-10 System

Normal schedule: (This schedule was effective from Tuesday 22 September)

Maintenance 0700-0930

Operations 0930-1500, 1600-2000, 2100-2400

Development 1500-1600, 2000-2100

Tuesday 22 September - Maintenance 0700-1320 due to Printer malfunction

Wednesday 23 September - System crash 1035-1335

2. OPERATIONS SCHEDULE BOARD

The schedule board for PDP-10 operations is now in use and is located in the clients' room for notification of intended running times. While the Centre will attempt to maintain this schedule as much as possible, specified times can only be regarded as approximate.

3. FORTRAN COMPILER ERROR

The FORTRAN compiler does not create the correct code when variable array dimensioning and an Arithmetic Statement Function are used in a subroutine, as illustrated in the following example:

SUBROUTINE TEST(A,N,B) DIMENSION A(N,N) FN(X,Y)=X+Y

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The compiler at present does not create the necessary jump instruction to skip the execution of the Arithmetic Statement Function on initial entry to the subroutine. The only solution at present is to reorganize the subroutine so that an Arithmetic Subroutine Function is not used. See TM-18.