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BRIEFS

NEW PHONE DIRECTORIES
AVAILABLE

A new single-sheet Station phone directory is being sent out with this issue of *News*. Pick one up in your department/unit. This list is also available on the Computer Centre file server in the folder named "Station Info".

TELECOMMUNICATION
CHANGES

Computer Services is the unit to notify in regards to Telecommunications problems and work to be done. Patty Gibbs is the point person for Ron Pool, John Barnard, and Mark Casasanta. She can be reached at x289. Patty is the only person that Telephone, Computer, Network, etc. problems can be reported to. In Patty's absence Ann Best will be the back-up point person at x301.

MAKING NETSCAPE EASIER
TO USE!

If you are always using Netscape via Bear Access or Launch Pad you may not be aware that there is an easier and quicker way to access Netscape—by moving it to your system's Apple Menu. This saves you a step by allowing you to bypass Bear Access when you wish to "Surf the Web."

To move Netscape into the Apple Menu:

- 1) Locate Netscape on your computer by using *Find* in the **File** menu of the Finder.
- 2) Make an Alias of Netscape by selecting Netscape and then using the *Make Alias* option in the **File** menu of the Finder.

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A PIE-IN-THE-EYE SUCCESS



Plant pathology chair Helene Dillard took more than one direct hit when contest winners stepped up to the pie-shooting line during Employee Recognition Day, September 19.

Anyone who came away with a bellyache after Employee Recognition Day on Friday afternoon, Sept. 19, did so from laughing or eating too much. Over 300 employees, graduate students and visiting scientists attended the event which was held at the Pavilion, from 1-4 pm. The general consensus was: "I haven't laughed so hard in a long time," and "let's make this an annual event."

Joe Ogrodnick, who was busy taking pictures, iterated the sentiments of many when he said: "I enjoyed this a whole lot more than I expected."

The event started at 1 pm, with a hot buffet lunch provided by administration. It was catered by Club 86 and served by the director, department chairmen, and unit leaders. Food consisted of fried chicken, Ziti and meatballs, salad, potatoes, rolls, and four-layer cake.

The recreational contests started at 2, and "bought out the competitive spirit in everybody," according to Charie Hibbard. Horseshoes, twister, hula hoop, a balloon toss, volleyball, golf, softball, football and Frisbee throws, and basketball foul shots kept the active involved. Peter McDonald's balloon toss started out dry but ended up wet. The last balloons were lobbed at higher-ups. Jim Hunter, for instance, was seen cradling a pink deterrent until well after the balloon toss was officially over—"just in case," he said.

Hugh Price ran a 3-legged race, sack race, shovel race and 5-person sled with an efficiency that belied some past military training. Several heats had to be run for each race before winners could be determined.

The least demure participated in the tricycle race run by Charie Hibbard, whose choice

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(PIE-IN-THE-EYE, cont.)

of vehicles—trike, mini 2-wheeler with training wheels, and jointed plastic tank—turned tumble on more than a few. All participants quickly reverted to their best 4-year-old style: riding one foot on the seat and pushing hell-bent for leather with the other. This technique worked well except for the finish line.

Winners of all events received certificates, lots of applause, and the opportunity to throw whipped cream pies at the director, chairman, or unit leader of choice. Helene Dillard provided over 36 pies in chocolate, tapioca and vanilla, which prompted the comment from one bystander: "Isn't that like the condemned man plugging in his own electric chair?"

Wendell Roelofs, who was the creative force behind the event, was the first to step up to the "clown" target, which had been built and painted by B&P's multi-talented Jeff Thibault. The first few "throwers" missed the targets, which prompted Roelofs to start taunting his assailants until he got his first faceful.

Helene Dillard stepped up to take her cream pies wearing a shower cap. "That was the first time I ever got real pie in the face," she said, and characterized the whole experience as "yucky" except for the chocolate, which "tasted quite good." She noted it took quite an effort to wash it out of her hair: "Letting it dry was my big mistake."

Bob Seem, Dave Lasher, Jim Hunter, Jim McFerson, Wendell Roelofs, Hugh Price, and Mark McLellan could not wait until they got home; they washed up under the spigot by the Pavilion.

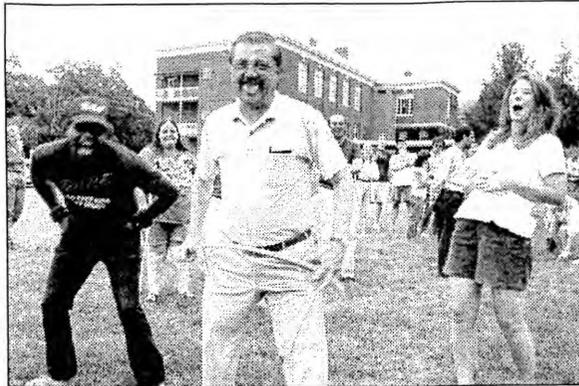
"I want to express my appreciation to Wendell Roelofs for suggesting that we do this, and for his leadership in planning the event," said Jim Hunter. "Also, I need to thank everyone who worked with Wendell to make the event a great success."

The director, however, has grave second thoughts about Wendell's suggestion that winners of contests get to throw a pie at the director and department chairs. "Whether or not this is an annual event has yet to be decided," he said.

Roelofs' take at the end of the day was through a sea of chocolate. "When I saw the clapping fans at the end of the day, I felt that everything had come off extremely well and right on time," he said. "It could not have been better for weather, food, or for the running of the events. Everyone involved in these events did a great job and made it fun for the participants. The success of the employee interaction hinged on making the events so that they involved everyone in participation or in cheering on the participants and I felt that it went better than we ever imagined when we first met to discuss this whole affair." He thanks everyone for taking such an active role in making this a very successful recognition day for all.

WINNERS

The Station Club ran a raffle and had 5 winners. Matt Lewis (Comm Services) won lunch for two at Mario's Restaurant. Steve Carpenter (Hort Sci) won the \$50 gift certificate from Belhurst Castle. Rick Piccioni (Hort Sci) won the \$40 gift certificate from Spinnakers. Debbie Ditzel (FST) won brunch for two at the Pier House. Dave Wiemann (PGRU) won the massage therapy session.

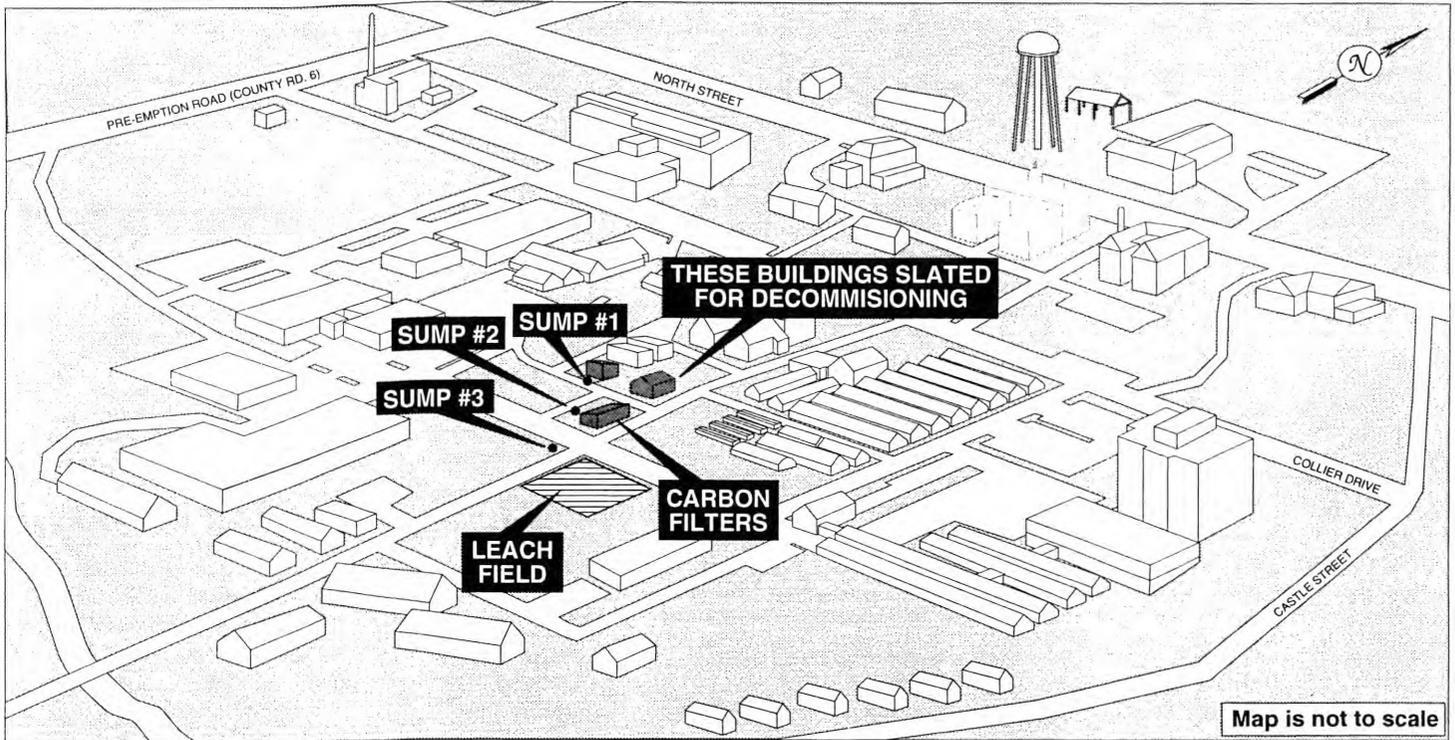


(Clockwise, from upper left:) Gary Harman's hula hoop form made the crowd howl. Jim Hunter received his fair share of whipped cream and was still smiling at the end. The 5-person sled race was a real team trial and tested everyone's foot-mouth coordination. A good time was had by all and more photos of the event will circulate among departments soon.

Employee day games winners were: Softball Throw, (men's) Jeff Thibault, (women's) Pat Wallace; Football Throw, (men's) Lee Hibbard, (women's) Pat Wallace; Hula Hoop, Antje Baummer; Balloon Toss, Jim McFerson and Tom Burr; Tricycle Race, tie between Pat Marcella Herrick and Sherri Tennes; Golf, Jeff Thibault; Horseshoes, Fred Jensen and Mark Scott; Basketball, Dave Lasher; Sack Race, tie between Joy Bolar and Tony Shelton; Shovel Race, John Thibault and Ann Best; 3-Legged Race, Jim McFerson and Phil Beeman; 5-Person Sled, Dennis Gonsalves, Wendell Roelofs, Dave Gadoury, Jim McFerson, and Art Agnello. The Frisbee throw was won by Kristin Ondik.

The winner of the new Station T-shirt design contest was Jody Mills, whose design was #4—that's the one with NYSAES with small graphics of a microscope, DNA, beetle, apple, etc. in-between the letters. The design is currently in the Director's office awaiting approval, after which it will be passed on to Gemma Osborne who will send it to Ithaca for final approval before it can go into production.

PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES COMPLETE



Cornell University has completed site assessment activities at the inactive treatment facility for dilute pesticides at the Agricultural Experiment Station that were initiated last fall. The next phase of the project is to decommission and remove the remaining components of the former treatment system, and remove any contaminated soil.

Further activities will be conducted based on a work plan being drafted by consulting engineers at International Technology (IT) Corporation, who submitted their assessment report to project managers at Cornell University's Environmental Compliance Office in May.

The study just released by IT characterizes the former site as of no significant threat to human health or the environment.

"The general conclusion of the investigation activities indicate the treatment system has had limited impact on surface and subsurface soil in and around the leach field and sumps, and minimal impact on groundwater at and down-gradient of sumps 2 and 3 and the leach field," according to the IT report.

"We look forward to finishing the next phase of work and completing the decommissioning project," said Jim Hunter, Director of the Experiment Station.

The former system is located on a quarter-acre site near the center of campus. It consists of a concrete rinse pad, a series of three underground concrete sumps, two above-ground carbon filters, and a leach field. Station employees used the system from about 1940 until 1994 to load, rinse, and clean pesticide application equipment while conducting spraying operations in nearby Station orchards and fields. A more environmentally safe pesticide rinse water treatment facility became fully operational at the Station in July 1995.

According to project manager Peter Paradise, Environmental Engineer with Cornell's Environmental Compliance Office, further decommissioning activities will include:

- Removal of the three sumps and associated piping;
- Removal of the leach field infrastructure;
- Decommissioning of three adjacent buildings (the former spray shop, the former campus spray facility, and an old storage shed);
- Removal of the limited surface and subsurface contamination;
- Backfilling with clean material and grading;

- Disposal of all material in a manner appropriate to the specific waste stream in accordance with NYS DEC regulations. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Region 8 (Avon, NY), and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation (Rochester office), have reviewed the site investigation report and approved the next phase of work in concept.

IT is developing the work plan that details how the system will be removed, how much soil will be removed, building demolition and disposal plans, and confirmatory sampling, as well as a health and safety plan for site activities. These documents will be sent to the DEC and DOH for final approval before work can begin. Further decommissioning also depends on approval and release of the second phase of funding from the State University Construction Fund (SUCF). Cornell received funds for the initial decommissioning study from SUCF.

Pending review and approval of the work and safety plans by the DEC and DOH, and the expected release of funds, Paradise expects the next phase of decommissioning to start late this fall or early next spring.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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SEMINARS

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, September 30
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Joseph Esnard
 Department of Plant Pathology,
 Ithaca
Topic: *Pasteuria-Melioidogyne*: How
 does this bacterium to
 nematode attachment occur?

ENTOMOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, September 30
Time: 10:30 am
Place: The Paul J. Chapman
 Conference Room,
 Room 310, Barton Lab
Speaker: Dr. Wopke Van der Werf
 Visiting Scientist with Dr. Jan
 Nyrop from the Department of
 Theoretical Production Ecology,
 Wageningen Agricultural
 University
Topic: Biological Control of Cotton
 Aphid in Cotton (inter) Cropping
 Systems in China:
 A Simulation Study
*There will be a period of social interaction
 with the speaker at 10:00.
 Coffee & cookies will be available.*

DATES TO SAVE

Station Club Banquet
 Club 86
 Featuring the band E'CO
 Friday, November 7

**20th Annual Holiday Craft
 Fair and Book Sale**
 Jordan Hall
 Saturday, November 8

Station Club Holiday Party
 Jordan Hall
 Sunday, December 7

Watch future News for more details!

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3) *Drag* the newly created alias of Netscape either into the **Apple** Menu folder which is in (at least it should be in) your System folder.

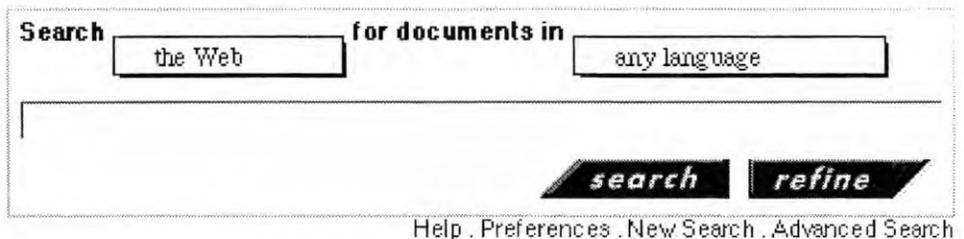
Note: You don't really need to create an alias of Netscape, but this will allow you to keep the "original" in it's place while also granting you access via the ever present Apple Menu. Also, you can, if you wish, simply drag Netscape to your desktop. This will give you fast access to Netscape, only you run the risk of having it buried under open windows.

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THIS WEEK'S USEFUL WWW SITE

Do you need to find some information on the Web? Do you want to get a general idea of who is linking to your web page? If so try AltaVista, at: www.altavista.digital.com. AltaVista is one of the Web's premier search engines with over 60 gigabytes of data that is easily searchable by a number of criteria in over 25 different languages.

Using AltaVista is easy. When you enter the site you will see the following dialog box:



Simply type the word or phrase "in quotes" or the URL you wish to search for, then press the search button or hit return. AltaVista will then present you with a clickable list of the sites it has indexed in its rather extensive database that match your query. Sites will be rated, with the sites that best match your query appearing first (usually). You may then either visit any of the listed sites or further refine your search by specifying other criteria a site must meet in order to be selected. For the really daring, there is even a fancy Advanced Search that allows much more specific search criteria.

Note: when using AltaVista putting a phrase in quotes means search for this phrase in the order the words appear. So searching for "Apple Mac" will generate different results than searching for: Apple Mac. The first search will return all pages that contain the phrase "Apple Mac". The second would return any pages that contain the word Apple and / or the word Mac.

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CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: Nice, one-bedroom second floor apartment. Off-street parking. \$400 includes heat and water. Available immediately. Call Kathy at x211, e-mail: kad2 or call 789-7482 after 3:00 pm.

FOR SALE: '91 Ford Taurus 7-passenger wagon, V6, airbag, AC, AM/FM/cassette; battery, brakes, and tires replaced within last two years; 99K well-maintained miles. \$3250 or best offer. Call Hilda Collins x453 or e-mail hlc6.

FOR SALE: Garlic for planting. \$4/lb. Plants about 20' row. Stiff-neck type. Contact John Ludwig at jwl2, 539-3155, or x317.

FOR SALE: Natural gas space heater (Empire) model RH-25-, 125,000 BTU, like new, includes platform, flexible hose, piping. \$275. Call 585-9922.

FOR SALE: 87 Chrysler LeBaron. Excellent condition, 87K miles. AT, AC, AM/FM with cassette, cruise, tilt. Well-maintained (brakes, exhaust, and shocks replaced last year; oil changed every 3K miles). Asking \$1,500 or best offer. Call Kenji at x224, 781-1613 or E-mail at ks64@cornell.edu.

BOTTLE & CANDRIVE: The Geneva High School Marching Band/Color Guard will hold a Bottle & Can Drive Saturday, October 4th. at the Northside Fire Department. Band students will canvas the city for donations or bottles & cans may be dropped off at the firehouse between 9:30 am-1:00 pm. For pick-up call: 789-3187, 789-9193 or 789-8758.