

Computing Corner Four Newcomers to AMD

It's becoming harder and harder these days to find anyone at BNL who does not rely on a computer to some extent. From scientific experiments to secretarial offices, from plant engineering to the mailroom, computers are the means by which Lab employees reach their various ends.

This expansion has taken place over a single decade. Assuring a smooth transition has largely been the job of the Applied Mathematics Department (AMD). How AMD has met that challenge so far and the directions planned for the future will be discussed over the next several months, in an occasional series of Bulletin articles. This first story addresses AMD's changing role at BNL. Future pieces will explore such subjects as specialized workstations, networking, personal computers and software.

The four newcomers to AMD's Central Scientific Computing Facility (CSCF) are not very imposing. Each is only about five feet tall. But looks can be deceiving. Each is also a separate, highly intelligent computer, with enough memory to store eight million characters. What's more, the four devices are cooperative. All files and disks can be completely shared among them.

Together, the four computers comprise the VAX cluster (VAX is a type of computer made by the Digital Equipment Corporation) that came on line at the CSCF in the beginning of May. According to Ron Peierls, head of AMD, the acquisition of the VAX cluster is the first step in replacing the CSCF's computing workhorses: two CDC 6600s, which were used for all interactive computing and which acted as a front end to the larger and more powerful CDC 7600, which has no direct tape access. The VAX cluster will take over most of the CDC 6600s' duties, except for tape staging, which will be done by a modern, small CDC machine scheduled for delivery later this year. By the end of the calendar year, AMD hopes to be able to turn off the CDC 6600s completely. Planning for the acquisition of a replacement for the 7600 has already begun and should be completed by 1986.

When the CDC 7600 came on board in 1973, it represented the latest in computer technology. That event also marked the beginning of interactive computing at BNL. Instead of bringing programs and data, in the form of card decks and/or tapes, to the CSCF for processing, then coming back to pick up output and results in similar forms, users began to make significant use of terminals. From other rooms and other buildings, they could interact with the 7600 via the interactive system on the 6600s.

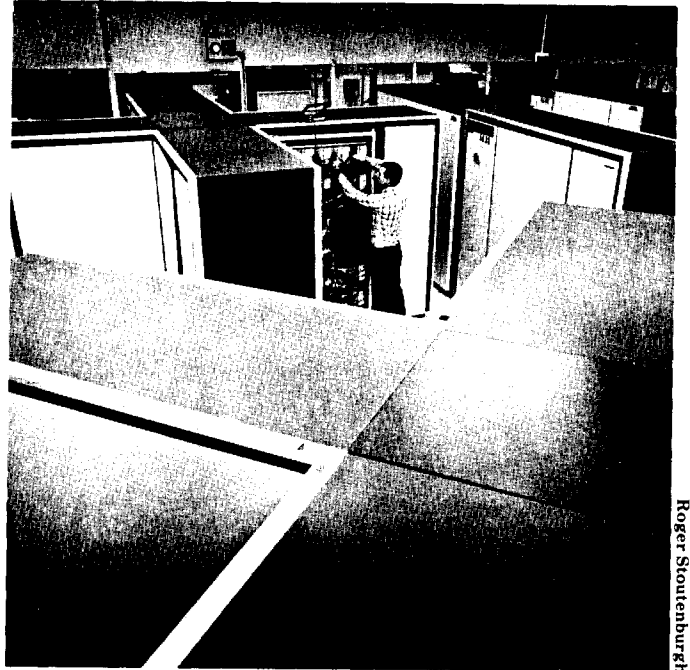
Though those distant terminals began as simple input devices, they underwent an evolution and began to get smarter and cheaper. "The way computing is done is governed, in a sense, by what kind of facilities can be bought for some fraction of a scientist's salary," said Peierls. "When, for the money that used to buy a terminal you can buy a considerable amount of computing capacity, you're likely to do the latter."

In consequence, summed up Peierls, "Current computing generally consists of somebody sitting at a keyboard with a screen in front, and there's usually some intelligence associated with it. For more file storage, specialized software or higher power computing, that terminal will often be connected to some larger computer in the building, which, in turn, is likely to be connected by some form of network to a larger machine at the central site. Even beyond that, through off-site networks, there is access to supercomputers or special purpose computers."

In what Peierls called "the old-fashioned days," a lot of information was exchanged by users visiting the CSCF or gathering around a group of machines. As people work at their private terminals, this communication mechanism has largely disappeared.

These changes have led to AMD's present mandates in non-research areas: to provide all types of computer services, from computers and operating systems to the software, communications and networking that go with them, and to provide and encourage

At the Central Scientific Computing Facility, John Pepe works on one CDC 6600, while another looms behind him. In contrast, Dennis Morgenthaler leans on one of the four relatively small units that make up the VAX cluster, which is taking over most of the CDC 6600s' duties.



Roger Stoulenburgh



Peter Horton

technical interaction, information and support.

This mandate recognizes that there is a definite place in computing at BNL for both private terminals and central facilities. As Peierls explained it, "The real question is: How much useful science can you get out of a particular machine?"

"Dedicated machines are far more responsive than large, shared ones," he said. "You can manage your own resources if they are totally under your control. But the more computing

power you have on your desk, the more your appetite increases, and you will find you want to do jobs which are just not doable on a machine of that size. So, whatever happens to technology and however cheap computing gets, we'll always need resources which can't be afforded by an individual."

Housekeeping and software are two more reasons to maintain good networks and central facilities. With these, said Peierls, "The human labor (Continued on page 2)

Space Traveler Returns to BNL

Astronaut Joseph P. Allen is coming back to Brookhaven on Thursday, June 6, to talk about "Satellite Retrieval." He is one of the few people in the world who can talk about it from first-hand experience. His lecture will begin at 8 p.m. in Berkner Hall and is expected to be non-technical and of interest to all ages. The public is invited.

Allen's latest space flight was as a mission specialist on the shuttle Discovery, which launched from Kennedy Space Center on November 8, 1984. In the first space salvage ever made, the crew successfully retrieved two communications satellites for return to earth. They completed 127 orbits of the earth in the eight-day flight in space.

Two years before, Allen was aboard the shuttle Columbia, and the crew, among many other projects, made a successful first deployment of two commercial communications satellites. This was his initial venture in space, and he came to the Lab a few months after his return and recounted

his experiences to an enthusiastic audience.

Allen is a physicist whose relationship with the Laboratory began in 1963 and continued until 1967, the years when he did research for his doctoral thesis in nuclear physics at the 3.5 MV Van de Graaff. Allen received his Ph.D. from Yale in 1965 and was appointed an astronaut in 1967.

In the next 15 years, before his first flight in space, he gained wide experience in many aspects of NASA: as a member of the astronaut support crew for Apollo 15, as a staff consultant on science and technology to the President's Council on International Economic Policy, as NASA Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs in Washington, D.C., as support crew member and entry CAPCOM for the first orbital flight test of the Space Transportation System, and as the technical assistant to the director of flight operations.

Allen has logged over 3000 hours flying time in jet aircraft and now has 314 hours in space.



This NASA photo shows Joseph Allen picking up a faulty satellite deployed on a previous mission. His feet are held to the space ship by a clamping arrangement. The satellite weighed at least 1,000 pounds, but Allen was able to handle it with ease because, in space, it is weightless. Another astronaut prepares to assist (see lower third of photo, by wheel).



On May 22, BNL's volunteer tour guides gathered at the Brookhaven Center for a luncheon in their honor. These men and women volunteer their time to escort college and professional groups on tours of the site during the work week. Pictured are: (seated, from left) Lucy Sanchez, Janice Lamb, Graham Smith, Janet Tempel, Victor Gonzalez, Elaine Borowski and Jackie Mirzadeh; (middle row, from left) Thelma Dawson, Florence O'Brien, Elaine Zukowski, Arlene Clay, Vinnie Lo Destro, Sue Monteleone, Juanita Heyliger, Peter Kohut, Evelyn Ritter, Peter Boyle and Lucien Wielopolski; (rear, from left) Rick Jackimowicz, Frances Scheffel, Janet Sillas, Jean Stafford, Audrey Bangel, Betty Pergan, Payman Mortazavi, George Taylor, Richard Seebeck, Dave Comstock, Geraldine Callister and Ron Clipperton. Missing from the picture are Les Lawrence, Mark Culp, Don David, Tom Dickinson, Andy Feldman, Garfield Hawthorne, Vincent Lettieri, Elizabeth Mogavero and Rich Sautkulis. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tour guide, contact the Tour Program at Ext. 4049.

No Parking

Brookhaven Avenue is one of the busiest streets on site, and it is not intended to be a parking lot. Nor is any other street on site, unless it is so designated, e.g., in front of the Post Office. If, for instance, Brookhaven Avenue becomes too clogged with vehicles, it makes it difficult for deliveries to be made and also creates a visibility problem for drivers at the intersections. Large parking areas are scattered around the site, and employees are asked to keep their cars on these lots.

Tick Talk

While hiking through the woods or playing in the fields during the warm months, beware of ticks, as they are making their usual seasonal appearance in Suffolk County. The American Dog Tick is responsible for Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and the Northern Deer Tick can cause Babesiosis and Lyme Disease. Not all ticks carry disease, and most people do not suffer any illness as a result of a tick bite.

However, don't take chances — prevent a tick from biting. Before a tick bites, it will crawl around you for two to three hours. If noticed before it is attached, remove it with blunt tweezers. If the tick has bitten, use blunt forceps to grasp it at the point of attachment and pull it straight out. Avoid squeezing the tick's abdomen or leaving its mouth parts imbedded in the skin. If a rash, fever or general run-down feeling results after a tick bite, see a physician.

If one must go into tick-infested areas, wear protective clothing and a tick repellent. The Department of Agriculture has determined that two available types of insect repellents protect people against ticks that transmit Lyme Disease: those containing 0.5 permethrin and 30% DEET.

Service Awards

The following employees received service awards during the month of May:

Thirty Years

Edwin T. Bailey Physics
Dorothy G. Metz Staff Services

Twenty-Five Years

Anthony R. DiPierro Pl. Eng.
John J. Loper Applied Science
Arthur G. Worthington, Jr. Pl. Eng.

Twenty Years

Robert A. Brown Medical
Conrad M. Dabrowski AGS
Conrad F. Koehler, Jr. Chemistry
Richard W. Murgatroyd NSLS
Patricia E. Oster AGS
John C. Sanders Physics
Bruce A. Style Photo & Gr. Arts
William S. Webster Staff Services

Ten Years

Michael A. Iarocci NSLS
Mary Anne McGrath Nuc. Energy
Ji Wu Yang Nuc. Energy

Computing

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involved in managing, backing up, keeping track of and storing files is shared with a lot of people. And so is software. If a master copy is maintained in some central place, everybody uses it and there's consistency. So the concept of central facilities applies not so much to the central location of equipment as to its central management and support."

— Anita Cohen

Reports Available

The following reports are now available to the Laboratory staff and to affiliates of the DOE, AUI and NRC. Others may purchase the reports from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22161. Staff members should call Ext. 5068.

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Last Look At Danish House

If you missed the employee tour of the Danish House, or if you would like to inspect it again now that it is furnished, come to the public tours on Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Report to Berkner Hall (NOT the Danish House), where you will get your free tickets for the tour and a fact sheet about the house. There you can see a 20-minute video tape on the factory production and site erection of the house, and you can view "Quest," a 15-minute slide show about BNL. A bus will take you to the Danish House, where you can walk through the building and gather information about the products used to build and furnish it. Danish representatives will be there and at Berkner Hall to answer your questions. The tour will also include a stop at the Exhibit Center.

Inside Info

Since 1982, Martin Starke has been both a student at SUNY at Stony Brook and a technical collaborator at the National Synchrotron Light Source. As he pursued his Bachelor's degree in Engineering Science, Starke was also a working member of Stony Brook's Synchrotron Topography Group, involved in the development of an x-ray ring beam line with which to look for microstructural defects and mechanisms in materials. At graduation ceremonies recently, Starke was given an Award of Honor for his work at the NSLS. This award is given to an undergraduate, by the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, for distinction in doing independent research.

All film badges will be changed tomorrow. Please place your badge in its assigned rack space before leaving work today.

Coming Up

Eugene Cronkite, Sr. Scientist, Medical Department, will give the last Brookhaven Lecture of this season. He will speak on "Regulation of Production of the Hungry Granulocyte — Friend and Foe," at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, in Berkner Hall.

Arrivals & Departures

Arrivals

Irving Brown HEF
Sheila M. Doscinski Dir. Ofc.
Edmund F. Wojcicki, Jr. S&ES

Departures

This list includes all employees who have terminated from the Laboratory, including retirees:
Catherine T. Henderson ... App. Math
Frank J. Kampas DNE

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Swim Club

The BNL Swim Club has been registered with United States Masters Swimming, which will entitle members to represent the Lab at Masters swim meets and to participate on BNL Swim Club relay teams. The Swim Club will be notified of meets held on weekends all year throughout the metropolitan area and will inform interested members. Upcoming summer meets include: Nassau County Parks Dept, East Meadow; Manhattan Island Marathon, New York; N.Y. State Parks Dept. Long Course, Bronx; N.Y. City Long Course, Astoria; and Empire State Games, Buffalo. Members who want to compete must join U.S. Masters Swimming (\$8/year) through the BNL Swim Club. For more information, contact Marsha Belford, Ext. 3327, or Mark Catan, Ext. 5060.

Bowling

Pink League

The winners are the Lickety Splits, M-G Meier, L. Chinn, D. Monteleone, B. Jones.

Red/Green League

The Sandbaggers are the winners. Congrats to C. Bohnenblusch, E. Meier, B. Jones, K. Riker, K. Asselta, D. Klein.

Softball

Games Week of May 13

League I

Six Pax 12 — Cool'n Gang 4
Phoubars 10 — Scram 4
Blue Jays 19 — Moles 1

League II

Lights Out 11 — Magnuts 10
Faze II 15 — Random Errors 6
Titans 10 — Dirty Sox 9
AMD 17 — Medical 4

League III

Survivors 15 — TNT 5
Farm Team 21 — No Names 10

League IV

Mole-Esters 10 — Turkeys 6
Septembers 14 — Who Cares 9
Kidz-R-Us 15 — Farmbusters 12

League V

Mudville Sluggers 11 — Foul-Ups 7
Space Kadets 13 — Underalls 12
No Feedback 9 — Simply Awesome 4

Games Week of May 20

League I

rained out

League II

AMD 18 — Lights Out 10
other scores not reported

League III

no scores reported

League IV

Septembers 9 — Kidz-R-Us 6
Who Cares 15 — Turkeys 5
Mole-Esters 21 — Farmbusters 6

League V

Space Kadets 12 — No Feedback 8
Mudville Sluggers 15 —
Simply Awesome 4
Foul-ups (won) — Underalls (forfeit)

BERA News

The Sporting Scene in '48

It's that time of year, when BNL bowlers stow their equipment away for the summer, while BNL golfers and softball players have just dusted the cobwebs off theirs. In fact, this point in time marks the end of the 38th season for bowling at the Lab, the beginning of the 39th season for softball, and the start of the 38th season for such sports-minded groups as the Golf League and the Archery Club.

Over one-third of the employees at BNL participate in at least one BERA sport. With such a large number enjoying these pastimes, it seems appropriate to salute the early participants in BNL sports by running some of the photos which appeared in the Lab's first employee publication, *Isotopics*, in 1948.



The opening game of the men's 1948 softball season pitted the Building and Grounds (B&G) team against the Nuclear Reactor team. Here, B&G's Charles Watterson connects with a ball catcher Saul Harris was prepared to grab. No record exists as to whether Watterson's connection led to a hit, but the opener was won by B&G, 4-2.



The Upton Archers lining up here for target shooting are (from left) Edna Knispel, Jennie Vivencio, Frances Cammaroto, Rose Ann Grattan, Geraldine Bishop, George Davison, Stephen Palmero, Raymond Cammaroto and Allen Morpeth.

Hospitality News

Betsy Kinney, a member of the Hospitality Committee, has graciously offered to host the next morning get-together, which will be held at her home on Tuesday, June 4, at 10 a.m. The group will tour Mrs. Kinney's lovely house and Alpine rock garden.

Wives of Laboratory employees and guests are welcome. Babysitting services will not be provided; therefore, mothers will be responsible for their children.

We will assemble at the Brookhaven Center at 9:30 a.m. where transportation will be provided to Mrs. Kinney's home.

Cafeteria Menu

Week Ending June 7

Monday, June 3	
Beef barley soup	(cup) .65 (bowl) .85
Turkey broccoli primavera on rice	2.15
Western omelet & hash browns	2.10
Hot Deli: Turkey breast	(bread) 2.10 (roll) 2.30
Tuesday, June 4	
Canadian cheese chowder	(cup) .65 (bowl) .85
BBQ spare ribs & 1 veg.	2.15
Top round of beef & 1 veg.	2.25
Hot Deli: Sausage Reuben	2.05
Wednesday, June 5	
Garden vegetable soup	(cup) .65 (bowl) .85
Beef stroganoff on egg noodles	2.25
Southern fried chicken & 1 veg.	2.10
Hot Deli: Monte Cristo	2.15
Thursday, June 6	
Minestrone soup	(cup) .65 (bowl) .85
Baked Italian lasagna & 1 veg. w/garlic bread	2.20
Breaded pork chop & 1 veg. w/applesauce	2.20
Hot Deli: Philadelphia steak w/peppers & onions	(bread) 2.10 (roll) 2.30
Friday, June 7	
Fish chowder	(cup) .65 (bowl) .85
Broiled fillet of fish w/1 veg.	2.10
Special: Top your own Tacos	2.25
Hot Deli: BBQ fresh ham	(bread) 2.05 (roll) 2.25



The May-June 1948 issue of *Isotopics* said these BNL women are "members of girl's soft ball teams at practice." The batter is Alice Gillman; catcher, Rose Ann Grattan; and those in the background are (kneeling, from left) Barbara Carrol, Marjorie Morse, Julia Jacobs, (standing, from left) Joan Simecek, Beatrice Wageli, Jennie Vivencio, Viola Bowie and Florence Batvinis.



Port Jeff? Shirley? No, these BNL bowlers are bowling at BNL. On November 3, 1947, sixteen lanes, located in Building 476, were opened to Lab employees. But don't look for them now. Bldg. 476 has been incorporated into Bldg. 902, which is now devoted to High Energy Facilities. These dapper "keglers," as *Isotopics* liked to refer to them, are (from left) Edward Nicholson, E.L. Van Horn, Malcolm Herbert, Allen McMahon and Robert Steele.

