

Open House  
AT&T Bell Labs/NCS  
Product Development Lab  
Wednesday, Feb. 20, 1991  
North of the auditorium

## Open house to celebrate new Bell Labs/NCS Product Development Lab

Bell Labs Supervisor **RANDY DUELL** (left) and **SAM EMANI**, member of the Bell Labs technical staff, stand by AT&T's low profile conventional distribution frame in the new central office product development lab.



Construction has been completed on a new AT&T Bell Laboratories/Network Cable Systems Product Development facility at the Omaha Works.

The opening of the new high-tech facility will be celebrated with an Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 8:00 am to noon. All employees are encouraged to tour the area during breaks and lunch times to learn more about how these facilities will support Omaha products.

The 5,900 sq. ft. lab is designed to assist in advances in product development, product testing and fabrication

work in the copper apparatus strategic business unit (SBU). The facilities are located north of the auditorium in Bldg. 30.

Bell Laboratories Supervisor **RANDY DUELL** says "this is a quality facility for quality product development and that demonstrates a real commitment to Omaha-based product development."

While the lab is designed to mainly support the copper apparatus SBU, Duell says "we envision the labs will be used by all tech/pros here at the Omaha Works. It's a big advantage to have a lab like this here—co-locating designers with the factory engineers and production people."

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The area includes product development lab space for the outside plant, customer premises, central office and protection IBUs. Included in the facility is an environmental testing lab, a product qualification lab for verifying products and designs and a fabrication area where engineers can make models or modify existing product.

Also, new factory test sets will be constructed and debugged in the test set lab and the machine lab will allow for the development of advanced manufacturing processes like CAD/CAM and robotics.

An added advantage, according to Duell, is that "the Bell Labs/NCS facility sends a very positive message to our customers. It shows them our commitment to Omaha products. It's a facility for working hand-in-hand with the customer to provide solutions and to help in solving problems."

A display area is planned for the lab which will constantly be changing to illustrate the dynamic nature of the work to be done in the facility. Plans include displays of prototypes, new product innovations and the tie between manufacturing and production.

That's why, says Duell, "We want all shop people to come in and share what's going on. We'd like to see everyone at the Open House."

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## Omaha Works Engineers Week

Feb. 17-23, 1991

Monday, Feb. 18

1:00 pm

Joseph Colson, Jr., vice president of switching systems, U.S. division, AT&T

Tuesday, Feb. 19

9:00 a.m.

John Naber, Olympic gold medal swimmer

10:15 am to 2 pm

Plant tour for Millard South High School

Wednesday, Feb. 20

8:00 am to noon

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1:00 pm

Auditorium

Greg Hughes, president, Network Cable Systems

3:30 pm

German-American Society

Engineers Week dinner featuring  
Dick Snelling, executive vice president-  
network

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph

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### Certification is no easy thing...

Injection molding, IBU 595, is fine-tuning its operation in preparation for a certification audit scheduled to begin Monday, Mar. 11. There's always a lot of action in this area and with a little help from their friends, the whole crew is optimistic the result will be certification. Good luck!

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There is no future in any job. The future lies in the man who holds the job.

—George Crane



# SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



An employee committee has been formed to coordinate Omaha Works activity in support of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf.

The committee is encouraging a variety of activities including:

- The wearing of yellow clothing and ribbons each Thursday
- A minute of silence throughout the plant on the third day of the month at 10:30 am, 6:30 pm and 2:30 a.m.
- Plans to hang yellow ribbons at all shop and office entrances

The committee is chaired by RAY SWARTZ and includes **BARB BOKOWSKI, SHARON BROWN, DEAN JANOVEC, MARLENE MAJESKI, LINDA RYAN, ERNIE WESOLOWSKI** and **GERI YOUNG**. Your ideas and suggestions are needed to come up with new and novel ways to support our troops. Give these people a call with your ideas.

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## Welcome!

...to the nearly 50 new members of the Omaha Works family who are joining us Monday, Feb. 18 for a day of orientation. The group starts work on the floor Tuesday.

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Success is getting what you want.  
Happiness is liking what you get.

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The February issue of **FOCUS** magazine will be arriving at your house soon. Be sure to read the **Letters** section and see pg. 25 for a photo of the installation of Omaha Works equipment.

AT&T has announced it will double the period of time in which the over 250 AT&T employees on active duty in the service will receive pay differential. The new schedule is retroactive to Aug. 22, 1990 and continues through Aug. 21, 1991.

Employees with less than 6 months of service were previously entitled to 13

### Benefits for AT&T military

weeks of pay differential but are now eligible for 26 weeks. Employees with 6 to 12 months net credited service are eligible for 40 weeks of differential pay, up from 20 weeks. Employees with over 12 months of service are eligible for 52 weeks of differential pay, double the original 26 week benefit.

AT&T will also provide a special \$50 monthly payment to employees serving on active duty to cover additional telephone expenses. The special payment will apply regardless of where the employee is stationed.

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## A special award for special AT&T people

We certainly are proud of **DARLENE MILLER** and **RICHARD KUBIE**, named volunteers of the month by the American Red Cross for their outstanding contribution to the effort. These are the fine people who are in charge of the AT&T Bloodmobiles. Speaking of Bloodmobiles, a big thanks to everyone who donated and worked at the February drive. 368 people donated! A special thanks goes to the many first-time donors. Please come back again and again! Here are also some special totals: 88 AT&T apheresis donors have donated a grand total of 843 units of platelets and 8 others have donated 25 units. These fine folks do a great job of providing this lifesaving gift. Let's also remember AT&T for its generous support of this fabulous effort.



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# Fine wire in cable shop becomes certified

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The guys on the third shift in fine wire worked on the certification effort...(front, l. to r.) **JACK MCKINNEY, MIKE OWENS, RAY KNIEVEL, JOE SOPCICH,** Supervisor **PAUL PEREZ;** (back, l. to r.) **EDDIE RICHARDS, DENNIS GOSCH, KEN SHARPBACK,** and Manager **DICK McGAUGHEY.**

Congratulations to the fine folks in the fine wire area (IBU 551-1) of the cable shop. The area became certified in early February, the result of months of effort, planning and teamwork.

IBU Manager **MIKE FULLER** says "we're so happy with the result of all the work so many people put into this certification effort. Thanks to everyone and congratulations on a job well done."

A celebration dinner is being planned for fine wire and the central tinner area, which became certified in December

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1990. Members of the departments will also receive certification jackets to celebrate the achievement.

Certification team members include **DENNY GOSCH, BOB KOSTER, BOB BILEK, CATHY PLACZEK, CHARLES GIBBS, JERRY GLENN, RICK NOVAK, MARTY HOMES, BOB HOLZ, GARY REESE, DOUG BRAKE** and **PAUL PEREZ.**



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forces in the Persian Gulf.**