

# WATS·Line

(Where Are The Students?)

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS from all of us in Athens. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a great 1991.

You'll notice, as you read this newsletter, that we've had some substantial faculty developments. Some familiar faces have left; a new face is joining us; and we're looking for more new faculty members. With all the changes, we keep working to make sure that the program prospers, that our graduates find good opportunities, and that our growing list of alumni continue to prosper--and stay in touch.

Speaking of staying in touch, we got a great response to the last Watsline. Lots of you sent in the personal information form--as you will see from the "Moves, Adds, Changes" and the business card sections. Thanks and keep sending that information our way. We love to hear from you folks.

We also love to see you--like at Homecoming. This year John Ark, Irene Kehayas, Sandy McDonald, Keith Zellers, Brian Hammermeister, Michelle Jones, Cheryl Faison, Jeff Martin, Troy Matheny, Glenn Ruff (any one I've forgotten???) stopped by for punch and conversation. Kevin Schoolcraft was in Athens recruiting for Cincinnati Bell. Dave Cwikowski introduced his boss at U.S. Sprint to the O.U. campus, and to our program.

Well, we have news to share, so without any further ado, here's the FAX (or a reasonable facsimile) . . . .

J. Warren McClure School of Communication Systems Management

## **Faculty Updates**

There've been a few developments on the faculty front since our last Watsline edition. As some of you may have heard, Jane Miller and Jackie Larsen have resigned from the School to pursue other career opportunities. Jane has taken a position in Columbus. Jackie is the telecommunications manager at the SUNY campus in Binghamton, NY. We wish them well.

Tony Mele, who has spent five years dividing his time and energies between our School and TCOM has, this year, become a full-time faculty member in Comm Management.

We're thrilled to have his undivided attention and expect him to go wild creating more and more lab courses.

## **New Faculty**

Dennis Fouty will begin teaching Comm Systems Management classes winter quarter, 1991. Dennis has a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and will earn his Masters of Business from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln December, 1990.

Dennis has been working as assistant to the director of the Telecommunications Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Areas he was responsible for include financial analysis, design of voice/data networks, cable plant design and administration, design and implementation of voice communications systems, traffic analysis on long distance network and end user support systems. Dennis has also been a teaching assistant, supervisory teaching assistant and course coordinator in the UNL Psychology Department.

Dennis, his wife Linda, and their baby will be relocating to Athens in December. He'd like to hear from alumni, so give him a call (614/593-4907) or drop him a line.

## **J. Warren McClure Recognized**

The Outstanding Alumnus of the Year for 1990 was our School's namesake, J. Warren McClure. The Alumnus of the Year award is a highly prized honor. It's given in recognition of outstanding support for Ohio University and its educational mission. The award couldn't have been given to a more deserving recipient.

Unfortunately, the worthy recipient wasn't able to receive the award in person. Dangerous weather conditions made it impossible for the plane which Mr. McClure had chartered for the occasion to make it to Athens.

Undaunted, and showing his appreciation for the latest communication technologies, Mr. McClure faxed his acceptance speech, which was read to an appreciative audience.

## **Endowed Chair**

One of the first major gifts announced as part of the Third Century Campaign (the University's big push to build its endowment) was further support from J. Warren McClure.

J. Warren and Lois McClure are endowing a chair in Communication Management. This contribution will help us to expand our teaching expertise into new and needed areas to meet changes in the industry.

## **Visiting McClure Professor**

This year's Visiting McClure Professor will be on campus during winter quarter, instead of the usual spring quarter. Steve Bowman, Vice President Telecommunications for First National Bank of Ohio, will join us in January.

Steve will be teaching Project Management and the Senior Seminar, two courses that should be right down his alley. At First National Bank of Ohio, which is also home

for Ted Hoesman (a June 1989 Comm Management grad), Steve has been responsible for providing voice and data telecommunications to all of First Bancorporation of Ohio's locations in the state.

Before joining the banking industry, Steve was with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Ohio. He has also been in city government in Michigan. Steve is a long-time supporter of our program, consistently providing internship opportunities and serving as a charter member of the Advisory Board.

### Scholarships

We're pleased to have five new scholarships this year. The Ohio Hospital Telecommunications Association has begun a \$2000 per year scholarship to be awarded a junior or senior in our program whose GPA exceeds a 3.0 and who has had no grade lower than a "C" in the Comm Management core curriculum. The first recipient of this award is Joseph (Jay) McCullough, a senior from Cincinnati.

The Association for Telecommunications Professionals, in Columbus, awarded four of our students \$250 scholarships. These awards are targeted for students in need of financial aid, with preference given to residents of central Ohio. A GPA of 2.2 overall and of 2.5 in the major are required. The first four recipients of these scholarships are Linda Armstrong, Catie Kane, Mike Persina, and Kathleen Witt.

We are always looking for new scholarships for deserving Comm Management majors. If you know of any scholarship possibilities, please give us a call.

### Recruitment Video

A big emphasis for the program during the next couple of years is going to be freshman recruiting. The number of college freshmen nationwide keeps dropping

as the effects of the "baby bust" ripple through the educational system. We want to make sure we get the best and brightest of that shrinking pool of freshmen. We need to let high school students know what we have to offer. To facilitate the process, we've put together a recruitment video, complete with music, scenes in the MCI Lab (and Tony in action), interviews with alumni, shots of SICM meetings, and off-the-cuff comments from current students.

The student hosts for the tape are Lori Kristoff (who graduated in August and has joined Motorola in Illinois) and Steve Brescia, a junior from New Jersey. The interviewees include Irene Kehayas (Merck), Evadne Hillis (Amoco), John Ark (MCI), Sandy McDonald (NCR), and Jeff Scullion (Walsh and Lowe), among others.

We had a lot of fun doing the video and are proud of the results. If you would be interested in taking the tape to high schools in your current location (or to your high school) or in showing the tape to other interested groups, just give us a call.

### Advisory Board

The second meeting of the School's Advisory Board was as exciting as the first. The Board met on October 18 and 19 in Athens. Their agenda included a reception in the 1804 Lounge, hosted by SICM; and a meeting with Dean Nelson. The Board discussed a wide range of topics, including curriculum, future laboratory equipment needs, and staffing. It was a productive--and sometimes loud--session. The next meeting is scheduled for early May.

### Communication Week Plans

Plans for Communication Week are coming along. This is the first year we get a whole day to ourselves, instead of sharing a day with Visual Communication. Our day is Wednesday, May 1st.

A student committee, chaired by Frank November (a junior from Cleveland), has been meeting regularly to come up with events in keeping with this year's theme: "Communication in Business: the Competitive Edge in World Markets."

Plans are to have a panel of US companies with international networks (Merck and Chiquita Corporation have agreed to participate so far), and to have a panel of international companies trying to do business in the US. Tentative commitments have been made by ItalCable and Ericsson. And, of course, we plan to have our traditional alumni panel.

Tentative arrangements are being made for the first annual Comm Management awards banquet that evening as well. It promises to be an interesting--and exhausting day. We hope you can work Communication Week into your schedule this year.

### Sweatshirts

SICM is selling School sweatshirts this year. Erin Gemmell (a junior from Tulsa) designed them and they look great. You'll probably be contacted by SICM through their newsletter sometime soon. So, be on the lookout.

### Recent Graduates Who Have Obtained Employment



Jerry Hirsh, Dupont. Jim Orr, NCR. Jeff Scullion, Walsh and Lowe. Lori Kristoff, Motorola. Dave Cwikowski, U.S. Sprint.

Sandy McDonald, NCR. Andy Pyros, LiTel. Andrea Stump, Motorists Insurance.

Keith Kelly, Progressive Communications Technology. Tariq Khan, Arthur Andersen. Troy Matheny, NCR. Monica Hubbard, Banc Ohio. Paul Kellogg, Paxton & Seasongood. Tom Martinko, Parallel Technologies. Richard Nelson, United Telephone of Penn. Ted Thompson, Prudential. Patrick Ashworth, LiTel. Craig Daniels, Deaconess

Hospital. Bob Etherington, ITT. Tim Jeffries, Wooster Brush. Kevin O'Brien, NCR. Bela High, CompuServe. Chris Kramer, Fifth Third Bank. Andy Leach, graduate school. Josy Noice, Quantum Chemical.

### Moves, Adds, Changes

Thanks to everyone who returned the information form that was in the last Watsline. Here's what you told us.

Kimberly J. Morris-Cheeseman, National Accounts Consultant at U.S. Sprint, got married in November of 1988 and is building a home. Jim Orr started working as a Communications Analyst with NCR Sept. 4. Dave Drazga, Data Communications Specialist with Sterling Software, is involved with relocating Sterling Software to the Dublin area. Judi French, Telecom Technician with Quantum Chemical Corp. is getting married Aug. 1991 and started ballet lessons. Margaret Fussner, Registrar at Valley Forge Military Junior College, is expecting her first baby soon.

Paul Fussner, Account Executive at AT&T, is also expecting his first baby soon and winning sales awards as youngest AE in the Philadelphia branch. Amy Hay is attending law school in Pittsburgh and taking cold showers. Todd Bahner, Technical Consultant with MCI in Atlanta, is moving to the burbs. Karen Race Kocher, Computer Analyst with The Kitchen Collection, is going to be the system manager of a new DEC 3800 microvax minicomputer network. Marshall Clark, Information Systems Specialist with the USAF, is still single and just got his GS-11 ranking. Irene Kehayas, Programmer Technician with Merck & Co., is spending a lot of time training and hopes to start on her MBA soon. Scott Meyer, Business Communications Engineer at Champion Internat'l, is still happily single. Darrin Resnick, Information Systems Manager with Lord Einstein O'Neill & Partners, is getting married Dec. 29. Monica Hubbard, In-Bound Sales Rep. with BancOhio Nat'l Bank, is working in the Marketing Dept. but hopes to move into the

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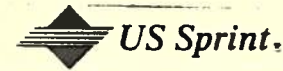
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Commun. Dept. soon. Sharon Crawford, Chapter Consultant with Phi Mu Fraternity, has no home base and is getting used to living out of her suitcases. Mary "Memo" Clemons, IM-Services Telecomm. Systems Analyst I for GTE Directories, is involved with several international projects. Kris Walker, Field Telecomm. Manager for Xerox, is responsible for implementing Tariff 12 options 48 and 51. Valerie Brown-Smith, SR Computer Analyst/Trainer with General Dynamics, will finish her MBA in finance Dec. 1991 and is attending CT National Guard Officer Candidate School.

Paul Goetz, Telecomm. Systems Manager with the University of Maryland Univ. College, is still an eligible bachelor and currently enrolled for a Masters in Telecomm. Management. Gale Donelson, Senior Commercial Sales Rep. with MCI, is still single and in charge of the Parkersburg-Charleston territory for MCI Mid-Atlantic. Kristen Koeller, Computer Operations Specialist with Pacific Telesis Group, is getting married in May of 1991. Still doing data processing, network & PC support.

That's it for another issue of Watsline. We'd like to hear from you, so fill out the return form and let us know what you're doing.

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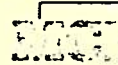
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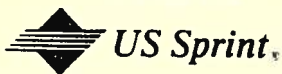
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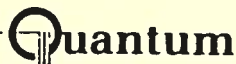
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