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## BRIEFS

## SUMMER PARKING REMINDER

Another reminder that because of cramped space, summer employees are to use the parking lot behind Jordan Hall—NOT the parking areas along Collier Drive (behind Sturtevant and Hedrick Halls) or the parking lot at Barton Laboratory. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## JOHNNY "APPLESTATION" AND THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABORS

One day you will be 55, 60 or 65 and about to live off the "fruit" of your retirement tree. As inflation eats away at your savings, at 75, 80 or 85, you may find yourself wondering if you have enough "fruit" left.

As any financial manager will tell you, good retirement planning begins early—the earlier, the better, in fact. As you watch those around you take advantage of early retirement here at the Station, you may wonder how they can afford to do it.

In most cases, they supplemented their TIAA-CREF or NYS Employees Retirement System (NYSERS) retirement plan with Supplemental Retirement Annuities (SRAs). They probably built a well-diversified long-term retirement portfolio that included both low-risk, assured-return investments as well as riskier, high-return investments.

SRA contributions can be taken from your weekly paycheck and you can start one any time. The money is put into the SRA before taxes are calculated. As a result, your taxable income is lower and you pay less in taxes. In addition, you pay no federal or, in most cases, state or local taxes on your SRA earnings until you receive them as income, when you may be in a lower tax bracket. In addition, you determine the fund allocations best suited to your needs. You can transfer

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## YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED



*Those who sat with the President: (standing, l-r) Beverly and Mike Dunham (Entomology-Geneva), Marie Powers (University Library); (seated, l-r) Franklin Henry (Dining) and his wife, Janet, Hunter and Elizabeth Rawlings, Barlow Ware (University Development) and Debora Powers.*

Forty years ago, "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway, the children's tuition benefit at Cornell was extended to the staff, and Vice Presidential candidate Richard Nixon spoke in Bailey Hall. Forty years ago, Mike Dunham was returning to work at the Experiment Station to work with Dr. Hamilton in Plant Pathology after graduating with a degree in horticulture from SUNY-Morrisville.

In recognition of those years of service, Mike attended the 41st Annual Cornell Service Awards Banquet on June 4 with his wife, Beverly, and sat at the Table of Honor with President Hunter R. Rawlings III. The Banquet was held for employees who have completed 25 or more years of service (at five-year intervals) with the university. Others who attended from the Station included Ed Broderick (Comp. Serv.-35 years) and his wife Lynn; Ron Nevill (PP-35 years) and his wife Carol; and Jim and Suzie Hunter (as Station representatives). Others who were invited to attend were Robert Ennis, Jr. (FST-35 years), Dave Hummer (PP-30 years), Linda Jensen (PP-30 years), Herb Gustafson (PP-25 years), Paul Robbins (Ent-25 years), and Cathy Roe (HS-25 years).

"Outsiders tend to think of a campus in terms of faculty and students," said President Rawlings, "but those who are part of a university know that much of what makes an institution great is dedicated service by the staff."

"I started work at the Station in 1952 when I was 16 because I was taking ag in high school and needed some summer-related ag work," remembers Mike, who is a Research Support Specialist in Entomology. "The only requirement was I had to be able to drive a truck."

After finishing school, Mike went on to work with fruit diseases like apple scab, brown rot

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of peaches, and fire blight on pears on what used to be called the Cohn Farm on Lake Ontario. In 1956, Mike started work with Dr. Edward Glass, in the Entomology Department, on insect damage of apples and pears. Currently, he works with entomologist Harvey Reissig and extension specialist Art Agnello. In the interval, he has worked under six directors and six department chairmen.

"During the years that Mike has worked with me, he has been largely responsible for conducting one of the largest apple orchard insecticide research programs in the United States," said Harvey Reissig. "Although this type of work is absolutely essential to the New York apple industry, it is a difficult and thankless job because of continually proliferating rules and regulations associated with pesticide applications from both the state and federal governments. Mike has been able to successfully meet the challenges associated with this position primarily because of his practical knowledge of the biol-

"Station professors have over the years made outstanding contributions in their respective fields of endeavor," said professor emeritus Ed Glass. "A key to their success has been assistants like Mike Dunham and Mike has been one of the best. I am grateful to Mike for his loyalty, integrity, intelligence, and friendship."

ogy of the orchard insect and mite pest complex in New York and his vast experience in testing many different types of pesticides throughout the years. Although professors associated with this program have come and gone (Chapman, Glass, Trammel & Reissig), Mike has remained as the stabilizing force guiding this program for the last 40 years."

"The big change is we use to spray 'em, kill 'em, and count 'em," said Mike. Today, among other tools, they use pheromone traps to lure in the pests, monitor them, and come up with thresholds and an integrated pest management program that best suits the crop. He attributes many of the changes to the hiring of people like Wendell Roelofs. "Wendell came as a chemist, not an entomologist," notes Mike, "but with all his pheromone research, he changed the Station's entire orientation to pest control."

Mike came back from retirement to run Reissig's program from April to October. He says that administrative assistants and people in the labs "deserve more credit and recognition for what they do." He also noted that New York State's growers are "the best at what they do," and that he enjoys working with them.

Mike lives northwest of Waterloo and runs Dunham Road Orchard. His wife, Beverly, has worked for the Station for 18 years, most recently for Communications Services.

## STATION CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

The Big Divots, captained by B&P's Bob Evangelista, fired a tournament record score of 5-under-par to win the rain-delayed 8th Annual Station Club Golf Tournament held Friday, June 14 at Big Oak Golf Course. Other members of the winning team included Tony Lacquitara, Ralph D'Amato, Jim Abbott and Al Fairbrother.

Second place in the scratch division went to "The Sand People" captained by Tom Burr and including Andy Burr, Dennis Gonsalves, Niki Allen, and "Long" Wayne Wilcox. Also in second place (but unacknowledged due to an error by the tournament chairman), was the team "PGRU" led by Dave Sharman, and including Tiffany Fisk, Paul Kisley, Dave Wiemann and Andrew Schwarze.

First place in the handicap division was captured by the surprise team of the tournament, "The Fantasy," who fantasized their way to a very respectable score of even par 35. The Fantasy was captained by Ed Woodams, and included Annie Ho, Geoff Rule, Myoyong Lee and Bob Mayo. Second place in the division was taken by "Katherine Deibler and Co." captained by Mike King, and included Katherine Deibler, Nick Faldo, Lloyd Metzger, and Paul South. This team was inspired by FS&T grad student and team member Jonathan Licker, who, after long deliberations, decided to forego the golf tournament and get married instead. This team also deserves special notice for continuing play through the torrential rains and puddles on the original tournament date of June 7 in order to post a score for the tournament. Their efforts did not go unrewarded!

Other prizes awarded included: "Longest Drive" to Tony Lacquitara; "Straight Drive" to "straight arrow" Jennifer Grant; "Closest to the Pins" to Tim Weigle and James Kell; "Skins Hole" to Jeff Rios and the Putteruckers; "Best Team Name" to Colleen VanAllen's "Slice of Life" team; and "Best Putter" to John "The Blade" Thibault. A special "Courageous Golfer Award" was presented to Stuart Reeves, formally of FS&T, for flying in from Iowa to be here for the tournament.

Sixteen teams with 80 players total played in this year's tournament making it the biggest and best to date. Anyone with suggestions regarding next year's tournament should call Ed Lavin at x 240. Thanks to all who participated!

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funds between low, moderate, or high risk accounts.

For instance, suppose you start a tax-deferred annuity when you are 30 years old and contribute \$100 each biweekly paycheck—\$2,600 per year—until you are 45 and then stop. Your friend decides to wait until she's 40 and then contributes \$2,600 a year until she retires at age 65. Who is better off? With compounded interest at 8% (which is a relatively conservative allocation), the early planner will have seen a \$39,000 principal grow to \$304,134, whereas the "late" planner will see a \$65,000 principal grow to \$133,215. Both are significantly better off than someone who does not elect to do either.

A representative from TIAA-CREF is willing to come make a presentation to Station employees on the TIAA-CREF SRA program within the next three months if 20 or more people are interested in attending. Anyone is eligible to participate in a TIAA-CREF SRA, even if they are not part of the TIAA-CREF retirement plan.

Those who would like to attend a one-hour informational meeting at noon within the next three months are asked to contact Char Dunham at x203 or cmd4@cornell.edu by July 1 so she can schedule a date.



# 605 YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED



**10 Year Recipients** Left to right: Barbara Rice, Buildings and Properties; Cynthia Smith, Entomology; Diana Parker, Plant Pathology; Dave Lasber, Buildings and Properties; Kevin Maloney, Horticultural Sciences; Charles Bennett, Horticultural Sciences; Tony Laquintara, Buildings and Properties; Mark Scott, Field Research Unit; Vince Volland, Buildings and Properties; James Wilson, Buildings and Properties. Missing from photo: Kathy Arkink, Food Science; Jim Ballerstein, Horticultural Sciences; Ed Lavin, Food Science; Veronica Mittak, Plant Pathology; Allan Roloson, Food Science; Karen Wentworth, Entomology.



## 20 Year Recipients

Barbara Anderson, Food Science. Missing from picture: Bernice Andersen, Food Science; Duane Riegel, Plant Pathology.



## 25 Year Recipients

Herb Gustafson, Plant Pathology. Missing from photo: Paul Robbins, Entomology; Cathy Roe, Horticultural Sciences.



## 30 Year Recipients

Linda Jensen, Plant Pathology. Missing from photo: Dave Hummer, Plant Pathology.



## 35 Year Recipients

Ed Broderick, Computer Services. Missing from photo: Bob Ennis, Food Science; Ron Nevill, Plant Pathology.



**5 Year Recipients** Left to right: Ann Best, Buildings and Properties; Pete Griner, Field Research Unit; David Paine, Horticultural Sciences; Nancy Staton, Entomology. Missing from photo: Catherine Engle, Hudson Valley Lab; Steve Gordon, Field Research Unit; Sarah Jacon, Food Science; Theodore Taft, Jr, Fredonia Lab.



**15 Year Recipients** Left to right: Donnack Ciancaglini, Buildings and Properties; Elaine Gotham, Communications Services; Dave Gill, Horticultural Sciences; Charlie Hibbard, Administration; John Pollino, Buildings and Properties. Missing from photo: Debby Ditzell, Food Science; Richard Dunst, Fredonia Lab.

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

JUNE 21-28, 1996

## EVENTS • MEETINGS

**Tuesday, June 25, 9:00 am**  
 Food Science Conference Room  
*Forklift Operator Training and Certification Workshop*



### STATION SOFTBALL

Last week's results:

Thursday, June 13 PGRU def. PP  
 Tuesday, June 18 Serv Staff def. ENT

This week's schedule:

Tuesday, June 25 PP vs. ENT  
 Thursday, June 27 PGRU vs. HS/X-tras

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** 1985 Chevy 1/2 ton pickup with cap and bedliner. 6 cyl. 3 speed, 32,000 original miles, needs paint. \$3400.00 negotiable. Call Dave x278 or 585-2248.

**MOVING SALE:** Saturday, June 29, starting at 8:00 am. 665 Castle Street. Lots of items to go.

**FOR SALE:** A complete set of Hedrick's Fruits and Vegetables of New York (Cherries, Peaches, Plums, Apples [2 volume set], Grapes, Pears, Sturtevant's Notes, [4] and Small Fruits). Excellent condition. If interested, call Steve Miller at 315-821-6113.

### VOLLEYBALL

at the Pavilion  
 Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.  
 Everyone's invited.  
 Questions?  
 Call Aijun at x362



### CO-ED SOCCER

at the Pavilion  
 Thursdays at 6:00 pm  
 Everyone's invited.  
 Questions?  
 Call Pat at x221.



# Station Club Picnic "50's & 60's Hop"

Friday • July 12  
 6:00 pm



*1/2 Chicken, Salt Potatoes,  
 Tossed & Macaroni Salads,  
 Fruit Cup, and Beverage*  
 Members: \$8.00 • Non-Members: \$10.00

*Hotdog w/ Roll, Salt Potatoes,  
 Tossed & Macaroni Salads,  
 Fruit Cup, and Beverage*  
 Members: \$6.00 • Non-Members: \$8.00

*Tickets go on sale Monday, June 24!*