Ohio Wesleyan University

It's All About OWU

With hundreds of software and hardware upgrades a year, constant testing processes, and a busy call and help center, the basement of R.W. Corns Building houses the technological backbone of campus: **Information Services.**

This OWU Staff Council Newsletter pays tribute to the department that constantly meets the challenges of an evolving technological world and a changing campus. Whether you're calling for some internet help or trying to coordinate phone lines, Information Services (IS) tirelessly plans, tests, fixes and more -- often during off-hours so campus functions aren't impacted.

Formed as a department in 1988, IS consistently partners and collaborates with many departments across campus, requiring its staff to be knowledgeable of a variety of products, from email to the projectors in classrooms.

"I am fortunate to have an excellent IS team," said Brian Rellinger, chief information officer. "They understand how our services align with the University goals, and what they can do to fulfill the Community Standards. I couldn't ask for anything more."

MEET THE TEAM

Jason Cox
Systems Administrator

Thomas Liwosz
Technical Support Specialist

Diane Manns
Business Manager & Student Personnel Coordinator

Adam Mayer
Technical Support Specialist

Scott Middleton
Technical Support Specialist

Joe Peterson
Systems Technician

Brian Rellinger
Chief Information Officer

Mike Rue
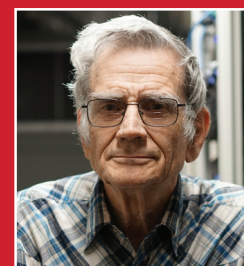*Help Desk Coordinator*

Kirk Rustin
Senior Systems Analyst

Sherrill J. Sahlin
Systems Analyst

David Soliday
Instructional Technologist

Harold Wiebe
Director of Computing Center

Doris Yang
Systems Analyst

H.R. Buzzzzz...

NEW STAFF:

Michelle Cecil	Residential Life Coordinator	Jan. 2019
Kristin Crosby	Director of International Admission	Mar. 2019
Khristina Gardner	Operations Coordinator	Oct. 2018
Amanda Gettman	Asst. Director of Annual Giving	Jan. 2019
Karen Gray	Administrative Director of Woltemade Center	Apr. 2019
Shayla Krecklow	Counselor/Advocate for Survivors of Crime	Jan. 2019
John Lahey	Controller	Jan. 2019
Leigh Mascolino	Director of Career Development	May. 2019
Sharon Monigold	Archivist - Archives of Ohio United Methodist	Feb. 2019
Francis O'Brien	Part-time Bus Driver	Mar. 2019
Michele Serena	Registrar Assistant	Oct. 2018
Bethany Shaffer	Public Safety Officer	Oct. 2018
Joshua Stevens	Director of Admission	Nov. 2018
Ronald Wallace	Part-time Bus Driver	Mar. 2019
Matt Weiss	Asst. Men's Soccer Coach	Feb. 2019
Sarah Wharmby	Assistant Director of Young Alumni/ Student Engagement	Dec. 2018
Jordan Williams	Asst. Men's Lacrosse Coach	Jan. 2019
Andrew Wright	Part-time Public Safety Officer	Dec. 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Welcome Back Picnic August 20
Catch up with co-workers and enjoy some great food to kick-off the new academic year!

Wellness Expo August 28 • 11 AM - 1 PM. Don't miss an inspiring guest speaker, helpful demonstrations, and an OWU favorite... giveaways. *Presented by the OWU Wellness Committee.* **B-well!**

All-Staff Meeting August 29
Back by popular demand...brief yet informative updates from President Rock Jones and members of our leadership team.

OWU Homecoming & Family Weekend October 18-20
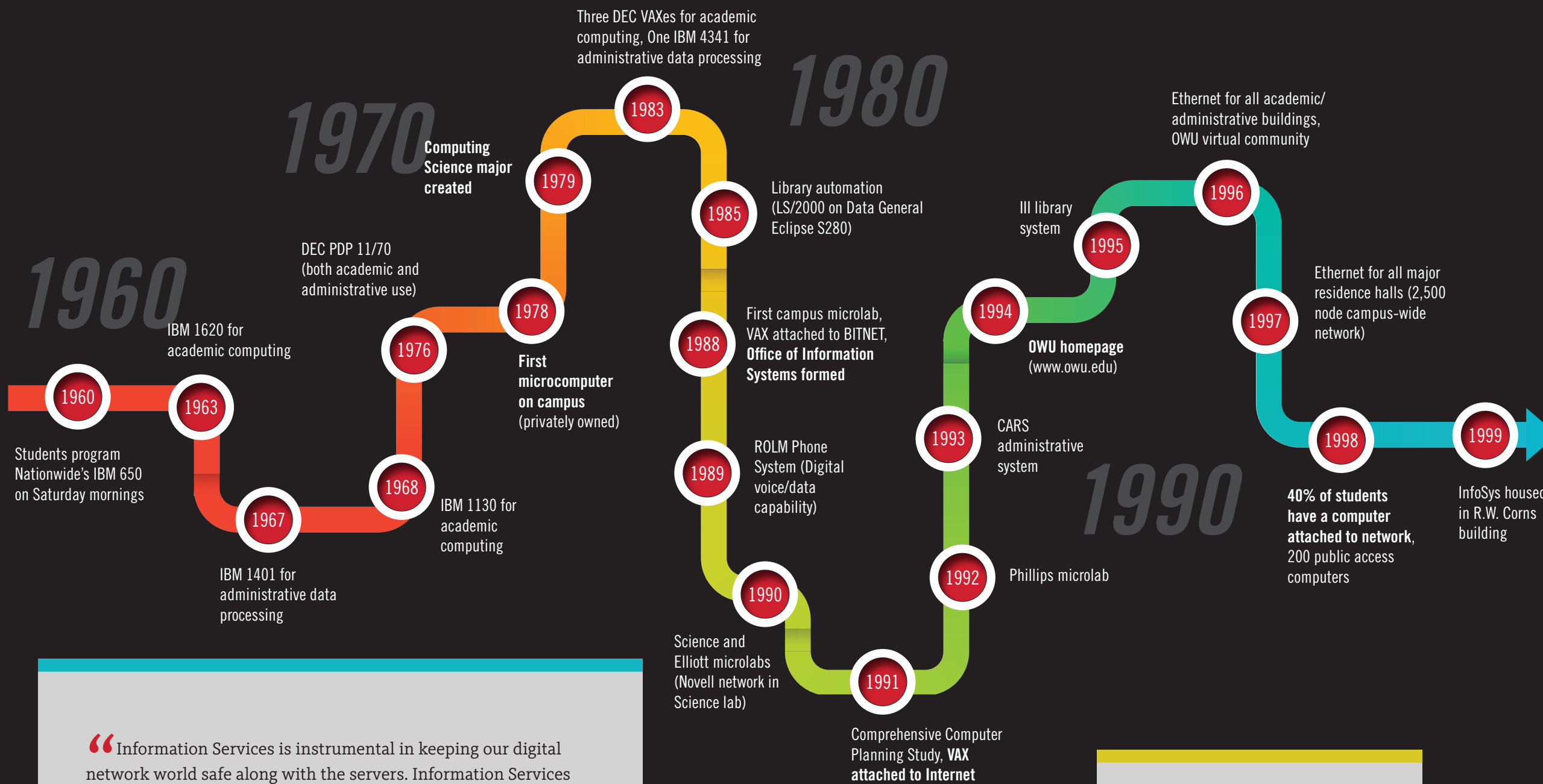Enjoy the festivities as we welcome alumni and families back to campus.

Staff Recognition Luncheon January 9, 2020
Celebrate with staff across campus as we recognize work anniversaries and announce the newest STAR award winner.

Staff Council would like your feedback on the newly released Staff Council website: **owu.edu/staffcouncil**. Please send your comments to: **staffcouncil@owu.edu**

Ohio Wesleyan Computing: 1960-2000

Fast forward to
TODAY

1960

1970

1980

1990

1960
Students program Nationwide's IBM 650 on Saturday mornings

1963
IBM 1620 for academic computing

1967
IBM 1401 for administrative data processing

1968
IBM 1130 for academic computing

1976
DEC PDP 11/70 (both academic and administrative use)

1978
First microcomputer on campus (privately owned)

1979
Computing Science major created

1983
Three DEC VAXes for academic computing, One IBM 4341 for administrative data processing

1985
Library automation (LS/2000 on Data General Eclipse S280)

1988
First campus microlab, VAX attached to BITNET, Office of Information Systems formed

1989
ROLM Phone System (Digital voice/data capability)

1990
Science and Elliott microlabs (Novell network in Science lab)

1991
Comprehensive Computer Planning Study, VAX attached to Internet

1992
Phillips microlab

1993
CARS administrative system

1994
OWU homepage (www.owu.edu)

1995
III library system

1996
Ethernet for all academic/administrative buildings, OWU virtual community

1997
Ethernet for all major residence halls (2,500 node campus-wide network)

1998
40% of students have a computer attached to network, 200 public access computers

1999
InfoSys housed in R.W. Corns building

WIFI INSTALLED IN 2008:
today over 600 access points **ACROSS CAMPUS**

9 computer labs
(PUBLIC & ACADEMIC USE)

ON-CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FOR MORE THAN
450 computers

99%+ students
HAVE THEIR OWN COMPUTER

"Information Services is instrumental in keeping our digital network world safe along with the servers. Information Services provides professional development for students, faculty, and staff. I have attended different technical training workshops and worked with David Soliday to provide current information for the Ad Astra training workshops. I have gained knowledge from attending the different workshops and plan to attend more. Jason Cox has been my main point of contact on the technology side for our scheduling system Ad Astra. He has been quick to help when running into issues. Jason played a role in the implementation of the new upgraded version of Ad Astra. Kirk Rustin played a major role in the implementation of our new housing director software. Throughout the implementation process, Kirk was always ahead of the game and always asking the right questions to find the answer that was needed. Though I have not worked with everyone in that department, OWU is fortunate to have a great Information Services team."
Jenn Budnar (Campus Reservations Coordinator)

"I don't know what the Public Safety Office would do without our friends in Information Services. They can handle any computer problem we throw at them, and they patiently answer the variety of questions we always seem to have. They're one of those departments we know we can always count on!"
Bobbi Frey (Office Manager, Public Safety)

"Our IS team is supportive, responsive, and so easy to work with. I could go on for days listing all of the things they have done to help the Registrar's Office streamline processes, increase accuracy, and improve services for our students. Thank you!"
Shelly McMahon (Registrar)

"Whatever type of question I throw at them (be it hardware, software, server configuration, programming, etc.), the folks in IS are top-notch across-the-board. They've been nothing but super-friendly and very helpful regardless of whether I contact them on a Monday morning, a Friday at the end of the day, or any day/time in between. OWU's IS department is excellent and always a joy to work with."
Doug Thompson (Manager of Web and Electronic Communications)