

Special notice

Some *Journal* readers may have noticed a difference between the weight of the paper used for the February issue and that used for the May issue, others may have noticed a similar difference between the May and August issues. Although the difference was small it was noticeable, but not so noticeable that it should present difficulties for those readers, or subscribers, who bind their volumes.

The decision to change the weight of the paper used was an enforced one, arising from the pressures created by the world paper shortage and the current economic climate. From the paper suppliers the range of available qualities and weights has been reduced and the weight of paper previously used for the *Journal* was no longer available. The only alternative to changing the weight of the paper in the middle of a volume was to discard the balance of stocks which had been accumulated. For obvious cost reasons, and to avoid waste, the present course of action was chosen.

Paper is one of the country's most valuable resources and it is important that it should be used sensibly. It is important also, therefore, to know that the paper devoted to producing the

Journal is being used to good effect. There is a suspicion that this is not always the case.

The policy of the *Journal* to cover all aspects of computer theory and applications and to accept only articles of a high standard does mean that, in many issues, the articles appearing are of relevance only to a proportion of the members of the BCS. For some members it may be that very few, if any, of the articles are of relevance. Whilst the *Journal* is available on demand to all members of the Society, and will continue to be, clearly it is a waste of paper to distribute it to places where it is not going to be read.

This is, therefore, a special plea to those members of the Society who take the *Journal* but do not read it to notify the Society so that copies which are not needed are not distributed. The corresponding paper saving could be quite large.

Clearly there is a problem. If the *Journal* is not read then this notice will not be read and so no benefit will ensue. Rather then this is a call to all members to encourage their colleagues not to take the *Journal* if it is not really for them. The savings so produced should be of benefit to us all.

Erratum

There was an error in the paper by R. W. Zmud entitled 'Two enhancements to a flexible pricing control system for allocating computer resources' (Vol. 18, No. 2, p. 112). The formula for the modified demand function, given on page 112,

is in error and should read

$$\sum_{i \in I} x_{ijk} = C_k d_{jk}^{\gamma_k} \prod_{\substack{q \in Q_1 \\ \text{s.t.} \\ (k \in Q_1)}} P_{jq}^{\gamma_{kq}}$$

Call for papers

3rd International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming. Edinburgh University, Scotland, July 20-23, 1976. Authors are invited to submit four copies of a draft paper for this Colloquium, which is the successor to the Colloquia at IRIA France (1972) and Saarbrücken, Germany (1974). Topics include: Formal Languages and Automata Theory, Analysis and Complexity of Algorithms, Mathematical and Formal Reasoning about Computations, Semantics of Programming Languages and Data Bases. Submission should be 1,000-10,000 words in length, and should include the title,

authors name, address, telephone number and affiliation and (in the case of longer papers) a short abstract. All communications and queries to: C. A. Mackinder, Organizing Secretary 3rd International Colloquium on Automata Languages and Programming, Computer Science Department, Edinburgh University, James Clerk Maxwell Building, The King's Buildings, Mayfield Road, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Submissions must be received by November 15, 1975, and authors are urged to communicate their intention to submit a paper and its topic by October 1.