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BRIEFS

CALENDARS AVAILABLE

1995 wall calendars are available for members of the Cornell Credit Union. Pick yours up in the Personnel Office, Jordan Hall, or call x203 and we will send one out to you.

FIREARMS PROHIBITED ON CAMPUS

With the hunting season in full force, there may be occasions when Station employees who are hunters would like to carry their firearms in their vehicles and then park these vehicles on Station grounds. University policy prohibits this. The policy states: "*It shall be a violation of the regulations for the maintenance of public order to possess, carry, or use firearms, including rifles and shotguns, ammunition, explosives, or other dangerous weapons, instruments, or substances in or upon University premises...*" Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

The WINE, the WEATHER, and the WAVE

As of Thursday, Dec. 1, Eddie Negron, our man in the science department at "Good Morning America," says the "Wine and Weather" segment they taped at the Experiment Station on November 11 has not run yet and is not scheduled to run next week, either. You have to listen to the lingo to try and understand why.

"Basically, we call it an evergreen piece," he said. "It's not pegged to any date or news event so we can use it anytime. Not that we will wait months and months to use it, but evergreen pieces do tend to get bumped by the news of the day—plane crashes, elections, whatever."

Negron promises to give us at least 24 hours notice when the segments are scheduled to air. Stay tuned to your Q-Mail.

HUNTER'S STATE OF THE STATION ADDRESS
UPBEAT BUT CAUTIOUS

Director Jim Hunter delivered a 40-minute "State of the Station" address to about 150 Experiment Station faculty and staff on Tuesday, November 29 that was fiscally oriented and cautious in tone. Faced with changing political realities in Albany and Washington, administrators at the Station, like so many of their colleagues at other institutions, are forced to adopt a wait-and-see attitude. But Hunter's message reflected his dual awareness of the need to be fiscally conservative at home while pro-active on the Station's behalf everywhere else—particularly with growers, processors, agricultural organizations, consumers, and state and national legislators.

Hunter wants to strengthen the bridge between the Experiment Station and its customers and continue to communicate effectively that the Station is part of the answer to the problems of New York State and its economy.

"The work we do benefits the growers, the processors, the environment, and the economy of New York State," said Hunter. "We have a lot of work to do and it's not quite as relaxed a climate as we might have had in the past. But we can do our work feeling very good about ourselves and recognizing that other people do also."

The Station's annual \$16.5 million budget is a combination of hard and soft monies. Over \$10.5 million in support comes from New York State, and \$5.1 million comes from sources such as grants, gifts and contracts, and the balance from the federal government. The message was a balance between a certain amount of "doom and gloom" prognostication based on state budgetary constraints and shortfalls, and laudatory praise for Station faculty and staff who have adapted to doing more with less.

In the last five years, the Experiment Station has gone through (*Continued on page 2*)

(HUNTER, *Cont.*)

a 20% reduction in state budget support. In the last 10 or 12 years, the Station has gone from 273 state-paid positions to 201; 14 of these were faculty positions that have not been refilled. At the same time, the Station has taken on much more in an official extension capacity, increasing to 18 to 20 the number of faculty who have at least 20% of their time committed to extension.

"With the cuts at the state level, the Station has been forced to increasingly rely on soft monies in the form of grants, contracts and gifts for support of salaries and operating funds for programs," said Hunter.

Fiscally, the good news is that the value of these grants, contracts and gifts has increased from \$2.6 million in 1990, '91 and '92, to \$3.6 million in '93, and \$4 million in '94. Much of the increase has come from USDA funds, said Hunter, but some of the increase has come from growers and processors in New York State. For instance, in 1994, the Apple Research and Development Board generated \$225,000 in support of research related to apple production—the lion's share of which went to Geneva. The Lake Erie Regional Grape Processors have just signed an agreement that should generate \$150,000 in support of grape research, most of which will come to Geneva. The vegetable industry generates about \$80,000 in support of Station research annually.

Hunter sees increased endowments as a possible source of future funding. In 1994, the Canandaigua Wine Company's endowment of \$250,000 will generate monies for wine and grape research, and monies for this purpose total over \$500,000 when matching funds from the Cornell Capital Campaign,

and an endowment from the Dyson Foundation are included. Other funds have also been established for support of graduate student education at the Station.

The number of graduate students at Geneva totals around 90, many of whom have come to the Station on their own funds. "They bring new ideas, new technologies, and contribute greatly to the viability of the Experiment Station," said the director.

In other positive developments, Hunter cited Dean Call's appointment of a committee to help the Department of Food Science and Technology plan for the future. Hunter announced that a Station Master Plan Committee he appointed chaired by Pat Krauss has obtained \$170,000 in SUNY construction funds, to hire an architectural firm to develop a master plan for the Experiment Station up to the year 2030.

Experiment Station leaders have made a concerted effort to establish firmer links with customers. In the past year, meetings have been held with Seneca Foods, PRO-FAC, and Wegman's.

Hunter praised Buildings and Properties for a recent facilities inspection by SUNY that was extremely complimentary. He also praised Communication Services for getting "the word out" about one of New York's "best-kept secrets." Computer Services and the Station's Computer Committee were lauded for implementation of the Ethernet project which has speeded up electronic communication immeasurably on campus.

Hunter also announced that, as of November 28, Jim Moravec had accepted the job of Finance Manager at the Station, replacing Mary Lou Dumbleton. Moravec was

Administrative Manager in the Dept. of Entomology in Ithaca for many years, and, for the last five or six years, has been manager of Sponsored Funds Accounting at Cornell.

"Jim brings to the campus a lot of knowledge of what goes on in the departments of the type we have here and a lot of knowledge about the central administration of the university. He has a lot of contacts in electronic technologies and financial management," said Hunter. The director will appoint a committee involving Moravec and other Station personnel to take a good look at the business, finance and personnel procedures and processes after Moravec comes on board January 12.

In the interim, he praised Sharon Smart for her on-the-job training and job performance in the difficult transition following Dumbleton's retirement in June.

Two human service representatives also presented brief informative overviews of their services. Mary Haley, a Rehabilitation Counselor from Cornell's Human Resource Services, talked about the Faculty/Staff Health Program that coordinates the many resources available to Station employees when they are facing illness or disability. Bill Smerka presented a brief overview of the confidential counseling services available to Station employees and their families through the Employee Assistance Program. These services are provided by the Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes in Geneva. For more information about the Faculty/Staff Health Program, call 8-5-1531 on the Ithaca campus. To call Family Counseling, dial 789-2613 in Geneva. 🐾



MAC "ATTACK"

CHANGE PAGES FROM THE KEYBOARD

• When using PageMaker, you can press **Command-Tab** to move to the next page. Press **Command-Shift-Tab** to move to the previous page. To go to a particular page, press **Command-G**, type the page number, and press the **Return** key.

REPORT MEMORY ALLOCATION • You can view a mini-report of how memory is allocated on your Mac. From the Finder's **Apple** menu, select **About This Macintosh**. The window that appears tells you the version number of your system, the amount of built-in memory, and the amount of unused memory. The window also contains a chart showing which applications are hogging all your memory.

CHANGE SAVE INTERVALS • When using FileMaker on a PowerBook, you can conserve battery power by saving less often. Although FileMaker saves files automatically, you can instruct FileMaker to save at different time intervals. From the **File** menu, select **Preferences**. Click the **Memory** icon. Click the radio button next to the word **Every**. Then, scroll through the menu to select the time interval (for example, **30 minutes**). Click **Done** when finished.

LACY TOURS STATION

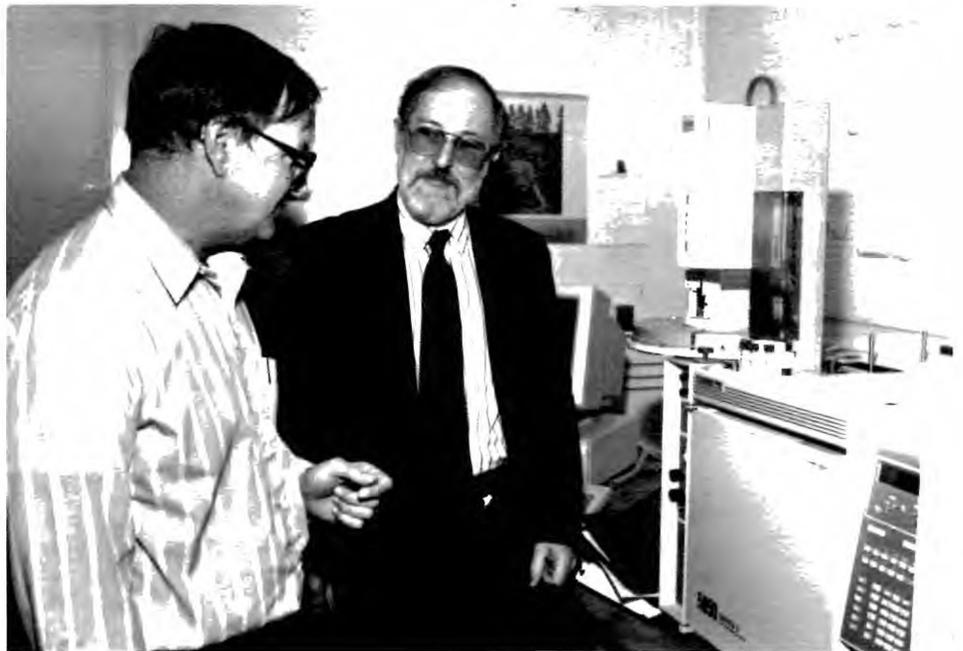
“I left Penn State to come to Cornell not so much for the football, but for the quality of the institution, the quality of the people here, and the quality of the extension system,” said William B. Lacy, the newly appointed Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension. He made the remarks to the Horticultural Sciences faculty in Hedrick Hall during his day-long visit to the Experiment Station on Tuesday, November 22. “I was impressed by the combination of the high level of creation of knowledge by Cornell faculty and the dissemination of that knowledge through the extension system.”

Lacy toured research departments, visited outlying farms, met with Director Jim Hunter, department chairs, and faculty members.

Even though he has only been on the job since October, Lacy said he had crisscrossed the state in a concerted effort to meet agricultural and human service leaders, extension agents, and politicians. “Everywhere I go I am struck by the quality and diversity of the (*extension*) system and the people,” said Lacy. “I am also struck by the full range of activities extension represents, from production to processing, distribution, and the number of commodities represented.”

Lacy stressed the level of uncertainty generated by upcoming changes in leadership at Cornell, and by recent elections in Albany and Washington. He cautioned those assembled that it was “too soon to tell” how it will all play out. “We are all politicians,” he noted. “Extension will only survive if we serve our clientele. We need to be good representatives of our system.” Lacy hopes to more actively involve department chairs and faculty in extension whether they have an extension appointment or not.

Lacy believes in our shared responsibilities as members of a land grant college and statutory college to think about how



During his tour of the Station on November 22, William Lacy (right) met with Director Hunter and department chairs, including Karl Siebert (left) of Food Science.

the work and the research relates to the community at large. “We need to ask ourselves: How is the work we are doing going to contribute?” he asked. “Extension bridges the gap between scientists and the group of educators in the field. And because the counties employ many of the state’s extension agents, counties have a lot of ownership in the process,” he said. Extension support from local counties in New York amounts to \$25 million.

Twenty-five years ago, increasing production was the major emphasis in agriculture, he said. Today, other issues like horticultural quality, nutritive issues, long-term sustainability, and environmentally sound management practices are at the forefront of our concerns.

In making comparisons between New York and Pennsylvania, Lacy said the dairy industry dominated agriculture in both states, followed by the nursery and greenhouse industry as a distant second. In both states, apples was one of the top five commodities. “Both states have two of the largest rural populations in the country and two of the largest hardwood stands in the country,” he said. The most notable difference is the fact that 16% of

New York’s population is foreign-born, compared to 2% or 3% of Pennsylvania’s population.

Formerly, Lacy was the assistant dean for research and assistant director of the Experiment Station for the College of Agriculture at Pennsylvania State University. He replaced Lucinda Noble, who served as director of extension at Cornell for 16 years. His job is to oversee a system of some 1,600 extension workers in urban and rural areas through New York whose job is to distribute practical knowledge developed in CALS and the College of Human Ecology to the people of the state. Lacy brings to his new job some 25 years of experience in studying and overseeing the relationship between research and extension.

After graduating from Cornell’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations in 1964, Lacy obtained a M.A. in higher education administration at Colgate, and a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Michigan in 1975. In recent years he has focused on the growing importance of biotechnology in agricultural research and the sociological issues surrounding efforts to preserve biodiversity and genetic resources. He has co-authored or co-edited six books. 🐾

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

DECEMBER 5-9

EVENTS • MEETINGS

Monday, December 5, 12:10 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Wednesday, December 7, 12:10 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Friday, December 9, 12:10 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Friday, December 9, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

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SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, December 5

Time: 11:00 am

Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Speaker: Robert M. Pool
Department of Horticultural
Sciences
Geneva

Topic: Grape (and other) fruit growing
in Japan

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, December 6

Time: 3:00 pm (coffee at 2:45)

Place: Room A133, Barton Lab

Speaker: Gilberto Olaya
Department of Plant Pathology,
Geneva

Topic: Genetics of Resistance and
Effects of Water Potential on
Macrophomina phaseolina on
bean

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, December 7

Time: 10:30 am

Place: Food Science Conference
Room

Speaker: Terry Acree
Department of Food Science
and Technology, Geneva

Topic: Advances in Flavor Research

ENTOMOLOGY

Date: Thursday, December 8

Time: 3:30 pm

Place: The Paul J. Chapman Confer-
ence Room
Room 310, Barton Lab

Speaker: Michael Villani, Associate
Professor
Department of Entomology,
Geneva

Topic: Slaying Soil Dragons: A First
Stab at Understanding Mole
Cricket Behavior

*Social interaction with speaker at 3:00 pm.
Coffee & cookies provided.*

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Two new snow tires. 185/70R14, studded and mounted on rims. Call 789-2126.

FOR SALE: 1988 Toyota Celica CT. Loaded. Exceptional condition. Midnight blue. Must sell. \$3400. Call Don at 789-8178.

FOR SALE: Victorian sofa, \$250. Recliner chair, \$75. Call Joyce at x292 between 8:00-Noon or 716-526-5602 after 1:30 pm.

FOR RENT: Modern two-bedroom apartment in quiet country neighborhood. Unfurnished with stove, microwave, refrigerator, deck, and laundry hookup. \$500/month plus utilities. References and security deposit. Call 781-2719.

FOR SALE: 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier. Stereo/cassette, 114,000 miles, very little rust. Excellent condition. \$1,250 or best offer. Call A. K. Singh at x223, x245, or 781-1568 after 6:00 pm.

FOR SALE: Nine-foot-long handmade trellis table with two matching benches. Contains five different hardwoods (beech, cherry, hard maple, oak, and black walnut). Seats 14 people. \$475. Call Stan Comstock at x278 or 789-4517 (home).

FOR RENT: Share a very nice furnished three-bedroom house with female graduate student. Available anytime January thru August. Perfect for female visiting scientist or graduate student. Five-minute walk to Station. \$290/month includes everything (all utilities, cable, trash, local phone). Call Debbie at x240 or 789-6849.

FOR SALE: Hitachi 13" color TV (model CT1394W) with remote control; on-screen display; new in unopened carton; asking \$175. Call Dick at x297.

FOR SALE: Samsang color television. \$40 or best offer. Call A. K. Singh at x223, x245, or 781-1568 after 6:00 pm.

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

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| Adult | M, L, XL | 13.00 |
| Adult | XXL | 15.00 |
| Children | M(10-12), L(14-16) | 11.00 |

T-Shirts

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| 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 (great for holiday cooking) 10.00

Coffee Mug 7.00

The 1994 Annual Station Club

holiday party

2:00 pm - Sunday, December 11, 1994
in the Jordan Hall Auditorium

Each family is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to pass. Pizza and soda will be available for the children.



Santa will arrive with gifts for children 10 years and younger, and all are invited to watch a movie, take part in craft projects and a lively pinata break.

Deadline to sign up is Monday, December 5.