

CALENDAR of EVENTS
JANUARY 7 - 21, 2005

FITNESS

AEROBICS

Date: Mon. & Fri.
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Sawdust Cafe

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Date: Mon. & Wed.
Time: 12 - 1 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium
The cost is \$20 for a six-week session. You are entitled to attend 3 classes per week. Additional classes are offered at Geneva Martial Arts. For more information contact Holly King at x2214 or hak3.

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After work beginner class:
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2005
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

Lunchtime advanced class:
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2005
Time: 12 - 12:50 PM
Place: Sawdust Cafe
The cost for the classes are \$40 for each eight week session.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1996 Ford Escort Wagon, good condition, body is excellent. Originally from Pennsylvania. Automatic transmission, new tires, new batteries, new brakes, 125K miles. Kelly Blue Book - Retail \$3,390. Kelly Blue Book - Private Party Pricing \$2110. Asking \$1750. Contact Cheryl Ten Eyck at cnt1@cornell.edu, 315 789 3493(home) x2379(work)

FOR SALE: Frigidaire 17.0 cu. ft. refrigerator and matching electric stove for sale. Both are dark red in color and in good working order. \$100 b/o for the set. Contact Rob at rl73

FOR SALE: 1993 Subaru Legacy L wagon, 5-speed, AWD, 174K miles, new tires. Rusty but reliable, \$450/obo. Call x2364

FOR SALE: Baby lop-eared rabbits. \$10 each. jwl2 or 539-3155

FOR SALE: First Act 8-piece drum set. Includes bass, snare, three toms, crash and ride cymbals. Also sticks and books. One year old. Great beginner set. \$150 bargain price. Contact Cindy at x2322 or cls47

FOR SALE: Ladies shaped 170 Rossignonol skis with Solomon bindings. Used 3 times. Asking \$200. Contact D. Downing at x2273 or dld3

Here's A Little Household Tip

Since fabric softener sheets are designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television and computer screen with a used sheet. It also keeps dust from resettling.

Station Retirees Enjoy the Holidays Together

The Belhurst Castle was the setting for this year's annual Station Retirees' Holiday Luncheon. Over 40 people gathered on Wednesday, December 29 to celebrate the holidays with their friends. A buffet luncheon was enjoyed in the Castle's solarium. For many of the retirees it was the first time they had seen the new additions and changes to the Belhurst—from the winery to the Stonecutters lounge. Walking from the new part into the familiar old Castle decorated with Christmas trees and other holiday decorations couldn't help but put everyone in a festive mood.

President Bernadine Aldwinckle was very pleased to see such a large turnout. Among those attending were Jim and Suzie Hunter. Bernadine remarked that Jim officially was not yet a retiree, but she was pleased he was so eager to become part of the retiree group.

Barbara Lamb, this year's chair of the Food Booth at the Station Club Craft/Book Sale, reported a profit of \$337.62— a welcome addition to the association's bank account. She thanked all those who helped with their generous donations. Bernadine Aldwinckle also thanked Barbara for all her hard work in "bringing in the money" and all those who helped her.

Reports were also given by Marcella Walczak, secretary and Betty Bixler, treasurer.

The next Retirees Association meeting will take place sometime in April.

B. Aldwinckle



Just a few of the retirees that enjoyed lunch at the Belhurst on December 27. (R to L) Gerry Henderson, Brigitte Henderson, Madeline Curtiss and you can just make out Gus Curtiss's smiling face in the shadows at the end of the table.

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BRIEFS

2004 Station Banquet Revisited

Station News obtained a copy of Nancy Reissig's remarks at this year's Station Banquet. We thought we would share this "look back" at 2004 with those of you who were unable to attend the banquet.

the editor

Hi everyone and welcome to the 2004 Station Club Banquet. I'm Nancy Reissig and I will be your emcee for this evening. I hope you all you have a very enjoyable night. WOW! Another year has passed us by and we have all seen a lot of changes. And yet, despite all the changes and challenges, we at the Station are still in tune with our mission and believe in the Experiment Station and all the different types of work we do here. Some of the changes I would like to point out to you that have happened would have included a new president of the United States but unfortunately that didn't happen.

But here at the Station in the past year, we saw Dr. Hunter step down and Dr. Seem step in — & now, we are having our own "presidential" appointment.

We survived all the workforce planning meetings and the creation of the Administrative Service Center — we've learned all the new ways of doing business and getting the job done more efficiently. Why we even have watched the Admin Center move— TWICE....efficiently.

Speaking of moving, we watched Communication Services find Joe's hidden secret of tranquil life in Barton Lab along with Barton's BIG windows! And we saw poor Matt "shuffled off" (as only Matt can do), to the warehouse.

We've witnessed the Ag Tech Park grow monetarily, "break ground & some of the

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Harvey Hoch Named Chair of Plant Pathology Department

Harvey Hoch has been appointed chairman of the Plant Pathology Department, effective January 1, 2005. He replaces outgoing chairman Tom Burr, the new Director at the Station.

"I very much look forward to working with Harvey as the new chair of Plant Pathology," said Burr. "Harvey is known worldwide for his outstanding research accomplishments and we are fortunate to have a person of his caliber in the position. His strong work ethic, communication skills and meticulous nature will make him an excellent chair."

Hoch graduated with a B.S. in Botany from Colorado State University in 1965, received his M.S. in Plant Pathology/Soils also from Colorado State in 1967 and his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology/Soils from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1972.

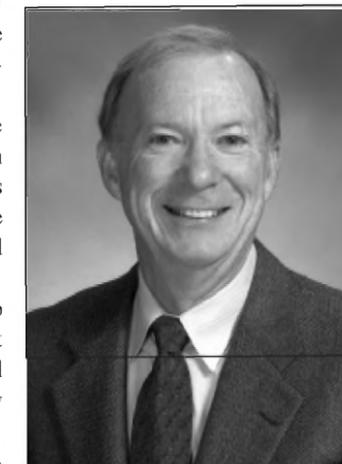
He came to the Experiment Station as a research associate in 1974 in the Department of Plant Pathology, was named an assistant professor in 1977, was promoted to associate professor in 1982 and full professor in 1990.

Hoch's current research emphasizes aspects of the cell biology of plant pathogenic fungi, particularly the mechanisms by which these fungi use leaf surface characteristics (topological and chemical) to sense the right time and place to infect the host. Several fungal-host systems are studied, including *Uromyces appendiculatus*, the causal agent of bean rust, *Guignardia bidwelli* (*Phyllosticta ampellicida*), the causal agent of black rot of grape, and *Colletotrichum graminicola*, the incitant of anthranose disease of grasses.

Many of these studies incorporate nano- and microtechnology to fabricate intricate tools and surface topographies to help address many questions regarding fungal cell biology. Similarly, microfabrication approaches are being used in studies with *Xylella fastidiosa*, the bacterium that causes Pierce's disease of grape and related diseases of other plants. In particular, artificial xylem vessels are being fabricated and used in investigations to determine how these bacteria migrate against the flow of the xylem sap to colonize upstream regions, and how they develop biofilms that plug the vessels leading to disease symptoms. Much of the nanofabrication research is being conducted in conjunction with the Nanobiotechnology Center.

Hoch is a member of the American Phytopathological Society (APS), Mycological Society of America, and the American Society for Cell Biology

He, along with Richard Staples, were co-recipients of the 1994 Ruth Allen Award given by the APS in recognition of their contributions toward understanding the biology of rust fungi, particularly how these fungal pathogens sense surface signals present on host leaves that trigger appressoria development. Dr. Hoch was elected a Fellow of that society in 2002.



H. Hoch

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wrong trees,” and now become an actual reality with a real, live executive director and ROADS.

As a station family we’ve had our births and our losses. We’ve seen some people come on board or come back home as in the case of Marc Fuchs and Marcella Yepes in Plant Path and Amanda Garris of PGRU, some have changed positions as Alan Taylor becoming the new chair of Hort Sci, along with the whole Admin. Center staff. We’ve seen others leave us even if it is just “part time” and down the road, as is the case with Linda McCandless and Jan Nyrop. To others we have said goodbye & good luck (and even asked “can we go, too?”) as they retire like Tommy De Yulio, Bob Andersen (I think he finally really retired!?) and Jim Moravec.

We have learned new buzz words like *outreach*, *UnitTrack*, *Edgmere*, *INTJs* or *ISFPs* & *brown bag lunches with the interim director*.

And how about the first-ever public open house at PGRU to see what’s really in “those buildings” and what they do there.

Or the invasion of the giant mosquito at IPM?

And, thank God, for Food Sciences’ scientific blessing on how hot cocoa, red wine and green tea are good for our health.

We’ve seen staff, students and academics receive many well-deserved awards *Nancy introduced Marc Smith at this point, who in turn introduced Cheryl Ten Eyck, the*

Please be careful on ice and snow



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Hoch served on the editorial board of *Mycologia*, and was an associate editor for *Phytopathology* and the *Canadian Journal of Microbiology*. He is currently a member of the Executive Board of Cornell’s Nanobiotechnology Center, is Program Coordinator for that Center’s Cell Surface Interactions program, and is a Councilor for Cell Biology/Physiology for the Mycological Society of America.

“This will be an interesting and challenging change for me, and hopefully in the end, the most difficult part will turn out to be the physical move from one office to another. Certainly, stepping into this position has been made easier on at least two counts; the department has been guided very ably by Tom for the last several years and he is leaving it in great shape,” Hoch said.

“Secondly, and most important,” he went on to say, “everyone from the staff to the students, postdocs, faculty and other support personnel are the best. I could not ask for a more congenial and cooperative group with which to work; and, with their support, I am confident the department will continue to be productive and serve New York agriculture and the College well.”

Emergency Relief Fund For Tsunami Survivors

Many of our students, staff and faculty have family members in regions recently hit by the Tsunami disaster. These areas include: Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Somalia, Myanmar, Maldives, Malaysia, Tanzania, Bangladesh, and Kenya.

On behalf of our students, staff and faculty, Station Club is taking up a collection to aid in emergency disaster relief.

Donations may be given to your Station Club Representative in your unit or department.

Your Station Club Representatives are listed below:

ASC/Admin./Library:	Donna Roelofs
Buildings & Properties:	Ralph D’Amato
Communications:	Nancy Long or Gemma Osborne
Computer Center:	Patty Gibbs
Entomology:	Nancy Reissig
Field Research Unit:	Mark Scott
Food Science and Technology:	Debby Ditzell
Horticultural Sciences:	Kristen Ondik
	Terry Spittler
	Mary Jean Welser
Integrated Pest Management:	Deb Marvin
Plant Genetic Research Unit:	Sherrie Tennies
Plant Pathology:	Amy Andersen
Retirees:	Pat Krauss

All donations collected by Station Club will be given to the American Red Cross, which is assisting in disaster relief by supplying shelter, food and medicine to areas hit by the recent Tsunami.

Checks should be made payable to: “American Red Cross” with a notation to “International Relief.” Of course, cash donations are also welcome.

If you prefer to donate independently, the following is provided for your information:

<http://www.give.org/standards/cbbbstds.asp>

This website is provided by the Council of Better Business Bureaus and gives a descriptive of ethical practices by philanthropic organizations. In addition, the website offers useful tips on giving, national charity reports index, and much more.

We appreciate your kindness and generosity in helping those in immediate need.

Amy Andersen

Imagine What Life Would Be Like If You Lost Your Eyesight!

The ability to see is very important, but many people are careless when it comes to protecting their eyes from injury. In 1996, there were more than 5,200* disabling eye injuries in New York State workplaces. Some of injuries resulted in blindness or seriously impaired vision. But the real tragedy is that the vast majority of these injuries could have been prevented.

The eye may be the organ most vulnerable to occupational injuries. Although the eye has some natural defenses, it does not compare with the healing properties of the skin, the automatic cleansing abilities of the lungs, or the recuperative powers of the ear. Eye hazards in a typical workplace include: flying objects, chemical exposure, and ultraviolet rays. Being hit in the eye with a flying object accounts for more than 66 percent of all eye injuries, and chemical splashes represent another 20 percent.

Preventing eye injuries from flying objects and splashes is relatively easy. However, thousands of workers suffer eye injuries each year because they do not wear eye protection or do not wear proper eye protection when conditions clearly call for it.

The most common types of eye protection are:

- **Safety glasses with side shield** will protect from flying objects. They also may have eye cups to add protection to the top and bottom. Safety glasses can be prescription or non-prescription, and are made with lenses and frames tough enough to withstand a hard blow.

- **Goggles** are intended to be worn when there is danger of splashing chemicals, dusty environment, or flying objects. Impact-protection goggles have screened areas on the sides to provide ventilation and reduce fogging of the lens but do not offer full protection against chemical splashes. Splash goggles that have splash-proof sides should be used when protection from harmful chemical splash is needed.

- **Face shields** are designed to protect the entire face. Full-face shields should always be worn when maximum protection from flying particles and harmful liquids is needed. For full protection, safety glasses should be worn with face shields.

Several Important Notes of Caution about Eye Protection

- Regular glasses cannot be used as safety glasses. They may look the same, but regular glasses, even those with shatterproof lenses, are not strong enough to resist a hard blow, and could result in part of the lens or frame being pushed into the eye.

- Metal-framed eye protection can not be used in areas where there may be an electrical hazard. Metal, of course, conducts electricity, so accidental contact between the frame and an energized power source could result in a real tragedy.

- Eye protectors are only as good as they fit. A poor fit is not only uncomfortable, but it also defeats the purpose of wearing the protection. Poor-fitting eye protection should be replaced.

Eye protectors will fit better, work better, and last longer if they are properly cared for. Before each wearing, check for bent or damaged frames and scratched lenses. After each use, wash in warm soapy water, rinsing thoroughly, and air dry. In addition, they should be stored in a clean, dust-proof container, such as zip-lock bag.

Environmental Health & Safety at Geneva reminds you : always remember to wear proper eye protection to keep the twinkle in your eyes!

*Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Cornell Employee Sports Saturday Saturday, January 22

Tickets Are \$5 Each For Dinner And Game
\$3 Each For Dinner Only
\$3 Each For Game Only

Men’s basketball is back! Come and see the CU Men’s Basketball team take on Columbia. Then, join your colleagues for the festive community dinner featuring Nacho Grande Platters – multi-colored fried corn tortillas topped with either hearty beef chili or vegetarian chili with all the fixings! The community dinner will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Ramin Room of Bartels Hall.

In addition to Men’s basketball there are four free athletic events that take place on January 22: CU Men’s & Women’s Swimming, CU Women’s Gymnastics, Men’s & Women’s Squash and Men’s & Women’s Track.

Buy your tickets by January 11 and enter the raffle to purchase up to four tickets for the Men’s Hockey game vs. Vermont on January 22.

If it is too cold to trek over to one of the four ticket outlets, send your form with payment via campus mail to Beth Kunz, 130 Day Hall by January 14. (If you send your payment through campus mail you do not need to include the \$2 postage and handling fee.)

Ticket sales end on January 18 and will not be extended. For more information, contact Beth Kunz at 255-7565 or egk7@cornell.edu. Station Club will be selling tickets soon.

