

"Jackrabbit" opens own exhibit

An exhibit depicting the life of the 108-year-old skiing legend, "Jackrabbit" Johannsen was opened recently by Mr. Johannsen himself at Dow's Lake Pavilion in Ottawa.

The display is part of a \$500 000 funding drive for a new site for the Canadian Ski Museum. It chronicles Mr. Johannsen's life as an avid skier and outdoorsman and contains examples of antique and modern ski equipment from the museum.

"The museum can teach us what has been done and what can be done," said Mr. Johannsen.

"Years ago when I was a jackrabbit, or a boy in Norway, we had one pair of skis and with that one pair we took part in the jumping, cross-country, slalom and everything."

"Now they don't know what pair of skis to use," joked the resident of Piedmont, Quebec, 60 kilometres northwest of Montreal.

Dressed in cross-country ski attire, Mr. Johannsen said the knowledge stored in the museum could be used to improve



"Jackrabbit" Johannsen, 108-year-old skiing legend, cuts ribbon to open exhibit.

skiing "so that it is available to everyone — rich and poor, old and young".

"Jackrabbit" Johannsen, who has skied for more than a century, is a pioneer of cross-country skiing in Eastern Canada. In 1972, he received the Order of Canada for his contribution to the sport.

World's first cable-computer system for Ottawa

Ottawa Cablevision subscribers now have access to the world's first cable home-computer system.

Nabu Manufacturing Corp. has launched its long-awaited home computer service, the Nabu Network, which trans-

mits video games, educational software and household information over cable television.

Nabu spokesman Richard Lamothe said once the product has proved successful, the network will be expanded

to other cable firms.

Cable subscribers can buy the Nabu home computer, keyboard and games controller for \$695 and rent the software service for \$9.95 a month. Or they can rent the hardware and software for \$29.90 a month.

While Ottawa is believed to be the first city in the world to get the cable-computer system, it will be available in Vancouver, British Columbia and Washington, D.C. later this year. Nabu chairman John Kelly said Nabu also is negotiating with many other cable companies in North America.

Gordon Gow, Nabu's senior vice-president of corporate development, said one of the main drawbacks of existing home-computer systems is that the user has to buy software cartridges or discs, at a cost ranging from \$20 to hundreds of dollars, every time he wants new games or functions.

There are now 35 programs on the network, and Mr. Gow said Nabu will constantly expand and update its software programs.

Nabu's educational software includes programs to teach typing skills, basic computer literacy and vocabulary skills. It offers household information such as metric conversion tables, stock market summaries and *The Citizen's Dining Out* guide. And there are also the video games.

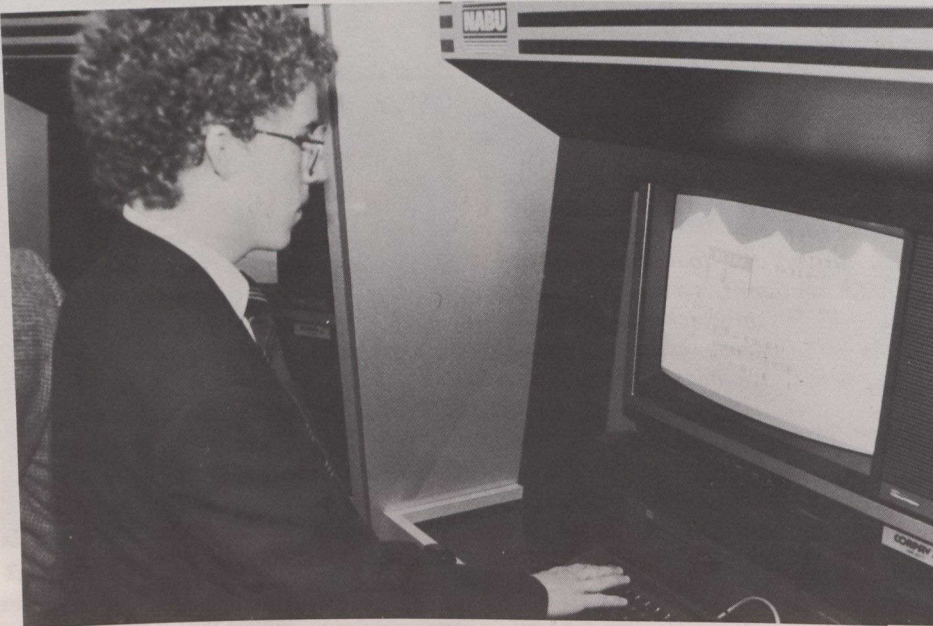
John Kelly said that a word processing program, a disc drive and printer for the system would be available within the next two months.

Two DASH 7s for Sarajevo

De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd. has sold two *DASH 7* short takeoff and landing aircraft to a Yugoslavian charter airline to carry passengers to and from Sarajevo where the Winter Olympics opened February 7.

Inex-Adria Airways took delivery of the 50-passenger aircraft at Sarajevo in early February. Pilots and technical crews were trained in the operation of the *DASH 7* at de Havilland headquarters in Toronto.

The sale is worth about \$15 million to de Havilland. The federally-owned aircraft maker has sold 92 *DASH 7s* since 1977. De Havilland spokesman Colin Fisher said that the aircraft can land in as little as 215 metres. The *DASH 7* approach angle is about twice as steep as that of jet-powered aircraft.



Ottawa Cablevision's Stuart Houlahan tries out home-computer system.