



Happy Holidays and New Year !!!!

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(Where Are The Students)

Greetings from Joe Berman, Jane Miller, Jackie Larsen, Tony Mele, and Tom Dunlap..

... once again from Bobcat Country and the fourth floor of the RTV building. It seemed appropriate to call this the beginning of Volume 2. That sets the precedent, however, for three installments in each volume. Since we are getting these out at the incredible pace of..... ~~ONCE A YEAR~~..... we may hit the fifth volume by the year 2000. (Can you imagine the craziness when we shift from the 19 -- numbers to the 2000 series????!!! We'll never get the dates on our checks right for MONTHS!)

In any event, we've had lots of requests for this newsletter, not that it contains something specifically sought by our graduates but many wondered if they'd missed an issue. Berman apologizes but he types it (errors included) at home when time permits, piecemeal (thanks, Macintosh). He still hasn't mastered --- or even tried to master --- a desktop publishing program. So please bear with the simple word processing style. Some day, maybe....

Have we a bunch to tell you this time....

First, let me thank you ALL for keeping in touch so well and checking up on us. It's really great to hear your voices (it is now possible, you know, both through GTE and the university's system) and read your letters. Those of you who do write sometimes don't get a response for a while (hear that Alexis, D.J.....?) just because time runs out here more quickly than it used to! You know the feeling, I'm sure. That doesn't mean I don't read with interest your letter and enclosures..... also thanks to you all who send along things for us to use in class or names of professionals to contact or copies of things you've done. They are most helpful.

The McClure School..... well, as you all know by now, this past April we officially became the J. Warren McClure School of Communication Systems Management, only the second endowed school in the college (E.W. Scripps School of Journalism is the other). Mr. McClure began his support of our program from the beginning with the Visiting Professor each year. His latest involvement was to start the school's development drive by personally committing to match each dollar contributed to us with \$1.50.

After about two years of fundraising, proposal writing and travel, we have slowed a bit but not stopped. Our total with McClure's commitment, funding from Nationwide Foundation, Ohio Bell Foundation, Mead Corporation, Amoco, Cooper Industries, Columbus Southern Electric, United Telephone of Ohio, lab equipment donations, AND MANY OF YOU, we are showing just under \$1.38 million in commitments. Interesting, some of your parents have sent along contributions, too. As always, your support is appreciated whether via a check OR a phone call or letter.

So.... in recognition of his unusual and consistent support we asked the Board of Trustees to let us name the school in his honor during Communication Week last spring. Those graduates who were with us then (as well as the current majors) found McClure to be delightful. A true philanthropist, a professional to the last word, and a

Some of our support will come in pieces, a bit (for you data types: no pun intended) at a time. Foundations like to send it in equal payments over a few years. Equipment tends to appear, suddenly, when least expected. At 4:15 on Friday of exam week, Tony and Joe unloaded about 800 tons (it seemed) of lab equipment donated by Amoco recently. Bert Morgan, Molly Maloney and Ev Hillis all had a hand in getting the things to us, though Bert, I think, was the final "shipper."

MCI LAB..... we are in the final planning stages with MCI for the building of a substantial lab for our program. The donation is expected to include a fully operating switching system, test equipment and much more. MCI has set up a similar facility at the University of Colorado, Boulder. This along with Tony's designing of a small lab with custom benches, test equipment, etc., will give our majors the long awaited and much needed "hands-on."

Where are we putting all of this? In our new facilities, of course! We've been waiting three years for Journalism to get settled in Scripps Hall (old Carnegie, next to Alden) and for InCo to move out of their spaces in RTV to Lasher (across from The Nick). Well, some time in winter quarter we will take over: InCo offices to the LEFT in the lobby of RTV (the other side of the stairs from the MOTA Room); the two offices under the MOTA Room (one for faculty, one for SICM); the offices in the glassed-in area on the ground floor; the Forensics offices and hopefully, 015 and 017, for some lab/classroom use. We are also trying to get a larger space for our MCI lab elsewhere on campus.

The MOTA Room, by the way, is LOADED with periodicals and books. Do you remember when there were only a handful of things in the marketplace? Look at the publications NOW! The "Room" is most ably managed by Ms. Xiaohong Li with the help of Dave Guerine, a work study. (Berman is also learning Chinese with the help of Xiaohong... don't laugh, Ray Wagner in InCo has been in China teaching for four months now and is due back in February. Many of you know "Wags").

Faculty..... everyone is busy as ever. Conferences, professional meetings, site visits, field trips, visiting guests.... SO much going on. We have more professionals (this includes YOU, of course) wanting to come to campus to speak than we can handle. We'll just have to keep giving rainchecks and you'll have to believe we'll get to you soon! Our own graduates are VERY important role models for the current crop so we DO want to get many of you back.

Jane Miller is secretary to the new ATP, professional telecommunications group in Columbus; Berman is now secretary to MOTA with VP next year and final bump-up to President in fall of 1990; Tony is active in SBE and attending Ohio Bell Training courses as is Tom Dunlap; Jackie Larsen is active in SOTP in Cleveland and is involved in some consulting for the city of Cleveland. Tom Dunlap, by the way, is now officially part of our faculty. Tom had always been helping out a great deal, then began teaching out of the goodness of his heart and now..... he's in charge of internships!

By the way, intgernships are going VERY well. Students hit campus in September asking about when to apply, they are that desirable these days. But it puts a great deal of pressure on us to get some. If your company has a need..... or if you could handle even an EXTERN (one-two weeks over a break, typically no pay, follow you around and help out) please let us know. The more notice the better.

The Front Line... for our office is held down by Susan Keys. When you call, tell her you're an alum and not a vendor! That gets you into Berman or faculty faster!

DON'T FORGET OUR NEW NUMBERS:

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Some of you have sent me great cartoons via FAX. You'll find an award winner on the outer wrapper.... Some of you don't sign them but your machines have identifiers, you know!

Here's a chance you can't afford to miss: send Berman a telecommunications-related cartoon of your choice and the best entry will win an OU sweat outfit with personalization on the back! Plus the cartoon will be the wrapper cartoon on the next newsletter. Hey, you should see the new sweat stuff these days.... really, truly, fashion-plate stuff... DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 1989, so we can get the sweats to the winner before the winter sets in. If you are (lucky enough to be) living in a more temperate climate, we will substitute an appropriate outfit for the sweats!

How about those **BUSINESS CARDS?** Got a new job? Title? Transferred to a new office? They are great to show new students, potential employers, intern sponsors, and just to share with the rest of you. I've reprinted a page of new ones for you herein.

McClure Professors.... just a few tidbits. *Bill Russell* was commissioned last May as a Licensed Lay Minister (Disciples of Christ) in Akron. Bill was also responsible for developing his church database and computer system. Even when you retire you can't retire!

Admiral Ince seems to keep busy with his farm in Virginia, consulting, and traveling (he was out of the country when I called on his birthday last year). Rumor has it he is also becoming quite a horseman. (I know I'll get a letter for that comment).

Byron Wood has worked some as a consultant to the City of Cleveland and we were sorry to hear, lost his wife since he was with us.

Jane Miller, of course, is on our fulltime faculty.

Dix Dishong is back in the Cleveland area and I can't imagine him not being very active. He was fighting off consulting requests while with us.

Dean Grinstead was going to "do a little teaching" after he left us. From what I hear he's practically become a fulltime university teacher -- Akron U and I think Hiram College. (I wonder how he liked the movie "Hoosiers"?).

Jeff Hulet has returned to L.A. and is now in charge of the LAPD's Stolen Vehicle Recovery Network -- SVRN. You should hear the role telecommunications plays in this.

We are seeking this year's "McClure" for spring. Applications are in. If you know of a top notch telecommunications professional in your organization who would fit in well in the Visiting Professor role, let us know.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES.... the alumni Office is always interested in what you're up to. We typically don't share information with them so when you move please let us both

know. When you have some personal good fortune on the job, family, etc., let us know. If you want to receive OU Today, their publication, you have to keep them informed as to your mailing address.

It is also nice to be on the local alumni club list even if just to network at regular gatherings. Dr. Ping attends many of these and occasionally so do members of the faculty. You'd be amazed at how many graduates have told me they met a friend at one of the affairs and didn't know s/he was in town.

It's also fun to send back "Ohiograms" to campus from those meetings. These are little personal notes on a green and white card the size of a telegram. Of course, WE'D like to receive them but anyone on campus can be a recipient. They are delivered, too.

I'm determined to have a get together for **HOMECOMING**. This fall saw a major travel commitment over that very weekend. Let's try again next fall. Now that we have enough of you out there to come back..... watch for a note early fall?

 OK.... HERE GOES THE TOUGHEST PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO DO BUT THE MOST FUN. IF WE'VE MISSED YOU AND SHOULDN'T HAVE, BLAME BERMAN. HE NEVER WRITES ANYTHING DOWN.

MOVES, ADDS, CHANGES AND FLASH CUTS

(alphabetically and spaced better than last time for easier reading)

Moshood Adesoye has assumed the position of System Administrator, National Office of Industrial Property, Lagos, Nigeria. He has become very active in the data side of things. Todd Bahner from MCI, Florida, to division HQ of MCI, Rye Brook, NY. Deanna Barrickman Kuzmaul to LiTel, Columbus. Anne Beltz in Denver on contract to US West. Kellie Blachly, Calculon Corporation, GermanTown, MD.

Susan Bliss Fury I got it this time! Community Mutual Health/Blue Cross Iue Shield, Cincinnati. Valerie Brown, Aetna, Hartford, undertaking graduate work on the side. Jeff Brubaker to Cincinnati Bell Information Systems. Steve Bruning, finishing his MA in InCo and entering PhD program. Jeff Chaddock to American Express IDS Financial Services (call him if you need help!), Columbus.

Mary Clemons to Computer Language Research Company, Dallas. (Denny Hanrahan is also there) Dave Cohagan to LTV Steel, Cleveland. Laura Czarnecki to Amoco, Chicago. Christy Drake to Deloitte Haskins and Sells, Cincinnati.

Joel Eidelberg to US Sprint, Reston, VA. Kristy Emick to San Francisco State graduate school. Jim Evans to Unitel, Columbus. Zarina Evans to Progressive Companies, Cleveland, is also very active in the Cleveland Chapter of Black Data Processing Associates as a committee chair and newsletter staffer. She recently attended MOTA and looked GREAT. Jocelyn Farkas to Network Equipment Technologies, Redwood City. Bob Freier, married in August in NY. Berman

attended the wedding. Paul Fussner and Meg Van Lanen married. Tim Genetta from corporate data manager of family business to medical school. u to Roach Reid, Cleveland. Alexis Grigsby to ATT Network Systems, Columbus.

Howard Hecht to Cummins Engine. Dave Herbst to US Sprint, Reston. Anastasia Holobinko to R.J. Evans, Cleveland. Sharlene Sue Jimenez married. Maria Moore Howard and Bernie Howard, a baby boy. Steve Jones to MCI, Sherman Oaks. Ken Joseph, Security Pacific, treated the ICAers this year to a

tour of their network control center outside LA. THANKS AGAIN! Kristen Koeller to PacTel, San Francisco. Rosemary Labanara to International TeleManagement, Va. Sheryl Leko to The Limited, Columbus. Linda Lewis and Richard Lyon to Andersen Consulting (Arthur Andersen), Columbus, and Peter Nugent to the Chicago office. Jennifer Maury to Summit Communications, Bellevue, WA. Paul McLaughlin to Baltimore office, ATT Communications. Bill Melanophy - someone said you have a great job! Where are ya? NY? Kimberly Morris Cheeseman, married (hope I have the spelling correct), has also moved from Marine Midland Bank. Let me know where, Kimi!! Marty Nadwodney to TMC, Columbus. Tina Niswonger, ATT, Columbus. Lynne Oliver to Stanford University Law School. Leslie Papell to WANG Laboratories, Lowell, MA. Jo Marie Parise to Northern Telecom, Detroit. Evan Parke to US Sprint, Cleveland. Brad Peters to Florida but where?..... Andy Poncsak to ATT Network Systems, Columbus. Daphne Ramaty married? Susan Reinecke now married and with Marathon Oil, Findlay. Darrin Resnick to Lord, Einstein, O'Neill and Partners, NYC. Ann Robinson to ALLTEL, Atlanta area Scott Roper married. Glenn Ruff to AP Parts, Toledo, regular attendee at MOTA and offered to house majors who attend meetings. THANKS! D.J. Shisler to TRW, Cleveland Darren Stalk to Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, Boston. Mike Tibbs to Memorex Telex Federal Systems, Va. Barbara Tracy Marshall, baby girl. Chuck Vella to Leaseway Transportation, Cleveland. Eric Wasserman to S. E. Nichols, Inc., NYC.

Well, hope I have everything I've been told this year. If it's wrong please let me know and a retraction will be printed one year from now..... it seemed appropriate to do more detail than usual on these.

WHAT? A COMT VIDEO?..... yes, we made a 13 minute video during Communication Week featuring Mr. McClure and the graduates of our program who were back on campus: Sharlene Sue Jimenez, Bonnie Pritts, Jo Marie Parise, Jeff Martin, Paul McLaughlin. It's been packaged with other materials about the program including a new brochure and sent to high schools around the country. Don't have a lot to go around but if you do want to take a look I could possibly send one if you would be able to return it. We hope it works well for us as a promotional and recruiting tool. It is generic, has nice footage of the campus (ah, Athens in the spring, *sigh*).

BITS AND BAIDS..... Nance Lucas, student affairs, who teaches a leadership seminar for us each spring now, has been promoted to Assistant Dean of Students. She works directly with Joel Rudy.

Did you know that a faculty member on campus (not in our college but..) was the model for Cap'n Crunch? His brother is an advertising graphics artist and used him when designing the character. If you can tell me who he is..... free OU shirt!

OU now has a strict alcohol policy, effective this past fall. The "Front Room" is no longer able to sell alcohol. From what I hear this makes Helitzer's final exam less fearsome for performers! Next year freshmen at least will not be able to park cars on campus! No more new fires uptown that I can recall.....

LET US KNOW..... if your mailing label is wrong, if you prefer a different address, if your job has changed, or you want to be removed from the mailing.

Otherwise we'll keep 'em coming as long as we can. The university is asking that all outgoing newsletters be formatted in a particular way for a consistent image. I am uncertain at this point just what effect that will have on this modest work.

Keep healthy, productive, don't forget to take breaks and have some FUN.

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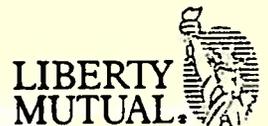
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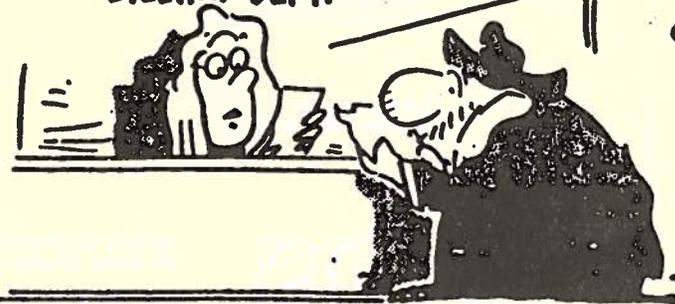
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