

Educational computer network established

by Michael MacNeil

The Executive Committee of the General Faculties Council endorsed a provincial scheme Monday that would create an Alberta-wide educational computer network. The G.F.C. Committee on Computer Facilities and Policy has been studying the report for some time and its chairman, Dr. W. Allen and Dr. D. Bent, the director of Computing Services at U of A, appeared before the committee at that time to explain their position.

The multi-million dollar scheme would create two computer regions, one in northern and one in southern Alberta.

The regional centres would be located on campus at the U of A and U of C respectively, each regional centre would tie into smaller post-secondary institutions by means of remote terminals. The two regions would eventually join to form the proposed network.

The scope of the scheme encompasses research, general and administrative programming and would be phased to create as little disruption as possible to current work. The provincial committee noted that all post-secondary institutions will shortly have a need for computing services. Since the University of Alberta system was especially saturated and unable to absorb outside demand, a comprehensive plan of this nature was considered to be the best alternative.

One area of possible contention is the idea of provincial ownership and control of the network. The university committee here wants to see the educational institutions exercise control, create policy and be responsible for administration.

Despite the heavy financial interest that the province will have in the venture, the educational authorities believe that it would not be in the best interest of the educational system to locate administration

and control outside their sphere.

The scheme itself, on paper at least, has been thoroughly researched and several alternatives considered. If the G.F.C. agrees to the scope of the proposal, then the Board of Governors will proceed to discuss the matter with the Dept. of Advanced Education and if the inter-institutional and institutional-provincial relationships can be settled, then as early as July of next year the first five-year section of the proposal will be put into effect.

Otto Lang to visit, lecture

The Honorable Otto E. Lang, Federal Minister of Justice, will speak at the University of Alberta later this week.

From 2 to 3 p.m., Friday, September 20, the minister will meet with the student body of the university's Faculty of Law. He is expected to direct some opening remarks to the students and then field questions. The meeting will take place in rooms 231-7 of the University of Alberta Law Centre.

A Rhodes Scholar, Mr. Lang was called to the Bar of the Province of Saskatchewan in 1956. Prior to his political engagements, he was professor of Law and Dean of the Law School at the University of Saskatchewan. In 1962 he served as president of the Association of Canadian Law Teachers.

Mr. Lang represents the riding of Saskatoon-Humboldt in the Canadian parliament and has been a member of the federal cabinet since 1968 -- the justice minister since 1972.



President Gunning, Chancellor Dalby, and Lieutenant-Governor Steinhauer

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Graduating jobs up for grabs now

by Greg Neiman

For any student who is graduating this year, the time to begin looking for a job is now, says Pat Kushnir, councillor in the Canada Manpower office in SUB.

This year, a record of more than 100 companies have inquired at the U of A branch of Manpower for reservations to hold job interviews here.

These interviews will be held beginning October 28, and will continue until December 6.

"Many students don't begin serious job-hunting until after Christmas, and by that time, the companies have all passed through the office, and the student has missed his chance," says Kushnir.

To avoid this problem, the Manpower office is beginning a pilot project, called a mobile office, in an effort to get student participation at the right time.

The mobile unit will go directly to the different faculties and will inform the prospective employee on what to expect, how to draft a personal resume, and the essential information on forms the office uses to cut down on lost time resulting from confusion.

Because this is a first attempt, only the faculties of Arts and Commerce will be approached.

On September 23 from 9:30 - 3:30, the office will be in the Arts Building main rotunda.

September 24, from 10-3, it will be on the second floor of the Humanities Building.

On the 25th, from 9:30-4 the mobile will be in the main lobby of Tory.

From 9:30-4:30 of the 26th, it will be stationed on the main floor of the Fine Arts Building.

Also from the first until the 11th of October, the mobile will be in room 541 of CAB to cater to Commerce students.

This is not to say, though, that only Arts or Commerce students can make use of the pilot project; any student who will graduate this year is eligible for permanent job counselling from the Manpower office.

"We are trying to get out and let the students know what we are trying to do," says Kushnir, adding that this will not negate the normal procedure of individual job counselling on the fourth floor of SUB.

In other years, when companies solicited the U of A Manpower office, the name of the company, the type of personnel required, etc. were all taken down on a form, and copies of the form were posted over the campus to inform students as to who will be here for interviews, and when.

The office hopes that this pilot project will inform students of permanent job opportunities well in advance of the companies' representatives' arrival.

Geologically, Edmonton is interesting

Edmonton, geologically speaking, is a very interesting place with a wide range of geology -- materials, processes, and landforms -- in the city and surrounding countryside.

To provide an opportunity to examine these geological features, the University Department of Extension has designed the Edmonton Southwest Geological Survey, a one-day field trip for October 5 which will be of interest to laymen, teachers, and civil

engineers and architects who find themselves concerned with land movement problems, but who lack geological background information.

Participants will see materials which range from Cretaceous (dinosaur age) bedded rocks to loose surficial materials, some deposited directly from the continental glaciers of the last Ice Age, and others from melt-waters of the receding glaciers. During the latter part of this period,

volcanic ash was blown into the region and deposited as thin layers. The most recent deposits are associated with deposition from the North Saskatchewan River and its tributary streams.

Dr. John Godfrey, Research Council of Alberta, will conduct the field trip. He is well-known for the prospecting course which he created and has taught through the years for the Department of Extension and for the many now famous field trips he has conducted to the

Canadian North and throughout Alberta and British Columbia.

An orientation session will be held October 3 to outline the geological history and to introduce basic geologic concepts and principles which apply to the Edmonton area.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 432-5061 daytimes or 432-3116 nighttimes. Registrations are accepted in Room 228, Corbett Hall, 82 Avenue and 112 Street. The fee is \$18.

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