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BRIEFS

Hunter Named Associate Dean of CALS

Dean Susan Henry has appointed Jim Hunter Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, in addition to his duties as Director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. "This official change in Jim's title reflects the importance of the role he plays within the College and the unique relationship of the Geneva Station within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences," said Henry. The appointment is in keeping with the Associate Dean's title held by the directors of the Cornell Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension and Academic Programs.

Congratulations from the Station family, Jim!

Winterizing Station/Department Vehicles

This is a reminder that all vehicles in your department should be prepared for winter use or storage soon. Since antifreeze is expensive, it is suggested that any leaks or cooling system malfunctions be called to the Fleet Garage's attention.

It is advisable to have the above done before the middle of November. Please schedule your vehicles with the Fleet Garage as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to perform the work required.

Please be advised that the installation of snow tires on vehicles that need them can be accommodated at this time.

Staff Fine Art Exhibit

As you know, earlier this month the Ithaca Campus sponsored a Staff Fine Art Exhibit, to display various staff members' talents. Interest has been expressed to also host an "Artists Among Us" Art Exhibit on the Geneva Campus. Art work can encompass

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Geneva Experiment Station Library to Receive \$2.1 Million Gift

Frank A. Lee, Cornell University professor emeritus of food chemistry, has left an estate gift valued at more than \$2.1 million to the library at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station. Lee, who conducted pioneering research in the freezing of fruits and vegetables, worked at the Station from 1936 until his retirement in 1967. He died on September 25, 1999, at the age of 98, in Waterloo, NY.

Lee was devoted to the Experiment Station, and, in particular, to the library. He was an ardent proponent of maintaining strong university libraries so scholars could pursue peer-reviewed research in their chosen fields. In his will, Lee specified that his bequest be used to purchase library resources that "can be of use to the research staff," including important back issues of scientific journals missing from the Geneva collections, scientific journal subscriptions, and a small portion for "modern scientific books."

"In recognition of this extraordinary gift, the Experiment Station library will be renamed the Frank A. Lee Library," said Janet McCue, Associate University Librarian for Life Sciences. "The gift will benefit Station researchers as well as the entire Cornell community. Journals that are of value to the Geneva community are just as important to Ithaca researchers. And, when the journal is in electronic form, it is immediately accessible to faculty and students on either campus."

"The timing of this gift could not be better," said Station Director James E. Hunter. "The acquisition budget of the Experiment Station library has grown only moderately during a period when the cost of print literature has increased significantly. At the same time, scientific literature is rapidly becoming available electronically. These funds will help the Station gain access to this valuable resource. Professor Lee's generosity will ensure that the Library will continue to meet the needs of the faculty, staff, and graduate students at the Station."

The gift will function as an endowment and is the largest ever received by the Experiment Station.

"This gift is a tribute to the value of the library to the Station community, and a tribute to the dedication of former librarians and library staff," said Marty Schlabach, director of the Experiment Station library. "The gift will allow the continuation of print journal subscriptions and expansion of access to electronic journals."

Lee's associates in food science remember him as very private, conscientious and hard-working man, who liked to hunt and fish, collect early American antiques, cook, and travel, especially to Germany where he had family. "Frank was a very studious scientist who

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Frank A. Lee

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spent a lot of time in the library," said former Station director Donald Barton. Even after his retirement he "almost lived in the library," working on materials to update his textbook, *Basic Food Chemistry*, said Barton.

As professor of food chemistry, Lee conducted research on the blanching and freezing of fruits and vegetables when that industry was in its infancy. He was perhaps best known for his studies on the oxidation of lipids in vegetables and in explaining the role of oxidation and other changes in the deterioration of frozen fruits and vegetables, particularly peas, snap beans, soybeans and carrots. Lee had more than 65 peer-reviewed scientific articles published during his career plus numerous review articles and bulletins. In addition to his work at Geneva, Lee traveled extensively in Europe, presenting lectures at international symposia on food and biological chemistry.

Born in Seattle in 1901, Lee received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D from the University of Washington. Before coming to the Experiment Station in 1936, he was an assistant chemist for the State of Washington; an assistant professor of pharmacology and food chemistry at Duquesne University, where he eventually attained the rank of associate professor; and a postdoctoral associate at Leland Stanford University where he worked in the Food Research Institute. Prior to his appointment at Cornell University, Lee worked as a chemist for the Hunt Brothers Packing Company in San Francisco. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and very active in the Institute of Food Technologists, especially the Western New York Section where he was a founding member and served as secretary, treasurer, chairman, and councilor over a period of years. Lee was on the editorial boards of the Institute's two major publications, *Food Technology* and the *Journal of Food Science*. Additionally, he was a member of Phi Lambda Upsilon and Sigma Xi.

Lee, a bachelor, is survived by family in Alaska, California, and Germany.

With 19 unit libraries and a total of more than six million volumes in its collection, Cornell University Library is one of the 10 largest academic research libraries in the United States. The New York State Agricultural Experiment Station was established in 1882 by an act of the New York State Legislature. The Experiment Station library is one of the oldest in the Cornell system.

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New Video Conference Equipment Available

Administration has purchased a new PolyCom video conferencing system that is available for anyone to use. It will function anywhere in Jordan Hall. A particular feature of this equipment is that it can function either over the network (using IP addresses) or by the traditional means of going out over ISDN lines (high-speed telephone lines).

The equipment received its first use for a special laboratory meeting between Ithaca Plant Pathology and the people in Herb Aldwinckle's laboratory. The second time it was used, Director Jim Hunter, Tom Burr (PP), and Herb Aldwinckle (PP) "attended" a meeting in the Dean's Conference Room on genetically modified organisms.

The equipment may be reserved through Corporate Time or by calling Gemma at 2248. You need to provide the IP address or ISDN number that will be called for the conference. Currently, using an IP connection is preferred since the Station only has one set of ISDN lines, and they are being used heavily this semester with the PicTel video conferencing equipment that is in the Food Research Laboratory. Also, going IP costs nothing, while a call using ISDN costs \$45 per hour for which your department will be billed.

In order to connect over IP, however, it is necessary that the video conferencing unit on the other end of the call has that capability. Right now, it is known that both the equipment in Plant Sciences and in Roberts Hall will accept IP connections.. However, you need to check with the technician in charge of the equipment at the other end if you use other than these systems in Roberts Hall or Plant Sciences.

Pat Krauss

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any medium and does not have to be limited to fine art. Both traditional and non-traditional works are welcome. If you have an interest in contributing art work, or in attending a Station Club sponsored Art Show and Reception in early December, please send your reply to Amy Andersen (ada10@nysaes.cornell.edu), Department of Plant Pathology.

GHI Preferred Dental Plan

The GHI Preferred Dental Plan is a benefit through New York State, Department of Civil Service Employee Benefits Division and is premium-free for the employee's individual or family coverage. Employees may receive services from a participating dentist or a non-participating dentist. A participating dentist will charge an eligible employee/eligible family member the annual deductible of \$25 plus any charges beyond the annual maximum of \$1200. The participating dentist will also submit the charges to GHI and will receive direct payment. A non-participating dentist may charge patients for services rendered and will normally expect immediate payment for those services. In turn, the eligible employee may submit the bill to GHI for reimbursement which will be paid according to the annual deductible, fee reimbursement schedule, and the annual maximum. At this time the GHI fee schedule doesn't match the fee-for-service charged by most dentists.

It has been confirmed that the dental office of Drs. Triana and Triana will not participate in the GHI Preferred Dental Plan after December 31, 2000.

For information regarding the GHI Preferred Dental Plan and to obtain the names of participating dentists in your area, refer to the Directory of Participating

Charie Hibbard

Make a Note of E-Journal Links

Most of Cornell's Electronic Resources can be accessed through the CU Library Gateway at: <http://campusgw.library.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/manntom2.cgi?section=networked&U RL=gateway.html>

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."

—PLATO—

The FRANK A. LEE GIFT: E-Journals and the Future of the Geneva Library

Frank A. Lee has made a significant contribution to the entire Cornell community through his gift to the Geneva Library. His generosity and foresight will enable the Library to more adequately meet the information needs of Station researchers for many years to come.

Professor Lee recognized the value of ready access to the scientific literature and its importance to successful research at the Station. He used the Geneva Library extensively from 1936 to 1967, while he was conducting research in food science at the Station, and during his retirement, when he was writing and revising his textbook, *Basic Food Chemistry*. The array of journals available in the Geneva Library adequately supported research at the Station over the years, although, at times, budget cuts and journal price increases resulted in cancellations that frustrated Professor Lee.

Professor Lee's gift was apparently in response to his experience with both strong and weak library collections. Letters while he was on sabbatical leave in Germany in 1961 indicate he sorely missed having access to a strong library. In fact, he nearly cut short his sabbatical because "the lack of a reasonably complete library limits the job I would want to do in what is to me a relatively new field . . . If I had known the shortcomings [at the Library in Germany], I would not have accepted the situation here." Many of the journals he needed were not available during his sabbatic.

Professor Lee left a substantial portion of his estate to the Geneva Library for the express purpose of bolstering the journal collection. He specified that most of the gift be used for journal subscriptions, and a small portion be used for books. The gift reflects Professor Lee's emphasis on what he felt was most important to scientific research, and also how the Library builds the collection. In the past, 90-95 percent of the Geneva Library materials budget has been used for journal subscriptions with the remaining por-

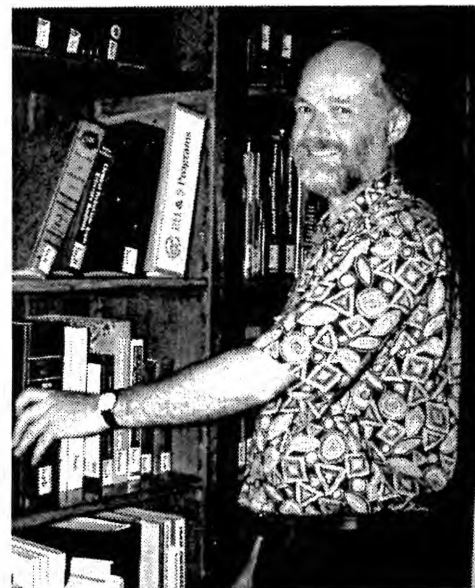
tion going to purchase books.

This gift is particularly timely, because journal prices have increased dramatically. According to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the average price of agricultural journals is now \$498/year and chemistry journals cost an average of \$1782/year, with botany, biology and food science journals falling in between. Biology journal subscription prices in the last 10 years have risen an average of 10.2 percent per year, while the library acquisition budget has increased only an average of 5 percent per year. The difference has necessitated the cancellation of numerous journal subscriptions over the years. So, although spending has increased, the total number of journals currently received by the Geneva Library has decreased. The ARL also reports that if this trend continues for the next 20 years, the average biology journal price will increase from \$996 to \$6,703 per year and the number of journals purchased will have to be reduced by .5 percent each year.

Professor Lee's gift will function as an endowment and will allow the Geneva Library to substantially increase spending on journal subscriptions, especially e-journals.

This juncture in scholarly publishing history abounds in opportunity. With the advent of electronic access to journals, building a library for a research community physically remote from the central campus and its libraries allows new possibilities for cooperation and collaboration.

Mann Library subscribes to a high percentage of the same journals as Geneva. Fortunately, electronic journals can be shared across the entire Cornell campus, reducing the need for duplication, but, electronic journals are neither free nor inexpensive. Pricing models vary substantially from publisher to publisher and are often quite complex. Sometimes there is no additional charge for electronic versions, but, in many cases, the charge is equivalent to the paper version. In some cases, the publisher doesn't permit canceling the paper version when the electronic is added. Some charge




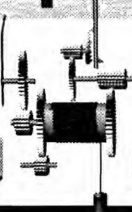
Marty Schlabbach

extra for access for locations away from central campus, like the Geneva Station.

Though Professor Lee's career pre-dates the advent of electronic journals, his gift will allow the Geneva Library to cooperatively increase access to electronic journals for the entire Cornell community. Working with Mann and the other science libraries at Cornell, the Geneva Library journal collection will soon expand well beyond the titles that currently sit on our shelves. The titles that sit on the virtual shelves at Mann Library and the Physical Sciences Library can now also sit on the virtual shelves at the Geneva Library. Station researchers don't need to come to Jordan Hall for journals but can read and print the articles in his or her lab, office or home. In addition, electronic journals are available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week from anywhere in the world, even when library buildings are closed.

I suspect that Professor Lee would find the added benefits of electronic journals a wonderful way to extend the value of his gift to current and future researchers at the Station.



M. Schlabbach

Daylight Savings ends this Sunday, October 29.

Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday night!

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

OCTOBER 27-NOV 3, 2000

LTC

Creating and Using PDF Files

Date: Wednesday, November 1
Time: 10:00 am-12:00 noon
Place: LTC Lab, Jordan
Instructor: Jane Irwin

FITNESS

Taekwondo

Date: Mon. and Tues., Oct. 30-31, noon
Time: 12:00 pm
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

Aerobics

Date: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Time: 12:10-1:00 pm
Place: Sawdust Cafe

Annual Booksale
and Exchange

It is that time of year to clean
your personal library for the
annual booksale/exchange on
Nov. 11 in Jordan Hall.

Donate your unwanted books
(hard or soft cover) and
receive 1 free for every 3 you
donate. Puzzles are welcomed
donations. The Library will
accept book donations Nov. 9
& 10 during regular working
hours. Please, no magazines
or condensed Readers Digest.

All proceeds
benefit the Library.

23RD ANNUAL
BOOK & CRAFT SALE

Saturday, November 11, 2000
10:00 am - 3:00 pm • Jordan Hall

Station Club Banquet

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2000

Social Hr at 6:00 pm

Club 86

Dinner at 7:00 pm

See your department rep for tickets.



Deadline to buy tickets is TODAY, Friday, October 27

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: GEO Prizm, white, four door, air conditioner. CD/radio, automatic. 137.3 K. Passed annual inspection in Oct. New boots, gas tank and mirror. Runs well. \$1,000. Must go before Nov. 4th. h25@nysaes.cornell.edu.

FOR SALE: Supplies for home beer-making, (and some wine-making stuff too). No carboys or sugar, or dried malt left. Mostly 'kits' containing hopped malt extract. Some cans of plain malt extract, hops and malt. Going out of business by year's end. John Ludwig jwl2539-3155.

FOR SALE: 1993 Saturn- low mileage, excellent condition and gas mileage, standard transmission, very reliable, student moving must sell \$3800. 789-7313

GENEVA HIGH SCHOOL senior class will be holding a bottle & can drive on Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Geneva Middle School. This is a fundraiser for the Drug/Alcohol Free Graduation Party for the Class of 2001. If you have bottles or cans that need to be picked up, please contact Cindy Huftalen: cdh13 or 781-1902.

FOR SALE: Empire Natural Gas space heater, model RH-25-1 (25,000 BTU) like new, used only a few times. Includes metal platform, flexible hose and piping. Cost \$389 new, asking \$200. Also, full size pool table, needs leveling \$75. x2496 ask for Dave, 585-2248 or 585-9922.

NEED TO SELL: 1991 Oldsmobile 88 Royale, 3.8L V6, red, air conditioning, automatic trans., power windows and seats, good condition! Best offer. E-mail Thomas Bucher at tbb@nysaes.cornell.edu or call x2277.

CAR FOR SALE: 1991 Dodge Monaco sedan, V6, 116,000 miles. Good condition, no rust. Near new tires, brakes and battery. Need to sell before September 30, 2000, \$1800 or best offer. E-mail Bruce at bdm24@nysaes.cornell.edu or call x2362.

FOR RENT: One- and two-bedroom apartments on 527 S. Main St. Available September 1st. Furnished, utilities included, lake view, & back yard. Contact Mrs. Somers 781-1950 & 789-2238.

FOR SALE: 1992 Toyota Camry LE V6 134K mi. Excellent condition. automatic, cruise, air, anti-lock brakes, air bag, AM-FM cassette, no rust, power windows and locks, white - very pretty car. \$5500. Email pm12 or call x2414 or 781-0218 after 6pm.

WANTED TO RENT: 1 bedroom apartment or furnished room from September 1 through November 30, 2000 for female visiting scientist from India. Please respond to Dr. Geza Hrazdina: gh10@cornell.edu or call at 787-2285.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom duplex- PreEmption Rd. Currently being remodeled. Basement laundry hookup, 1/2 attic, yard, flower/veg. garden. Enjoy country living within 1/2 mile walking distance of the Station! Non-smokers preferred. No dogs, security deposit. Available November. Call 781-1308.

FOR SALE: 1995 Ford Windstar, 47,000 miles, AM/FM Cassette, auto windows and doors, keyless entry, front wheel drive. Contact Nancy Long at 781-6950 or npl1.

GOATS FOR SALE: Four purebred Nubian goat kids, 5 months old. \$40.00 each. Call Dave x2496 or 585-2248.

CONDO AVAILABLE: Myrtle Beach South Carolina, for the week of December 2-9, 2000. Two bedroom, two bath, fully furnished kitchen, living room, patio, 3 large screen TVs, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, hot tub, whirlpool tub in the master bedroom, 1 mile from the beach and across the street from Broadway on the Beach. It is a great relaxing time and way to do your Christmas shopping. For more information, call Jane Irwin at x2294 or e-mail mji4.

FOR SALE: White 1992 Geo Prizm, four doors, automatic and 137.3 K. miles. Passed annual inspection this week with new boots, new gas tank and one mirror. \$2,000. It must go somewhere before Nov. 4. If interested, please e-mail h25@nysaes.cornell.edu or call x2610 (days), after 6:00 pm call 315-718-2294.

FOR SALE: 1989 Olds Ciera SL4 door, 3.3L engine, AC, all power, air conditioning. 133,000 miles. Asking \$3500. E-mail Penny Lynn at pyl1@nysaes.cornell.edu or call x2254.

FOR SALE: Snow plowblade: E for Allis-Chalmers garden tractor. Luggage: 27" light brown vinyl and 23" brown vinyl suitcases. Typewriter: Brother electric. Workout station: Weider crosstrainer flex HTS gym has butterfly attachment and leg curl attachment and a stair climber. It uses bands for resistance. Leather jacket: Ladies size 8 black fall/spring weight. Delivery available for all items. Contact lmb16@cornell.edu

SAGES
Halloween Party
Spooks of all ages welcome!

When: 6-9:00 pm, Tuesday, October 31, 2000

Where: Jordan Hall auditorium (upstairs)

What: Pumpkin Carving Contest & Best Costume Contest

PRIZES for best child costume, best adult costume & best carved pumpkin! **TREATS** for those in costume!! **SPOOKY MUSIC!**

Pumpkins and carving utensils provided. To reserve a pumpkin - contact Jill (jmr53@cornell.edu) or Valeria (vma4@cornell.edu) by this Friday!!