

SAMANTHA JOINS THE ADS

"George, the Computer With the Green Thumb," has resigned from the ADS. During the eight years of his membership activities, "George" has held in storage the *Daffodil Data Bank* of the American Daffodil Society. He has also kept the membership roster, the list of judges, and has supplied name-and-address labels for the use of Regional Vice-Presidents and to aid George Lee in mailing *The Daffodil Journal*.

Indeed, a helpful and creative member — and yet "George" (I.B.M. #1440) has left the stage and stepped forever into the wings of obscurity. And into the spotlight has come "Samantha" (I.B.M. 360 Model #30). This winsome bewitching electronic computer, with her high speed electronics and printer, is utterly feminine. For example, her programming logic is upside-down and backwards, as compared with "George." "Samantha" has many more built-in and integrated circuits — which is just another way of saying she is "bull-headed." There is none of this business about "a woman convinced against her will, etc., etc." — "Samantha" just naturally has to have *everything* her way!

Once in a great while, when she is contrite and helpful, the folks in the Computer Center call her "Sam." This denotes a certain friendly fondness. But when her unpleasant qualities are in evidence, she is called "sa-MAN-tha!"

Her measurements are not in inches, but here is what she can do:

1. Store 7,250,000 pieces of information on a single disc storage pack. (George held only 2,000,000.)
2. Her double disc-drive allows 14,500,000 pieces of information to be processed at one time.
3. She has a core-memory of 16,384 pieces of information, more than double that of "George."
4. The printer reels off copy at 600 lines a minutes. (Try reading 10 lines each second!)
5. Her card-reader can assimilate 160 columns each second.
6. "Samantha's" special typewriter chatters out 14.8 characters a second. (What do you do with 0.8 of a character?)
7. "Samantha" is a great deal more expensive to keep and maintain than "George" — another feminine attribute.

However, when "Samantha" is loved and cherished, she responds to such understanding by turning out prodigious amounts of work in almost no time. If all goes well, "Samantha" can turn out units of work less expensively than "George." But if she turns stubborn, little less than a full-length mink will make her eyes flash again.

By taking advantage of "Samantha's" helpful attributes, it should be possible to maintain our costs, despite an otherwise spiraling overhead.

1. A full "print-out" of the *Daffodil Data Bank for 1969* at \$7.50 post-paid within the U.S.A. Abroad, extra postage required.
2. As a new service, "Samantha" will up-date any 1968 *Daffodil Data Bank* for only \$2.00.
3. Minor lists and family trees, \$1.00 each.
4. An entirely new product for the daffodil "nut" and hybridizer: *Dr. Throckmorton's Almanac and Daffodil Stud Book* can be seen at the A.D.S.

spring convention in Nashville. It will cost \$50.00 the copy — but you may look at it without charge.

Send all orders through George Lee at the Society's headquarters, 89 Chichester Road, New Canaan, Connecticut. 06840.

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