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BRIEFS

LIBRARY NOTES

The Library wishes to thank the SAGES volunteers for taking time out from a busy schedule to set up and organize all the books for this year's Annual Book Sale. Thanks to Anna and Miara Borejsza-Wysocka, young and very energetic, who volunteered their time as pleasant sales ladies. All your efforts netted the library about \$165. THANK YOU!!

CLEARANCE SALE ON STATION WEAR

Station Club has a clearance sale on the old stock of Station Wear! This is your last chance to buy fashions with the famous cupola design, and, now, at rock-bottom prices! Sizes are limited, so hurry! The Bulletin Office hours are Monday-Friday, 1-5 pm.



SWEATSHIRTS

Adult	XXL	\$13.00
Adult	M,L,XL	\$11.00
Children	M(10-12), L(14-16)	\$8.50

T-SHIRTS

Adult	S,M,L,XL,XXL	\$6.00
Children	M(12-14), L(14-16)	\$4.50

HATS

Adjustable Sizing	\$4.00
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APRONS

One Size Fits All	\$6.00
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ED LAVIN NAMED OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Edward H. Lavin was named "Outstanding Employee of the Year" during the Station Banquet at Club 86 on Friday, November 7. He received the award from Director Jim Hunter, his wife, Linn, who was there to share the moment, and 127 cheering employees and their guests.

Lavin manages the flavor research lab and assists the graduate students, visiting scientists, and lab assistants who come into Terry Acree's lab. He also runs and maintains the Station CharmAnalysis room and the mass spectrometer chem-station for flavor research.

In his speech, Dr. Hunter read from several nomination letters received by the Station Club in support of Lavin's nomination. They all seemed to say: "As his friends and colleagues, we know that Ed is outstanding. Please allow us to pass on our knowledge to everyone!"

Lavin had no idea that he was receiving this award, and was very surprised and honored when he was introduced. "The grad students in my lab who were chiefly responsible for nominating me did a great job of keeping it from me. I must say it makes me wonder what else is going on around the lab that I don't know about!" he said.

Lavin was born in Peekskill, NY, which, as he points out, is also the hometown of George Pataki. He graduated from SUNY-Brockport, majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry. Prior to working at the Station, he was an adjunct instructor/tutor at the Community College of the Finger Lakes helping students in math and English while also teaching GED (high school equivalency) classes. He and Linn have lived in Geneva for many years. She is studying to become a licensed massage therapist, and their son, Chad Lahr, is a freshman at Canisius College.

Lavin has been with the Station for 12 years. The expertise he has developed during this time has made him an excellent extension consultant to local food industries and a valuable resource for other laboratories at the Station. He provides research contract analysis to a number

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of companies and has given technical support for the "Understanding Wine" class in Ithaca as well as for the Cool Climate Symposium held in Rochester.

"Ed's willingness to support the mission of the Experiment Station above and beyond the requirements of his job is not unique but it is rare," said Terry Acree, Professor of Biochemistry in the Food Science and Technology department. "I cannot imagine a more loyal, competent, tolerant and dedicated employee than Ed Lavin."

Acree points out the ultimate proof that Lavin really earned this award: "The entire process of nominating Ed for this award came from the people he works with the most: the graduate students and the post docs." They refer to him as "the guy we would be lost without" because he is "always there when we need him," whether it is a problem with one of the machines or someone who is in need of more personal counseling. And that is "what makes Ed a truly outstanding employee," said Acree. "He is the first person everyone turns to for emotional help and his efforts this last year have been extraordinary."

Former grad students also praised Lavin in their nomination letters. One recalled how students with problems could always count on Lavin, even during late evening hours and weekends. In fact, said Jonathan Licker, "Ed tells you to give him a call if you run into any problems. That's Ed—not only does he come to the rescue when called; he offers."

Another former student, Michael King, wrote: "Learning with Ed has been an incredibly fun and fulfilling, enriching experience." Lavin is the technician in the lab in charge of the daily operations and fully involved in assisting any students in the use of the instruments and experimental techniques. "He knew as much as any Ph.D, however he remained as down to earth as anyone," continued King. Deborah Roberts also complemented Lavin's "good sense of humor combined with an easy-going attitude [which] provided a place to do good work, and enjoy it too."

The grad students in food science consider Lavin "invaluable and irreplaceable."

Lavin himself said: "While I appreciate the recognition I have been given with this award, the fact is that I can walk down the halls of Food Science at any time of day and run into an employee that deserves this award at least as much as I do. Everyone in the department supports the efforts of everyone else here when

called upon, and that really is the most important aspect of the work environment in Food Science and I'm sure the Experiment Station as a whole."

Lavin is not only committed to the work in the lab, he is also active in various activities at the Station. He has served in the Station Club for many years, was the original organizer of the ever-popular Annual Station Golf Tournament, and also represents the Station as a volunteer in

a number of events, including the annual Whale Watch Fest here in Geneva, and the upcoming "Pride of NY" festival in Albany.

Lavin said he "felt very fortunate" to join a prominent roster of outstanding employees that includes Steve Denning, Roscoe "Pat" Krauss, Mary Lou Dumbleton, Patty Gibbs, Bruce Moore, Dave Lasher, Bruce LeClair, John Watson, Linda Jensen and others.

Catharina Fjelkner

TERRY ACREE'S PRESENTATION SPEECH

"I'm a little reluctant to speak tonight.

I did not nominate Ed Lavin for this award. However, when I heard that the graduate students had put his name forward, I wrote a three-page letter in support of his nomination. Last week I was told that the committee never got my letter of recommendation.

How in the world could Ed Lavin be chosen without my help?

Well, as some of you may not know, Bob Seem has installed software on each professor's computer so that we can read our staff and students' e-mail. Yesterday, while digging into Ed's e-mail, I discovered how he was chosen. Ed found out about the nomination two weeks ago, and to secure his election, he sent out threatening e-mail to various people at the Station.

I have brought with me the 10 most threatening messages he sent.

The #10 most threatening message Ed sent was to the Station Club: If not elected, the next golf tournament would be held at the vegetable research farm in the middle of Helene Dillard's experiments.

#9 was to Chari Hibbard and Phil Forsline: If not elected, Ed was going to show the next grammar school class to be sent to the lab how to find all the pornography on the Internet.

#8 was to Ben Gavitt and Thomas Henick-Kling: If not elected, when Ed makes the flavored wine samples for the Wine Industry Workshop next year, he was going to add LSD.

#7 was to Bob Kime and Nancy Smith: If not elected, Ed would empty the hair net box in the Pilot Plant and fill it with pantyhose.

#6 was to Mark McLellan: If not elected, Ed would come to work at 8 and leave at 5, thus reducing hours by 20%.

#5 was to Jim Hunter himself: If not elected, Ed would see that the Gold Medal Wine at the next State Fair came from Arkansas.

#4 was to Giorgio Armani: If not elected, he was going to stop wearing Armani suits to work.

#3 was to Jim Abbott, Barry Smith, and company: If not elected, he was going to encourage me to improve the lab and send in a work order every time I had one of those great ideas.

#2 was to Linda McCandless: If not elected, Ed was going to set up a booth at the Whale Watch next year called, "Know Your Pesticides by Taste."

#1 The number one threat Ed Lavin made was to Wendell Roelofs: If not elected, Ed would stop letting Wendell win at tennis.

Ed did all of these things for the Experiment Station: Work on taste panels; make samples for festivals, classes and workshops; teach school children and graduate students; organize sports events; humor me; and, yes, he does let Wendell win at tennis. Everyone in Entomology knows how important that is to scientific harmony.

But Ed means even more to me. My research and teaching program would be less than half what it is without Ed Lavin...but most important to me is the way he makes me look forward to going to work every day. I only lied about the Armani suits."

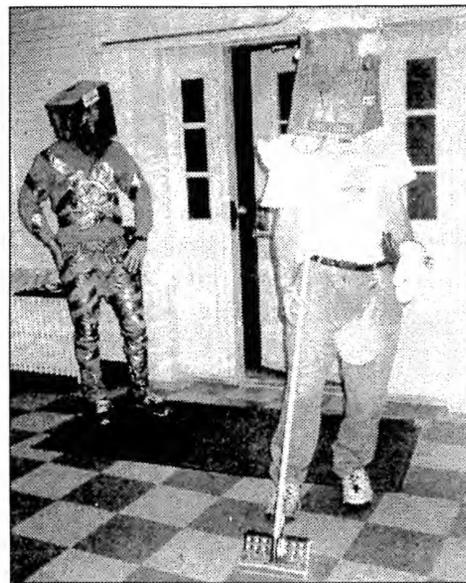
Terry Acree



SAGES HALLOWEEN PARTY WAS A SLASH

Halloween night, SAGES hosted a combined Halloween party and International Feast at the Sawdust Cafe. Station folks from all over the world came dressed in unique and scary costumes sharing food from their native country. About 50 people partied and danced to music played by the "International DJ," Gallet Bujdoso, until late into the evening. Food ranged from brie from France, custard-filled pumpkin from Taiwan, to macaroni and cheese from the USA. There was a balloon relay competition between the different departments, a spider race, and balloon relay for the children, and a pumpkin piñata filled with candy and toys for everyone. Carmen Fagoaga (Plant Pathology) dressed like an American Indian girl (Pocahontas) and won the best female costume. Olivier Perrin (Food Science) looked strikingly similar to Marcia Brady of The Brady Bunch and won the best male (female) costume. Dan Waldstein (Entomology) dressed as "kitchen boy" wearing various cooking utensils and carrying a mop, won the most unique costume award. Augustine Gubba (Gus), Jyothi Bolar (Joy), Carmen Fagoaga, Roger Magarey and Kathryn Deibler helped plan the event which was held at the Sawdust Cafe. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this event a spectacular success!

Kathryn Deibler



Gus Curtiss Retirement Party



Thursday December 4, 1997

Club 86

Cocktails 6 pm Dinner 7 pm

Music by: Mid Life Crisis

Al Roth & Bob Weinberg

Baked 1/2 Chicken	\$17
Veal Parmesan	\$20
Broiled White Fish	\$20
Prime Rib	\$25

See accompanying flyer for details. Or call x301 for more information.

HUNTING ON STATION PROPERTY

The Station is incorporating a Deer Hunting and Woodchuck control program as part of the management of field operations. In the past couple of years, there has been an increasing amount of damage occurring in research plots from these animals. After working with DEC and the Department of Natural Resources at Cornell, it was determined that the Station should develop a complete control program.

The deer control program includes use of electric fences, baiting the fences, use of repellents, nuisance permits, and hunting during the legal deer hunting season. This year, gun hunting season for deer is November 17 through December 16. Gun hunters (Station employees only) will be allowed to hunt on Station property.

These hunters can be identified by the orange vests they will be wearing with NYSAES printed on them. They will also be wearing orange hats. Project leaders and technicians are encouraged to wear light-colored clothing in the field during this time. To check to see if a hunter is on a farm, you can call Security (x215). Hunters are required to sign in. Also, you can report to Security that you will be in your plot and for hunters to stay out (include block code and time you will be there). You will need to sign up daily. If you do find hunters in your plot, inform them that you will be working there and that they will have to move elsewhere.

For more information, to voice your concerns, or to sign up to participate, call Mark L. Scott, x296, Field Research Unit.

"Thought is the blossom, language the bud, action the fruit behind it." —

R.W.EMERSON—

CALENDAR of EVENTS

NOVEMBER 14-21, 1997

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Monday, November 17, 6:30 pm
A133 Barton Laboratory (note change in location)

English as a Second Language

Tuesday, November 18, 10:30 am
Jordan Hall Lounge
Administrative Study/Managers meeting.

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 pm
A133 Barton Laboratory
English as a Second Language



DEADLINES

Monday, November 17
Cabbage proposals and progress reports due in Director's Office.

DATES TO SAVE

*Station Club
Holiday Party
Jordan Hall • December 7*

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: Clean, fully-furnished studio apartment 1 mile from station. Laundromat, and grocery store. \$350/month includes utilities, linens, and kitchen equipment. Call Karen at x378 from 9:00 to 1:00 or 789-5240 after 2:30 or email kje7@nysaes.cornell.edu

WANTED: Tops grocery tapes. The tapes are used as a fund raising activity in support of the Geneva High School Marching Band/Color Guard. Please send tapes to Judy Birkett, Jordan Hall. Thank you.

CHILD CARE: NYS Registered Daycare Provider has full-time openings. Call Penny VanKirk at 789-9518.

FOR SALE: Ford Escort GL '87. Good condition. 110K. \$1000/best. Call Gilberto x375 or 607-257-0257.

FOR RENT: Four-room apartment, centrally located, one-mile from the Station. Stove and refrigerator furnished. All utilities paid. Call 789-7083.

FOR SALE: 1993 Nissan Altima, burgundy red. 54K miles. Has automatic transmission, A/C, cruise control. Asking \$8500, car will be available first week of December. Call Mary ext. 328 or 315 or 787-8676.

MOVING SALE: Futons, dresser, computer desk, file cabinets, dining set, coffee table, night tables, miscellaneous kitchen items, microwave cart, TV/VCR cart. All items in excellent condition. Call Marc or Marcela at 781-7020 or E-mail mf13@cornell.edu.

FOR SALE: Evergreen (fir) Christmas wreaths approximately 24" in diameter. Ready for you to add your own finishing touches. \$12.50 each. Call 548-9000.

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, November 17
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Jordan Hall Staff Room
Speaker: Gul Shad Ali, department of Horticultural Sciences, Cornell University, NYSAES
Topic: Toward the use of anti-fungal genes for the improvement of disease resistance in grapevines.

ENTOMOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, November 18
Time: 10:30 am
Place: The Paul J. Chapman Conference Room, Room 310, Barton Lab.
Speaker: Dr. Elke Buschbeck, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, Cornell University
Topic: A Comparison of Fly Visual Systems: Functional Implications and Phylogenetic Consequences.

There will be a period of social interaction with the speaker at 10:00 AM. Coffee & cookies will be available.

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, November 18
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Laboratory
Speaker: Cathy Heidenreich, Department of Plant Pathology, Cornell University, NYSAES
Topic: Russet on apple and pear caused by *Aureobasidium pullulans* and *Rhodotorula glutinis*

FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, November 19
Time: 10:30 am
Place: FS&T Conference Room, Second Floor
Speaker: Dr. Don F. Splittstoesser, Professor Emeritus Cornell - FS&T, Geneva
Topic: Destruction of *E. coli* 0157:H7 in Cider.

Informal Folk Music Group
Every Tuesday at Noon
Sawdust Cafe

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING COMPUTER WORKSHOPS

The workshops in the Library Technology Center continue in the computer lab, room B4, Jordan Hall. The schedule can be viewed here below or in detail at www.nysaes.cornell.edu/library/index_html Register today by clicking on **register** on the calendar page or send an e-mail to Jane Irwin, at **mji4**, submitting your name, e-mail address and the course/courses you are interested in.

November 17, 2-4 pm
November 20, 9-11 am
Peter McDonald and Jane Irwin
Mann Gateway

November 24, 2-4 pm
December 4, 9-11 am
John Zakour and Jane Irwin
Web Resources/Search

November 26, 2-4 pm
December 11, 9-11 am
Cathy Weeden and John Zakour
HTML Basics

December 1 and 3, 8-9:30 am
Pat Krauss
Claris Works

December 8, 8-9:30 am
December 18, 10-11:30 am
John Barnard and Pat Krauss
MAC Basics

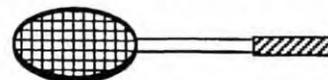
December 10, 2-4 pm
Jane Irwin
End Note

December 15, 9-11 am
Pat Krauss
CU See-Me

December 17, 2-4 pm
John Zakour and Cathy Weeden
HTML Advanced

December 19, 9-11 am
Cheryl TenEyck
Excel - Intermediate

COME AND PLAY SQUASH!



Weekly Games! Contact Mark Schmaedick (mas8@cornell.edu or x453), or Juliet Tang (jdt2@cornell.edu or x343).