

WATS·Line

(Where Are The Students?)

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Howdy! A lot has happened since the last **WATSLINE**. We've gotten our faculty back to full strength; we organized the strongest Communication Week program in the College (details below); we've increased our scholarship support (more details below); and we did very well in the annual Leadership/Student Activities competition (even more details below). All in all, it's been a difficult, but good year for us; we hope it's been a great year for you folks.

The new faculty members are settling in. Dennis Fouty, who started winter quarter, has been teaching COMT 100, 270, and 470. Hans Kruse, who started in the spring quarter, has taught a topical seminar on Current Issues and is developing a Network Management course for the fall. Both Hans and Dennis have been working on getting an applications lab up to speed, complete with LANs, PBX, and (if we can find a donor) a voice mail system.

Don Manley will be starting in the fall. He'll be teaching a variety of courses, including Regulatory Issues and Data Communication. Don's an attorney who spent two years in D.C., after running an ATM network and working for C&P Telephone. More on Don in the next issue.

And, more good news---Tony Mele came up for tenure and promotion this year and got both. So, call Assistant Professor Anthony Mele and congratulate him some time.

So much for all the good faculty news, let's get on to the FAX ...

J. Warren McClure School of Communication Systems Management

New Faculty

Hans Kruse joined our faculty spring quarter. Hans has a M.S. in Physics from Vanderbilt University and a Ph.D. in Theoretical Nuclear Physics from Vanderbilt University.

Prior to teaching at Ohio University, Hans was the general manager in the support and services division of the Telco Research Corporation in Nashville, Tennessee. He was responsible for a multi-function division providing software installation, customer support, consulting, and internal telecommunications and computer services. The software he dealt with were billing and network management products.

Hans has also taught high school physics and was a visiting scientist at two universities in West Germany.

Hans and his wife Barbara have four children: Wren, 10; Natalie, 7; Will, 3; and Colin, 9 months.

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Visiting McClure Professor

We were fortunate this spring quarter to have another Visiting McClure Professor. Diane Hockman, a Columbus attorney and former Director of the Telecommunications Department of the PUCO, taught the Regulatory Issues class for us. While at the PUCO, Ms. Hockman was active on many national

committees; she had a voice in many of the issues taught in the Regulatory Issues course. Students in the class got more than a textbook approach; they got the views of someone who was actually there.

We appreciate Diane's willingness to take time from an unusually full schedule to share her expertise and experiences with us.

News From a Good Friend

Joe Berman has accepted a position at Marietta College as the Chairman of the Mass Media Program. He will be in charge of the broadcast, journalism, and advertising PR curriculum and responsible for 2 FM broadcast stations, the television cable channel, campus newspaper and yearbook.

Joe will be moving to Marietta in July and assuming his new duties August 1. His office phone number is (614) 374-4802.

Congratulations are also in order! Joe and Lynda Lowe are getting married mid-July. We wish them the best in their future together.

Communication Week a Great Success

This year's Communication Week surpassed all of our expectations. Thanks to the generosity of Jeff Chaddock (and IDS), we were able to afford a real blow-out event. Starting with a continental breakfast all the way to an elaborate awards banquet for 120 (complete with Nelson Common's finest chocolate dessert), May 1st came off without a hitch.

There were over 70 people in attendance for each session. ATP helped sponsor a luncheon at which 100 attendees listened to Louis Rutigliano, Executive VP at Ameritech, speak on his company's acquisition of the New Zealand Telephone Company.

The alumni panel (Irene Kehayas, Maria Howard, Jeff Martin, Ric Wasserman, Bob Imes) was a huge success. The panels on setting up global networks (speakers from NCR, Chiquita Banana, and Merck) and on opportunities in the US for international telecommunication companies (participating were the President of KDD, America; the Executive VP of ItalCable; and a Vice President from France Telecom) were very well received. The final panel of the day, on the job outlook in the industry, provided great information to a large crowd of students, industry professionals, and faculty.

The feedback from folks in the industry, from the Dean's office, and from the faculty in the rest of the College was excellent. Frank November, and the other 22 students who worked on the Comm Week Committee should be commended for their hard work, professionalism, and spirit of cooperation.

Recognition and Awards

As a matter of fact, the Student Activities Committee did commend the Comm Week Committee members. Comm Systems Management Day of Comm Week received one of three Outstanding Program Awards. The award, which goes to SICM, is \$100. In addition, Robin Polansky was named Outstanding Student Leader, one of seven undergraduates so

honored. It's enough to make a director real proud.

Strowger Award

For the first time in 23 years, the keynote speaker for Communication Week was not a journalist. The speaker was scheduled to be William McGowan.

To highlight this event, the faculty decided to inaugurate a new award. Few fields have been as dependent on innovation as ours has been. It seems fitting (especially to Tom Dunlap whose idea all this really was) to recognize those giants who have shaped the industry. No giant looms larger than William McGowan.

Our first award for innovation was awarded, in absentia, to Mr. McGowan on April 29th, the first night of Communication Week. As you probably know, instead of standing at a podium in Athens, he ended up on an operating table in D.C. Greg LeVert, president of MCI's midwest division, accepted the award for Mr. McGowan, and delivered a keynote address.

The award is named for Almon Strowger, the Kansas City undertaker who invented the automatic switchboard. As you probably remember, Strowger was sure that the operator was sending business to his competitor; so, instead of getting mad, he got even. He figured out a way to connect calls without an operator, making communication easier, putting operators out of work, and firmly establishing him in the history books and at the helm of Automatic Electric.

We would like the Strowger Award to be a meaningful recognition of extraordinary contributions to the industry. If you have any nominees for the award, please give us a call.

Scholarships

We are thrilled and very thankful for the number of scholarships we have to offer students during the 1991-92 school year. We've just been informed that ICA will be awarding us the same amount of scholarship money this year as they have for the past two years. This is especially good news, because ICA's available funds have not increased even though they are supporting more schools than ever before.

Last year was the first year we had four scholarships from the Association of Telecommunications Professionals in Columbus; they have given us four more for 1991-92. The Ohio Hospital Telecommunications Association gave us a scholarship last year and has awarded one for 1991-92 as well.

And, we have two new scholarship awards. The Ohio Centrex Association will be giving the program a scholarship for this next year. Cincinnati Bell has set up a minority scholarship for an incoming freshman from the Hamilton County area. The first recipient will be joining us in September.

Donations

During a recent Advisory Board meeting, Susan Lammert and Anne Timonere pointed out a situation which you might find of

interest. It seems that many alumni, when they respond to the College's phonathons, or send donations to OU, assume that their donations will automatically come to our School. That isn't the case. Unless you specify exactly where you want your money to go, it will usually go to the College. Susan and Anne thought that having the School's specific account numbers would be useful in making sure that money ended up where the donor wanted it to go, so here they are: Director's Discretionary Account: 55-06-2319; SICM Account: 55-06-2331.

New Brochure

Our promotional materials have a new look. We have a new 8-page brochure, complete with pictures and testimonials from alumni. Thanks to Bob Imes, Susan Lammert, Paul McLaughlin, Josy Noice, Donna Bajko and Ted Hoesman for their input.

Homecoming 1991

The theme for Homecoming Weekend, October 12-13, is "Caring & Sharing." This year we are trying something new. Rather than separate receptions for each college/school, there will be one university-wide reception at the Convocation Center from 9 am to 1 pm.

Refreshments will be available, and an Octoberfest-style luncheon will be served from 11 am to 1 pm for \$8.50/person. Plans include activities for the kids, balloons, clowns, jugglers and various booths.

Our faculty will be there, so let us know if you're coming and we will



organize a tour of the lab for you.

You will be receiving more detailed information on Homecoming from Alumni Relations.

Mark October 12-13 on your calendar and plan on attending!

ICA

We were well represented at the Anaheim ICA Conference in early June. Dennis Fouty (who was asked to be one of the judges for the ICA's student paper competition), Brad Chilton, Dave Guerini, Robin Polansky, Leslie Zimmer, and I attended sessions, gawked at the vendor displays, and visited hospitality suites. ICA allowed the sponsored schools to have booths on the exposition floor. In addition to our new brochures, we brought along our recruitment video, a VCR, and a large, showy banner.

Stopping by were Laura Czarnecki (AMOCO and soon Cornell Graduate School), Laura Casales (Marathon Oil), Irene Kehayas (Merck), and friend of the program Randy Parker (Cable and Wireless).

We hope we didn't miss anybody. Call us as soon as you find out if you'll be going to ICA in Atlanta next year. Maybe we can get a reunion together.

Recent Graduates Who Have Obtained Employment



Margo Curry, Merck & Co., Inc.
Robin Polansky, Cincinnati Bell.
Dave Guerini, Progressive Insurance. Tim Ball, NCR. Brad Chilton, Progressive Insurance. Alex

Chaulk, NCR. Dee Reindollar, Booz, Allen & Hamilton. Todd Clay, Progressive. Mark Metz, CompuServe. Dennis Macy, MCI. Jay McCullough, MCI. Rick Manderick, Ohio University. Tonja Kline-Reichley, Dial Quest. Erin Revak, Ohio Bell.

Moves, Adds, Changes

We had a tremendous response from the last WATSLINE. Thanks for keeping in touch.

Maria Giustino, Network Analyst with Motorists Insurance Companies, is getting married in October. She started the CPCU Program and plans to start an MBA program in the fall. Todd Bahner, Technical Consultant with MCI, didn't like the burbs and is moving back to the city. He was recently promoted to a higher grade level. Donna Bajko is now an employee of Centerior Energy Corp., holding company of Cleveland Electric & Toledo Edison Illum. Doug Burger, System Design Rep. for Siemen's Tel Plus, has been traveling quite a bit. Jason Comstock, Network Analyst with ICI Americas, Inc., is responsible for coordinating the installation of ICI's Data Network.

Jeff Dixon is currently working as an Installation Manager for the CEN Corporation. Christy Drake McCallum, Quantum Chemical Corp., got married October, 1990. She is busy working on several upgrading and installing projects. Janet Faldowski was recently promoted to Engineering Associate, System Performance for Ohio and Puerto Rico at Cellular One and plans to start an MBA program soon. Bob Freier, Systems Engineer with Wellfleet Communications, is expecting his first baby in June. On the job he is helping design and implement large multiprotocol networks that use

bridges/routers. Amy Hay is enjoying her studies at the Pittsburg Law School.

Kevin Hogan, Office Systems Consultant with McGladrey & Pullen, is getting married in July and becoming quite familiar with LAN's. Lori Kristoff, Telecommunications Consultant with Motorola, is living in Chicago and is in charge of adds, moves and changes for the Schaumburg campus. Alex Lai, EDP Support Analyst-LAN Administrator for Progressive Insurance, is implementing LAN technology to Progressive offices nationwide.

Deserie McCauley, Technical Consultant with MCI, was recently promoted. Paul McLaughlin, Manager, Network Development Management with AT&T, was recently promoted and shifted from Sales to Engineering. Liam Melanophy is working as a Technician 2 with Rockefeller Telecommunications.

Richard Nelson, Installation and Repair Supervisor for United Telephone Company of PA, married Teresa Kuchinsky, a Journalism alum. He was also recently promoted. Ritch Newport, Data Communications Support Supervisor for Sterling Software, just bought a house and got married June 15. His supervisor title reflects a recent promotion.

Josyanne Noice, Quantum Chemical Corp., is having a good time in Cincinnati and using the Accumaster Integrator on the job. Darrin Resnick, Cabling System Engineer with Pfizer Inc., got married last December and started working at the Telecommunications Dept. of Pfizer February 1. Sue Stelmack, Business Systems Designer with Martin Marietta, moved from Finance Estimating to the Internal Info Systems Group. Rick Wasserman, S. E. Nichols, Inc., represented the class of 1987 on the

Alumni Panel during Communication Week 1991. Susan Wolfe Akers, Telecommunications Analyst with Home Insurance, got married in April, 1990. She will be implementing a voice mail system in the corporate headquarters and is learning a lot about Northern Telecom. Leslie Zimmer will be attending graduate school in Colorado this fall.

That's it for the summer WATSLINE. Our next issue will go to press in December. If you'd like to make "the news" fill out and return the information form.

Phyllis Bernt, Tom Dunlap, Dennis Fouty, Hans Kruse, Tony Mele and Barb Moran

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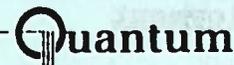
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OU observing 23rd Communication Week

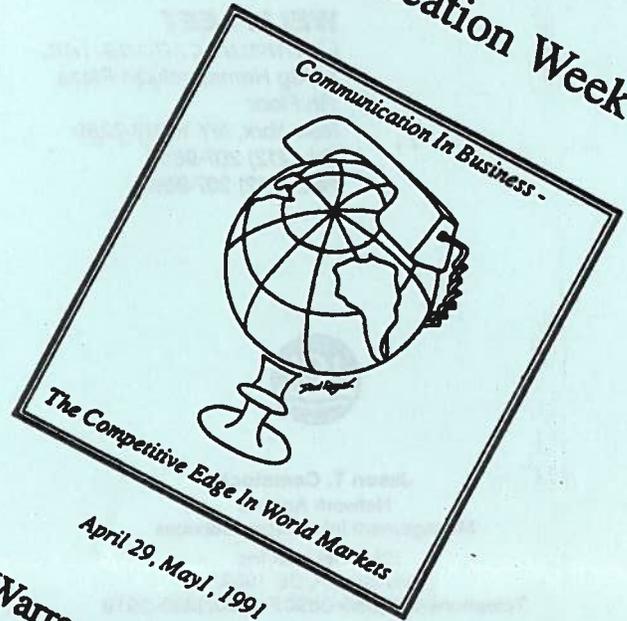
Workshops, panel discussions will focus on 'Competitive Edge in World Market'

Communication Week 1991
Awards Banquet



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May 1, 1991
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Please check the events you would like to attend:
Monday, April 29, 1991

- 8:00 p.m. Baker Center Ballroom Keynote Address
- Wednesday, May 1, 1991
- 8:30 a.m. RTVC 460 Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. RTVC 460 Alumni Panel
- 10:45 a.m. Baker Center Ballroom American Panel
- 12:00 p.m. Baker Center Ballroom Luncheon
- 1:30 p.m. Baker Center Ballroom International Panel
- 3:30 p.m. Baker Center Ballroom Advisory Board Panel
- 6:30 p.m. Nelson Commons Awards Banquet

Name _____
Gregory A. LeVert

MCI speaker opens Communication Week

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cordially invites you
Monday, April 29, 1991
Wednesday, May 1, 1991
Please RSVP enclosed card by April 19, 1991

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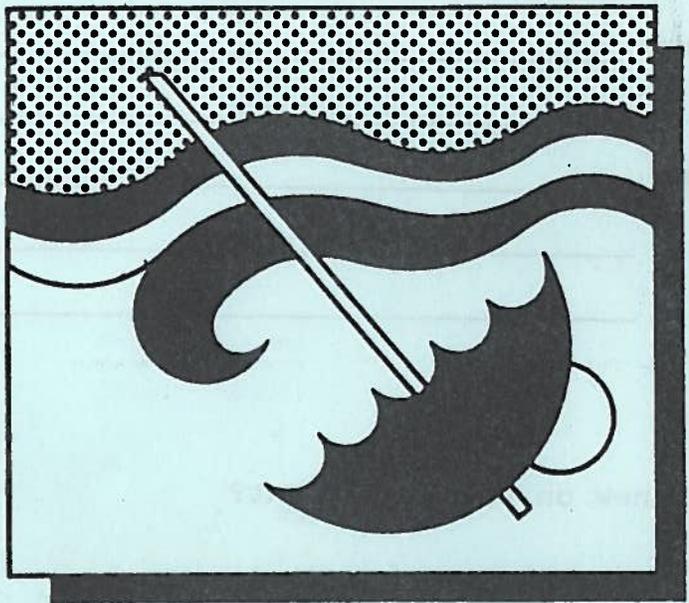
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What's new on the job?

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