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COMPUTING CENTER (North Hall)

1. JUNE BILLING CUTOFF

Contrary to previous years, we hope to delay our June cutoff for the final fiscal year billing as close to June 30th as our record processing time will permit. All chargeable services rendered after the cutoff time (probably June 29th, midnight) will be billed at the end of July, as 1978-79 business.

2. COMPUTER TIME-GRANT ACCOUNTS

All time-grant accounts (those in the 2000 series) are automatically cancelled at the end of each fiscal year. Anyone requiring additional work on an existing time-grant or new work for which a time-grant is needed, must apply for a new number. Application forms may be obtained from the main office, room 33.

3. SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

Hours of operation and access to the facilities in North Hall will remain essentially the same during the summer months as they were during the academic year. For specific information, refer to the table at the end of the newsletter. Deviations from this schedule will be posted in the 1004 terminal and 360 computer room areas.

Our facilities will be closed for the Independence Day (July 4th) and Labor Day (September 4th) holidays.

4. NOS JOB CONTROL SHORT COURSE

Richard Franta of UCC, will be teaching a short course on NOS control cards on the St. Paul Campus late this summer (the last 2 or 3 weeks in August). The course will consist of 6 or 7 afternoon sessions over a 2-3 week period in late August. All but the most casual computer user should benefit from this course. If you are interested in this course, contact Roberta Roepke, Secretary, 33 North Hall, (373-0987) providing her with your name, department, and phone number.

5. CHANGE IN COMPUTER CHARGE RATE

Effective July 1, 1978, the IBM 360/30 utilization charge is being reduced from \$1.10 per minute to an even \$1.00 per minute.

6. DISPOSITION OF CARDS, FILES, AND PRINTOUTS

We are again undertaking a major cleanup effort for disposing of unused card files and printouts that are in storage. Because of the shortage of space, the Center requires that all users remove all hard copy data files that are no longer being used actively in the Center. Space must be made available for our current facility users.

User cooperation and assistance in policing their own data files in the Center is always appreciated.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Some time in July the Center is installing an 18 station Data Entry Key-Disk system. Data that is keypunched with this system is ultimately transcribed to reusable magnetic tape (card output is optional). This system should represent a 10-15 percent improvement over the existing IBM 129 card punch equipment and will provide much more flexibility. Because of the learning process, there will necessarily be a production slowdown for 2-3 weeks when the system is installed.

- b. Some time in July a high-speed card interpreter is being installed to satisfy the ever increasing need for this service. Soon after, we plan on implementing procedures to charge for this service.
- c. 1004 USERS—Because of the increased usage of the 1004 in North Hall, we have established a new system of print-out distribution. Please continue to place printouts in the usual area. Our staff will distribute listings in corresponding 'Day of the Week' output boxes located in the same general area. Please be careful in handling other peoples' listings. Thanks for your cooperation.
- d. 360 USERS—PLEASE! Do not tear off your output listings from the 1403 printer.
- e. Mrs. Eva Klein, who has served so ably as the Computing Center secretary since April 1965, is now retiring. We extend our thanks to her for her many contributions and express our best wishes for a happy retirement.
- f. We are pleased to announce that Roberta Roepke, who has been with us since September 1966, as a Senior Data Entry Operator, was recently promoted to the position of Principal Secretary. She will be serving you as our receptionist and main office supervisor from 33 North Hall.

MINNESOTA ANALYSIS & PLANNING SYSTEM (MAPS)

MAPS USERS SEMINAR

The next Minnesota Analysis and Planning System User Seminar will be held on Thursday, August 3, 1978.

The Seminar, now offered on a quarterly basis, is designed to increase accessibility and understanding of MAPS. The session covers new and updated files in the data base and particularly focuses on 1980 Census developments.

Other aspects of the presentation include information on MAPS services, facilities and computer-related activities. There will also be time for discussion of file content and how to utilize and access the data.

The Seminar concludes with a tour of the MAPS terminal facilities and an opportunity to present ideas and questions to staff analysts and programmers.

To register, or for additional information, call the MAPS office (612-376-7003). There is no charge for the Seminar which runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon in room 401, Coffey Hall, on the St. Paul Campus.

Upcoming Seminar dates include Thursday, November 2, and Thursday, February 2.

1980 CENSUS UPDATE

Ideas concerning tabulations to be produced from the data that will be collected on a sample (long-form) basis in 1980 are being requested by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

The sample items would constitute a major share of the list of subjects to be covered in the census. Their tabulations, usually

in combination with short-form items such as age, race, and sex, make up a considerable portion of the published census output. The Census Bureau is interested in utilizing user needs as it develops these tabulation plans.

For persons who wish to make recommendations, it will be useful to examine the 1970 census reports to note the form of tabulations, geographic details needed, and so forth. In addition, keep in mind that data presented in the census reports constitutes only a fraction of what was tabulated; much more statistical information appears on publicly available computer summary tapes.

Suggestions should be sent to the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233; or for additional information on the tabulations, contact the MAPS office.

DATA FILE INVENTORY BROCHURE

A completely revised issue of the Data File Inventory brochure has been published and is available to interested clients.

The Inventory brochure contains a description of each data file in the Minnesota Analysis and Planning System's extensive data base. Included in the 89 files listed are the Annual Demographic File, the Address Coding Guide, the various 1970 Census files, County Business Patterns, a number of Bureau of Economic Analysis files, and the State Auditor reports.

Each description gives the name and source of the information, the date of acquisition, what is contained in the file, years available, geographic level, and any pertinent notes about the file.

Essentially, the brochure contains information on each data file that is currently available at MAPS for access. Changes and updates, which occur regularly, in the files will be listed in the MAPS Newsletter.

For a copy of the MAPS Data File Inventory brochure, call or write the MAPS office—ph. 612-376-7003 at 1420 Eckles Ave., 415 Coffey Hall, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN 55108.

CLASSROOM OFFICE BUILDING COMPUTING FACILITIES

During the summer, the 1004 room and the MERITSS Instructional Laboratory (125E) will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. A consultant will be on duty from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. If the computer facility is locked after 8:00 a.m., users should inquire in the Applied Statistics' office in room 352. Keys may be signed out overnight or for the weekend in room 352. (A \$5.00 deposit is required.)

During the morning, report persistent troubles to C. Bingham (ph. 3-0988). Suggestions for improving service or procedures also should be directed to him.

In addition, graduate student consultants will be available throughout the summer for help on statistical problems. The hours for the consultants may vary from time to time and can be obtained by calling 373-1037, or by checking the schedule in 125C Classroom Office Building.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COMPUTING EQUIPMENT BY LOCATION

Equipment Type	Location	Hours of Service	Key Staff Personnel	Telephone
IBM 360/30 computer	22 North Hall	8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)	Dave Schempp (consultant)	373-0987
		7:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m. (M-F)	Keypunch Supervisors	373-0992
		8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)	Secretary (account clerk)	373-0990
		7:45 a.m.—Midnight (M-F)	Operations staff	373-0990
		8:00 a.m.—Noon (Sat)	Operations staff	373-0990
Univac 1004 terminal	24 North Hall	8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)	Jim Colten (consultant)	373-0987
		7:45 a.m.—Midnight (M-F)	Operations staff	373-0990
		8:00 a.m.—Noon (Sat)	Operations staff	373-0990
MIRJE teletype terminal (for research use only)	35 North Hall	8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)	Jim Colten (consultant)	373-0987
		7:45 a.m.—Midnight (M-F)	Operations staff	373-0990
		8:00 a.m.—Noon (Sat)	Operations staff	373-0990
Hewlett-Packard 9100B	37 North Hall	By arrangement	Operations staff	373-0990
CDC 200 terminal	415 Coffey Hall	7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)	David M. Nelson	376-7003
		7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m. (M-F)	Elaine Greenfield (office supervisor)	376-7003
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Univac 1004 terminal	125G Classroom Office Building	8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (M-F) (after hours by appointment)	Naomi Miner (secretary) C. Bingham	373-1037 373-0966
Interactive instructional lab	125E Classroom Office Building	8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (M-F) (after hours by appointment)	Naomi Miner (secretary) C. Bingham	373-1037 373-0988
Univac 1004 terminal	253 Biological Science	8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (M-F)	Michael Simmons	373-1961