

# THE WEST BANK BUFFER

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## ATTENTION OMNITAB USERS

Several developments concerning OMNITAB have taken place during the quarter break.

- 1) New controls are required. The control cards for the 5K version of the OMNITAB system have changed. They now are:

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REMOTE,XXX  
NAME,T10,CM100000.ccccccc  
OMNITAB.
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Program Deck

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- 2) A consultant has been appointed to aid West Bank users with the various statistical packages which are maintained by UCC. Questions concerning OMNITAB and BMD can be directed to the consultant in Room 93C Blegen Hall during the hours 1-3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Please attempt to bring your questions in only during this period. This consulting will be for all West Bank users (faculty, staff students).
- 3) An introductory OMNITAB Users Manual is on sale in the Harold Wilson bookstore. This manual was developed to be used in conjunction with QA 1-050 but its style is such that it should be useful to anyone attempting to use OMNITAB for the first time.

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Several of the common uses of OMNITAB (regression analysis, statistical analysis, plotting) are explained in detail and sample programs of these routines are included. Any questions concerning the use of this manual should be directed to the consultant in 93C Blegen during the hours 1 to 3 p.m.

## PURGING OF 3200 DISK FILES

A purge of 3200 disk files will be run January 15th destroying several disk files. If you wish to retain any of these files, you will have to extend the expiration date by using the MODIFY Control Card. You may obtain a writeup on MODIFY from Helen Nelson in 93C Blegen Hall.

Purges will continue to be run on a weekly basis after the 15th of January.

## SYSTEM DEVELOPMENTS

The big news this quarter is documentation. West Bank has developed a manual for Cathode Ray Tube Utilization. It documents all FORTRAN callable routines used in connection with the CRT's as well as CRTFTN documentation. Example programs are supplied which do in fact work. A list of CRTFTN error codes is included, a general CRTFTN deck structure is illustrated, and many paragraphs have been added to improve the readability of this document.

Of special interest are several new routines. These routines called

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BLDRPT, BLDTABL, DISPLAYW are being developed by Tom Berg to supplement the current CRTFTN program. All of these routines are object time routines so that users aren't forced to pay for large amounts of precompiler time. Also a serious attempt is being made to minimize the core requirements of these routines. Separate writeups for these routines are available in 93C.

A brief writeup has been written describing the FORTRAN callable routines which provide a link between 3200 and 6600 batch programs. These writeups are also available from Helen in 93C.

#### MISC.

Again the WSBCC will send a representative to talk to any class concerning policies and procedures of the Center. Instructors who are interested should contact Helen in 93C Blegen, 3-3608 to arrange a schedule.

Block Time seminars are offered again for the 3200. These seminars will certify persons wishing to run Block Time. Your certificate has expired if you have not run Block Time or been to a seminar in the last six months. If you are interested in running during Block Time please see Helen Nelson in 93C Blegen sometime this week.

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