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Winning team consulted U of A experts

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"We really had to tap in to people on campus who knew about these applications," Lu said. "They were all very generous with their time."

Lu explained that cluster computing reduces the complexity of the scientific programs because it uses multiple computer cores on the same computation.

The U of A's winning machine held 64 processing cores in an 8-inch vertical space.

"It's just amazing how much computing power is available in very small packages," Lu said. "If you're buying a computer today, you're probably getting a dual-core machine. So [the winning cluster] has about 32 times more compute power than the average desktop computer."

While even more cores would enable more computing power, there was a 26-amp power limit that held the teams back.

"If you didn't set a boundary, people would show up with truckloads of computers," Lu explained, adding that he also talked to other groups about how they optimized their computers'

However, Lu added that even though they were competing with the other teams, the environment was very friendly.

"I enjoyed talking to the other faculty leaders and team members."

"There was competition, but there wasn't a fierce, hockey-brawl-type rivalry thing," Greidanus added. "We'd talk with some of the other teams, and they'd ask, 'So what programs are you guys running?' We



GREAT GIGABYTES! Dr Paul Lu discusses his teams computational victory.

What are your plans for winter break?

would say, 'All of them.'"

It's this type of exposure that Lu believes is one of the most important aspects of the accomplishment.

"It puts us on the map," Lu said. "The U of A has the student talent to compete with the best in the

There's a week left of classes and finals are looming, but those weeks of freedom aren't far off.

ONLINE SCAM ARTIST CLOSES WEB-SITE AFTER U OF A COMPLAINS

Problems continue to emerge related to the trials of dichloroacetic acid (DCA)—which is currently being tested at the University of Alberta for its effects as an anticancer agent—with the discovery of a scam artist selling fake DCA online.

While there have been previous reports of a Californian man selling DCA online, this mail-order scam involved the use of the U of A's logo on the offending party's website in order to enhance the credibility of the fake drug, prompting U of A representatives to take direct action.

"When we were made aware of the improper use of our logo, we immediately took steps to have it removed by sending demand letters to the website operator," explained Brad Hamdom, the University's legal counsel, through Deb Hammacher, Associate Vice-President (External Relations).

The website claimed to be the only legal supplier of pharmaceuticalgrade DCA and attempted to establish a connection to the U of A through the use of the logo and by quoting papers published by Dr Evangelos Michelakis, the lead researcher for the DCA trials.

Since the initial discovery of the website, the scam artist created two more websites under two different web addresses. Now, both websites have been closed, and the site administrator seems to have disappeared.

"Now that the name has been taken down, we are not pursuing the matter further," Hamdom said.

-Caroline Lee, News Writer

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Simon Bow Science IV

"I think [my band is] recording a CD, and I think I'm going skiing."



Kale Edwards Science II

"I'm going to Ontario to visit my grandparents. I'm going to relax and avoid everything that finals brings. Not be stressed out for a change. Nothing too wild."



Jennifer Heinrich Science I



Dayna Brochu Science I

"Honestly, probably just staying home, possibly studying. You know, get some semblance of what to expect in my next semester's classes.

"I'm going to Disneyland." [With your family?] "Yeah, for six days."

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