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INTERNET

Good news to all computer users who want to communicate with other campuses across the country or around the world.

Internet is a buzzword among the academic community. Take advantage of Internet access to search your interest topics across the network. Following are some useful Internet addresses, where you can access online information.

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New User Services Coordinator

Reddy Anugu joined ACS as a User Services Coordinator on May 3, 1993. Prior to this position, he was a faculty in the computer science department at Selma University, Selma, Alabama.

Reddy will assist faculty and staff who are interested in learning more about computer software to improve personal productivity.

He will also help faculty in enhancing their lectures through use of multimedia which can be developed in Software Hardware Evaluation Lab (SHEL) using the available hardware and software.

The Software Hardware Evaluation Laboratory is designed for faculty who want to test or develop software lectures for their courses.

Dailey Computing Center

At last Dailey houses the Prime computer. After a year long preparation, the Prime was brought into Dailey during the summer. Now the time has come to enjoy the new computing facility on campus. ACS attempts to provide the best possible support to campus faculty, staff and students. It offers a wide variety of computer platforms to the academic community from simple wordprocessing to modern workstations.

The first floor of Dailey houses the Prime terminals for general purpose use. These are open access terminals, which can be used by any valid college community person. The second floor has a variety of instructional/classrooms (IBM, Mac, Prime), the Software Hardware Evaluation Lab (SHEL), the Software Reference Library, and open access labs for general purpose use. Each of the labs are equipped with an over head projector and an LCD panel for lecture presentation. The detailed second floor layout is shown on page three. For more information, or to schedule one of the labs for your classes contact Anne Parsons at ext. 5470.

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Hardware

ACS has acquired a variety of computer hardware platforms. They range from microcomputer to mini computers. The latest ones are from HP, SUN, and Mac Centris with color printer. These workstations are located in SHEL (Software Hardware Evaluation Lab) and are described below.

**HP-9000**

System configuration:
- HP-9000 series 800 F10 Model
- 1.2 GB disk space
- CD-ROM
- DDS Cassette Tape Drive (2 GB)
- HP-UX operating System 9.0
- 13" Monochrome Monitor

Currently this computer is set up as a gopher server. Clients can access HP (acshp1.acs.brockport.edu) from any terminal through telnet. Login as GOPHER.

**SUN Workstation**

System configuration:
- Sun Sparc-10
- 1.2 GB disk space
- CD-ROM
- 16" Sun Color Monitor
- Solaris 2.1 Operating System

This workstation can be used by any academic community member (students, faculty), who is involved in research. It can also be used to access the Cornell supercomputer through the Xwindows interface.

**MAC Centris 650 with Apple color Printer**

System configuration:
- Mac Centris 650
- 340 MB disk space
- CD-ROM
- 16" Apple Color Monitor
- System 7.01 Operating System

This system can be used by anyone from the academic community. This computer has an external CD-ROM with Apple color printer.

**Software**

The Software Reference Library has received one copy of the updated DOS version of WordPerfect 6.0. A list of existing software is shown in the page 7.

ACS not only maintains traditional software with technical reference manuals but also demo software, training videos, and CDs. For more information call Reddy Anugu at ext. 2463.

**Demos**

Demo diskettes are available for evaluation purposes. The latest demos are as follows:
- OS/2 2.0
- Ironclad (PC protection)
- SigmaPlot (Mac, Scientific plot)
- FirstTry (Mac, Authorware Prof.)
- WordPerfect Presentations (IBM)
- Excelsior (IBM, Test Generator)
- PassPort (IBM, ToolBook App)
- WordPerfect Presentations (IBM)
- FrameMaker (IBM)

**Videos**

Macintosh and Windows 3.1 training videos are also available for check out if you are interested in learning Macs or Windows at your own pace. You can also watch these videos in the conference room during the regular hours (M-F 9:00am - 5:00pm).

**CDs**

There are a few CDs available for evaluation and testing purposes. You can come and explore the CDs. A CD-ROM is available on one of the Zenith 486 machines.

SUNY Brockport
- The Fedix link service between Higher Education and Federal Government
fedix.fie.com or 192.111.228.33
Login as "fedix"

FEDIX, the On-Line Database Retrieval Service of Government Information for Colleges, Universities, and Other Organizations. This service is available for free of charge. Try to explore and you might find interesting information.

- The AskERIC (Educational Resources Information center) service for K-12 Educators
hafnhaf.micro.umn.edu
Login as "gopher"
Access the National Gopher System
AskERIC is in the following directory:
Other Gopher and Information Servers/North America/USA/General/AskERIC.

To FTP to the AskERIC site
- Log into your local host, and invoke the FTP program
- Write ericir.syr.edu as the remote computer host computer name.
- The user name is anonymous
- The password is your email username.

AskERIC provides an Internet-based question-answering service for teachers, library media specialists, and administrators.

If you are interested of knowing more we have a book on Internet "Zen and the Art of the Internet" by Brendan P. Kehoe. This is a beginner's guide to the Internet. We also provide introductory seminars on Internet. Please feel free to attend them. See page six for seminar schedule.

Calender of Events!

September 21 - 23
- Rochester Computer & Business Show
Rochester Computer and Business show will be held at the Rochester Convention Center, Rochester, NY from 11:00am to 7:00pm on Tue, Wed, and Thu Sept 21, 22, 23. For details call extension 2368.

September 30 - Oct 2
- NYSERNet Computer Networking Conference
The New York State Education and Research Network (NYSERNet) will bring NYSERNet Conference '93 to the Holiday Inn Holidome in Rochester, from Thursday, September 30 to Saturday, October 2, 1993. For more information call NYSERNet at (315) 453-2912.

October 5
- Seminar on Internet
Jim Gerland from University of Buffalo, is going to present a seminar on use of Internet at 9:00am to 12:00noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Dailey Hall on Tuesday, October 5. Call 2368 to register.

October 8
- Computer Vendor Display (Parent Family Weekend)
ACS hosts vendors (IBM, Apple and others) in Dailey on parent family weekend between 12:00pm to 4:30pm. All are invited.

November 3
- Teaching Tools for the 90's: Beyond Computers
1993 Teaching Tools for the 90's conference will be held at Onondaga County Convention Center Syracuse, New York on Wednesday, November 3, 1993. Call for further information at (315) 443-2604.

December 6-8, 1993
- Internet World '93 Conference and Exhibition
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center New York, NY. For program and registration information, contact Meckler at 1-800-MECKLER.
Technical Support

Technical support of the dial-up modems into the Prime, Microvax, and Equinox has been transferred to AV/tech Services. If you are experiencing any problems with the modems not connecting, or having trouble getting the Equinox to respond, please call AV/tech services at 395-2660. If you are having trouble logging onto any of the academic systems, please call ACS at 395-2479.

Technology Helpline (2121)

Have questions about campus mainframes, PC hardware or software? Call the technology helpline (2121) for information on hours, services, supported equipment etc. The automated attendant will direct your call to ACS, Administrative Computing or AV/tech services for quick response.

2121 is meant to provide a handy phone contact point for technology related questions. Your feedback regarding this new service is appreciated.

Instant Advisor

Students can now find instant help with advisement questions via a new online advisement service. Sandy Meade from Brockport's Advisement office was instrumental in making the service available.

Any student with a Prime account can type MAIL to access the Advisor. A menu system will direct them to the Instant advisor. Most questions will be answered within 48 hours. Questions regarding transfer credit, matriculation requirements, course prerequisites etc. are all fair game. As always, we are interested in your comments and feedback on this service. Send e-mail to STAFF.

Frequently Asked Questions

§ What is available in Dailey Hall Computing Center?

» There are almost 200 IBM-PCs, IBM-compatibles, MACs and Prime terminals along with printers. There is a Software Library, a collection of up-to-date reference materials, manuals, user handouts, and a staff of trained assistants.

§ How can I learn more about computing?

» ACS offers a wide variety of classes at the beginning of each semester. See next pages for full details.

§ What wordprocessing program should I use?

» The College provides instruction and support for WordPerfect 5.1.

§ What kind of diskette should I buy to save my work on?

» A 3½" Double Sided, Double Density diskette.

§ Does it cost anything to use computers?

» There is no cost for using computers but there is 10 cent per page charge for laser printing (no charge for using other printers).

§ What is the Prime?

» Prime 6650 is the academic mainframe computer. The mainframe is used for programming courses and statistics applications. It provides the online information Dynix system for the Library and it is your connection to the world through Internet.

§ How can I get into Dynix?

» Login as "LIBRARY"
Password is "Drake"
Academic Computing Services is conducting a series of introductory and advanced computer seminars beginning September 7-21, for faculty, staff, and students. The classes will be held in Dailey Computer Center.

All classes are free of charge to Brockport SUNY college community (students, staff, and faculty).

Some of the IBM mainframe seminars are specifically designed for faculty/staff only. Take advantage of the opportunity and attend a seminar. A valid computer account is required for IBM mainframe, PRIME and UNIX sessions.

Any person (student, faculty, staff) can register for the IBM mainframe seminars by calling or signing the register at least one day prior to the session by calling 2385.

How do I get an account?

If you are a member of SUNY college community then you can obtain an account on the academic systems by completing an application at ACS, M-F 8:00am-5:00pm. For administrative accounts on Eagle, call 2385.

Can I get an additional help?

Absolutely yes! You can get additional software help from the ACS staff during the hours of operation.

If you are a faculty/staff member please fill out the attached survey form and send it to the User Services Coordinator. Based on the information we hope to receive we can enhance the assistance we provide to staff/faculty.

SEMINARS LISTING:

- Tour of ACS facilities
  This is basically for new users who want to acquaint themselves with the computing facilities in Dailey.

- Introduction to MS-DOS (IBM-PC's)
  This is an hour long, hands-on DOS commands workshop designed for new IBM-PC users.

- Advanced Uses of MS-DOS (IBM-PC's)
  This is a ninety minutes workshop is intended for users who want to create directories, batch files, and advanced features of MS-DOS.

- Introduction to UNIX (SUN Sparc workstation)
  This is an hour long seminar, intended for new users who want to know the fundamentals of the UNIX operating system. In this seminar, the Sun Sparc-10 workstation will be introduced. A reference manual may be provided to each participant depending upon the resources.

- WordPerfect 5.1 for New Users (IBM-PC's)
  This is sixty minutes, hands-on workshop intended for novice users. Fundamentals of WordPerfect such as create, save, edit, and print a document will be introduced in this workshop.

- Advanced WordPerfect 5.1 (IBM-PC's)
  This workshop is intended for those users who already know WordPerfect and would like to know more features such as working with tables, multiple documents, columns, merge, and macro's and much more.

- Introduction to Prime (PRIME)
  Participants will be introduced to the PRIME computer. This is an hour long seminar where the users will be logging on/off to the PRIME and getting to know the available software on the PRIME.

- Making the Most of MacIntosh
  This introductory workshop is basically intended for the participants who have no knowledge about a MacIntosh computer. In this workshop, participants will be introduced to technical terminology associated with the desktop and also how to operate a Mac effectively.

- Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3
  This tutorial is intended for the participants who have no knowledge of spreadsheets.

- Introduction to Kermit 3.1 (IBM-PC's or MacIntosh PC's)
  This as approximately an hour long session where the participants will be using a PC (IBM or Mac) to communicate with the PRIME computer. They will also be introduced to uploading and downloading files.

- Getting Around the Internet (PRIME)
  This is an introduction to communication networks. In this session the participants will gain access to global networking using Telnet and FTP.
### ACS Classes Schedule in Dailey Hall  
(September 7 - 21)

**Basic Uses of MS-DOS**  
*By Anne Parsons - Room Number 205*  
- Sept 7 Tue 10:15am - 11:15am  
- Sept 8 Wed 9:30am - 10:30am  

**Advanced Uses of MS-DOS**  
*By ACS Staff - Room Number 205*  
- Sept 7 Tue 11:30am - 12:30pm  
- Sept 8 Wed 10:45pm - 11:45pm  

**Introduction to UNIX**  
*By Reddy Anugu - Room Number 211*  
- Sept 14 Tue 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
- Sept 15 Wed 12:00pm - 1:00pm  

**WordPerfect 5.1 for New Users (IBM)**  
*By ACS Staff - Room Number 205*  
- Sept 7 Tue 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
- Sept 8 Wed 10:30am - 11:30am  
- Sept 9 Thu 9:00am - 10:00am  
- Sept 9 Thu 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
- Sept 9 Thu 1:45pm - 2:45pm  
- Sept 10 Fri 9:30am - 10:30am  

**Advanced WordPerfect 5.1 (IBM)**  
*By Reddy Anugu - Room Number 205*  
- Sept 8 Wed 1:15pm - 2:15pm  
- Sept 9 Thu 3:00pm - 4:00pm  

**Making the Most of Macintosh**  
*By Reddy Anugu - Room Number 212*  
- Sept 9 Thu 7:30pm - 8:30pm  
- Sept 13 Mon 1:15pm - 2:15pm  
- Sept 14 Tue 8:30am - 9:30am  

**Introduction to Kermit**  
*By Erik Seielstad - Room Number 213*  
- Sept 10 Fri 1:15pm - 2:15pm  

**Introduction to dBase (IBM)**  
*By ACS Staff - Room Number 205*  
- Sept 13 Mon 9:30am - 10:30am  
- Sept 14 Tue 1:30pm - 2:30pm  

**Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3 (IBM)**  
*By ACS Staff - Room Number 205*  
- Sept 13 Mon 9:30am - 10:30am  
- Sept 14 Tue 1:30pm - 2:30pm  

**Introduction: Using the PRIME**  
*By ACS Staff - Room Number 213*  
- Sept 7 Tue 7:30pm - 8:30pm  
- Sept 8 Wed 2:30pm - 3:30pm  
- Sept 9 Thu 10:15am - 11:15am  
- Sept 10 Fri 9:30am - 10:30am  
- Sept 13 Mon 2:30pm - 3:30pm  

**Getting Around the Internet**  
*By Erik Seielstad - Room Number 213*  
- Sept 9 Thu 11:30am - 12:30pm  
- Sept 10 Fri 10:45am - 11:45am  
- Sept 13 Mon 3:45pm - 4:45pm  
- Sept 15 Wed 2:30pm - 3:30pm  

**Introduction to SPSS on PRIME**  
*By Mary Jo Orzech - Room Number 213*  
- Sept 14 Tue 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
- Sept 15 Wed 4:00pm - 5:00pm  

**Introduction to Minitab on PRIME**  
*By Mary Jo Orzech - Room Number 213*  
- Sept 14 Tue 7:30pm - 8:30pm  
- Sept 15 Wed 1:15pm - 2:15pm  

**Introduction to SPSS on PC (IBM)**  
*By Reddy Anugu - Room Number 205*  
- Sept 9 Thu 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
- Sept 13 Mon 2:30pm - 3:30pm  

**Tour of ACS Facilities**  
*By Anne Parsons - Room Number 104*  
- Sept 7 Tue 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
- Sept 8 Wed 8:15am - 9:15am  

**Introduction to EAGLE**  
*By Admin Computing Staff (213)*  
- Sept 16 Thu 2:00pm - 3:00pm  
- Sept 13 Mon 11:00am - 12:00pm  

**Introduction to IBM E-Mail**  
*By Admin Computing Staff (213)*  
- Sept 16 Thu 10:00am - 11:00am  
- Sept 20 Mon 1:00pm - 2:00pm  

**Advanced IBM E-Mail**  
*By Admin Computing Staff (213)*  
- Sept 16 Thu 11:00am - 12:00pm  
- Sept 20 Mon 2:00pm - 3:00pm  

**Introduction to Internet and GOPHER**  
*By Admin Computing Staff (213)*  
- Sept 20 Mon 9:00am - 10:00am  
- Sept 21 Tue 11:00am - 12:00pm  

**Introduction to Finding Books (DYNIX)**  
*By Library Staff - Room Number 213*  
- Sept 10 Fri 3:00pm - 4:00pm  

To register for these classes call 395-2247.

*Prior Knowledge is required.  
**For SUNY Faculty and Staff Only. For registration and more information call 2385 Jim Gerland talks about Internet on October 5 in Dailey.  
Jim Gerland, professor from the University of Buffalo, is going to present a seminar on Internet.  
Do not miss the golden opportunity to know more about Internet.  
Call Mary Jo at ext. 2368
### PC Software Holdings at ACS as of August 1993

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<td><strong>Operating Systems</strong></td>
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<td>Lotus1-2-3 Quattro Pro, PC Calc+*</td>
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<td><strong>Languages</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Graphics</strong></td>
<td>Harvard Presentation Graphics PrintShop, Microsoft Paintbrush 4.0 Graph-in-the-Box, Presentation Plus</td>
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<td><strong>Math/Statistics</strong></td>
<td>*RURCI (Calculus) PC: Solve, SPSS/PC+ 5.0 SAS JMP IN 1.0, SPSS/PC+ Advanced Statistics, Statistical Navigator</td>
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<td><strong>Miscellaneous</strong></td>
<td>Desqview1.0, Q&amp;A3.0, LapLink Pro PC Browse, PICK, The Author, Quest Grammatik 2.0, Learning DOS Asymetrix ToolBook 1.0 Norton Utilities for Mac HyperCard</td>
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*Shareware or public domain software. Most holdings are single copies of programs for individual use in evaluation and demonstration. The software is available from the User Services Coordinator, M-F, 8:00am - 5:00pm for use at ACS.
General Information

Staff
Mary Jo Orzech
Director, 217 Dailey, ext. 2368
Brian Volkmar
Systems Manager, 127 Dailey, ext. 2417
Anne Parsons
Lab Coordinator, 204 Dailey, ext. 5410
Erik Seielstad
Programmer Analyst, 208 Dailey, ext. 2624
Reddy Anugu
User Services Coordinator, 207 Dailey.

ACS HOURS
Mon - Thu 8:00am - 11:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday 1:00pm - 9:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 11:00pm

These hours subject to change, based on availability of student employees.

DIAL Access Phones

From Any Phone: From on-campus Phone:
300/1200 baud 637-2181 300/1200 baud ext. 2181
2400 baud 637-2191 2400 baud ext. 2191
9600 baud 637-2180 9600 baud ext. 2180
Prime Status Line*: 395-2390 FAX Line: 395-2399

*Recorded message giving the current status/availability of the Prime.

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## Software Survey
### Needs assessment for Faculty/Staff

Express your interest in the following by checking the appropriate box.

### need PC software support on the following:

#### Communication Software:
- Procomm
- Other

#### Compilers/Languages:
- Ada
- Lightning C
- Lightning Pascal
- Microsoft Assembler
- Microsoft C
- Other

#### Database:
- DBase
- PCFile
- Other

#### Desktop Publishing:
- Aldus PageMaker
- Other

#### Graphics:
- Harvard Graphics
- Mac Paint
- Other

#### Operating Systems:
- DOS
- OS/2
- Other

#### Multi-Media:
- Authorware Professional
- HyperCard
- Other

#### Spreadsheets:
- Lotus 1-2-3
- Quattro Pro
- Other

### Statistics/Graphs:
- SPSS PC
- Sigma Plot
- Other

### Wordprocessors:
- MacWrite
- PC-Write
- WordStar
- Other

### I need PRIME software support on the following:

#### Compilers/Languages:
- Ada
- COBOL
- LISP
- C++
- PROLOG
- Other

#### Database:
- Henco Info
- Other

#### Editors:
- ED
- Other

#### Statistics:
- BMDP
- SAS
- Other

#### Utilities:
- Internet
- Supercomputing Capability
- Microsoft Windows
- Other

### Other software (comment):

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Please print all information.

Name: ____________________________________________

Dept./Office: ____________________ Ph. Ext: ___________

Computer: ____ IBM (Compatible) ____ Mac

Status: _____ Faculty _____ Staff

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*If you need software support from the ACS, please take a few minutes of your time to complete the survey form and return to user services coordinator, ACS Dailey Hall.

Thanks! ☺️
Send the completed survey form to the below address

Att. to
User Services Coordinator
Academic Computing Services, Dailey Hall
SUNY College at Brockport
Brockport, NY 14420