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UTA Engineering College Donates Computer Collection To Arlington Museum **A significant contribution to AMIT.**

The College of Engineering (COE) at the University of Texas Arlington (UTA) has donated a collection of over 800 items from the field of Computer Science to the Arlington Museum of Information Technology (AMIT).

The collection includes items from the mundane to the unique, from tab cards to minicomputers, from the recent past to items from the early 20th century. AMIT will display some of the items in Nedderman Hall at UTA as well as in other locations around Arlington.

AMIT Director Gil Carrick said that he is quite excited to receive this donation. Many people have contributed material to it and AMIT will be positioned to utilize it to substantial advantage as it develops a major attraction to add to the Arlington tourism community.

This collection was acquired over the past few years and was intended to assist in educating the students of today about the history of computing. Mr. Carrick was originally the curator of the collection at UTA and the college is pleased to donate the collection to AMIT.

As an example of the evolution of computer technology, the AMIT collection includes an electromagnet from an early disk drive that weighs 56 pounds. A typical drive of that era probably held less than 50 million bytes of data. Modern microdrives weigh about half an ounce and hold 8 billion bytes, or 160 times as much information. Few people understand the magnitude of such changes.

Organizations in Arlington with interest in having a museum display located in their facilities are encouraged to contact Mr. Carrick.

AMIT is chartered by the State of Texas and is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit scientific and educational organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

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