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ANNOUNCEMENT

A task force is being established to study the long-range computing needs (space, equipment and services) of the St. Paul Campus. One of the specific responsibilities of this task force will be to study and recommend a long-term solution to the ever increasing space requirements of the North Hall and the Minnesota Analysis and Planning System (MAPS) facilities. Should you or your colleagues have any ideas or suggestions on this matter, please contact John Hoyt, 260 Coffey Hall (373-1225) or Mel Sauve, 26 North Hall (373-0987). All input concerning this subject matter will be appreciated.

COMPUTING CENTER (North Hall)

1. ACCESS TO COMPUTING CENTER FACILITIES

A computer operator is now on duty from 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Saturday users should make use of the outside door entrance to room 24 (1004 Terminal room). The Computing Center continues to be open daily, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and midnight.

2. PAPER SHORTAGE—PAPER RECYCLING

Due to the paper shortage, computer cards and paper are becoming more and more difficult to obtain. Computer paper products are up in cost, approximately 50% over what they were last year. Because the Computing Center does not have complete control over its open-shop customer use of paper and cards, we urge everyone to conserve and recycle paper products whenever possible.

Recycling helps. We presently recycle 1-2 tons of cards and paper monthly. There could be more. Rather than discarding printouts and cards, please bring them to room 7, North Hall, and place them in our Recycling area.

3. CARD STORAGE

'Data Set Identifier' labels are required on all card files stored in the Computing Center. Because of the amount of user card storage maintained by the Center (approximately 4 million cards for several hundred accounts), all users must identify their card files with this standard label. 'Data Set Identifier' labels are available in the storage area. These forms are 3" x 5" pressure sensitive labels that can be simply filled out, removed from their pad and affixed to each box placed in storage.

Because of a shortage of storage space, we request that users remove their data files when they are no longer being actively used in the Center. If users want the Center to recycle old data files, they should fill out a 'Data Disposition Authorization' form.

This summer, we want to trace and properly identify each data set presently in storage. We would appreciate any assistance that anyone can provide. If you know about existing card files that may not be labeled properly or may be disposed of now, please see Operations personnel for instruc-

tions on appropriate identification or data disposition procedures.

4. REMINDERS

- Preventive maintenance is scheduled for the IBM 360 computer equipment on Tuesdays, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- The IBM 360 computer system is usually available after normal working hours (until 7:00 p.m.) for short-term debugging or production runs. Generally, long-term computer runs requiring longer than an hour are scheduled after 7:00 p.m.
- A computer consultant is on duty 5 days a week in the 1004 Terminal user room (room 24). This consultant should be able to assist users with most diagnostics, job card preparation, equipment operation and statistical package consulting.

MINNESOTA ANALYSIS AND PLANNING SYSTEM (MAPS)

1. ECONOMIC CENSUS CONFERENCE

October 22 is the scheduled date for an all day conference on the 1972 Economic Census. Officials from the U.S. Census Bureau will participate in the conference to be held in the Twin Cities. The conference is being sponsored by MAPS, the Minneapolis Area Field Office of the Department of Commerce, and the Upper Midwest Council. The Economic Censuses are regular 5-year canvasses by the Census Bureau of the nation's industrial and business activity. The data collected includes retail trade, wholesale trade, selected service industries, construction industries, manufacturing, mineral industries, and transportation. MAPS is currently in the process of determining which of the Economic Census computer files to purchase. If you have a need for this type of data it would be a good idea to notify the MAPS office to let them know of your interest.

2. COMPUTER JOB OUTPUT

The computer output shelves in 415 Coffey Hall are starting to fill up with student computer runs that have not been picked up. If you have any materials stored on these shelves it would be appreciated if you would pick up the material. The shelves will be cleared on August 1st and unclaimed materials will be thrown away.

3. USERS SEMINAR

The next MAPS Users Seminar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 6, 1974 in 401 Coffey Hall. This is a good opportunity to get acquainted with the MAPS staff and to learn of the services that MAPS provides. For additional information on the seminar call 376-7003.

CLASSROOM OFFICE BUILDING COMPUTING FACILITIES

During the summer, the 1004 room and the MERITSS Instruc-

tional Laboratory (125E) will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. A consultant will be on duty from 1:30 to 5:30. Should the computer facility be locked after 8:30 a.m., users should inquire at the Applied Statistics' office in room 352. Keys may be signed out over night or for the weekend in room 352 (\$1.00 deposit will be required).

During the morning hours, report persistent troubles to C. Bingham

(phone 3-0988). More generally, suggestions for improving service or procedures should be directed to him.

There is no regular statistical computing consulting nor any statistical "clinic" during the summer. However, the Monday and Wednesday computing consultant has considerable experience with statistical computing and may be able to help with problems. For statistical consulting, call Dr. Frank Martin, Statistical Center Director, 3-1048.

GENERAL INFORMATION OF COMPUTING EQUIPMENT BY LOCATION

Equipment Type	Location	Key Staff Personnel	Hours of Service	Telephone
IBM 360/30 computer	22 North Hall	Dave Schempp (consultant)	7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	373-0987
		Key punch supervisors	7:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.	373-0992
		Account clerk	7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	373-0990
		Operations staff	7:00 a.m.—Midnight	373-0990
			8:00 a.m.—Noon, Sat.	
Univac 1004 terminal	24 North Hall	Jim Colten (consultant)	7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	373-0987
		Operations staff	7:00 a.m.—Midnight	373-0990
			8:00 a.m.—Noon, Sat.	
CDC 200 terminal	415 Coffey Hall	Dave Nelson	7:45 a.m.—9:30 p.m.	376-7003
		Tom Ehlen	7:45 a.m.—9:30 p.m.	376-7003
		Elaine Greenfield (principal secretary)	7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	376-7003
			(after hours use by arrangement)	
Univac 1004 terminal	125G Classroom Office Building	Consultant	8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.	376-3846
		L. Viemeister		373-1037
		C. Bingham		373-0988
Interactive instructional lab	125E Classroom Office Building	Consultant	8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.	373-0829
		L. Viemeister		373-1037
		C. Bingham		373-0988
Hewlet-Packard 9100B	125A Classroom Office Building	L. Viemeister	By arrangement	373-1037
Univac 1004 terminal	257 Biological Science	Ricardo Cardellino (consultant)	8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.	376-3407

The Subcommittee on Statistical Packages and Support Services in making an inventory of existing statistical programs or packages which have been implemented on the 6600 or 6400. If you possess any statistical programs or packages which have the potential for general use, whether written by you or obtained from elsewhere, please complete the form below. We are interested in making an inventory of all statistical programs whether or not you would be willing to document or maintain them.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ PHONE NO. _____

I have the following statistical programs:

<i>Name of Program</i>	<i>Documentation Available?</i>	<i>Willing to Maintain?</i>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Please return this form to: John Neter, 715 Business Administration Tower, West Bank, Minneapolis Campus.