

Games get computers

by Wes Oginski

Did Universiade '83 ever get a deal Tuesday.

Universiade '83, the organizing body of the 1983 World Student Games, and Digital Equipment of Canada (DEC), Canada's largest mini-computer manufacturer and second largest computer company, signed a contractual agreement that will install the most sophisticated results system ever employed at an international sporting event.

DEC president David Whiteside and Universiade Board chairman Alex Fallow officially signed the agreement installing a \$2.1 million computer network at a cost of \$664,902 to the Games.

Fallow thanked DEC for their participation and the help to reduce the "strain on the budget" through the deal.

"On the behalf of Digital Electronics we are proud to participate in this event," replied Whiteside. "With the capable guide of its organizers, we know the Games will be an enormous success."

Universiade president Ed Zemrau, described the system.

"This system is better than the one used in Montreal in '76 (Olympics) and the one in Edmonton in '78 (Commonwealth Games)" Zemrau said. DEC also provided the result system for the Commonwealth Games.

It will house two VAX 11/780 mini-computers, 90 video display terminals and printers and about 150 operators, or 800 individual shifts. Telephonic lines will interconnect the computer, terminals, and scoreboard at Commonwealth Stadium and the timing equipment at Kinsmen Pool.

"The system will strive to provide...up to date information as it happens throughout the Games," says Rod Camilla, a DEC representative.

"This is a new concept...previously for assimilation and dissimulation of results... (result were compiled) in a batch type load (after the day's events). We propose here that information will be entered as it

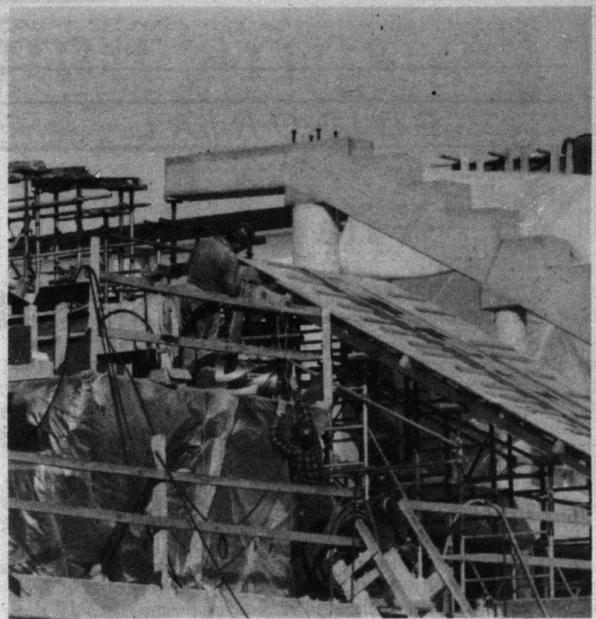
happens."

Not only will the system provide immediate results, it will also contain general information, results, and statistics on teams and individuals. An estimated 30,000 individual entries and inquiries will be made during the Games.

Information about athletes, countries, start lists and results will be immediately available to the press, sports organizations, officials, athletes, coaches and the public. Pool progressions, medal standings and statistics will also be available.

4,000 athletes from 85 countries will be the system's responsibility. Terminals will be available in media centers, photo centers, athletes' villages, print shops and at each venue.

A simple system, developed by five years of software research, will provide easy interactive dialogue which allows quick and simple access to information. Functions are determined by following a hierarchical system of menus for communication through the network.



Games construction is well underway for the new University fieldhouse.

Tireless councillors preserve democracy once again

Students' Council began its bid for a record length meeting Tuesday.

A long agenda was split in two. The bulk of the agenda was taken care of Tuesday. The rest of it and new items will be taken care of next Tuesday evening.

Council appears to be cleaning up house as it prepares to ratify new legislation and revamp the SU constitution before the new Students' executive takes office April 1.

Phil Soper, SU president, reported the march on Legislature was a success and thanked those who organized the event. He also gave "good" (in the words of Elise Gaudet, SU v.p. Finance) news to Council by reporting he will move to Bombay, India in January of 1983. Soper has obtained a job with Thomas Cooke.

SU v.p. External, Lisa Walter, also reported on the march, and the turn out by Grand Prairie Regional College, N.A.I.T., the U of Calgary and Lethbridge, and a surprise appearance by Red Deer College.

She also expressed surprise

at the statement by James Horsman, minister of Advanced Education and Manpower, about federal contributions to the provincial post-secondary programs. He said the provincial government will not pass on any cuts the federal government may make in Established Programs Financing, (EPF). Walter is concerned that this statement is not as strong as the one made by Premier Blakeney of Saskatchewan. She fears that the statement does not encompass any cuts the Alberta government may make.

Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) met with Secretary of State Gerald Regan, who failed to send a representative to the Alberta march. CFS reports that Regan will not attend the next Canadian Ministers of Education conference because the federal government has delayed its EPF and Student Aid legislation.

Kris Farkas, Board of Governors student representative, reported in addition to the Board's move to accept a grant/loan student aid policy, they also accepted, with some debate, a new

position on the age of independence.

"They (B of G) agreed we (students) are people when we are 18," she told Council.

On a heavier note, the Board passed the proposed increases in rent and scrip on campus. Rents will rise from 2 per cent (in HUB) to 22.5 per cent (in Michener Park), but the scrip issue has been sent back for review by the Finance committee.

Finally, Liz Lunney, SU v.p. Academic, made her report. She was informally informed at a General Faculties Council executive meeting that the Depart-

ment of Computing Science will impose a restricted quota. 400 level courses will be available only to students in Comp. Sci. Specialized or Honors courses. Other Comp. Sci. courses will not be available for pre-registration to general Science and special students until in-person registration. This includes Comp. Sci 215 and 216, the introductory courses.

On general business: *the Eugene L. Brody Fund recommended \$1000 for the Edmonton Learner's Centre and \$350 for FAW's participation in the Community Women's Conference held in Lethbridge.

*the External Affairs Board recommended \$100 for a Model Parliament, \$200 for the rent of SUB Theatre for a Women's program held by the Faculty of Extension, and \$100 for the Chaplaincy's forum on cults.

*Kathy Fierback was ratified as a member of the E.L. Brody Fund for the rest of this term.

*the two year collective agreement between the SU and CUPE local 1368 was ratified on the condition that the wage/salaries are renegotiated next year.

The meeting eventually lost quorum. The rest of the agenda will be taken up next Tuesday.

Grad Students join Canadian Federation

by Mark Fletcher

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) council voted unanimously to apply for prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) last February.

Ludger Mogge, GSA v.p. External has been a proponent of the move for the past two years, and is pleased with council's vote.

"A strong, unified voice is important to the student's movement. Numbers are very important," says Mogge. GSA represents 3,000 full- and part-time students. It will be a prospective member, like the U of A Student's Union, for two years, and in that time a referendum must be held to decide whether to become a full-time member.

Current full-membership fees are \$7.50 per student. Prospective membership fees are 5 per cent of that.

CFS is a group who speaks for students at the national level, provides services (such as Canadian University Travel Service, and, through the Federation of Alberta Students, organizes the students.



Olivia Butti's Diary

March 17

Dear Diary:

I know I've never written to you first thing in the morning Diary but I had such a dream last night. Maybe it was a vision.

I was mayor. I was sitting at my desk in a beautiful hot pink office in the new tower behind city hall. I was just putting around, forwarding Cec Purves's mail to the Fort Saskatchewan Penitentiary when my secretary Corrine came in. She had the new five million dollar budget for Klondike days (along with the plans to make it a full two month event) for me to sign.

I signed it and Corrine told me a group of feminists had come to see me but she had sent them away because they were all wearing slacks. She also reminded me that I had a luncheon appointment with Robert Redford who wanted to discuss producing his next movie here in Edmonton.

But first I had a city council meeting. It was so much fun. Someone had laced Paul Norris's Scotch with Tabasco sauce and he had a coughing fit. Ron Hayter had one of his recurring laryngitis attacks and couldn't talk. Poor Ed Leger wasn't there; after he's been re-elected he's caught a dose of senility and had to go in the home. He had given me full proxy

on his vote for the next three years however.

Not that I really needed it as most of the bad alderman had not been re-elected. Ed Ewasiuk had been arrested for being a communist or a homosexual or something. Betty Hewes had been attacked at the convention center by a group of fashion designers and had not been able to run. Percy Wickman had lost because he couldn't get his wheelchair up the stairs and was always late for meetings. Lois Campbell, Jan Reimer, and Gerry Wright dumped when URGE came out in support of sex education, compulsory abortion and free daycare.

In their places were intelligent, polite, neatly dressed community and church leaders. We quickly declared Edmonton Centre a historic site, moved the space sciences center to Fort Edmonton and decided to extend the LRT to the University by way of Mill Woods. It only took an hour. In fact, council meeting had become so efficient that we had cut them down to twice a year.

I was going to have Mr. Gregory do my hair (I had made him my personal hair dresser and chief city commissioner) when I woke up. Petey was shaking me, saying we were out of deodorant. Oh well, back to reality. Still, I'll be mayor soon and just maybe I can make my dream come true.