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The Official Newsletter of the All Campus Radio Network Alumni Society

Celebrate ACRN's 40th!

If you haven't already marked your calendar, please do so now: The All-Campus Radio Network will celebrate its 40th Anniversary over the weekend of April 8 & 9, 2011 in Athens.

Activities for the weekend include:

Friday - Happy Hour with ACRN birthday concert

Saturday - Tours of the new ACRN Studios inside the new Student Center. Saturday afternoon will feature a roundtable discussion between interested alumni and current Lobsters on the current

status of ACRN and dreams for the future. The day will be capped off with the official ACRN Anniversary Banquet at the OU Inn from 6pm-10pm. Cost to attend the banquet is \$35 for alumni and includes a commemorative ACRN glass.

A block of rooms are available at the OU Inn for the weekend rate of \$95 per night.

Call 1-866-593-6661 to make your hotel reservation quickly - rooms are going fast!

Register for the official 40th Anniversary Banquet here: www.Acrn alumni.com/40

Have You Voted Yet?

It's that time of year again... time to vote for the governing Board of Visitors of the ACRN Alumni Society. Every year, two members roll off the board. Visit ACRNAlumni.com and log in to vote. Voting ends Jan 1, 2011.

Here's a short summary:

The term of board membership is 4 years. The commitment for board members is one conference call per month (about 90 minutes) and occasional emails, the odd event planning, and maybe some short writing here and there as we put together our newsletter. Anyone who accepts the nomination should be willing to set aside 2 to 4 hours per month outside the conference call.

Just because you're on the board, does not necessarily mean you'll be serving as an officer. However, willingness to serve as an officer would be GREAT. Officers serve 1 year terms concurrent

with their board membership — it does not increase your length of time on the board.

The goals and responsibilities of the organization are as follows (from our constitution):

1. To inform alumni of the current status of ACRN.
2. To enhance the recognition of ACRN.
3. To raise funds in support of ACRN, its programs and its student participants.
4. To enrich and expand ACRN experience for current students.
5. To advise and consult with the current staff of ACRN regarding the further development of ACRN.

This is an opportunity not only to help out ACRN, but to get some good volunteer experience to put on your resume.

Visit www.Acrn alumni.com/BOV to cast your vote!

Where Are They Now?

Name: Abdul Williams

Graduation Year: 1994

Major: Telecommunications

Years at ACRN: 1990-1993

Role at ACRN: various on-air shifts. Hosted a live remote from The Cat's Eye on Tuesday nights.

Hometown: Cleveland

Current City: Los Angeles

Current Career: Screenwriter



What are your favorite memories of ACRN?

It will sound cliché, but I'd honestly have to say all the great friends I made. That and those 2am - 6am shifts where you could do pretty much anything on the air. Those were fun.

How did ACRN help prepare you for "after college life"?

I'd say it helped my self confidence. Going on the air when you've never done it before is intimidating. But once you feel comfortable behind a mic, it translates to other areas.

Greatest achievement or milestone since graduation:

I wrote a movie called "Lottery Ticket" that got released by Warner Brothers this past August.

How do you spend your free time?

I like to go to sporting events when I can, and see live music. Other than that...I'm a dog person. I spend a lot of time at the local dog park.

Ever spend Christmas break in Athens?

Yes, I spent Christmas break of '93 in Athens. I was working at our rival station WOUB. As most of you know, Athens really clears out for winter break. I remember working a shift on Thanksgiving, and I assumed some restaurants would be open by the time I got off the air. No such luck. So my Thanksgiving meal that year was a couple of hot dogs and a bag of chips that I got at a gas station. Good times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 22: Dad's Weekend (campus)

Feb 4-6: Parents Weekend (campus)

Feb 12 (Sat): The Nearly-Naked Mile (Bare on the Bricks) Court Street Run for Charity

March 4 or 5: Central Ohio Casino Night Networking Event

Mid - Late March: Columbus ACRN Name That Tune (Fri or Sat) working with Lodge to coincide with a basketball game-watch

Early April: Bobcats at the Columbus Zoo (group rates)

April 1-3: OU Alumni Weekend (campus)

April 8-10: ACRN Alumni Weekend

May 12-15: Alumni Leaders Conference (on campus)

Check out ACRNAlumni.com for more details!

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HOMECOMING

OU Homecoming happened the weekend of October 15th, kicking off with a Barbeque and Hay Ride at the Ridges on that Friday night, followed by an early, chilly morning of the best float in the whole parade. ACRN's "Connect Forty" theme incorporated our upcoming anniversary with a giant version of the beloved childhood game and added a truckload of Rock Lobsters to the mix. Later that day, OU won the football game handily and some of us got to attend the WOUB/Scripps dinner, which was dedicated to the memory of

Archie Greer. The presentations and reminiscing made for a heart-felt evening, and any Lobster who used to work on the WOUB program "Newswatch" should get your hands on the blooper reel screened that evening (a real treat). The next morning, current students and alumni wrapped the weekend up with a casual brunch at Casa Cantina. Along with usual suspects Jay Kulpa and Matt Latham, more recent grads Jason Robin-augh, Michael Frank, and Ryan Hertel (flying all the way in from California) came and enjoyed a Rock Lobster Homecoming.



DC MEET UP

The ACRN Alumni Society had a Washington DC meet-up weekend October 8th-10th. On the 8th, there was a drinks meet-up originally scheduled with the DC OU Alumni chapter, but it wound up being just Rock Lobsters. Alumni Jayme Deerwester, Joe Christian, Scott Slonaker, Matt Latham, James and Carrie Markels and myself were in attendance. Scott and Joe subjected their poor, good-sport spouses Lara and Shanna to our antics and the Markels brought adorable young daughter Priella along to charm everyone in attendance. That Sunday, James, Carrie, Jayme, Matt, and I were joined by Allan Grimm and his wife, Jill for brunch. Both events included lots of catching up and discussion of the future of the station.



In between these events, Matt, Scott, Lara and I, along with Jen Bacher, had the pleasure of attending the wedding of fellow ACRN Alumni, Drew Perfilio and his wife Belen. Lara, Matt, and myself also did a whirlwind tour of the National Mall so fun there's talk of making arrangements for another trip for Rock Lobsters in the Spring. All in all, a lovely time in our nation's capitol. - Jay Kulpa

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NAME THAT TUNE

On September 3, the ACRN Alumni Society hosted what they hope was the first annual Name That Tune event at the Lodge Bar in Columbus, Ohio. In case you don't remember the popular 1970s game show by the same name, Name That Tune is a game where you attempt to do just that: name a piece of music by hearing only a tiny snippet. Scores were tallied, one per song title and one per artist.

Each person paid \$5 to enter, and first, second, and third prizes were awarded as 25, 15, and 10% of the door, respectively. A booby prize for the lowest scoring attendee was also awarded - a \$15 gift card to the iTunes music store.

Many thanks to alumni Scott Slonaker for providing the track list, Ty Owen and Michael Beam for providing the audio equipment, and Jay Kulpa and Jason Wright for emceeing the event, which netted the Alumni Society \$100.

- Matt Latham

CENTRAL OHIO ALUMNI CHILI COOKOFF

The Central Ohio Alumni Network, in collaboration with several alumni societies, including The Post Society of Alumni & Friends and the ACRN Alumni Society, held the first annual Central Ohio Alumni Chili Cook-Off on Friday, November 5. The event, held at the Lodge Bar in downtown Columbus, raised over \$175 for the Athens County Food Pantry.

Societies and chapter groups created several different delicious chilis. Every attendee was able to vote for hottest (a red ticket), one vote for people's choice (a white ticket), and five votes for "money maker" (green tickets). If an attendee loved someone (but not necessarily their chili), they had the opportunity to weigh in with multiple extra votes at \$1 apiece. All the money collected went directly to the food pantry.

In addition to these categories, there were also three judges: Jim Ellison of CMHGourmand.com; OU alumna Jill Moorhead of ItinerantFoodies.com; and Matt Tibbs, a Columbus firefighter and ACRN alumnus.

Each category winner received a trophy donated by Central Ohio Alumni Network representatives and a special thank you gift from COAN and Lodge Bar as well.

The Winners were as follows:

Money Maker: Society of Advocates (SOA) by Kristen Jensen

People's Choice: Central Ohio Alumni Network (COAN) by Julie Righter

Judge's Favorite: All Campus Radio Network (ACRN) Alumni Society by Matt Latham

Hottest: Individual Alum Entry by Michael Shirey
- Matt Latham

OU/OSU Pep Rally

On Friday, September 17, in cooperation with the Central Ohio Alumni Network (Columbus alumni chapter), ACRN co-hosted the OU/OSU Pep Rally at the Lodge Bar. Over 1300 alumni were in attendance to cheer on the team and get psyched up for the most anticipated game of the season for Columbus Bobcats.

The ACRN Alumni Society raised \$170 total from a cornhole-type bean bag game and alumni contributions. Placement of the game near the back of the venue meant few players, so most of the money came from donations. ACRN alumni manned the game all night and practiced their best tosses while enjoying drink specials and enter-

tainment by two cover bands and a local rock band with alumni connections. Appearances by the 110 Alumni band and the Singing Men of Ohio were also part of the program.

For every chance at the bean bag toss, participants were given a chance at a pair of game tickets for the following day, which were then awarded at the end of the night by Matt Latham and fellow ACRN alumnus and Central Ohio Alumni Network Athletics Chairman, Ross Righter.

We look forward to this type of event again, and we hope more Societies will increase participation, as well as contributions, and create some friendly competition!
- Matt Latham