

Computing At UNC, 1960-1990

On March 16, Academic Computing Services (ACS) hosted a reception to thank those responsible for recent renovation and expansion of its mainframe computing facilities and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of computing at UNC-CH. For this occasion, ACS and Classroom Technologies produced a videotape comparing our computing capabilities of 30 years ago with present services.

In 1961, Director John W. Carr III conducted a tour of the Computation Center that was filmed by WUNC-TV for the program *Show Case*. We copied that film to VCR and combined it with video of our new facilities. The tape includes a segment of Fred Palmdahl, ACS' current Operations Manager, displaying a memory board from the Remington-Rand Univac 1105, vacuum-tube technology machine we had in 1961; you can actually see the bits in it.

The video also includes remarks from Dr. Charles Morrow from the 1961 production, describing why he needed the computing power of the Univac 1105, and remarks from Dr. Lee Pederson, who discusses current use of computers in computational chemistry. The video concludes with comments from Dr. William Friday, who, as President of the University, presided over the dedication of the Computation Center on March 30, 1960.

ACS will arrange special viewings of the tape, which is about twenty minutes long, for interested groups or individuals. For more information, contact Judy Hallman at 962-9107.

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Computer Virus Books

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The April 23, 1990 issue of *Computerworld* takes a look at four books that have been published in recent months on computer viruses. Below is a brief description of each title.

1) *Computer Virus Handbook*, edited by Harold Highland, Elsevier Advanced Technology, \$153.00.

According to *Computerworld*, this book "is one of the most comprehensive books on viruses and includes contributions by many of the top virus watchers." It includes information on the history of viruses, the many strains currently on the

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Upcoming Meetings And Seminars

Raleigh Color Computer Users Group

Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.

208 Millbrook Senior High School, Spring Forest Road

Information: Pete Katz, 772-6753

Raleigh Area Group Epson (RAGE)

Thursday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

Joyner Hall, Meredith College

Information: Julie Sauvageot, 772-8683

Triangle Amateur Robots

Wednesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.

101 Clark Labs, NCSU

Information: Russell Lyday, Jr., 782-8703

Triangle Computer Society: Seminar

Monday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.

1920 Deli, Highway 55 north of I-40

Information: Pete Katz, 772-6753

Topic: "MS-DOS, Session VI," Amnon Nissan (Members free, public \$12)

ACS User Service Offers Assistance

The Academic Computing Services (ACS) User Service Help Desk will assist in resolving computing problems and will offer guidance for the most effective use of ACS and university computing resources and services. The Help Desk, located in room 30 in the basement of Phillips Hall, is open 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and does not close for lunch. The number is 962-0273.

In addition to Help Desk consulting, ACS User Service offers assistance in the classroom. If instruction includes the use of ACS computing services, we can arrange special training for your class, or if instruction during class time is not practical, ACS will try to schedule an alternate time. In 1989, the demand for these classes increased, including instruction in WYLBUR and ISPF with SAS and SPSSX applications. If you would like more information, please contact Dan Wingate at 962-6501.

Consulting is also available via electronic mail. You can send questions to HELP@UNC, and we will try to reply by 10:00 a.m. on the next working day. Use the HELP E-mail service for after hours or low-priority questions.

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