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MANAGEMENT

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IN MANAGING THE COMPUTER CENTER IS THAT OF DETERMINING, IN ADVANCE, WHAT THE USAGE WILL BE. THE AMOUNT OF USAGE DETERMINES WHICH CONTRACT WITH CALL-A-COMPUTER WILL BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE COLLEGE. FOR DECEMBER IT WAS EASY, AND APPARENTLY CORRECT, TO PREDICT THAT USAGE WOULD BE WELL BELOW THAT OF PREVIOUS MONTHS. AT OTHER TIMES, IT IS NOT SO EASY. YOU CAN HELP BY LETTING DR. OLDS KNOW, IN ADVANCE, OF YOUR USAGE PLANS--ESPECIALLY WHEN THIS WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OR DECREASE OF SEVERAL HOURS OF TERMINAL TIME PER MONTH.

QUESTIONNAIRE

SEVERAL STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS RECENTLY HAD THEIR FIRST CONTACT WITH WOFFORD'S COMPUTER GRANT IN THE FORM OF A "COMPUTER ATTITUDE QUESTIONNAIRE". PART OF THE PURPOSE OF THE NSF-SREB EXPERIMENT IS TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT A COMPUTER FACILITY CAN HAVE ON A CAMPUS. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE USED IN A CASE STUDY AS AN INDICATION OF "INITIAL CONDITIONS".

ALCORN HERE

DR. BRUCE ALCORN, SREB'S ASSOCIATE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE COMPUTER SCIENCE PROJECT, WAS ON CAMPUS DECEMBER 10. HIS PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CASE STUDY, INCLUDING THE QUESTIONNAIRE MENTIONED ABOVE. AMONG OTHERS, HE VISITED WITH DEAN COVINGTON AND DR. SEEGARS TO DISCUSS ATTITUDES AND PROBLEMS.

DATAMATION, SOFTWARE AGE, AND DATA PROCESSOR

CURRENT COPIES OF THESE THREE MAGAZINES ARE KEPT IN THE COMPUTER CENTER. EACH ISSUE CARRIES SEVERAL ARTICLES RELATED TO THE COMPUTER FIELD. THE ADS IN THESE PUBLICATIONS ARE ALSO AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

DATAMATION IS THE LARGEST OF THE THREE AND HAS THE BROADEST COVERAGE. SOFTWARE AGE DEALS MORE SPECIFICALLY WITH PROGRAMMING MAJOR COMPUTER APPLICATIONS. DATA PROCESSOR IS AN IBM PUBLICATION DEALING LARGELY WITH CURRENT USES OF IBM EQUIPMENT AND PROGRAMS.

EDIT

The stencil for the first page of this issue was prepared using the terminal. The EDIT RUNOFF Command allows one to easily control margin, setting, spacing, centering, and paging. Automatic justification is done by insertion of extra spaces between words. EDIT RUNOFF is just one example of a powerful system of EDIT Commands that allow one to operate on text files. In preparation for this issue, it was possible to make corrections, deletions, or insertions and experiment with different formats without the necessity of completely retyping the material.

Other commands in the EDIT system include the frequently used EDIT RESEQUENCE, EDIT LIST, and EDIT PAGE. Several special string EDIT operations are also available. EDIT & LOCATE is one of these and may be used for information retrieval.

The EDIT Commands are completely described in a special manual published by General Electric. Copies are available in the Computer Center for \$.75.