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BRIEFS

DEMETRIOS LEAVES GENEVA FOR EAST LANSING



Demetrios Ioannides, "the gentle and quiet Greek," resigned his post as senior assistant librarian at the Experiment Station to take a new position in the reference library of Michigan State University in

East Lansing, Michigan.

In a goodbye party held in his honor on January 24, Ioannides, who has been here two and one-half years, said it was "always my dream to come to Cornell" and that he was "happy that he had had the opportunity to work at the Experiment Station."

Peter McDonald wished Demetrios well, saying he felt that one of his real strengths was as a reference librarian. He also alluded to his familiarity with both IBMs and Macs, saying "all of us here in this room are probably indebted in some way to Demetrios for his aid and assistance."

Ioannides was born and raised in Cyprus, Greece, where his family still resides. He has been in the United States since 1980. He received his M.S. in Classics and his M.L.S. from the University of Columbia.

"My dream is to teach Classics," he said, "but they don't know that yet in Lansing."

Before he left, Demetrios said he welcomes any Station visitors in Michigan and will forward his new e-mail address as soon as he gets one. 🐾

NEW FINANCE MANAGER TAKES THE HELM IN JORDAN

Jim Moravec assumed his new assignment as Finance Manager at the Experiment Station in Geneva on January 12 in typical Cornell/army stride. On the one hand, he has been involved in financial management at Cornell for 25 years. On the other, he saw active duty as an army reservist during Operation Desert Storm and worked with the Corps of Army Engineers in Washington on contracts in the reconstruction of Kuwait. The parallel achievements enable him to square off undaunted against nearly any bureaucratic challenge.

"I'm pleased to join the Experiment Station," said Moravec, who lives in Ithaca and will be commuting every day. "It is a next step up and the perfect career move for me. One of the strengths I bring to the job is my knowledge of the procedures and workings of the central administration, and knowledge of the central computing system." His objectives at the Station are to increase communication and efficiencies regarding financial issues between departments, units, and central administration in Jordan Hall.

One of his first assignments is to head up a new committee of administration managers and unit managers to evaluate the business, finance and personnel procedures and processes. "We want to pursue greater efficiency in administration," said Moravec. "We need to streamline the financial interactions between departments, units and central administration." To help address the streamlining, Moravec wants it known that his "door is always open."

"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," said Director Jim Hunter. "He has a lot of contacts in electronic technologies and financial management."



Moravec fulfills the position formerly held by Mary Lou Dumbleton, who retired in June. Director Hunter praised Sharon Smart and the rest of administration for their performance in the difficult period of transition since Mary Lou's retirement.

Moravec grew up in central New York, attended Dryden High School and graduated from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell in 1967. Immediately upon graduation, he went into the Army as a Second Lieutenant to fulfill his ROTC obligations. In two years active duty, he spent one year in Viet Nam. In 1970, he started his career at Cornell, joining the university as Procurement Specialist in the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies. From 1976 until 1988, he was Administrative Manager in the Entomology Department. From 1988 to 1992, he was Manager of Restricted Fund Accounting in the Statutory Finance and Business office, in the days when the statutory and endowed accounting (Continued on page 2)

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offices of the university were separate. In 1992, when the two offices were merged, he assumed the position of Manager of Sponsored Funds Accounting in the Controller's Office.

Moravec has pursued a parallel career in the army since graduation as an active member of the army reserves. For 15 years, he was a member of the 98th Division in Ithaca, on active duty two weeks a year and attending regular drills. In 1986, Moravec joined the Corps of Army Engineers in Wash-

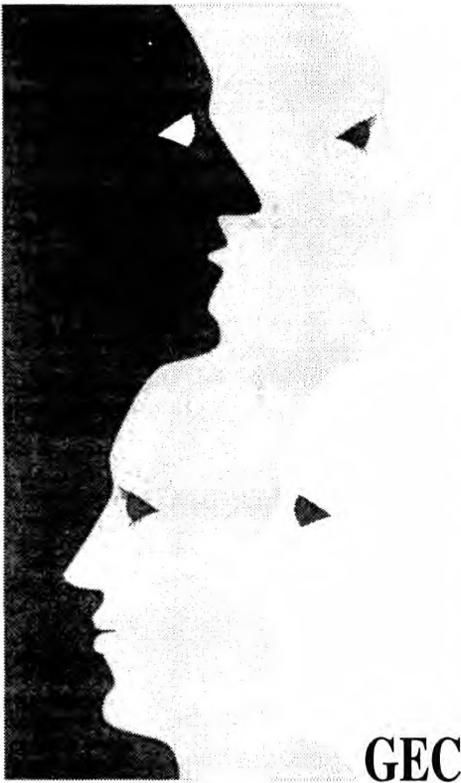
ington as an individual mobilization augmentee. His current rank is Lieutenant Colonel. Last year's assignment was at the Pentagon working with installation management, he said.

When Moravec was called to serve for four months during Operation Desert Storm, he worked with the Corps of Engineers in Washington on the reconstruction of Kuwait. "I worked in the emergency operations center addressing concerns from congress and contractors regarding engineering ac-

tivities in Kuwait," he said. "Kuwait was a real disaster."

Moravec is married (his wife's name is Linda) and has three children: a son who is married and lives in Michigan, a son who is a sophomore at the University of Buffalo, and a daughter who is a freshman at Ithaca High School. His hobbies—when he has time—are outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing.

Jim can be reached by q-mail, by phone at x212, or in Room 130 in Jordan Hall. 🐾



The Geneva Employee Council (GEC) needs YOU. And, if employees are seeking a means through which they can address their problems and work to improve employment conditions and communications within the Station and with Cornell University, employees need GEC.

"The rumor is that GEC is folding," said chairperson Colleen Hunt at a meeting held in Barton Lab on January 25. "We are here to say most emphatically that is not the case."

GEC was founded back in 1982 in response to employee concerns on the Geneva

campus. The scope of the GEC's responsibilities includes the review of Station and University policy on the personnel and employment environment, conducting public forums and hearings on topics of current employee interest, establishing standing and ad hoc committees appropriate to Council function, informal exchange of information and views between employees as represented by the Council and administrators, and representing Geneva employees within the framework of Cornell Employee and University Assemblies.

"At the time, employees were not very happy with communication with the administration about policies and procedures," said Charie Hibbard, Manager of Human Resources, who is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the council. "There was a feeling that policies and procedures were not understood nor shared across campus and some decisions were being made that only met the needs of the people making the decisions."

At the January meeting, most present felt that GEC was not as currently active in employee concerns because the Experiment Station in particular, and Cornell University in general, has made significant progress in the last decade in addressing employee concerns and publicizing policies and procedures.

"Nevertheless," said Cathy Matteson, "We want people to know we are here if they need us."

"It is very difficult to establish a council like this," said Ann Cobb. The original charter is nine pages long. "Employees who have been here a long time tend to take it for granted and new employees don't know about it."

Some of the GEC's past achievements include the opening of the Sawdust Café, the establishment of the Outstanding Employee award, scheduling educational workshops, including First Aid and CPR, and being a strong advocate for on-campus child care.

Lately, GEC has been focusing their energies in scheduling educational workshops and mini-seminars. When interest is high enough, some courses are brought to Geneva and given by experts from the division of Human Resources on the Ithaca campus. Other courses have been given by experts at the Station. Juliet Tang, who is charge of the Education Committee, says some of the past seminars have included Gopher, WWW and FTP; Thesis and Dissertation Questions; Basic Use of the UNIX Operating System; What Communication Services Can Do For You; and File Maker Pro & Other Data Base Managers.

Current members of the council include Dale Frankish (Field Res. Unit), Colleen Hunt (Plant Path), Cathy Matteson (Plant Path), Juliet Teng (Entomology), Ann Cobb (Plant Path), Jim Ballerstein (Hort Science), and Alan Soper (Field Res. Unit). These members welcome any Station employees to meetings, which are called on an occasional basis, and publicized in *Station News*. Anyone who would like to serve on the council is encouraged to do so. In particular, overtime eligible (2) and academic employees (2) are needed.

Anyone who is interested in serving on the council, or who has questions, concerns, suggestions, or courses, workshops, or seminars they would like to see offered at the Station, please contact anyone on GEC. 🐾



STORING CHEMICALS IN CABINETS

It is important to use chemical storage cabinets properly, and to routinely inspect and maintain them.

The greatest concern is with incompatible storage. Strong acids and bases should never be stored together, and neither of them should ever be stored with flammable liquids. For example, when strong mineral acids, such as hydrochloric acid, are stored in a flammable storage cabinet, the flame retardant screen covering the exit port quickly becomes corroded, preventing air from exiting the cabinet.

The following is a list of guidelines concerning the use and maintenance of chemical storage cabinets as supplied by Cornell Environmental Health and Safety:

1. Don't store incompatible chemicals in the same cabinet.
2. Don't store more chemicals in a cabinet than the rated capacity of the cabinet or its shelving.
3. Inspect and maintain the flame retardant screen.
4. Don't block the entrance and exit points for the flow of air through a vented cabinet.
5. Ensure that the bottles and containers in the cabinet have some space around them so that air can circulate.
6. Use Parafilm® or other appropriate material (Teflon® tape works for bromine or other things that will dissolve Parafilm®) to seal the caps of bottles of volatile materials to prevent the excessive emission of odors.
7. Inspect all cabinets for leaking containers and dated materials.

BOWLING PARTY SET

Don't forget to sign up for the Eleventh Annual Station Club Bowling Party set for Saturday, February 25, at 5:30. Check your department for sign-up forms sent out with last week's *Station News* and get your team together. If you can't come up with a team of five, sign up alone and we'll put you on a team. Whether you throw strikes or gutter balls, you'll have a great time at this fun-filled Station Club annual event.



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MACFACTS

APPLY FORMATTING • Many dialog boxes have **Apply** buttons. These buttons enable you to try the setting you've chosen without closing the dialog box. You can change a setting, click **Apply**, change another setting, click **Apply** again, etc. If you don't like what you see, you can always click **Cancel** to undo your formatting selections.

LOCK A FILE • If you have a file that you don't want to be renamed, altered, or accidentally thrown away, you can lock the file from the desktop. Click once to select the icon of the file you want to "lock." From the **File** menu, select **Get Info**. Click the box marked **Locked**. Then, click the close box. (To unlock the file, perform the same procedure.) You can delete a locked file by pressing and holding the **Option** key as you drag the file to the trash.

FIND ALL RECORDS • When using File-Maker, you can find all records regardless of which mode you are in. Simply press **Command-J**.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY "BOOKSOUT"

BOOKSOUT allows library users to see the titles and due dates of barcoded Library materials they have checked out via the Cornell Library Catalog.

POLICIES, PROCEDURES & PEOPLE

NEW BABY • Congratulations to Michael & Dalia Striem on the birth of Effie Amarel on January 19. Effie weighed in at 6 lb. 9 oz. Michael is a Post Doc in Bruce Reisch's lab.

GET WELL WISHES • Willard Robinson (former chair of Food Science) is recovering from a stroke that occurred on December 14, 1994. He currently is in the Clifton Springs Hospital Nursing Home. Cards and visits would be welcomed. Willard Robinson, Room F217, Clifton Springs Hospital, Clifton Springs, NY 14432

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 3, 1995

EVENTS • MEETINGS

Monday, January 30, 12:10 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Tuesday, January 31, 9:00 am
Lounge, Jordan Hall
Workshop on Commercialization of Cornell Technology

Tuesday, January 31, Noon
Room G19, Hedrick Hall
Monthly Meeting of the Geneva Arboretum Association

Wednesday, February 1, 12:10 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Thursday, February 2, 12:05 pm
Room A133, Barton Lab
Meeting of the Occasional Ornithologists

Friday, February 3, 12:10 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, January 30
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Tadeusz Jacyna, Research Support Specialist
Department of Horticultural Sciences
Topic: Another Concept for Growing Sweet Cherries:
A "Down Under" Experience

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Monday, January 30
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Sandra Wright
Department of Plant Pathology, Ithaca
Topic: Genetics of Antibiotic Production in *Erwinia herbicola*, Strain 318

FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, February 1
Time: 10:30 am
Place: Conference Room, Food Science
Speaker: Jenifer Roy, Graduate Student
Food Science & Technology
Topic: Acid Hydrolyzable Flavor Precursors Detected in *Vitis Labruscana* cv. Concord Grape Tissue

THE GENEVA CLUB SIGMA XI PUBLIC LECTURE

Date: Friday, February 3
Time: 4:00 pm
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Dr. Dan Ewing, Professor of History
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Topic: Geneva, Architecture and Community

CLASSIFIEDS

CITRIC ACID: If anyone can use 5kg citric acid, please call Patt at x221.

FOR RENT: Large room with private bath close to Station. Call Marcella x281 or nights 789-6702.

FOR SALE: 1981 Toyota Tercel. Good winter car, timing belt changed last year, good tires. Esther Menseth's car—she is graduating which is the reason she is selling. \$550. Call Stan at x278.

FOUND: Silver necklace with clear stone found in library January 20. Claim in Library.

FREE: The Library is giving away cardboard journal boxes. First come, first serve.