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BRIEFS

INVENTORY BAR CODING
PROCESS COMPLETED

Director Hunter wishes to thank everyone for their excellent cooperation and assistance to the representatives from Manufacturer's Appraisal Company in inventorying and bar coding the Geneva capital equipment.

They completed the process last Friday, one week sooner than planned, and they cited the excellent cooperation of the Geneva faculty and staff in the departments and units as the reason for completing the job so quickly.

They commented especially on the friendliness they received when visiting the various rooms and facilities on our campus. They also advised that a much higher percentage of equipment was located (about 90%) at the Geneva Station in comparison to the percentage located in the other Statutory colleges in Ithaca.

WWW SITE OF INTEREST

At the end of September, a revision was made of Cornell University's Human Resources Web page. The site makes lots of information available to Cornell employees, including: The Human Resource Policy Manual, Cornell Work Place, Employee Holiday Schedule, Job Opps, Job Summaries and Profiles, 6000 List, HRNetwork Reps & Active Action Unit Reps, TIAA-CREF site, BTC and UAW Contracts, CHRISP manual, PAF Manual and many administrative forms. In terms of benefits, the site also includes Select Benefit forms, Select Benefit Claims Schedule, and the Managed Choice Network of Physicians.

The bookmark for this important human resource is <http://www.cornell.edu/Admin/PERS.html>

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THE STATION IN AUDUBON

You may remember *Audubon* as a bird magazine, but, in the last year or two, the editors have shaken their bird watcher readership far and wide with new directions in publishing. Now, the magazine touts its niche as the entire "world wide web" of "interconnected living things," expanding coverage and blazing linkages among all things environmental.

One happy result is that the Agricultural Experiment Station receives some excellent coverage in the "Apples Preserved" story in the November-December issue. In that feature, writer Mimi Sheraton provides readers with an excellent overview of apple breeding programs at the Station, including important varieties named, the importance of genetic diversity in "appledom," as she calls it, and gives a mini-course in the importance

of breeding varieties for disease- and insect-resistance. She includes a detailed account of Phil Forsline and Herbert Aldwinckle's explorations in Kazakhstan for *Malus sieversii*, and takes a plunge for the non-intrepid into PGRU's nitrogen tanks, detailing cryogenic preservation.

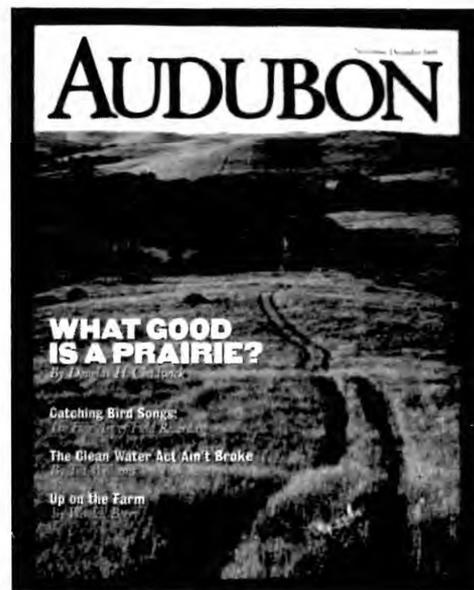
Sheraton, a food writer for the *New York Times* and *Condé Nast Traveler*, also takes the readers on a taste test of antique and contemporary specimens from the Yellow Newton to Snow and the Station's newest release, Fortune. She "deplors" "America's favorite, the Red Delicious," as being "mealy and simplistically sweet" opting instead for the sharper McIntosh and Macoun. She even takes a bite out of one of the "highly prized" *Malus sieversii*, finding it "pleasant" and only "moderately" sweet.

In the 8-page spread, readers are treated to a visual feast of apples and Station orchards by photographer Nathan Farb, an occasional photographer for *National Geographic*. Farb may be best known to central New Yorkers for his photographs for *Adirondack Life* and for that publication's calendars. As evidenced by his photographs, he visited the Station campus in the spring and the fall, working primarily in the very early morning and late afternoon when light was best and wind minimal.

In the article, Station pomologist Robert Lamb is quoted as saying: "Europeans eat with their tongues, but Americans eat with their eyes," thus explaining the American public's penchant for the big, the red, and the unblemished.

Sheraton worked on the story for over a year and a half. She spent several days at the Station in October of 1994, talking with Susan Brown, Aldwinckle, Forsline, Lamb, and others. She and her husband are avid "food-o-philes" who eagerly sampled their way—providing commentary with every mouthful and every sip—through the Finger Lakes. They were particularly impressed with the food at Belhurst Castle and the vinifera wines of Hermann Wiemer and Willy Frank.

The circulation of *Audubon* is 450,000. Check local magazine stands for a copy. 🐦



THE STATION'S NEWEST APPLE

Fortune is coming. The Station's newest apple—heretofore designated as 429—has indeed been named. Susan Brown will officially announce its release in November. Previews of its coming have been heralded already, as Station posters for its arrival have been displayed at this year's Empire Farm Days and the New York State Fair.

The Fortune apple made its most recent debut during President Rawling's Inauguration in Ithaca on Thursday, October 12. It made its first entrance on the Ag Quad in the company of four other commercially important apple varieties developed by Cornell's Apple Breeding Program at Geneva—Cortland, Jonagold, Empire, and Macoun.

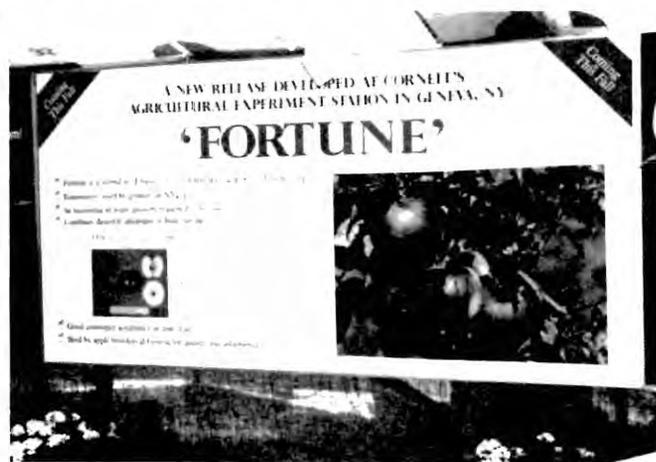
Station graduate students Patrick Conner and Ana Francisconi held a taste test of the five different varieties, offering slices to alumni, trustees, and Alumni Council members. They also answered many questions: including "What is an Experiment Station," "Where is Geneva," and "Are apples planted from seed?"

The two pomologists helped get the message out about the importance of the Station's breeding programs, taking the opportunity to explain to some very influential Cornellians that scientists at the Geneva Experiment Station have introduced over 224 new varieties of fruit, including 61 varieties of apple during its 115-year history. Breeders use traditional plant breeding techniques in conjunction with new molecular technologies to improve characteristics such as: fruit flavor, insect and disease resistance, fruit size, fruit texture, fruit firmness, storage and shelf life, tree productivity, tolerance to cold weather, and tree structure.

Response was "very favorable" according to Eric Rosario in the CALS Development Office, who helped organize the event in cooperation with Communication Services. "I think we may try to do something like this every October during Council weekend."

"Everyone was excited to taste the new release," said Francisconi. "They were anxious to compare the different flavors and asked many questions about the uses of the different varieties. They also asked many questions about the Station and what we did here."

The four bushels of Fortune, Macoun, Jonagold, and Empire provided by Hugh Price and Susan Brown of Geneva's Horticultural Sciences Department, and the bushel of Cortlands provided by Cornell Orchards were nearly all consumed after the four-hour taste test. 🍏



STATION CLUB BANQUET

Friday, November 3 • Club 86

Social Hour 6:00 pm • Dinner 7:00 pm • Dancing to "Spellbound"

Dinners and Prices	Members	Non-Members
Prime Rib	\$18	\$20
Vegetable Lasagna	\$12	\$14
Baked Chicken	\$12	\$14
Broiled Fish	\$14	\$16

See your department representative for tickets.

DeYulio Promoted to Supervisor of Facilities II

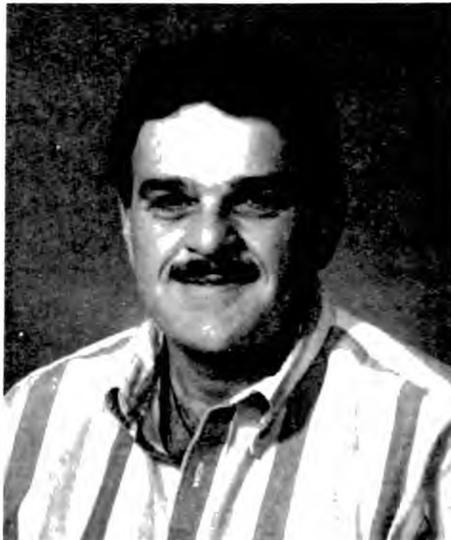
Tom DeYulio was recently promoted to Supervisor of Facilities II. In addition to responsibilities for the greenhouse and the grounds, DeYulio's new responsibilities include management of the custodians, buildings and grounds, campus recyclables and trash removal. He will also be supervising warehouse operations. Under the new arrangements, DeYulio and his crew will now be responsible for coordinating all winter snow removal.

Previously, DeYulio was Supervisor of Farm I.

Tommy has been here for 27 years," said Dave Lasher, Unit Leader for Buildings and Properties. "He has always been a very dedicated employee who has had supervisory responsibilities for the majority of those years. He is well liked by those he supervises and gets along with them. He has a knack for working with people and getting things done."

Lasher noted that the promotion will help organization management because Gus Curtis and DeYulio will cover for each other when one or the other is not at work. "This should help our organization management," he said.

DeYulio is married and lives in the town of Geneva.



(BRIEFS, Cont.)

WWW POSTER SESSIONS

Another WEB site of potential interest for researchers at the Experiment Station is the virtual science fair at http://www.educ.wsu.edu/fair_95/index.html According to the report in the October 13 issue of "Science," organizer Nils Peterson of Washington State University has 109 submissions from 19 schools. Participants range from second graders in Fairbanks, Alaska, to college students. The fair will run from November 6 to December 15 and the authors will be standing by their electronic posters for dialogues with visitors on Fridays.



MACFACTS

CREATE AN EMERGENCY DISK • It's a good idea to create an emergency startup disk, just in case. Simply copy minimum system software to a floppy and keep it handy in times of trouble. Apple's Disk Tools disk that came with your Mac is a good place to start. Make a copy of that disk. Then, you can start your Mac if your hard disk's System file gets damaged. Also keep a copy of Apple's Disk First Aid application handy as well.

INSERT ROWS AND COLUMNS INSTANTLY • When using Excel, there's a shortcut to inserting a new row or column. Simply press and hold the **Option** key and click on a row or column heading. This inserts a row above the row you click or a column to the left of the column you click.

UNDO AN ACCIDENTAL NAME CHANGE • If you accidentally change the name of an icon on your desktop, *immediately* press the **Delete** (Backspace) key until all the letters of the name disappear. Then, simply click elsewhere on the desktop and the original file name will reappear.

PEOPLE

A Note of Thanks:

I would like to thank Jim Hunter and Buildings and Properties for my new plastic greenhouses. They're great! If I had known it would take retirement to get them, I would have done it earlier.

Mike Dickson



OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE NOMINATIONS BEING SOUGHT

This year's Outstanding Employee of the Year will be announced at the November 3 Station Club Banquet. Send your nomination to Dave Lasher via quickmail or Station mail by Monday, October 30. Letters of support will be evaluated by the Station Club President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It's an easy way to give that co-worker a well deserved pat on the back.

18th Annual
Holiday
Craft Show
and
Book Sale
November 18
from 10am to 3pm
in Jordan Hall
Auditorium

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 3, 1995

EVENTS • MEETINGS

Monday, October 30, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

*English as a Second Language***Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 pm**

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

*English as a Second Language***Friday, November 3, 6:00 pm**

Club 86, Geneva

Station Club Banquet

DEADLINES

• FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Sweet corn progress reports and proposals due to Kathy DeRosa, Director's Office.

*Aerobics
at the
Sawdust Cafe**beginning at 12:10 pm every
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Everyone is welcome!
No sign-up necessary*

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, October 30
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Martin Goffinet
Department of Horticultural
Sciences
Topic: Anatomical Studies of Flower
Development in Grapevines

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, October 31
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Zhong-Min Wei
Department of Plant Pathology,
Ithaca
Topic: The "hrp" genes of *Erwinia
amylovora*

ENTOMOLOGY

Date: Thursday, November 2
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: The Paul J. Chapman
Conference Room
(Room 310, Barton Lab)
Speaker: Dr. Ann Hajek, Assistant
Professor
Department of Entomology
Topic: Spore Wars! Fungi vs. Gypsy
Moths

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

SATELLITE VIDEOCONFERENCE

**Sigma Xi/A*DEC/North Carolina
State University**

Date: Wednesday, November 1
Time: 1:00-3:00 pm
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Title: A Town Meeting on Current
Issues in Scientific Research

A*DEC will be working closely with Sigma Xi, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) to offer this national research policy dialogue videoconference.

Dr. Neal Lane, Director of the National Science Foundation, will lead a discussion of contemporary issues in national policy on scientific research in an interactive telecast via A*DEC. It is possible that this videoconference could lead to exploration of follow-on programs and processes for assuring that there is a dynamic national and international conversation about these important issues.

Sigma Xi, the scientific research society, is sponsoring this experiment as part of their mission to foster a dynamic and creative interaction among science, technology, and society.

CLASSIFIED

FRESH FARM LAMB - Custom cut to your liking, wrapped & frozen; \$2.25/lb + butchering (~\$15). Born in April; only four left. (FYI: One lamb yields about 45-50 lbs. of meat.) Two recipes included with every order! Linda, x417.**SHEEPSKINS** - Order now for holiday delivery. Washable tanned. Natural color. \$50-\$75 apiece, depending on size. Linda, x417.**FOR SALE:** Acura '90 Integra LS. 2-door, 5-speed, air, sunroof, excellent condition. Call Debbie x 240 or 789-6849.**FOR SALE:** Clayton-Marcus sofa and matching chair. Rust colored. \$175. Call Ralph D'Amata at x303 or 946-4635.**FOR RENT:** Geneva, small 3-bedroom house, wall-to-wall carpeting, stove and refrigerator, off-street parking. \$550/month plus utilities and security deposit. Call 789-3681.**FOR SALE:** 1985 Chevy Suburban Custom Deluxe, 8-cyl, air, AM-FM, PS/PB, 170K miles, clean interior/exterior, no rust, new tires and battery, runs great. \$4500. See it in Barton Lab parking lot. Call Mike Miller at x332.**FOR SALE:** 1989 Dodge Colt Vista. 56,000 miles, 5-door, automatic, seats 7, good condition. Book value \$4550, asking \$3900. Available mid-November. Call Ian Horner at 781-2456 anytime.**FOR SALE:** Medium-sized upright piano. Good condition. \$500. Call Ian Horner at 781-2456 anytime.**FOR SALE:** Fuji touring bike, mens 18-speed, has less than 50 miles on it, \$400 new, selling for \$150. Like new, Call Denise at x411 or 716-526-6984.

SAES
**Halloween Party
and International Dinner**
Station Employees Welcome • Costume Optional
"Games, Pinata, Prizes & Scary Surprises"
Saturday, October 28
Sawdust Cafe

6:30 Pumpkin Carving
7:30 International Dinner
*Bring a dish to pass from
your region or country.*