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U of R UNVEILS TWO NEW POWERFUL COMPUTERS

REGINA- Glenn Peardon, director of the U of R's computing services today announced the official start-up of an IBM 4381 and a Digital 8600. These two large computers can each handle 100 on-line users simultaneously and are intended for research and academic use.

"Each computer has about 1,000 student clients with a password for entry," said Peardon, "and I would expect literally every student on campus will eventually have access to the machines."

Although the IBM 4381 commenced operation last July and the Digital 8600 started up in September, official recognition of the occasion was marked at a recent luncheon at the university to recognize the contributions of IBM, Digital Equipment of Canada and SaskComp. SaskComp donated the black box enabling off-campus communication with the IBM computer.

Total cost of the two new computers is about \$1.65 million, part of the \$2.1 million grant from the Government of Saskatchewan under the terms of the new University Renewal and Development Fund, forecast in the provincial budget last spring. The fund has allocated \$125 million to the two Saskatchewan universities over the next five years.

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