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BRIEFS

CY LEE ELECTED TO KOREAN ACADEMY

The Korean Academy of Science & Technology has just announced that Cy Lee has been named a new member of the Academy. Founded in 1994, the Academy is composed of elected members from the science and technology fields. It is charged with the promotion of science and technology for the purpose of securing a prosperous future for the nation, and promoting human welfare by utilizing the knowledge and experience of the renowned member scientists and engineers.

HARASSMENT

A separate memo has been sent with this issue of *News* addressed to all Cornell employees and students here at Geneva. It is from Charie Hibbard, who has been designated as the harassment advisor for the Experiment Station, and provides information that will help us understand her function and the procedures that will be followed when an individual contacts her.

Be sure to pick up your copy of this informative memo in your department/unit.

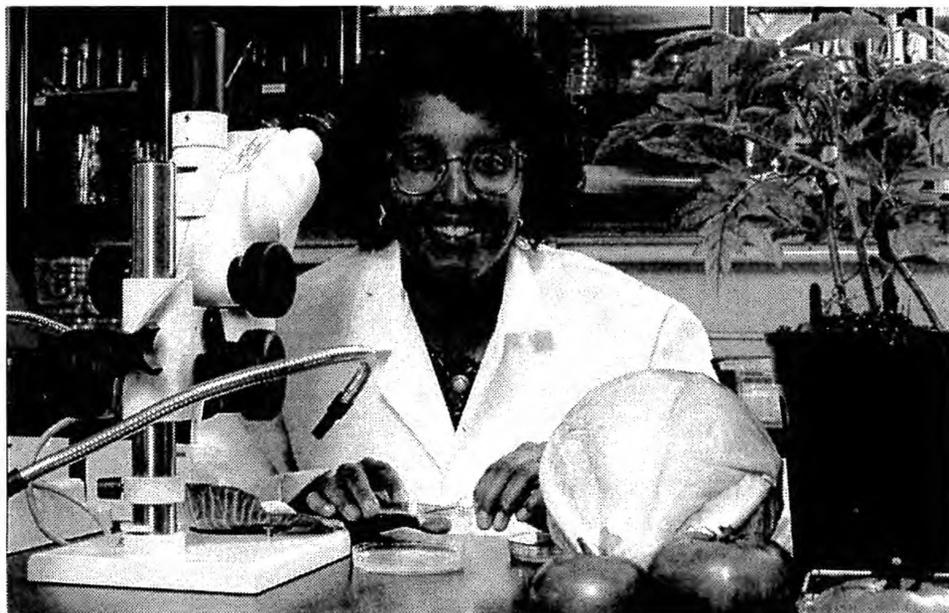
CORNELL UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE ASSEMBLY

MISSION STATEMENT: To seek out and voice effectively the interests and concerns of University employees to the administration in regard to University Personnel policies and other policies affecting the employment environment so as to offer employees a vehicle for the continuous involvement of all staff members in the governance of non-academic affairs and in the life of the University.

The Employee Assembly is a formally constituted body composed of 13 elected mem-

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Helene R. Dillard Assumes the Leadership of the Plant Pathology Department



Helene R. Dillard's introduction to the agricultural sciences started with chemistry sets and single eye piece microscopes.

"My mother was extremely supportive of my interests," said Dillard, who has just been named chairperson of the plant pathology department at the Experiment Station. "We were not a farm family, but I convinced my parents to stop at farm markets on our family fishing trips so I could check out the produce and/or the livestock."

The Dillards hoped their daughter would be a veterinarian, but Dillard, who maintains an avid interest in fishing to this day, cannot stand the sight of animal blood. She was always interested in biology and the natural sciences, however. As an undergraduate, she majored in the Biology of Natural Resources. She received a master's degree in Soil Science, but spent "one too many summers" digging soil pits along earthquake faults. "It just got boring," said Dillard. "For my Ph.D., I wanted excitement and switched to plant pathology."

Throughout her career, Dillard has garnered kudos wherever she goes. "Helene is a very dedicated, hard working, and talented scientist who has earned tremendous respect from all who have worked with her," said Director Jim Hunter. "Replacing Dr. Aldwinckle will be a challenging assignment, but the Department and the Station are fortunate that Dr. Dillard has accepted this challenge."

Previously, Dillard had 50% responsibility for research and 50% for extension on fungal and bacterial diseases of vegetables. Her program concentrates on the biology, ecology, and management of bacterial and fungal diseases of vegetables and the dissemination of the information to the vegetable industry. Her new promotion means her time will be reallocated to 50% administration, 25% extension, and 25% research.

"The research and extension activities are integrated so that the program is flexible and responsive to the needs of the vegetable industry," said Dillard, who has been working closely

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with New York state growers and processors since 1984. She pays particular attention to the epidemiology and control of diseases that affect beans, tomatoes, cabbage, and sweet corn in New York, particularly gray and white molds, *Alternaria* on beans and cabbage, leafspot on cabbage, and rust on sweet corn.

Dillard's program on vegetable diseases is recognized in the state and nationally. She has achieved tremendous appreciation among the vegetable growers of the state and extension field staff. Her research is directed toward solving real problems, and she has solved several very successfully. She received a special citation for her work from the New York Association of County Agricultural Agents, and, in 1992, was the recipient of the national extension award of the plant pathology society.

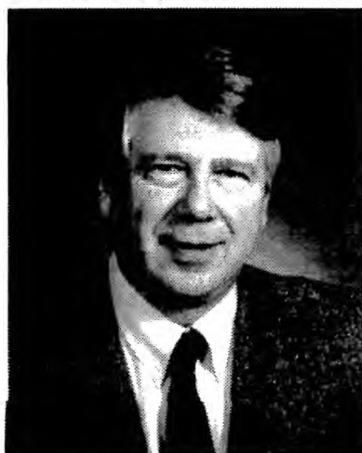
The program has been successful with the assistance of Ann Cobb and, more recently, Jana Lamboy, and several summer assistants over the years. "Teamwork is the key to success, and members of my lab work together well no matter how frantic the pace gets!" said Dillard.

Farmers and processors appreciate her efforts. Dean Stuart, who owns the 1000-acre Crystal Valley Farm in Corning, NY, said, "Helene is a good communicator and a real worker. She can talk to the growers and get things across to them on their level. I think she is one of the tops in the country." Dan Hurdle, Field Manager at Seneca Foods in Geneva, who has collaborated with Dillard on collecting field data in snap beans and cabbage since 1986, said, "Nobody is more deserving than Helene. If the rest of the department works like she does, we'll all benefit." Hurdle's only concern? "The higher she goes, I'm afraid, the less we'll see of her."

Dillard does not intend to lose touch with her constituency in industry. Extension and outreach are the things she likes best and she is looking forward to building on the base she has already established in agribusiness. "One of my challenges is learning the fruit industry," said Dillard, who plans to attend the Hudson Valley Fruit School in February, and other fruit industry meetings as soon as possible. "I need to network and talk to the movers and shakers, especially the fruit growers."

The Changing of the Guard

Dillard knows that Herb Aldwinckle's chairmanship is a tough act to follow. "Under Herb's leadership, the department prospered," she said. "He was very good at promoting his people and always looking out for us. Two Liberty Hyde Bailey professors were named from our department during his tenure. Our greenhouse facilities are well maintained; we have new growth chambers and incubators for cultures; we have a state-of-the-art tissue culture facility; and Herb has pushed hard for more graduate students and space to expand."



Herb S. Aldwinckle has been chairman of the department for the past 15 years, and is stepping down to devote more time to his research interests.

"I enjoyed being chair of Plant Pathology," said Aldwinckle, "but I'm very happy that Helene Dillard has taken over from me. She is definitely the best person for the job. Her experience in extension and practical plant pathology will be invaluable in keeping the Department's programs relevant in the years ahead. Coupled with her appreciation of molecular technology, this gives her a great background for chairing the Department in an era when growers problems must be addressed by the most advanced available methods."

Aldwinckle leaves the department stronger than when he started. "For the past 15 years, Dr. Aldwinckle has dedicated himself to improving the Department of Plant Pathology at Geneva," said Dr. Hunter, citing an increase in the number of graduate students, postdocs and research associates during Aldwinckle's tenure, as well as an increase in grant funds and the reputation of the department. "At the same time, Herb has contributed in many ways to strengthening the Station as a whole. His advice as a member of the Station's leadership group has been extremely valuable," said Hunter.

The director stressed that administration at the Station is a team effort and that he is delighted to have Dillard as a member of the leadership group at Geneva. "This is also a time when we must count on our stakeholders to carry the message to Albany that the Station is an important investment," he said. "Helene has extensive contacts around the state who can help carry this message."

In the future, Dillard looks forward to filling three faculty openings in the department and continuing to build an even stronger department of plant pathology. "Even with three faculty openings, we are without question one of the strongest plant pathology departments in the nation. Our challenge is to say on top amidst the continuous budget cuts and downsizing," said Dillard. "Our faculty have diverse interests, and I can visualize us spreading our wings even further across the three primary functions of research, extension, and teaching."

She plans on moving into her new larger office soon. After all, she will need a place to hang her hats. She has accumulated over 150 caps which she wears daily in the field in the summer. Her personal favorites have a story behind them; perhaps they were given to her by a special friend or colleague or perhaps they were acquired at an industry meeting.

Dillard graduated from UC-Berkeley with a B.S. in 1977; from UC-Davis with an M.S. in Soil Science in 1979, and a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology in 1984. She was named Assistant Professor at Cornell in 1984, and became an Associate Professor in 1990. She belongs to the American Phytopathological Society, where she is a Councilor at Large and a member of several committees. She is also a member of the Bean Improvement Cooperative, and the NYS Association of County Agricultural Agents. She is chairperson of the NY State Snap Bean Advisory Committee, and serves as a member of nine NYS advisory committees, including commodities like cabbage, peas, sweet corn, table beets, dry beans, and tomatoes. She also travels extensively on scientific exchanges, having cooperated with farmers in Australia, Zimbabwe, Brazil, and the People's Republic of China. She hopes to continue her interests on behalf of international agriculture.

Dillard lives in Auburn, NY, with her husband Victor, their 4-year-old son Jamar, and JC, Jamar's cat. They plan to move to Geneva soon.

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bers from the exempt and non-exempt job classifications representing some 6,000 employees in both the endowed and statutory colleges at the university. One seat is specifically designated for a representative from the Geneva Experiment Station. The Employee Assembly has the responsibility of attending to their constituents' needs by examining the university's personnel policies and other policies affecting the employment environment at Cornell and making recommendations to the appropriate bodies and university administrators on ways to improve the working environment. The body meets biweekly and transmits its recommendations to the President for review and comment. The Employee Assembly has a working partnership with the university's decision makers. President Rawlings, Sr. Vice President Rogers and Associate Vice President for University Human Resource Services Opperman meet with assembly members regularly to listen to concerns and recommendations and to update the members on the challenges the university faces.

The system is effective, but community support is vital to this effectiveness and to the Employee Assembly's functioning. Participation in campus governance begins with a basic awareness of governance activities, bringing concerns to the assembly or one of its committees, and voting for representatives to the Employee Assembly. **Petitioning begins in mid-January, with signed petitions due in Day Hall on February 10, 1997. Elections are held in the spring. Petitions are available in Personnel, Jordan Hall, or by contacting Cristen Gardner, Director, Office of the Assemblies, 165 Day Hall; phone: 8-5-3715 or e-mail: cg17@cornell.edu.**

While not complete, the Employee Assembly's web site is located at: www.assembly.cornell.edu. The official charter of the body can be found here along with some additional information about current issues they are working on.

*The 1997
NYS Vegetable Conference*
is coming, February 11, 12 & 13!!!
Communications Services would like to
remind all NYSAES participants to
**GET YOUR POSTERS, COLOR PRINTS,
and SLIDE REQUESTS IN SOON,
PREFERABLY THIS WEEK!**

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR BOWLING PARTY NEARS

Don't forget that this Friday, January 31, is the deadline to sign up for the 13th ANNUAL STATION CLUB BOWLING PARTY to be held on Saturday, February 8 at 9:00 pm, at Sunset Bowl, Geneva. As previously mentioned, 12 lanes will be illuminated by strobbing black lights called "Cosmic Bowling" (Cosmic Bowling lanes will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis).

Each team should consist of five (5) bowlers and should have a team name and team captain. If you cannot come up with a team of five, don't worry about it, we'll put you on a team. Although this is strictly for fun, in order to recognize the exhibited bowling talents, prizes will be awarded for: (1) High scratch team series, and (2) High scratch game male/female.

A very reasonable price of \$10.00/Station Club Member and \$12.00/Non-Station Club Member will include three games, shoe rental, and all the pizza and beverage (draft beer and soda) that you can eat and drink. There will be a separate price for those who still want to join in on the fun but do not want to bowl—\$4.00/Station Club Member and \$6.00/Non-Station Club Member. **IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BOWL BUT PLAN ON ATTENDING, YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST PAY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO EAT AND DRINK.**

When you get your team together, the team captain should be the one to submit the bottom section of this announcement with the total amount the team owes. If you are signing up individually, just return the bottom section yourself with the amount you owe. Both should be returned to Matt Lewis in Jordan Hall. Checks should be made payable to STATION CLUB. We hope that everyone gets involved in this event. Hope to see you there!

13th ANNUAL STATION CLUB BOWLING PARTY Saturday, February 8 at 9:00 pm,

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____

TEAM MEMBERS: 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

NON-BOWLERS: _____

COSMIC BOWLING: Yes _____ No _____

Bowling: _____ @ \$10.00/Club Member \$ _____ @ \$12.00/Non-Club Member \$ _____

Non-Bowling: _____ @ \$4.00/Club Member \$ _____ @ \$6.00/Non-Club Member \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

*Return to Matt Lewis, Jordan Hall
Make checks payable to "Station Club"*

CALENDAR

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SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, January 27
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Greg Sandor, Graduate Research Assistant
Topic: Does annual ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*) have an allelopathic effect on Concord grape vines?

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, January 28
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Natasa Petrovic
 Laboratory for Plant Physiology and Plant Virus Diseases, National Institute of Biology, Slovenia
Topic: Changes in the endogenous plant hormones, jasmonic acid and cytokinins, induced by potato virus T^{NTN} infection of potato



DEADLINES

Monday, January 27

NY Wine and Grape Foundation full-length progress reports and half-page summaries of each progress report due to Linda McCandless, Communications Services.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Four Cooper Weathermaster S/T P235/75R15 M&S tires. Extra load. Mounted on Ford 4x4 heavy duty rims. Less than 8,000 miles. Excellent condition. \$50 each—includes rim. Contact Dale at x304.

FOR SALE: Four Cooper Monogram 2000 (Summer Tread) P235/75/R15 tires. Mounted on Ford 4x4 heavy duty rims. Less than 8,000 miles. Excellent condition. \$50 each—includes rim. Contact Dale at x304.

WANTED TO BUY: External hard drive for Mac, 100MB or larger. Call Bill Edinger at x277 or e-mail at wde1@nysaes.cornell.edu

HOUSING WANTED: Family of four seeks two or three-bedroom house or apartment to lease or sublet for three months this spring/summer while remodeling our house. Contact Francine D'Amico at 781-7012 or damico@hws.edu

FOR SALE: Home-brewing supplies. Make great-tasting beer economically. Call for price list. Also anyone interested in having a home brewing magazine, 'Brew Your Own', circulated to them, just call or e-mail me. John Ludwig 539-3155.

SURPLUS FOR SALE

The following items are being surplused by The Field Research Unit. Minimum bid price is given for each item. Send sealed bids to Mark L. Scott, FRU, by Friday, February 7, at 4:00 pm. Please be sure to include your name, campus telephone number, and department on your bid. The Station has the right to reject any or all bids. Successful bidders have three working days to pay for items. Please feel free to give Mark a call at x296 with any questions.

1978 International Hydro 86
 Condition: poor (needs transmission repair)
 Minimum bid: \$1,500

1964 International Hi-Boy 140
 Condition: fair
 Minimum bid: \$1,200

1964 International 140
 Condition: fair
 Minimum bid: \$1,200

1967 Ford 3000 diesel
 Condition: fair
 Minimum bid: \$3,000

1966 International Cub w/belly mount mower 5'
 Condition: good
 Minimum bid: \$2,000

1970's Woods 10' offset mower
 Condition: poor (needs gearbox repair)
 Minimum bid: \$350

FOR SALE: 8MB 72-pin SIMM chip - make an offer. Call Bill Edinger at x277 or e-mail at wde1@nysaes.cornell.edu

LAKE COUNTRY BIKE & SKI CLUB: Cross country ski trips are happening now! To find out more about outings and becoming a member, attend the next meeting on Tuesday Feb. 4 at the Geneva Chamber of Commerce (basement) at 7:30 pm. Or call Jennifer Grant 789-2126 or Tom Geary 789-1138.

HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ: If you have an hour or two a week and would like to help a child, please consider joining us at North Street School in a new program to help children learn to read. There are a large number of students at North Street School who would profit greatly from some help in reading on a one to one basis. We are looking for volunteers who could spend some time each week helping these students. The teacher would provide the material as well as specific directions. In most cases the student would read aloud choosing the correct word to fill in the blank. Any time you could devote to this would be helpful to the child and hopefully to you as well. Contact Tony Shelton (ams5@cornell.edu) or Principal Mary Luckern at North Street School (781-0489).

FYI from Communications Services

Meetings are up and running and so are Station researchers. Communications Services would like to remind you to get your posters, color prints, and slide requests in as soon as possible. Procrastination is the thief of time—and also the cause of avoidable error.

- **POSTERS:** Cathy Weeden will be handling posters in Jordan Hall now that Bernadine Aldwinckle has officially retired. Call Cathy (x251) to schedule her time in advance if you know you'll be needing her services.

- **PHOTOS:** Address photographic, digital, composite, and color print requests to Rob Way (x357) or Joe Ogrodnick (x324) in the Barton Lab photo studios.

- **SLIDES:** Send slides to Slidemaker@nysaes.cornell.edu and include your name, due date, and special delivery instructions. Address questions to Linda McCandless at x417. CS supports Powerpoint 2.0, 3.0, and 4.0, Persuasion 2.1 and 3.0, Canvas 3.5.1, ClarisWorks 4.0, and MacDraw Pro 1.0v1. We can also make slides made in Illustrator 3.2 or PageMaker up to 6.0. We can work from a Mac or PC platform with one caveat: if you use Powerpoint in Windows 95, **SAVE AS** Powerpoint 4.0.

When your slides are ready, Bev Dunham will notify you by phone or e-mail.

NOTE: If you use applications other than the ones listed, it may take us a few days to work out the hardware/software "handshake," so, please don't plan on using new software for fast turn-around projects without giving us prior notice. We like learning new software and accommodating the latest versions, but not under impossible deadlines!

We appreciate your cooperation at this very busy time of the year. Quality work takes time. **AND** - there are a lot of you!

**"Once
 the game is over,
 the king and the pawn
 go back into
 the same box."**

-Italian Proverb-