

# WATS·Line

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Hello and season's greetings from all of us in Athens. Before we begin to tell you what we've been up to, we'd like to recognize the contributions you folks have made to our efforts here at OU. We feel very fortunate to have such a great group of interested, supportive alumni who help us in so many ways. While we know the following list is not exhaustive (our apologies to you if we have left out your name) we want to send our thanks and appreciation to: Maria Howard '85 and Jeff Martin '86 for serving on the College of Communication's Society of Alumni and Friends;

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And of course we want to thank all of you who come to alumni receptions, who work within your companies to get internships for current students, who call us with information about possible job opportunities, and who stay in touch. If you are involved, please stay involved. If you'd like to get involved, there are lots of ways to do that. We could certainly use your help in identifying internship possibilities, in finding job leads, and in getting equipment donations. And, we could use your help in recruiting quality freshman into the School.

If you would like to talk about our program, and about our industry, to high schools and to career fairs in your area, just give us a call. We'd be glad to send materials to take along. We need to keep getting the word out about Communication Systems Management to prospective employers and to prospective students. You can help us keep a high profile. To get you started, enclosed with this newsletter are 3 copies of our School brochure: one to keep and two to share.

## Cincy-Dayton Reception

Our alumni were very well represented at the College of Communication's Cincy-Dayton Career Network Reception. Tom Dunlap and Phyllis Bernt had a great time talking with Doug Burger '88, Todd Dungan '91, Kelley Dunne '87, Cheryl Faison '90, Althea Hill '89, Brad Kitchen '91, Susan Lammert '87, Scott Meyer '90, Tom Mrocza '91, Josyanne Noice '90, and Steph Polinsky '91. Communication Systems Management alumni would have dominated the reception if illness or job responsibilities hadn't made it impossible for Tim Ball '91, Susan Bliss-Fury '84, Alex Chaulk '91, Brian Hammermeister '90, Kim Hobbs '91, Sandy McDonald '90, Jim Orr '90, Robin Polansky '91, and Erin Revak '91 to be

there. Hope to see you folks next time.

Those alumni who were at the Holiday Inn in Sharonsville on December 5th gave a lot of our current students some good advice about job hunting and career prospects--not to mention moral support. The soon-to-be alumni were highly appreciative.

## Sunday in Chicago

Rumor has it that Communication Systems Management alumni were also conspicuously in attendance at an all-University alumni reception in Chicago on Sunday, December 15th. According to Dean Nelson, a happy group of our alumni won all of the door prizes. As far as we know, the folks in attendance were Lori Kristoff '90, Molly Maloney '87, and Jeff Scullion '90. Anyone else we're missing?

## New Faculty

Donald Manley joined our faculty fall quarter. Don, his wife Judy, and daughter Jacqueline, moved to Athens from Pennsylvania.

Don has a BS in Business Administration from West Liberty State College and a J.D. from George Mason University School of Law. Prior to teaching at Ohio University, Don was an attorney with Mette, Evans, & Woodside in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania practicing regulatory law. Before that, he was a telecommunication specialist with Dow, Lohnes, & Albertson in Washington D.C., (a law firm with the nation's largest FCC practice). He also managed the ATM and data networks for the Perpetual Savings Bank in Washington D.C. and was an account executive with C&P Telephone Company.

Don's teaching interests include data communications, public policy issues, and regulatory issues. He is also developing a new course for winter quarter called Consumer Issues and the Communications Revolution. This course will cover consumer issues in information technology with topics of interest to majors as well as nonmajors.

Please join us in welcoming Don to the faculty. Don's address is:

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## Faculty Activities

In addition to setting up labs, teaching classes, and advising students, the faculty have been finding ways to keep busy.

Tony Mele spent a good part of his summer in Richardson, Texas, doing research at MCI facilities.

Dennis Fouty and Hans Kruse have developed a course in Network Analysis for MCI's Midwest Region. They've presented the training course in Southfield, Michigan, and in Columbus. The folks at MCI are so pleased with the results, Dennis and Hans will be presenting the course in the other MCI regions.

Phyllis Bernt chaired a session on Telecommunications and Education at the Telecomm Policy Research Conference in Solomon's Island, Maryland in October. She also served as the keynote speaker for the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study annual retreat in Millersburg, Ohio, in November; the topic of the retreat was the role of advanced technologies in the delivery

of graduate education. Currently, Phyllis is part of a PUCO project dealing with alternative regulation. A series of work teams made up of PUCO staffers and Ohio's larger local telephone companies are meeting regularly to discuss ways to introduce incentive regulation in Ohio; a nice aspect of those meetings is that Phyllis gets to see Lori Rogers Sternisha '89 on a more regular basis.

## Communication Week

This annual college-sponsored event will be held the week of April 27 (our day will be Wednesday, April 29). The overall theme this year is "Communication and The Law". With that in mind, Alfred Sikes, Chairman of the FCC, has been asked to be the keynote speaker.

Last year's Communication Week was a huge success--don't miss this year's. More information will be sent to you as the activities for the week are firmed up. We hope that as many of you as possible will attend.

## SICM - Comments from Steve Brescia, President

As we enter 1992, SICM members are excited and hopeful about the opportunities of the new year. Through the first quarter of the 1991-92 school year, SICM hosted guest speakers from various companies, including AT&T, MCI, and ICI Americas. Members also worked on a student resume book, Communication Week, and the quarterly newsletter. We even enjoyed financial success with our coffee and doughnuts fundraiser.

As the Winter quarter approaches, SICM will be involved in the planning of Communication Week 1992. We will



endeavor to continue a strong tradition of participation in the week's festivities. We will complete the resume book, produce a top-quality newsletter, and attract informative guest speakers. We'll even try to throw in a social somewhere in the middle of all the work.

Overall, SICM continues to enjoy fine membership participation. Our membership is about 30 strong, with as many as 70 attending various events.

On behalf of SICM, I would like to thank those who have contributed to SICM and Communication Systems Management. With your continued support, we can produce top-flight programs, attract guest speakers, and expand our education outside of the classroom. Once again, thank you and have a happy new year.

## Scholarships

The list of scholarships for our students continues to grow. In addition to continued support from the International Communications Association, Association of Telecommunications Professionals and the Ohio Hospital Telecommunications Association, Cincinnati Bell initiated a minority scholarship this year.

Scholarship recipients for 1991-92 are:

### ICA

Linda Armstrong	Jennifer Middleton
Stephen Brescia	Deborah Miller
Judith Christian	Wen-Chuan Pan
Kimberly Green	Amy Perencevic
Lisa Grubish	Randy Risch
Kris Keesy	Andrea Schroer
Karen McLellan	Donald Washburn

### ATP

Kris Keesy	Michael Persina
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Deborah Miller Jeffrey Zaleski

### OHTA

Michael Persina

### Cincinnati Bell

Veronda Gibson

## Recent Graduates Who Have Obtained Employment



Nick Ezzo, HBO. Craig Rice, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease. Kim Hobbs, Cellular One. Todd Dungan, ComNet of Ohio. Lynnette Lowmiller, Alltel. Brad Kitchen, Fifth Third Bank.

Kate Redmond, MCI. Mark Roese, MCI. Katie Kane-Thompson, Ohio Bell. Tracy Tikos, The Limited. Andrea Schroer - MCI. Brian Timson, Cincinnati Bell Long Distance. Linda Armstrong, NCR.

## Moves, Adds, Changes

Once again the response to our last WATSLINE was overwhelming. Thanks to the following alums who took the time to fill out and return the response form:

Jim Evans '87 has a new position as General Manager with TeleLogic. Jeff Dean '89 and Kevin Schoolcraft '90 have both joined the Big Brothers Program. Linda Lewis '88 is working as an Account Executive-Telecommunications with Pacific Bell. In her spare time she is enjoying sailing and skiing in the California area.

Althea Hill '89 is working at NCR as part of first level support for the World Data Network Services Dept. She is also responsible for the console (switch equipment) and dial backup modems. Dave Guerini '91, Networking Analyst for Progressive Companies, is

working on a project to centralize the inventory of voice and data equipment. Tonja Kline-Reichley '91 is working at Scherers Communications as an Audiotext Support Specialist. She has accounts in Connecticut and Florida. She and her husband are busy restoring a house built in 1825.

Matthew Regan '90 is working for the McNeil Consumer Products Company as a Territory Manager. Andy Leach '90 is working on an MBA at Clemson University. Leslie Zimmer '91 is attending classes at the University of Colorado and working as a part-time research assistant in the telecom program. Amy Hay '90 is still attending law school at the University of Pittsburgh. She did 2 internships this past summer: one with the Department of Justice (U.S. Attorney General's Office); and one with the DA's office. Erin Revak '91, Project Coordinator with Ohio Bell Communications, is learning about Meridian Norstar, Meridian 1 PBX, Centrex, and water skiing.

Joe Kleczynski '91, Division Systems Administrator with Con Agra, is getting engaged and putting a down payment on a house. On the job, he's currently involved with a new budgeting computer program and will soon be trained as a Regional Sales Manager. Todd Bahner '86 is working at MCI Telecommunications Corporation as a Technical Consultant. Charles Vella '84, Telecommunications Analyst with Leaseway Transportation, has been married for 3 years and has 3 kids: Joseph, Mario, and Josephine. He is involved with voice messaging applications, T-1 analysis and installations, and premises distribution systems.

Kevin Hogan '89 of McGladrey & Pullen and Jim Waring of Waring Associates

gave a presentation to the Illinois Organization of Women in Telecommunications on "Telecommuting." Kevin spoke on the hardware and software used in telecommuting. Another one of our alums, Liz Tragas '86, is president of The Illinois Organization of Women in Telecommunications. Lori Rogers '89, PUCO, got married and is now Lori Sternisha. David Palopoli '86, Networking Consultant at Gateway Communications, has two boys named Alex and Vince and a new home. On the job, his company is an authorized distributor for Codex, 3COM, Atlantic Research and other data communication lines.

Karen Green '90, Strategic Networks Analyst with Progressive Communications, is engaged to Ken Greer '89, who also works at Progressive Communications. They got engaged in Athens on December 31 and are planning to get married in May 1993.

## Lost Alumnus

We've lost track of Jeffrey M. Gold, class of '85. Anyone out there know of his whereabouts?

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

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

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Would you be willing to be contacted by students looking for work?

Any advice for job seekers?

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What's new on the job?

Help us keep track of you! Fill out this form and return to:

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