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MULTICS TASK REPORT

MTR-120

To: Distribution
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Subject: Design Discussion on MTB-260

A design discussion concerning MTB-260, "Interim Version of Mount and Demount for Disk Volumes", was held on March 3.

General agreement was reached that the facility was minimal but acceptable. Several detailed suggestions were made: one was that the `list_vols` command should be updated so that the operator can keep track of pending mount operations.

The most serious deficiency of the facility was felt to be the inability of the operator to determine if a volume was in use and if so by whom. But it was pointed out that:

- a) actual use of demountable volumes is likely to be on a schedule basis, and volumes will be demounted whether or not they are in use
- b) while desirable this facility is not strictly necessary
- c) the feature may be added soon after the initial implementation but is not necessary for 4.0.

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