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BRIEFS

STATION CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY
A SUCCESS

A special thanks goes out to Kathy and Paul DeRosa for organizing this year's Station Club Christmas Party. Fifty-four children attended the party last Sunday and enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of activities highlighted by a visit with Santa Claus. As the children took part in watching movies, taking turns at breaking a pinata, and making an ornament to take home, the adult crowd sampled hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Kathy and Paul thank all those who helped—Field Research Unit crew, including the Greenhouse crew, DeWayne Norsen, Santa Lee Hibbard, and Don and Nancy Long (Kathy's parents).

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

In the interest of making this holiday shopping easier for the gardener on your list, think bugs. For a mere \$42 (shipping included), Ken Miller, owner of The Bug Store in St. Louis (1-800-455-BUGS) will deliver a box of chocolate ladybugs to the door with the promise of a second shipment of the larvae of five beneficial insects in May. The five species include lacewing, beneficial nematodes, encarsia, trichogramma and praying mantis. Miller says they should be able to control pests in a 2500-square-foot garden. Predator insects that feed on damaging pests are an essential tool in any successful pest management strategy, as any Station employee worth his/her paycheck should be able to tell you.

POSTAL INCREASE

Matt Lewis wants to remind Station employees that postal rates are projected to increase 10.3% across all classes of mail starting January 2, 1995. Mailing a domestic First Class letter up to 1 oz. will cost \$.32.



Season's Greetings

The appearance of freezing rain, snow and cold winds is the signal for me to reflect on the past 12 months and wish everyone a joyous winter holiday. Those of you who either attended the recent employee meeting or read some of the comments I made at that meeting in the *Station News* know that I mentioned the uncertainty of state and federal budgets in the future—as well as the impact of severe budget cuts in the past four to five years—but I emphasized the positive. And the positive that I think of first is the Station's good fortune in having such a truly high percentage of outstanding employees. It is this pride I have in you—our employees—and the wonderful work you are doing that causes me to give thanks as the holiday season approaches. And I also give thanks to the many graduate students and visiting scientists who have chosen to study at Geneva as they bring enthusiasm to our programs, as well as an international dimension that enriches our lives and make working at the Experiment Station such a rewarding experience.

In spite of the downsizing that has occurred, the Station continues to be one of the leading centers for research and extension programs on horticultural crops. At Geneva, traditional technologies combined with the latest knowledge and methodologies are resulting in scientific advances undreamed of when I came to the Station 22 years ago. These recent advances rest on past accomplishments by researchers at Geneva and institutions involved with similar programs, and that is an important reason why consumers find an abundance of high quality, reasonably priced fresh and processed fruits and vegetables when they stock up for the parties and dinners that are an important part of the winter holidays.

We can take pride in being part of an organization that has and will continue to benefit New York's agriculture, which is so important to the state's economy; that adds to mankind's scientific knowledge of plants and how to grow and protect them; and which has as its primary focus fruit and vegetable crops that new research shows is essential for human health, especially to prevent heart disease and cancer—and which need to be consumed in greater diversity and quantity by Americans. Yes, ours is important work and each of you who keeps the Station operating smoothly, carries out the experiments, or plans the research and extension programs should think positively about your contributions at the Station.

The new year will bring change: a new governor, new chancellor of SUNY, new president and provost of Cornell, and a new dean of the college. These new leaders are bound to implement changes that will affect the Station. Change brings uncertainty about the future, but it also presents an opportunity for reevaluation and renewal. Our task will be to work together to make the best changes possible so the Station can continue to fulfill its mission and remain an enjoyable place to work.

May each of you have a wonderful winter holiday, and a happy and productive New Year. 🍀

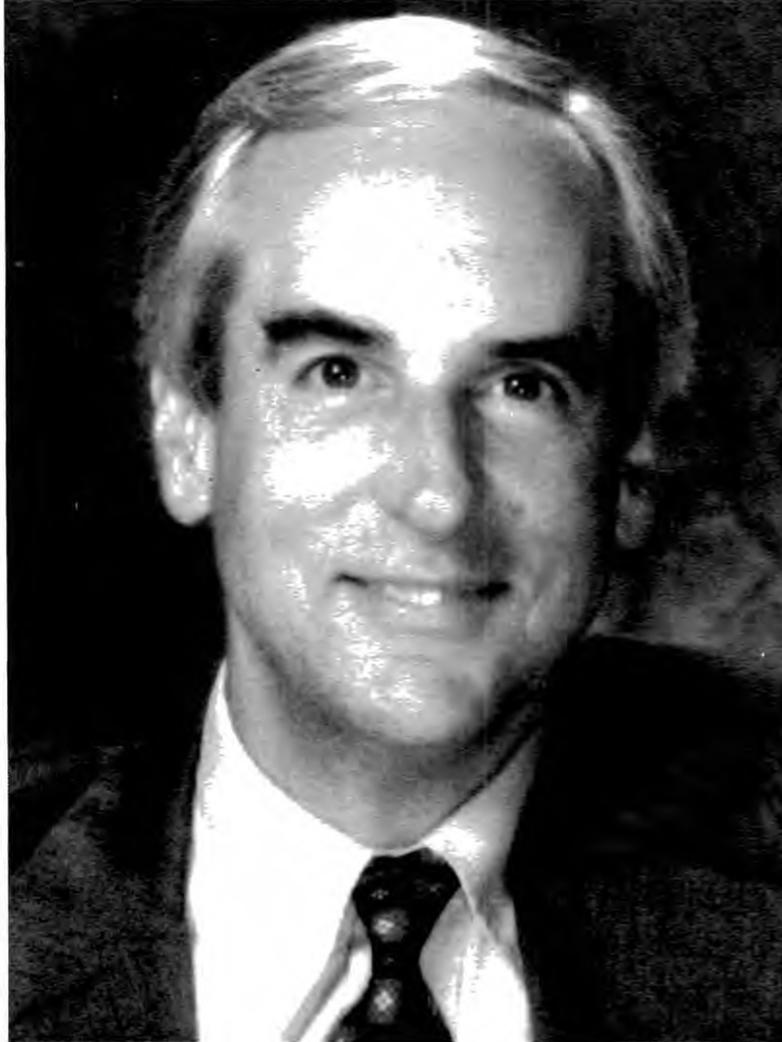


CORNELL UNIVERSITY NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

The search committee charged with finding Frank H.T. Rhodes' successor sent out 150,000 letters, received more than 450 nominations from around the world, and traveled hundreds of miles to interview candidates. Finding the president for one of the nation's premiere institutions of higher learning took nine months and was not an easy task. Now that the search is ended, it is no surprise that Hunter Rawlings, Cornell University's 10th president, comes highly recommended. Currently, Rawlings is president of the University of Iowa.

"Hunter Rawlings has had an extraordinary record of achievement at the University of Iowa and the University of Colorado at Boulder: He knows what it takes to foster undergraduate education within the context of a major research university; he has given widely acclaimed leadership to the rapidly changing fields of health care and medical education; he is experienced securing funding at both the national and state levels; and he brings a deep personal commitment to improving the lives of students beyond the classroom," said Paul R. Tregurtha, the Cornell trustee who was chairman of the search committee.

Rawlings was introduced as Cornell's next president at a press conference at the Statler Hotel on Saturday, December 10. He said Cornell should "double" its public service efforts on behalf of the state and the nation through research and programs that address the very serious problems in society today. He also called athletics "enormously important" to higher education



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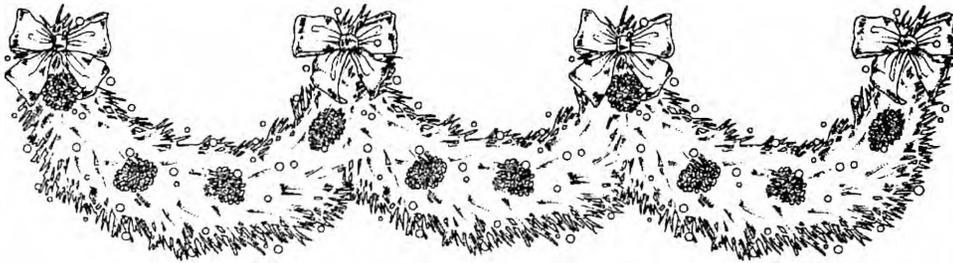
and spoke of the need to create a close relationship with the city. Rawlings called the University of Iowa's relationship with its hometown "amicable" and said that relationship has helped the university prosper.

Hugh and Kathy Price and Herb and Bernadine Aldwinckle were some of the first Cornellians to meet President-to-be Rawlings and his wife Elizabeth after his appointment was announced on Saturday. They were introduced by President Frank Rhodes and his wife Rosa at their Holiday Open House. "We had a pleasant talk with them, told them about the Geneva campus,

and encouraged them to visit, if they can, this summer," said Herb Aldwinckle. "They know Geneva a little because their son is a recent graduate of Hobart. President Rawlings' discipline is the classics, but he seems to have a very broad outlook on the university and its relationship with New York State and society in general," noted Herb. "He seemed enthusiastic about finding out more about the university's involvement with the New York fruit and vegetable industry, especially Geneva's major role in that industry. We're looking forward to getting him and Mrs. Rawlings up here."

Rawlings succeeds Rhodes who is the longest-serving president of any Ivy League institution. The much-beloved Rhodes, who has been president of Cornell since 1977, will retire on June 30, 1995.

The six-foot, seven-inch Rawlings is a former high school baseball pitcher and college basketball player who has served as the Big Ten Conference representative on the NCAA Presidents' Commission. He was born in Norfolk, Va., graduated from Haverford College in 1966, and received his Ph.D. from Princeton University in 1970. A classics scholar, he served for four years as vice president for academic affairs and research and dean of the graduate school of the University of Colorado at Boulder before becoming president of the University of Iowa in 1988. He is married to Elizabeth Trapnell Rawlings. The couple has four children, ages 27 to 19. Hunter Rawlings, 23, graduated from Hobart-William Smith in June 1994. 🐾



STATION MANNED YEAR ROUND

It is said that, "a city never sleeps." The Station is just like a small city—there is always activity.

For most of us, when we leave here the evening of Friday, December 23, or before in some cases, we won't think about the Station again until we return on Monday, January 2, 1995. But, that is not the case for some people, for the Station must be kept operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This means that when we are with our families or friends enjoying that Christmas turkey or New Year's goose, there are people on this campus working regular shifts in the Heating Plant, Security, and Greenhouses. If there is snow, members of the Field Research Unit will be on the job making sure that roads are cleared for emergency vehicles.

In fact, during that entire week of the winter holiday, many people will be working

regular shifts. This includes people on the Greenhouse and Grounds crew who must water plants, fumigate greenhouses twice during the vacation period, and monitor the ventilation system to be sure that plants are receiving the care they need to grow properly. Almost all members of Buildings and Properties will be on campus that week working on projects that need attention, and are much easier to do when the majority of us are off-campus. Matt Lewis will also be on board one day during the holiday to take care of mail.

We extend to all of these people our appreciation and gratitude for helping to see that the Station is well maintained, regardless of what day of the year it might be. We say to you, a very special *Season's Greetings*, and may you have a prosperous and healthy New Year.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES & PEOPLE

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Julie and Jim Kikkert on the birth of their daughter Ella Marie on December 5. Ella weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. Julie is a Research Associate in John Sanford's program, Department of Horticultural Sciences.



DEADLINES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

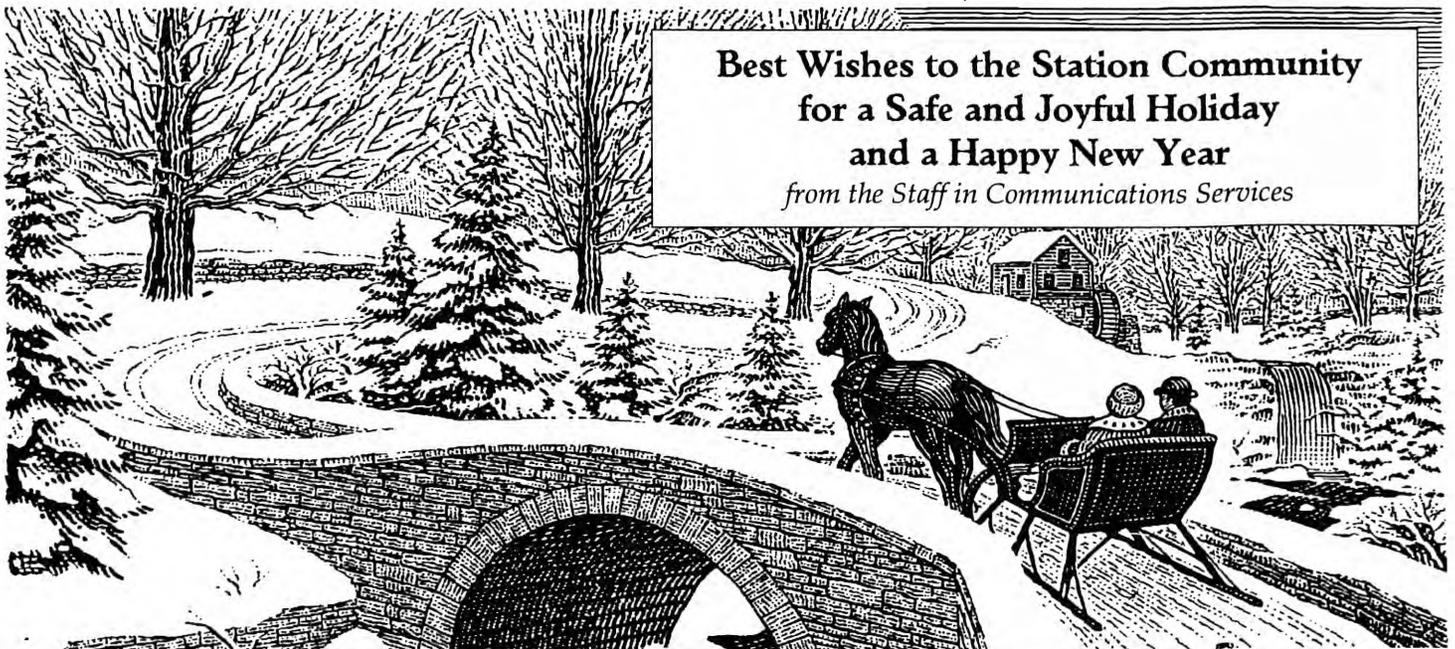
Beet progress reports, half-page summary, and proposals due to Kathy DeRosa, Director's Office

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Wine and Grape Foundation half-page summaries due to Linda McCandless, Communications Services.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Wine and Grape Foundation progress reports and proposals due to Jim Hunter, Director's Office.



**Best Wishes to the Station Community
for a Safe and Joyful Holiday
and a Happy New Year**

from the Staff in Communications Services

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

DECEMBER 16, 1994-JANUARY 6, 1995

EVENTS • MEETINGS

Monday, December 19, 12:10 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Monday, December 19, 6:30 pm
Staff Room, Jordan Hall
English as a Second Language

Wednesday, December 21, 12:10 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 pm
Staff Room, Jordan Hall
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Friday, December 23, 12:10 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Monday, December 26 thru Monday, January 2
Holiday Break
Station Closed

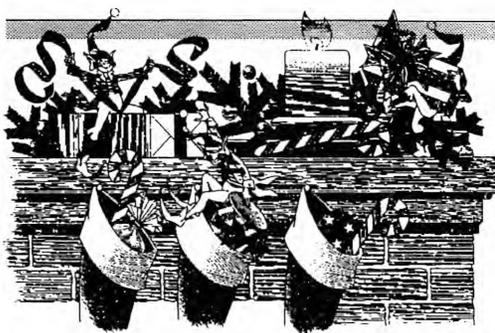
Wednesday, January 4, 12:10 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Friday, January 6, 12:10 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

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FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, December 21
Time: 10:30 am
Place: Food Science Conference Room
Speaker: Ming Ai Ku
Department of Food Science and Technology, Geneva
Topic: Lipase Production by a Heat Resistant Mold



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FROM STATION CLUB

Get some of your holiday shopping out of the way right here at work. Station T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, coffee mugs, and aprons make great gifts and are available in the Bulletin Room, Jordan Hall.

Sweatshirts		
Adult	M, L, XL	\$13.00
Adult	XXL	15.00
Children	M(10-12), L(14-16)	11.00
Coffee Mug		7.00

T-Shirts		
Adult	S, M, L, XL, XXL	7.00
Children	M(10-12), L(14-16)	6.00
Hat	One-size fits all	6.00
Apron (<i>great for holiday cooking</i>)		10.00

Books Available in the Bulletin Room:

Cornell Book of Herbs and Edible Flowers (all color)	16.95
The Three Sisters, Exploring an Iroquois Garden (4-H)	4.75
The Home Fruit Planting	5.00
The Home Vegetable Garden	3.00
Vegetable Production Handbook (new)	14.00
Wine and Juice Grape Varieties for Cool Climates	4.75
Table Grape Varieties for Cool Climates	3.50
Biology and Management of Apple Arthropods	5.50

Also In:

1995 Cornell Recommends for Integrated Field Crop Management	5.25
1995 Cornell Recommendations for Integrated Management of Greenhouse Florist Crops	14.00

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED TO BUY: Version of "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?" old enough to run on a MacPlus (the current versions won't). Call Bill at x277 or 789-7223 any time.

APPLES: Empire, McIntosh, and Gala apples will be available to Station employees, Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 and 22, at the Raw Products Building. Bring your own containers to carry them home.

FOR SALE: Home-made beer-making supplies. A great winter hobby. Beer kits make great Christmas gifts. Call John Ludwig for price list and beginner instructions at 539-3155.

FOR RENT: One-bedroom furnished spacious apartment. Bath with tub and shower. No smokers, no pets. Off-street parking. All utilities. 182 North Main Street. Call 789-8280 between 6-8 pm.

FOR RENT: To Female Student/Scientist—Large furnished bedroom with full private bath available January, 1995, located close to Station in a quiet neighborhood. Rent includes kitchen and laundry privileges, cable television in room, local phone privileges, off-street parking, basement storage and all utilities. Call Marcella at X281 or 789-6702.

FOUND: After Christmas party in Jordan Hall Lounge on Sunday, December 11—NY Mets baseball cap. Call Kathy, x210.

FOR RENT: Half-house, two bedrooms. Located in very quiet area of Geneva within walking distance to Station. Attic and basement storage, washer and dryer hook-ups, large yard. \$350/month plus electric (electric budget is \$125/month). Years lease, references and security deposit required. Available January 1. Call 716-526-4487 (if no message leave message).

