

Inventory of the

# **Academic Computing Services**

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## INTRODUCTION

The University Archives acquired material from Academic Computing Services in several installments between 1971 and 1983. Literary rights are dedicated to the public. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Academic Computing Services records include a variety of material. Administrative records, such as annual reports and budgets, are followed by papers documenting the development of various programs. These programs were developed by the office for the university and include an on-line student records system, a computerized registration and records program, and a computer file of faculty records. Several computer networks are documented in this collection, including the proposed Northern Illinois Cooperative Computing Network.

A large part of the collection is composed of computer manuals. They are guides to computer languages, programs and NIU's computer services. Some of these manuals were purchased from other universities and companies. Publications produced by Academic Computing Services complete the collection. The office's newsletter, previously titled Computer News, was changed to Computing News in 1976, and in 1995 it began publishing on-line. Issues after 1999 are available on-line.

For additional material on computer services at NIU, researchers should consult the following collections in the University Archives: Presidents' Papers (UA 4), Provost Office (UA 16), and Boards, Councils and Committees (UA 17).

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

NIU's Computer Services Department was established in 1962 to serve the areas of education, research and administration. Previously, the university had a tabulating service under the administration of the Business Office. The Computer Services Department was also part of the Business Office until the late 1960's when it was reorganized as an independent department. The Director of Computer Services reported to the Vice President and Provost who was advised by a Computer Services Steering Committee.

Over the years, the department has undergone a number of structural changes. In July 1976 the department changed its name from Computer Services to Computing Services. On February 1, 1979 the department was reorganized as Academic Computing Services under the administration of the Director of Academic Support Services. The Executive Director of Computing Facilities, aided by the Computer Facilities Advisory Committee, managed three computer centers. Computing Services became the Academic Computer Center (ACC). The other two centers were the Systems and Operations Center and the newly formed Administrative Computer Center.

Beginning in July 1985 the entire department reorganized: the Executive Director became the Associate Vice President for Systems, the Administrative Computing Center became Administrative Information Services, and the Academic Computing Center (ACC) became Computing Information Center and User Services (CICUS). Early in 1987 a Director of Computer and Telecommunications Operations was added to the department.

In February 1990 the office once again reorganized, and CICUS was renamed Academic Computing Services (ACS). It was one of four technical divisions in the Computing and Telecommunications Systems Division which, along with a business office, are managed by the Associate Vice President for Systems. The other technical divisions are: Administrative Information Services, the Computer Center, and the Telecommunications Center. In August 1999 the Computing and Telecommunications Systems Division changed its name to Information Technology Services. It is comprised of five departments: Academic Computing Services, Administrative Information Services, Computing Services, Printing Services, and NIUTEL-Telecommunications Services. In August 2001 the name of Academic Computing Services was changed to Customer Support Services.

### COLLECTION INVENTORY

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	12	Clippings, 1976-1980	
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	17	Student File Program, 1977, 1978	
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	20	ACT Records System, Major/Minor Project, Transfer Student File, Student Information Records File (SIR), 1976-1979	
	21	Early Contact Program (ECP) & Continuing Education Unit System, 1977-1978	
	22	Academic Progress Report (APR) & Course Schedule Maintenance (CSM), 1975-1977	
	23	Faculty File, 1977-1979	
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	25	Unidentified Flowcharts & Coding Sheets, n.d.	
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	28-29	Proposal for the Northern Illinois Cooperative Computing Network, 1971	
	30	Proposal for a Statewide Educational Computer Network, 1972	
	31	Photos of Computing Information Services, n.d.	
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		4	MICC User's Conference, 1977
		5	Computer Reference Handouts, 1974
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		10	Calcomp Software Reference Manual, 1968
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	23	Computer Center at University of Minnesota, Guides, 1975, 1978
	24	NOS Version I Time-Sharing User's Guide, 1976
3	1	MPOS, 1976
	2	MICC Guide, 1977, 1979
	3	RNF Text Formatting, 1977
	4	TUCC & Gencord, 1977
	5	Wylbur & Calctran Teleprocessing, 1977, 1979 Superwylbur:
	6	Macros, 1977, 1981
	7	Basic, 7/31/79
	8	Text Formatting, 9/26/79
	9	Text Editing, 10/15/80
	10	Wylbur Reference Manual, 1980
	11	Basic Version 3 Reference Manual, 1978
	12	Conduit Basic Guide, 1979
	13	Magnetic Tape Guide for CYBER, 1979
	14	Fortran & Cobol, n.d.
	15	Informational Circulars, 1978-1979
	16	<u>Check Bits</u> , June-October, 1967
	17	<u>Technical Bulletin</u> , February-May, 1976
	18	<u>Summerviews</u> , Vol. I, 1979
	19-21	<u>Computer News</u> , Vol. I-9, 1968 -1976
	22-28	<u>Computing News</u> , Vol. 10-32, 1976 -1999 [NOTE: Indexes can be found in the December 1987 <u>Computing News</u> for 9/81 - 5/87, and in June 1992 for 9/87 - 6/92]
29	<u>Computing Briefs</u> , 1995-1997	
4	MVS:	
	1	Conversion, 1982
	2	Work Plan, 1980-1982
	3	Problems, 1981
4	MICC Newsletter - <u>DIGIT</u> , Vol. I-Vol III (1975-1977)	

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	3	User's Guide to JCL, 1977, 1979
	4	User's Guide to Available Documentation, Tape and Disk, and Utility Programs, 1977
	5	Micros on Campus, 1985 Director Mary Ann Drayton's Notebooks:
	6-7	Staff & General Information, May 1981 - July 1984
	8-9	Day-to-Day, September 1983 - September 1984
	10	Projects/B School, n.d.
	11-13	Tuecke, April 1981 - July 1985
	14	"Everything Technology" booklet [for students on technology, offered at NIU, by Information Technology Services], 2005