HEX IS BACK!

Those who have missed the antics of Hex, Ascii, Simula, Fetch, Execute & Dr Null will be glad to know that a new series of the Hexadecimal Kid's Adventures starts next week, brought to you in glorious double precision (32 bits) only by *Computer Weekly*. This epic in 32K words, entitled

"THROUGH THE LOGIC GATE, AND WHAT ASCII FOUND THERE"

will shock you to the core.

MELODRAMATIS PERSONAE (Original Broadway Cast)

The Hexadecimal Kid .... John Von Neumann (as a young man)
Ascii, his bionic dog .... The Artist (as a young dog)
The Uninvited Guest .... No One
An Organ Grinder .... Charles Babbage
First Robot.. Isaac Asimov
Second Robot .... Britt Eklund
Alien from an Unearthly Culture.............. Francois Truffaut
Man with Microprocessor .... Edsger Dijkstra

Ascii's wig by courtesy of HAIR Timesharing. Theme tune composed and sung by Illiac IV. (Edsger Dijkstra is currently appearing in 'Confessions of an Operating System Designer' at the Windmill Theatre.)

What the press said about the first series:

"Unmitigated drivel" -- Computing Europa.
"Couldn't make hd() or tl() of it" -- Datalink.
"Condensed"-- Reader's Digest.
"I laughed till I cried"-- Computer Weekly.
"Octal" -- The Gaurdian.
"It shouldn't be allowed" -- Sunday People.
"Badly structured" -- E. Dijkstra, Communications of the ACM.
"A tour de farce" -- Silicon Valley Advertiser.

Find out for yourself whether Hex can beat the system. The action starts again next week.