THIS POTTED HISTORY OF THE GE-225 ONLY COVERS THE PERIOD FROM ITS INSTALLATION TO ITS DECOMMISSIONING AND TRANSFER TO THE QUEENSLAND MUSEUM.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE IS IN FACT A LONG PRE-HISTORY DATING BACK TO 1957 WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SELECTION OF THIS COMPUTER AND ITS INSTALLATION.

NOT THE LEAST PROBLEM THEN WAS TO CONVINCE THE UNIVERSITY AND THE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY THAT THE COMPUTER WAS GOING TO BECOME A VERY IMPORTANT TOOL IN PRACTICALLY EVERY AREA OF ENDEAVOUR.

WE QUOTE FROM A MEMORANDUM DATED 29TH APRIL, 1957

THIS RAISES THE MATTER OF SETTING UP A COMPUTER CENTRE IN THE UNIVERSITY. I SUGGEST A FULL INVESTIGATION BY A COMMITTEE OF HEADS OF APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS, THE CENTRE SHOULD PROBABLY BE ATTACHED TO ONE DEPARTMENT AND, IN VIEW OF THE HIGH CAPITAL AND RUNNING COSTS, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ONE SUCH CENTRE ONLY WOULD BE PRACTICAL.

S.A. PRENTICE
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RECORD FOR 1962

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1962
1ST MARCH, 1962
PREMISES COMPLETED
1ST AUGUST, 1962
CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENED

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RECORD FOR 1963

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1963
MAY, 1963
HIGH SPEED PRINTER INSTALLED
CPU AUGMENTATION

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1964
MAY, 1964
MAGNETIC TAPES INSTALLED
CPU AUGMENTATION

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RECORD FOR 1965

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1965

SMALL COMPUTER PROVIDED FOR

TOWNSVILLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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1966
CONTINUED GROWTH OF LOAD AND
SECOND SHIFT NECESSARY

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1967

AUGMENTATION OF SYSTEM
HARDWARE BY CENTRE STAFF

LOAD INCREASES NEED 3RD SHIF

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1968

EXTENSION OF THE CENTRE

FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

POP10 COMPUTER INSTALLED

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1969

HEAVY USAGE CONTINUES WHILE

THE PDP10 WAS BEING BROUGHT UP

FOR BATCH USE

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1970

LOAD DECREASES AS BATCH WORK IS TRANSFERRED TO THE PDP10

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1971

THE AVAILABILITY OF REMOTE TERMINALS ON THE PDP-10 CAUSES THE LOAD TO DECREASE STILL FURTHER

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1972

LOAD DECREASES YET FURTHER AS MORE GOES TO THE POP10

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1973

MOST APPLICATIONS REMAINING ON THE GE225 ARE THOSE WHICH ARE NOT EASILY CONVERTED TO THE PDP10

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RECORD FOR 1974

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1974

STILL A FEW JOBS STILL USING
THE GE-225
WORK STARTING ON TRANSFER OF
UNIVERSITY PAYROLL SYSTEM

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1975

THE REMAINING WORK IS CERTAIN
GAP AND WIZ WRITTEN PROGRAMS
AND THE UNIVERSITY PAYROLL

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1976

FINAL CONVERSION OF THE UNIVERSITY PAYROLL REMOVES ALMOST ALL WORK

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RECORD FOR 1977

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PRENTICE COMPUTER CENTRE

1977

NO PRODUCTION USE MADE
OF THE GE225

16TH FEBRUARY, 1977
DECOMMISSIONING

PRENTICE COMPUTER CENTRE
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
ON THIS DAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 1977

THIS GE225 COMPUTER HAS RETIRED FROM HONOURABLE AND LONG SERVICE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND.

MY RECORD HAS BEEN PRINTED AND PUNCHED FOR ALL TO SEE.

THANKS ARE GRATEFULLY OFFERED TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THIS LONG SERVICE POSSIBLE, TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED FINANCIALLY FOR MY ORIGINAL PURCHASE, TO THOSE WHO MAINTAINED AND RAN ME AND USED ME ALL THESE YEARS, BUT PARTICULARLY TO PROFESSOR PRETTICE WHO DID SO MUCH TO BRING ME TO THIS PLACE AND WHO HAS BEEN HERE AT THE START AND FINISH OF MY TIME HERE.

I TRUST THAT MY STAY WITH MY FUTURE OWNERS WILL ALSO BE LONG AND PROSPEROUS.

THIS REALLY IS THE END.

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