

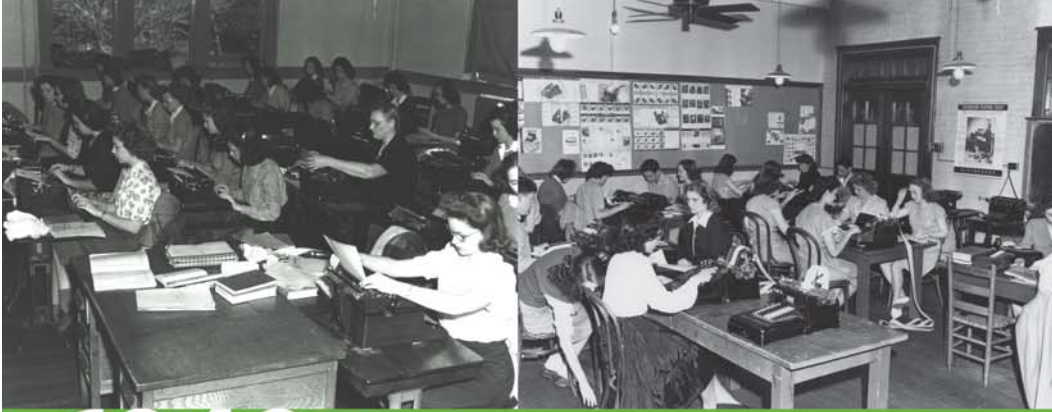


A HISTORY OF THE
College of Business
(1945 - 2015)

**Then and Now,
A Walk Through the Years**

Honoring our history.
Envisioning our future.





1940s

A School of Business Administration grows from a Department of Business Education

Dr. O.J. Curry, Founding Dean Arrives

Dr. O.J. Curry was hired in 1942 to teach in the Department of Business Education at North Texas State Teachers College and to “turn it into a good school of business.”

Dr. Curry developed the curriculum, programs and faculty of the College over the next twenty-five years until his retirement in 1967. The curriculum consisted of typing, shorthand and penmanship.

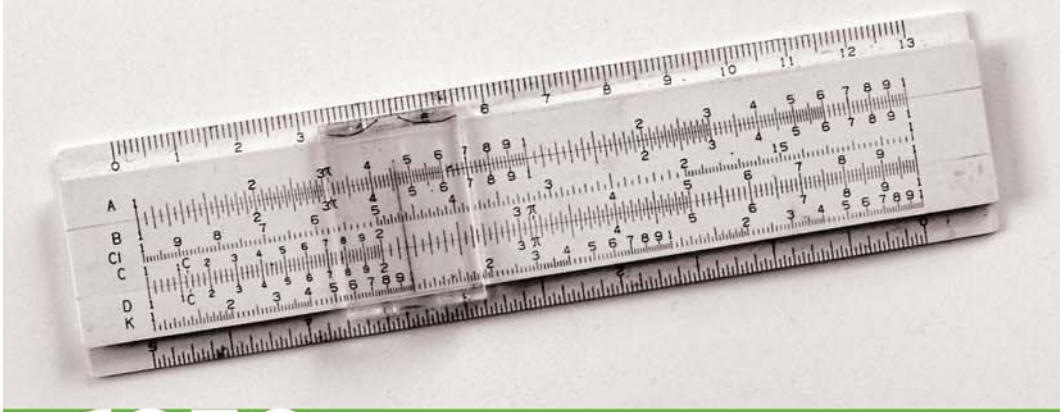
When he arrived he found a department housed in the old Manual Arts Building. The Department of Business Education consisted of two classrooms: one classroom used for business was located on the second floor and one was in the basement. There was one faculty office which could house eight people.

Dr. Curry took over the basement classroom as his office and set about developing a School of Business.

It was not until the 1949-50 catalog that a School of Business Administration was listed.



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1950s

School of Business Grows into a New (old) Building

By 1950, the Manual Arts Building was not sufficient to hold the School of Business Administration.

In 1950, the School moved to new quarters in what was formerly the Laboratory (Demonstration) School.

The three story building had three floors. Because of the slant of the land, the first floor was below ground level on one end of the building. Students from that time recall that as students walked past the building, gravel would fall onto desks through the open windows.

There was no air conditioning; however, a few of the professors installed their own air conditioning (and even personally paid the additional electricity cost).

Dean Curry's office was in the middle of the building in a room that was previously a bathroom

He noted that the room made a nice office "...with the facilities removed."

By 1958, the School of Business Administration had outgrown its location and plans were made for a new Business Administration Building.





1960s

A New Business Building

The School of Business moved into the new Business Building in Fall 1960. The student desks were built in the university's own woodshops.

Plans for the new Business Building were based on the building that housed the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. When completed in 1960, the Business Administration Building was completed at a total cost of \$1,369,607.

One interesting characteristic was that each department had only one telephone line to the faculty suite. Faculty members receiving and placing calls had to go to the department chair office in order to do so.

In 1961, the School of Business undergraduate programs were accredited by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) followed by accreditation of the school's master's programs in 1966.

In 1965, the School began offering Ph.D.s in Business.

In 1967, Dean Curry retired as the founding Dean of the School of Business.





1970s

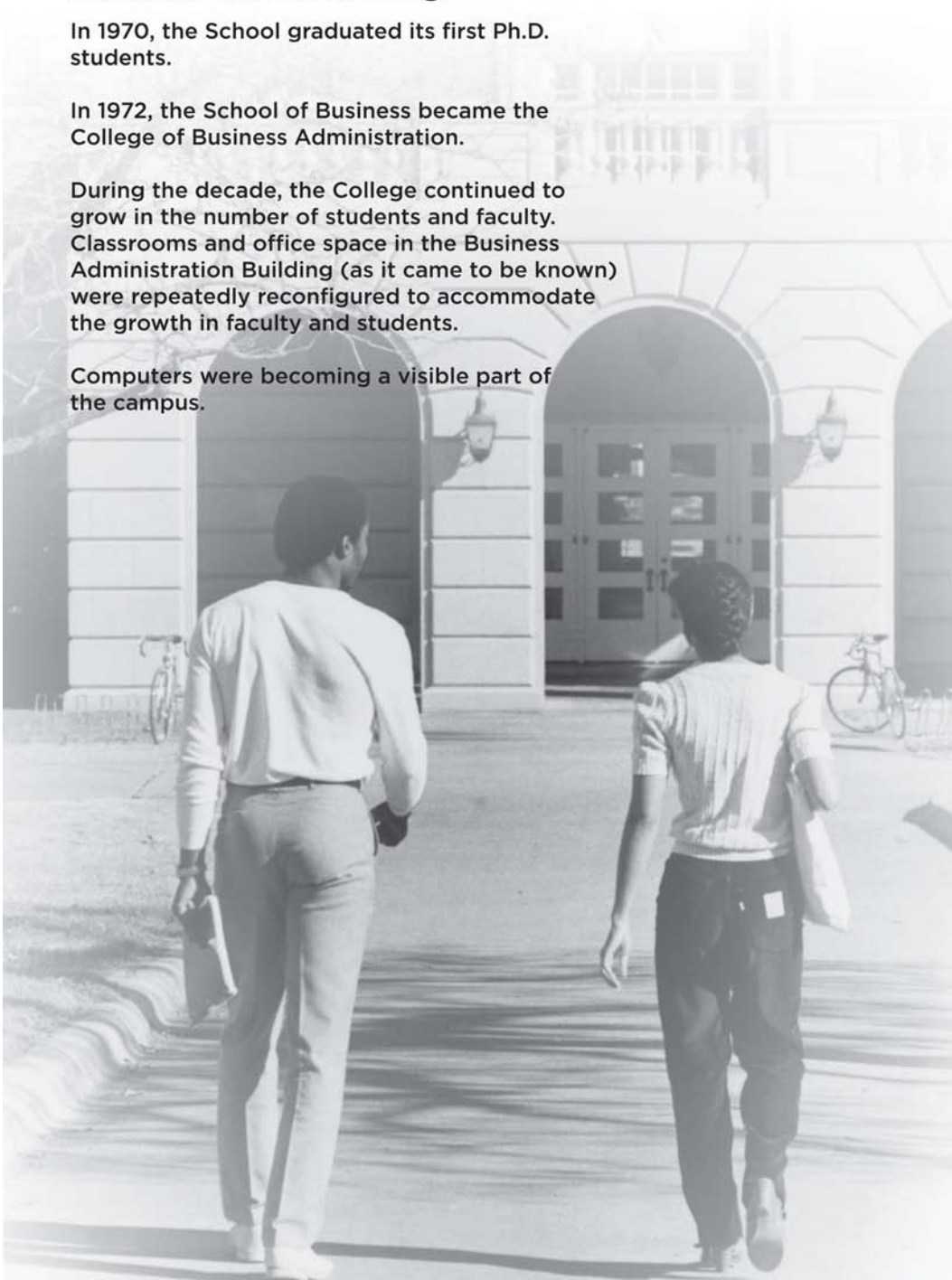
The First Doctoral Graduates and the School becomes a College

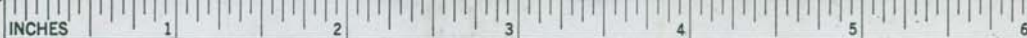
In 1970, the School graduated its first Ph.D. students.

In 1972, the School of Business became the College of Business Administration.

During the decade, the College continued to grow in the number of students and faculty. Classrooms and office space in the Business Administration Building (as it came to be known) were repeatedly reconfigured to accommodate the growth in faculty and students.

Computers were becoming a visible part of the campus.





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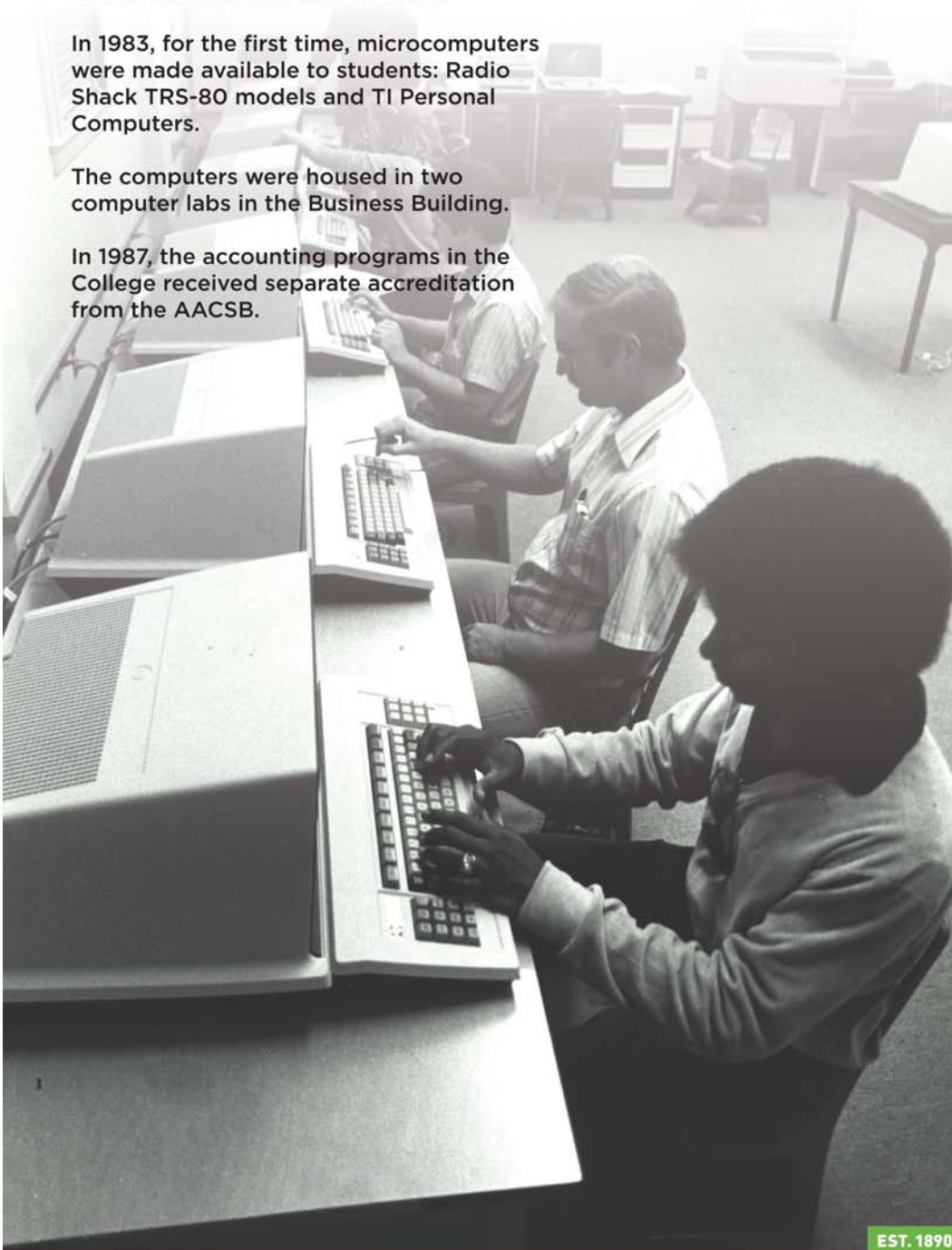
College Centers on Technology

With the beginning of a new decade, the College established its first Computer Center and hired its first director.

In 1983, for the first time, microcomputers were made available to students: Radio Shack TRS-80 models and TI Personal Computers.

The computers were housed in two computer labs in the Business Building.

In 1987, the accounting programs in the College received separate accreditation from the AACSB.





100th Anniversary of North Texas

The decade of the 1990s began with a University-wide celebration of the university's 100th anniversary.

As part of the celebration, the College published a history of the College of Business Administration.

Curry Hall (previously the Historical Building and the oldest building on campus) was remodeled as a teaching annex for the growing College of Business Administration and was dedicated to Dean Curry on November 29, 1991.

In 1998, the programs of the College were reaccredited by the AACSB.





College Finishes 50 Years in the Business Administration Building

The decade of the 2000s was a busy one for the College.

The College established the Student Investment Group (a student managed investment fund), added logistics courses and secured funding for the new Business Leadership Building.

As the decade drew to a close, business classes were being taught in the Business Administration Building, Curry Hall, and a variety of other buildings on campus. During this time, the College awaited its new state of the art building.

Beginning in 2006, Dean O. Finley Graves led a “Building Team” to design the business building of the future.

In January 2009, the College received a 10 year extension of its maintenance of accreditation from the AACSB.

Also in 2009, the name was changed from the College of Business Administration to the College of Business.





125th Anniversary of North Texas

On January 1, 2010, construction officially began on the Business Leadership Building.

In August 2011 -one week before fall classes started- College of Business faculty and staff moved into the BLB.

The innovative 180,000 square foot LEED certified building is a symbol of 21st century UNT and its commitment to provide modern and relevant educational experiences for its students.

