Guide to the Paul Perkovic papers

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Abstract: The Paul Perkovic papers range in date from 1967 to 1988 and consist of technical reports, memos, notes, and published manuals. About a third of the collection consists of documentation related to the Harvard University Center for Research in Computing Technology. The papers also hold reports, specifications, and memos related to the Chicago Tribune publishing systems, including materials on newspaper layout systems as well as computer terminal management. The rest of the collection consists of published materials, internal memos, and handbooks from Software House and CompuServe Data Technologies, as well as a small amount of specifications and manuals published by Xerox, Scientific Data Systems, Computer Sciences Corporation, and Digital Equipment Corporation.

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Gift of Paul Perkovic, 2012.

Biographical/Historical Note
Paul Perkovic was a manager and analyst who worked at a number of Silicon Valley companies, including Software House, CompuServe, Informix Software, and Oracle.

Perkovic, a native of Cincinnati, obtained a degree in applied mathematics from Harvard University in 1971. He worked in technical marketing at Software House and CompuServe in the mid to late 1980s. Perkovic then relocated to California, taking a job as a Standards Manager at Informix Software from 1989 to 1992. He also worked as a Senior Competitive Analyst at Oracle from 1995 to 1999.

In addition to his work for software companies, Perkovic was active in local politics, serving on the Midcoast Community Council as well as the board of the Montara Water and Sanitary District. In 2012, Perkovic died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 63.

Scope and Content of the Collection
The Paul Perkovic papers range in date from 1967 to 1988 and consist of documentation related to his studies at Harvard University as well as his early career. The papers include technical reports, memos, notes, and published manuals. About a third of the collection is made up of materials from between 1968 and 1974, including technical reports published by the Harvard University Center for Research in Computing Technology as well as notes and documentation related to programs that Perkovic worked on at Harvard. Another third of the papers consists of documentation related to the Chicago Tribune publishing systems, including materials on newspaper and advertisement layout systems as well as computer terminal management. This portion of the papers also includes internal memos, notes, and reports about Chicago Tribune publishing and computer use. Most of the remainder of the papers pertains to Perkovic’s work at Software House and CompuServe Data Technologies. Examples of materials include management and supervision handbooks, manuals for the CompuServe System 1032, and binders with status reports from 1983 to 1986 distributed by the Software House technical marketing group. Finally, the papers include a small amount of specifications and manuals from the early 1970s published by Xerox, Scientific Data Systems, Computer Sciences Corporation, and Digital Equipment Corporation.

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