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Around the Portsmouth Plant

The Professional and Management Development Division of the Ohio University College of Business Administration will conduct six one-day review sessions for the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) examination at the plant for personnel who plan to sit for the exam. The sessions will run from 8:30-11:45 a.m. and 1:00-4:30 p.m. on February 5 and 19, March 5 and 9, and April 2 and 16. Contact Training at exts. 2910 or 6123 for more information.

Personnel

Several organizational changes were effective Dec. 1, 1982. J. D. (Dave) Stitt was promoted to Supervisor, Process Computers (D-266), responsible for process computer software and hardware. David A. Toy was promoted to Section Head, Computer Hardware Section (D-266), reporting to Stitt. Philip M. Callihan was promoted to Section Head, R/A Computers Section, Special Instruments (D-267). Both Stitt and Callihan report to Paul I. Davis, superintendent, Process Computers and Special Instruments (SD-265). Jackson S. Simpson was appointed Supervisor, GCEP Maintenance, with responsibilities for Maintenance Services (D-187). He reports to Joseph J. Eyre, division manager, GCEP Maintenance.

Community Activities

For the 17th consecutive year, the Engineering Division chose to make a contribution to Children's Hospital through its "Christmas in Lieu-of" Program. Employees of the division raised \$485 for donation as an alternative to exchanging cards and/or gifts with each other. Glenn Russell, division manager, noted that the employees were happy to be a part of the hospital's continuing effort to bring medical care to children.

Obituaries

Aldean Morrison, Wurtland, Ky., Dec. 8. Wife of Paul E. Morrison (D-713).

New Employees

December 6, 1982	Darren Leung	266	Staff Engineer
December 22, 1982	Daniel M. Lewis	186	Engineer

Cost Reduction

The following submitted ideas through the Cost Reduction "I"dea Program Nov. 22 through Dec. 17: M. W. Scott (D-306), C. C. Frank (D-376), A. P. Romero (D-376), D. R. Stitt (D-411), C. A. Eckhart (D-441), R. L. Grant (D-512), A. L. Shultz (D-512), J. E. Sherman (D-611), B. J. Huddle (D-712), D. L. Maple (D-712). J. E. Beebe (D-714), J. O. Warner (D-714), E. C. Gearhart (D-720), C. A. Secrest (D-720), E. M. Dalton (D-726), S. J. Patrick (D-732), W. C. Hammond (D-741), B. E. Post (D-741), W. M. DeVelin (D-812), W. E. Landrum (D-814), W. L. Miller (D-825), M. D. Wickline (D-829), D. E. Walters (D-852), R. L. Armstrong (D-853) and R. L. Williams (D-853).

New Arrivals

Son, Justin Seth, Nov. 3, to Anthony (D-713) and Debbie Coyan.
Son, Michael John, Nov. 5, to John (D-005) and Cheryl Henricks.
Son, Benjamin Denney, Nov. 17, to Larry and Shirley (D-560) Camp.
Daughter, Jeana Christine, Dec. 1, to Thomas (D-711) and Mary Caldwell.
Son, Mark Frederick II, Dec. 7, to Mark (D-725) and Jane Newsome.

Family

Stan Willis, son of Clyde S. Willis (D-569), was named to the 1st Team in the Southern Ohio Conference's Division II at the offensive center position. Stan also was named All-District 1st Team offensive center and All-State 3rd Team offensive center.

Steve Dixon, deputy director of the Community Action Agency of Pike County and the son of Lou H. Dixon (D-712), has been recruited to serve as a consultant to the National Planning Committee of Transkei, an independent black nation in southwestern Africa along the Indian Ocean. Dixon will coordinate employment training and drought relief programs through a nine-month assignment in the six-year-old country.

Geriatric Nursing, a journal for those who deliver nursing care to the aged, has accepted for publication an article by Vickie L. Secrest, daughter of C. A. Secrest (D-720). The article, entitled "A Tribute to Lady Joanna", is a case study of a client Miss Secrest worked with while a graduate student at The Ohio State University. It deals with the importance and relevance of touch and spiritual care in clinical nursing practice. Vickie is now an assistant chief, Nursing Service, and trainer in the Career Development Program at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Lexington, Ky.

Personal Finance

Although the Social Security tax rate will not increase in 1983, the maximum wage base will increase to \$35,700, up from \$32,400 in 1982. That means the maximum tax will increase to \$2,391.90, compared with \$2,170.80 in 1982. The 1982 tax rate of 6.7 percent is not scheduled to change until 1985 when it will increase to 7.05 percent. The rate will increase to 7.15 percent for the years 1986 through 1988.

Home and Auto

The American Automobile Association, founded in 1902, had no competition until 1960 when dozens of national and regional auto clubs began to appear. Today, 35 million of the 150 million registered drivers belong to clubs. Three of the national clubs -- AAA, Allstate and Amoco -- offer dispatch emergency services. Others provide "approved" services stations or a toll-free 800 telephone number to call for the nearest service store. The three other largest clubs are Exxon Travel Club, Gulf Auto Club and Montgomery Ward Auto Club.

News from DOE

Percy Brewington Jr., deputy manager for Projects within the Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge Operations, is one of three DOE employees nationwide to receive the Presidential "Distinguished Senior Executive" award for exceptional performance in the management of federal energy programs. The Distinguished Senior Executive Award is the highest Presidential rank award made annually to eligible members of the Senior Executive Service which totals some 6,500 throughout the federal government. The award was presented to Brewington and 37 other federal executives by President Ronald Reagan in a White House ceremony Nov. 22. Brewington is responsible for all projects under DOE's Oak Ridge Operations, the largest of which is DOE's \$6.4 billion (FY 1982 dollars) Gas Centrifuge Enrichment Plant being constructed at Portsmouth. He is also acting director of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project.

News from Goodyear

Charles J. Pilliod Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of Goodyear, announced Dec. 9 that in preparation for his mandatory retirement in October of 1983 and to assure a smooth transition of management, he is relinquishing his position as chief executive officer as of Jan. 1, 1983. He will continue as chairman of the board and chairman of the Executive and Finance Committee. In consideration of Pilliod's decision, the company's board of directors at the Dec. 7 meeting elected Robert E. Mercer vice chairman and selected him to succeed Pilliod as chief executive officer effective Jan. 1. Mercer has been president of the corporation since 1978 and chief operating officer since 1980. The board elected Tom H. Barrett to succeed Mercer as president and chief operating officer. Barrett has been group executive vice president for corporate manufacturing and related services since 1980. Stanley Mihelick, vice president of tire and textile manufacturing since 1978, was elected executive vice president for corporate manufacturing. Richard A. Davies, manager of Goodyear's Union City, Tenn., radial tire plant since 1975, will succeed Mihelick as vice president for tire and textile manufacturing.

Pilliod was named the tire and rubber industry's top-rated chief executive officer (CEO) for the second straight year recently by The Wall Street Transcript, a major financial weekly. The publication's test for performance is the extent to which a CEO has taken proper steps to enhance the overall value of the enterprise for the benefit of shareholders. Pilliod was selected for repeat honors by the publication's editors following interviews with leading financial analysts, money managers, trade journalists, industry executives, members of the academic community and professional sources. "Pilliod has successfully implemented a long-term strategy of staying with his basic business, spending heavily on research and development and upgrading manufacturing facilities to become a low-cost producer," the publication said in its Nov. 22 edition. "As a result, Goodyear has gained market share, overcome the lead Michelin had in radial truck tires and achieved increased earnings."

Charles A. Bethel, vice president of original equipment sales in Goodyear's Tire Division, has elected to retire early in 1983, according to Chairman Charles J. Pilliod Jr. Pilliod said that in order to assure an orderly transition, the board of directors has elected James A. Bailey director of marketing for original equipment tires as a vice president of the company. He will assume responsibility for Tire Division original equipment sales effective Jan. 1, 1983.

Fred Steel has been named manager of Goodyear's Union City, Tenn., radial tire plant, succeeding Richard Davies, who was named vice president for tire and textile manufacturing. Steel currently is production manager at the Union City plant. The moves are effective Jan. 1, 1983.

Paul Lucas, Tire Development, was selected as the Research & Development Divisional Spirit Award winner for 1982. Competing for that award were five local winners within the Research & Development Division, including Roger D. Jackson, Goodyear Atomic's award winner.

Andy J. Mestrovic, formerly sales account executive for the AMC/Renault account, has been promoted to sales account representative for Goodyear's Chrysler account. The new account executive for AMC/Renault is S. S. Holmes. Persons wanting to take advantage of the AMC rebate program should direct their inquiries to Holmes effective Jan. 1, 1983. The AMC program, which allows Goodyear employees to buy new 1983 AMC, Jeep and Renault vehicles from dealers at four percent above dealer cost, plus some additional charges, is proving popular. More than 40 requests for purchase forms from all parts of the country and Canada are being processed weekly in Akron.

When the 1983 Corvette makes its debut, it will represent one of the most unified developmental effort between an automaker and a tiremaker in U. S. auto history. "With the goal of making the Corvette the best handling automobile in the world, General Motors came to Goodyear and we have worked together for more than two years to create the perfect marriage of car and tire," said Robert E. Mercer, Goodyear president. Goodyear is the exclusive supplier of tires for the new Corvette. The base tire is the steel-belted Eagle GT Radial. But for those models tuned for ultra-high performance, the tires will be the one-of-a-kind size, specially designed, developed and produced Eagle VR50 High-Performance Radial, an offspring of Goodyear's "Gatorback" rain tire for Formula One racing. The tire is the first 16-inch steel-belted high-performance radial to be made in the U. S., the first original equipment V-rated U. S. tire and the first 50-series radial from Goodyear. It has a European Speed Rating System designation as being capable of speeds in excess of 130 mph. The tire is made with two plies of polyester, two steel belts and two special nylon plies between the belts and the tread rubber.

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