

EDIT IN CLUSTERS...



Fantasy Factory have been showing off their 'hands-off auto-conforming 3-machine low band suite'. The computerised system allows you to preview complex segments including 3 machine dissolves, wipes and keys together with DVE effects clusters triggered automatically by 'General Purpose Interfaces'. According to Fantasy Factory, this brings the world of sophisticated computerised automation into the hands of low-band users, once the exclusive domain of broadcast users.

The Convergence edit controller records an edit decision list (EDL) onto an IBM floppy disk, and this also means that a decision committed to tape can be easily recalled and changed.

Fantasy Factory have also been evaluating the quality and usefulness of the new format, Video 8, for production. The results, after copying onto low-band for editing, would seem to suggest that origination on the higher format is unlikely to be superseded in the near future.



*Hands-on 'Have a go' in Fantasy Factory's 2-machine edit suite which is regularly used for training courses as well as programme production.
Photo. Fantasy Factory*

NO NEED TO SIGN ON, JUST SWITCH ON



Out of Order, a comedy about being young, pirate radio, music, telephones, communication and the police, is the first feature-length video planned specifically for cinema release to be produced anywhere in the world. Shooting began on 29th May on location in Telford and Birmingham, and will finish on July 10th.

Out of Order reflects the lifestyle of a group of young working-class friends living in Telford Newtown and Birmingham's inner city area. With a defiant emphasis on the up-beat, it

focusses on Jazmin and her boyfriend Anthony, both unemployed, just as Anthony announces his intention to join the police force. Meanwhile their friends Billy, Susan and Veronica are trying to make a living and have a good time, and Glynis and Kerry (black female rapping duo 'Wee Papa Girl Rappers') are running pirate radio station Radio Giro. Out of Order also features musicians Working Week and a young multiracial cast.

Out of Order is the first comedy drama written by the Dead Honest Soul

Searchers, a group of young people from Telford. Their previous 52 minute video 'Giro' was shown on Channel 4 in 1985.

Out of Order is funded to the tune of £140,000 by BFI Production and Channel 4's Eleventh Hour, and is being produced by the Birmingham Film and Video Workshop. It is being shot with the new tubeless chip camera, allowing a fine manipulation of the video image. It will open in a West End cinema late in 1987, followed by nationwide release.