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BRIEFS

BOWLING PARTY STRIKES BIG

Once again the Station Club bowling party was a big hit. The late starting time didn't seem to hamper the spirits of the 15 teams made of 75 Station employees, family, and friends.

A Buildings and Properties' team named "Bell Ringers" once again won the high team series with a grand three-game total of 2,483. Team members included Al Fairbrother, Pat Graves, Len Graves, Ken Bell, and Tony Laquitarra. Tom O'Connor won this year's High Scratch Male with a score of 236 and Ken Bell came in a very, very close second with a score of 235. High Scratch Female went to Kristen Ondik with a score of 211 and second place went to Josie Pollino with a score of 179.

A special thanks and a big pat on the back goes out to Matt Lewis for setting it all up.



MATT'S MAIL BAG

New UPS rates went into effect February 3. Ever wondered what that UPS package would cost to ship before sending it over to the mail room? Check out UPS's *Quick Cost Calculator* web site. Insert the type of service wanted, origin zip, destination zip, weight, and any other special feature needed. Hit "calculate rate" and find out how much that package will cost. The web address is:

<http://www.ups.com/contents/contents.html>

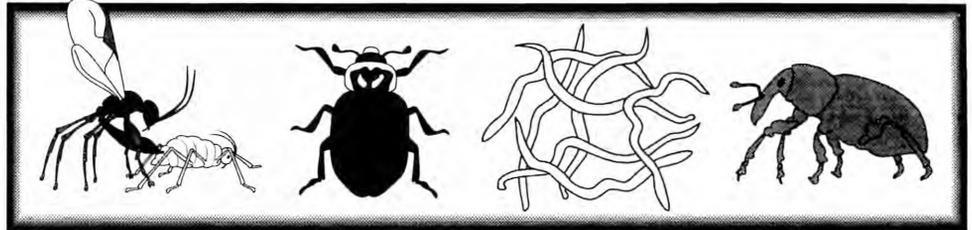
SURPLUS VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SALE RESULTS

Results of vehicles sold:

1 Dodge Aries, 1986, 4-door sedan,
Sold to Dale Frankish for a bid of \$206.

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**BIOLOGICAL CONTROL CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD IN APRIL**



Are you interested in the connection between controlling fungal pathogens through the use of antagonistic fungi like *Trichoderma* and using predaceous mites to control the phytophagous mites infesting apples? These and many other programs at Geneva and Ithaca are part of the growing development of biological control. They will be addressed at a Conference on Biological Control hosted by the Cornell community at the Biotech Building in Ithaca, April 11-13. The conference will bring together members of the Cornell community and other parties involved with the development, implementation and teaching of biological control.

"On the state, national and international level, increased emphasis is being placed on controlling plant and animal pests through the use of biological control tactics," said Tony Shelton, organizer of the conference. "Members of the Cornell community, (particularly Cornell University, Boyce Thompson and USDA/ARS), have been major players in developing the technology and policies which will dictate the future of biological control." He noted that, for this conference, biological control is defined broadly to encompass natural enemies, engineered plants and organisms, semiochemicals and other biorational tactics.

At the Biological Control Conference, key national and international speakers will complement those from the Cornell community and help address issues critical to the future of biological control. The conference will receive national and international coverage in the news.

"The programs at Geneva have always helped define the future of agriculture through the development of innovative practices and biological control is one of the most promising," said Director Jim Hunter, who is enthusiastic about Geneva's role in the conference. "It fits well into the mission of the Station which is the promotion of environmentally and economically sound practices for our agricultural systems. This is a chance for Geneva, as part of the Cornell Community, to showcase some of our activities and to learn from others in the community and outside what the future prospects of biological control can hold for agriculture."

Among the keynote speakers will be Dr. Jeff Waage (Director, International Institute of Biological Control, CAB), Dr. Ernest DelFosse (Director, National Biological Control Institute), Dr. Rebecca Goldberg (Scientist, Environmental Defense Fund), Dr. Ralph Hardy (President Emeritus of Boyce Thompson Institute), and Dr. Tony Bellotti (CIAT, Leader: Pest and Disease Management Program). Two panel discussions with key outside speakers will also be featured: Evaluating Risks of New Associations Resulting from Biocontrol and Industry Perspectives on Biocontrol.

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High level scientists from companies like DuPont, Monsanto, biosys and others will be presenting their company's activities and philosophies about the role of biological control in agriculture. Additional components of the conference will be formal presentations on representative biological control programs within the Cornell community; submitted posters; workshops and open-houses.

Among those from Geneva who are giving presentations are Gary Harman on his research and industrial development of *Trichoderma*, and Dennis Gonsalves on pathogen-derived resistance for controlling plant viruses. Wendell Roelofs will be the Banquet Speaker on April 11 and that alone should be worth the price of the dinner, according to Shelton.

Registration will be limited to 250 because of the size of the Biotech Building Auditorium and the desire for interaction by the participants. **(Deadline for registration is March 10, 1996.)** Registration will be free for those in the Cornell Community. Outside registrants will be charged \$100.

The Conference Banquet will be on Thursday evening and will cost \$30 per

person. **(Registration for the Banquet is also required by March 10.)** Registration for both the conference and banquet can be made by e-mail or snail mail to Ms. Pat Deeb, Office of Research, 245 Roberts Hall, or pad3@cornell.edu.

Posters and Proceedings

Attendees are encouraged to present posters about their activities on biological control. Requests to submit posters should be e-mailed to Mike Hoffmann (mph3@cornell.edu) by March 10. Requests should contain the title, authors and their affiliations, and a 250-word (maximum) abstract. Abstracts will be put on the WWW Proceedings of the conference. Actual posters should fit on a 4' X 4' pinboard.

The Proceedings of the conference will be available on the WWW within three months after the conference. The Proceedings will be composed of three parts: presentations and panel discussions; abstracts from posters; and list of biological control projects within the Cornell Community.

For a copy of the complete agenda or for questions on the conference, contact Tony Shelton (ams5@cornell.edu). ←

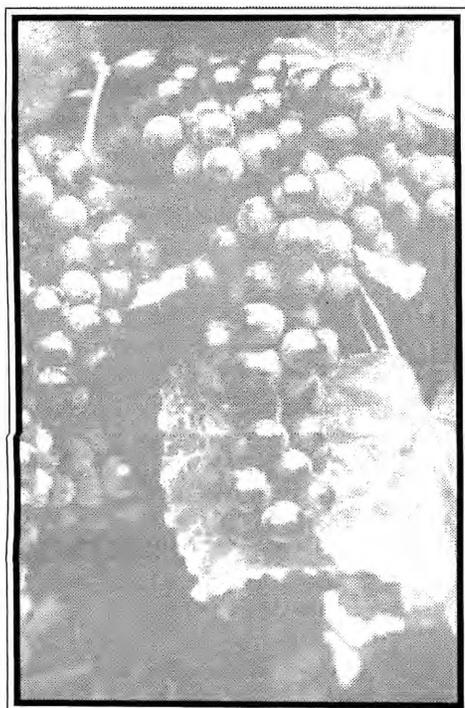
RESPIRATOR TRAINING AND FITTING SCHEDULED

Training and fitting of respirators by Environmental Health and Safety is scheduled to be held on the Geneva campus on the following dates:

- Monday, February 26
- Monday, March 4
- Monday, March 11
- Wednesday, March 13

Reservations for fit testing are to be made with Charie Hibbard at x203 or e-mail at cah3@nysaes.cornell.edu.

Environmental Health and Safety officials will be bringing respirator equipment with them, so individuals may get new respirators or replacement items on the spot. Please note: In order to be fit tested, individuals must be clean-shaven and should not smoke 30 minutes before the scheduled fit test. EH&S also has available disposable clothing, nitrile gloves, goggles, and hearing protection, but will not be bringing these materials with them this year because of space limitations in their vehicle. If you need any of this equipment, you should order it directly from EH&S by calling 8-4-4473. It will be sent to our campus.



25th ANNUAL NEW YORK WINE INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

The 25th Annual New York Wine Industry Workshop will be held April 3-5 at the Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. This year's theme is "Translating Good Grapes into Good Wine: Optimizing Grape Maturity in the Vineyard and Adjusting Vinification Techniques to Bring Desired Fruit Characteristics into Wine."

Among the topics to be discussed are: an historical overview of the development of the New York Wine industry; expanding Riesling vineyards in New York; marketing options with labrusca grapes; promising Merlot and Cabernet Franc for New York; weather, berry development and harvest prediction; assessing grape and wine flavor maturity; winemaking options that enhance desired flavors and color; and new wine products. On Friday, April 5, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms will present a seminar on records, reports, and labeling. Concurrent seminars on direct marketing and the legalities of marketing will be offered by the New York Wine & Grape Foundation in the Food Research Laboratory.

The popular unity banquet will be held on Thursday, April 5. James Hunter is the keynote speaker at the banquet celebrating 25 years in the New York Wine industry on April 3.

The workshop is sponsored by FS&T in Geneva, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the New York Wine & Grape Foundation.

For more information, contact Thomas Henick-Kling at th12@cornell.edu, or 315-787-2277. Deadline for registration is March 22, 1996.

VICTIM ADVOCACY

A new service, the Victim Advocacy Program, is now available for members of the Cornell community. The program assists any member of the Cornell community who has been the victim of a crime or serious incident, regardless of location. The primary focus of the Victim Advocacy Program is to provide support, assistance and advocacy for victims of assault,

rape, harassment or other crimes or incidents that have caused physical or mental harm.

Some of the services offered includes coordinating personal support, establishing liaisons to help with resulting academic concerns, and providing information about campus, community and other resources.

The program is sponsored jointly by the Office of Human Relations and the University Ombudsman's Office. Assistant Ombudsman Danilee Poppensiek serves as the victim advocate.

More information may be obtained by calling the Victim Advocacy Program at 255-1212, by visiting 118 Stimson Hall, or by e-mailing victimadvocate@cornell.edu.

Station Club would like to make a point!

Membership Drive Begins

Save Money by Joining

By becoming a member, you are entitled to **REDUCED** ticket prices for the banquet, holiday party, golf tournament, bowling party, and summer picnic.

This year's PICNIC will feature the band "RUBY SHOOZ"

Membership Cost is ONLY

Regular	Retirees
\$5.00/family	\$2.50/family
\$2.50/single	\$1.25/single

SEE YOUR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES TODAY

Administration	<i>Charie Hibbard</i>
Buildings & Properties, Security, Fleet and Heating Plant	<i>Ralph D'Amato</i>
Entomology	<i>Donna Roelofs</i>
Field Research Unit	<i>Alan Soper</i>
Food Science & Technology	<i>Nancy Long</i>
Horticultural Sciences	
Hedrick Hall	<i>Gemma Osborne</i>
Sturtevant	<i>Cathy Roe</i>
Integrated Pest Management	<i>Janet Garlick</i>
Plant Genetic Resources Unit	<i>Tiffany Fisk</i>
Plant Pathology	<i>Colleen VanAllan</i>

Get the lead out
and join by
February 29!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

FRBRUARY 9-16, 1996

EVENTS • MEETINGS

Monday, February 12, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Wednesday, February 14, 3:00 pm

Room A-133 in Barton Lab

Chairs' and Unit Leaders' meeting

*Happy Valentine's
♥ Day ♥*

CLASSIFIED

MOVING SALE: Items used only one year—TV \$120, VCR \$120, Queen-sized bed and mattress \$195, chest of drawers \$40, 5-pc dining set \$55, curtains \$20, chairs (3) \$15-\$3-\$3, bookshelf \$10, Iron \$20, bathroom scale \$5, coffee maker \$10, lamps (3) \$8-\$5-\$3. Call Hideo Bessho at x224 or e-mail at hb21@cornell.edu.

FOR SALE: Dayna CommuniCard ethernet card for PowerBooks with PCMCIA slot. Works with model 5300 for example, on our 10 BaseT network or if you're travelling, on thin ethernet as well. Street price \$200, sell for \$100. Call Roger Cullen at x256.

FORSALE: 1986 Ford Escort L, 4 doors. Auto. Needs Work 70K miles. \$250 or best offer. Call 789-5121

TRAIN RAFFLE: Six-foot long wood train, (including engine w/snowplow, coal car, cattle car, logging car, flatbed, and caboose) handcrafted and stamped by the late Alfred Gulvin of Stanley. This raffle is being held to benefit the Stein family of Springwater, whose new barn burned down on January 1. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. Train is on display at the Naples Hotel, where the drawing will be held on March 16. See yellow posters in your department for photo of train. Call Elaine for tickets at x253.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO TANGO?: Alfora Stella Gonzalez Coronel is offering Tango lessons on the Ithaca campus but is willing to hold a weekend session here in Geneva if there is enough interest. The class would focus on how to dance the Tango in a social environment along with some education in Tango music and history as well. If you might be interested in attending such a class, please contact either Colleen VanAllan (cmh6@cornell.edu) or Vania Souza (vls6@cornell.edu).

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES— PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Monday, February 12

Time: 11:00 am

Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Speaker: Joy (Jyothi Prakash) Bolar
Horticultural Sciences/Plant Pathology, Geneva

Topic: Improving the efficiency of Agrobacterium-mediated transformation of McIntosh apples

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, February 13

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Room A133, Barton Lab

Speaker: Claudio Altomare
Institute of Vegetable Parasite Toxins and Mycotoxins, Bari, Italy

Topic: *Fusaria* and their bioactive secondary metabolites: possible hazards and benefits

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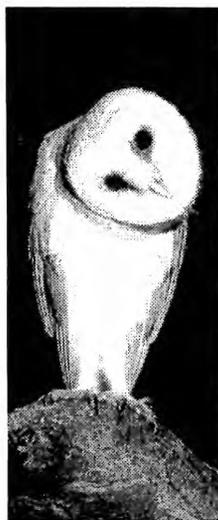
Date: Wednesday, February 14

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Room A133, Barton Lab

Speaker: Anusuya Rangarajan
Post Doctoral Researcher, Department of Entomology, Ohio State University/OARDC, Wooster

Dr. Rangarajan is a candidate for the Assistant Professor position (Fresh Market Vegetable Extension/Research) in the Department of Fruit and Vegetable Science, Ithaca



"A wise old owl
sat on an oak,
The more he sat
the less he spoke;
The less he spoke
the more he heard;
Why can't we
be like that wise
old bird?"

—E.H. RICHARDS

(BRIEFS, Cont.)

PAYROLL URGING DIRECT DEPOSIT

The Payroll Office is urging all employees who are currently receiving their biweekly pay in paycheck form to consider having the funds deposited directly to their bank account. The Direct Deposit Program is open to most banking facilities in the country and all regular full- and part-time employees and graduate assistants are eligible. There are several advantages of direct deposit as opposed to handling and cashing a pay check. Among them are:

- You can write checks without first going to the bank to deposit your pay check.
- No lost or stolen check concerns.
- Your pay is automatically deposited, even when you are not at work on payday, whether you're on vacation, sick, or out of town on business
- You don't have to be concerned with mail or other delivery delays.
- Many banks offer distribution of direct deposit funds by designated amounts toward loans, building savings and checking accounts. Banks and credit unions may also offer reduced cost products with direct deposit such as free checking, reduced loan rates.

You will still receive a pay stub that tells you where your pay was deposited and provides the deduction information to arrive at the gross to net pay.

It is a simple process to sign up or change direct deposit banking. For those interested in signing up or who have further questions regarding direct deposit, please contact the Payroll Office at 8-5-9471 or just fill out a Direct Deposit Application available by calling the Personnel Office, x203. Upon receiving your completed application, you will be set up on a "Prenote" which verifies all the information you have provided is accurate. By transferring a "Zero" dollar amount to your account and having the bank let us know everything is correct, you can be assured your first actual Direct Deposit has indeed gone to the proper account.