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are not as sudden as a  
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but they are more  
deadly in the long  
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Mark Twain

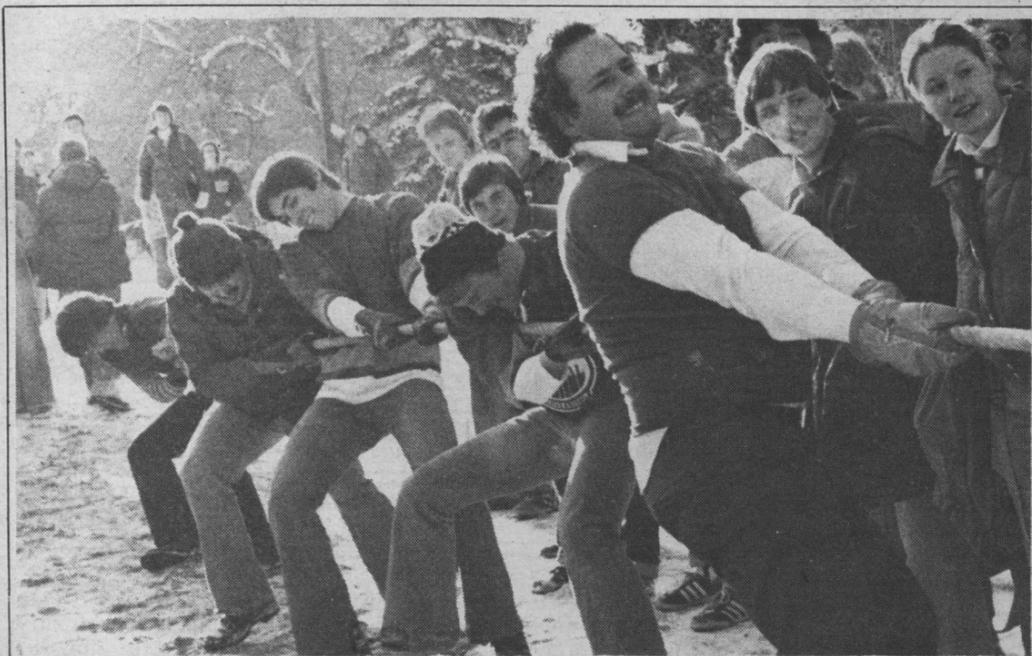


photo Travis Huckell

Flushed with challenge, these engineers, teeth clenched, battle for supremacy in a tug-o-war. Impassioned onlookers enjoy this aspect of Engineering Week, which will attempt to dominate campus for the next few days.

## Board scrapes up cash

# PLATO computer funded

Concern that university computer-assisted instruction (CAI) programs would be cut back proved unfounded Friday when the Board of Governors approved capital expenditures of \$3,028,735 for two interdependent computer systems.

The new systems will replace an obsolete IBM 1500 which has been leased by the university for the past 11 years and which will be withdrawn by IBM in April.

"Had the board turned this proposal down, we would have had essentially no general service" for next year, said Willard Allen, Associate Vice-President and chairman of the Computer Policies Committee.

The board discussed the system proposals in September, but their approval of expenditures was made conditional on receipt of a 1.6 million special grant from the Alberta government. The grant was refused in a November 14 telephone conversation between a representative of the department of Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower and University President

Myer Horowitz, raising fears that some programs would be in jeopardy.

The funds for the PLATO and DEC VAX systems will initially come from the Board's unallocated capital reserves. University capital equipment grants will cover costs after the first two years, by which time the board hopes the PLATO system will have time purchased on it by outside users. According to information distributed to the board by the Building Committee, interest in the system has been expressed by the Alberta Vocational Centre, Alberta Agriculture, some power companies, and other education institutions.

Dr. Horowitz says that because the funds were not planned for anything previously, no other projects will be adversely affected by the new computer systems.

The Faculty of Education will be the main user of the DEC VAX System, which it requested. This system will be supplemented by the PLATO system, requested by Computing Services. "With the PLATO

system coming in we expect that other faculties will make use of it also" said Dr. Allen.

He added that the systems will be purchased by Control Data of Canada before June and "will be operational before September."

## U of A to make bid for World Student Games

by Keith Krause

The University of Alberta will launch the first part of their bid for the 1983 World Student Games this week.

University president Myer Horowitz and Edmonton Mayor Cec Purves will travel to Toronto to make their bid to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) on Thursday. No other Canadian cities have yet declared their intention to make bids, although Montreal is rumored to be considering the idea.

Edmonton's bid, if accepted, will be forwarded to the International University Sport Federation in April.

The only other city that may be interested in bidding for the

Games is Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Alberta government announced last week they would support the bid and be responsible for one-third of the estimated \$53 million capital and operating costs.

As well the federal government has tentatively agreed to pick up another third of the expense, the remainder being shared by the city and the U of A.

The capital expenditures includes construction of a housing complex for the university, upgrading of the university arena, and renovations to major sporting facilities around the city.

Over 2500 athletes are

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# No dearth of teachers

by Lucinda Chodan

A predicted teacher shortage "may not be as serious as some people might imply," says Dean of Education Dr. Walter Worth.

Worth was responding to an article in *The Edmonton Journal* which said a serious teacher shortage in Alberta would occur in two to three years.

Although enrollment in the Faculty of Education in 1979 declined 11 per cent from 1978, Worth says smaller school enrollment because of the lower birth rate may diminish the need for teachers. "And historically, (the relationship between the number of education students and the need for teachers) is a cyclical phenomenon."

Associate Dean of Education Dr. Patricia Browne says predictions for future needs in the teaching profession are almost impossible to make. "We don't really have the information to make accurate predictions about needs... at any particular time," she says.

Enrollments in education faculties at the U of A and the

University of Calgary have been declining constantly for the last few years, says Browne. However, a "very large bulge" in last year's graduating class because of rumored changes in teacher certification, partly accounts for this year's 11 per cent drop, she says.

Despite the overall decrease, the number of first-year students in the faculty actually increased from last year, according to Browne. Last year, 490 full-time first-year students registered in Education compared to 502 this year.

Increasing number of students transferring into the faculty from Alberta colleges also complicate predictions for Education, says Browne. Last year almost one hundred students transferred from other provincial educational institutions to the second-year program in the faculty.

If enrollments in the Faculty of Education continue to decline by the percentage figures they are currently declining by, there will be a shortage for new jobs," says Browne. "But our ability to predict is extremely limited."

# East defeats West at national debating tourney

by Alison Thomson

Debating teams from eighteen universities across Canada met at the U of A this weekend at the annual national tournament of the Canadian University Society for Inter-Collegiate Debate (CUSID).

The tournament, hosted by the U of A Debating Society, was won by Gary Boyd and Michael McCulloch of the University of Ottawa. They met Ann Hayward and Simon van Norden of the University of British Columbia in the final.

Boyd and McCulloch, as the government, argued in favour of the resolution, "this House believes that 'East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet'."

McCulloch, as Prime Minister, spoke first, defining East as east of the Manitoba-Ontario border. He said, in attempting to point out that East could never meet West, that the East had made the West, and that it had been the imperialist plans of Upper and Lower Canada which had been responsible for the opening of the West. Now, however, he said, "We made them and they, like ungrateful children, turn on us."

He said the Western settlers had originally "dug their little plots of ground" but by some unfortunate fact of geography, had discovered oil.

Van Norden of UBC spoke next, and said McCulloch had not shown that East is East. He contended that the East is not a single cultural unit, pointing to

the dichotomy between Quebec and English Canada. He said the West is not the West, either.

"I'm from Vancouver," he said. "Try to link us with the yahoos in cowboy hats in the rest of the West. There is no great cultural link."

Boyd spoke for the resolution next. He said there are a number of obvious differences between the East and the West. He said the East is primarily English and French, while the West has a

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Gary Boyd of the University of Ottawa accepts national debating trophy from 75th Anniversary chairman Bob Dowling.