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BRIEFS

STATION NEWS

Items for Station News should be sent to Pat Blakeslee (pb64@nysaes.cornell.edu), interim News editor in Communications.

COLLIER DRIVE TO BE CLOSED JULY 31 AND AUGUST 1

On Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, August 1, Shuttleworth Asphalt Sealing will be on campus sealing Collier Drive from Pre-Emption Road to the loading dock on the back side of the Food Science Building. The back parking lots of the Food Science Bldg. will also be sealed and striped. All campus entrances off Pre-Emption road will be closed. Collier drive will be closed from Pre-Emption road to the loading dock of food science. Food science staff should move all vehicles from the lower parking lots prior to leaving for the weekend. All entrances off North Street will be open.

PIM LARSSON-KOVACH PROMOTED

Pim Larsson-Kovach has been promoted from Senior Research Associate I to Senior Research Associate II, effective July 1, 1999.

"This promotion is in recognition of Pim's accretion of duties as well as her outstanding performance of those duties in dramatically improving the productivity and quality of the analytical work performed in Northeast Regional IR-4 program," said Dick Durst, the new chairman of FS&T.

Larsson-Kovach is the Associate Director of the Analytical Chemistry Laboratories, and the Laboratory Coordinator and Research

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PETER McDONALD APPOINTED HEAD OF COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT FOR SYRACUSE

Peter McDonald is leaving the Station to become Associate University Librarian for Collection Development at the Syracuse University Library, effective September 20, 1999.

"We have been extremely fortunate to have Peter provide leadership for the Station Library since he joined us on June 24, 1993," said Director Jim Hunter. "Peter has brought the Station Library into the digital age and prepared to provide exceptional service in the years ahead."

The director and others at the Station indicate they will miss McDonald's innovative and dynamic leadership, and the fine working relationships they have enjoyed.

"Peter McDonald comes to Syracuse with a reputation both for scholarship and for energy in getting things done," said Peter S. Graham, SU's University Librarian. He credits McDonald's understanding of research library collection building, his ability as a change-maker, and his articulate formulation of the major issues in scholarly communication are skills that will serve us well at Syracuse.

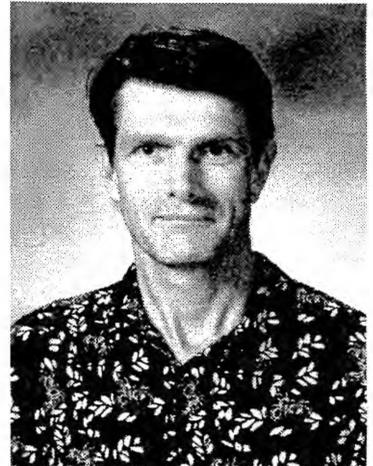
Graham went on to note that McDonald brings the necessary understanding of print and electronic information resources to our University. "He has written prize-winning publications, and he has experience in providing digital resources to a major library. He also has authoritative book-preservation training," said Graham.

"I am truly honored to have been chosen for this position," said McDonald. "Syracuse is an excellent university with a distinguished collection. These are heady days for librarianship, so it will be an exciting challenge to work with Peter Graham, my new colleagues and faculty, to help lead this fine library into the 21st century."

McDonald's responsibilities at the Syracuse University Library will include managing the acquisitions budget of over \$3.5 million, coordinating the work of the Library's selectors, negotiating contracts and licenses with digital and book vendors, and maintaining an effective balance of print and electronic information resources.

As director of the Cornell library at Geneva, McDonald managed its transition from a solely print-based collection to a high-technology library with access to all the University's data bases as well as its traditional journals and books. Among McDonald's Ithaca responsibilities, he has served as the chair of the science selectors team at the Cornell University Library, and is a member of the Cornell libraries' Electronic Resources Council and Collection Development Executive Committee.

From 1990 to 1993 McDonald was a bibliographer for the Core Agricultural Literature Project at the Mann Library of Cornell University. In prior years he worked as a reference librarian and Mellon preservation intern at the New York Public Library, and as assistant to the director of the Grolier Club, the oldest antiquarian book club in North America.



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In 1994 McDonald edited *The Literature of Soil Science* for Cornell University Press, and in 1997 he co-edited *The Literature of Forestry and Agroforestry*, also for CUP. The series won an award in 1997 from the National Agricultural Library. McDonald also received an award from the American Library Association for his co-authorship of the article, "The Internet and Collection Development: Mainstreaming the Selection of Internet Resources," *Library Resources and Technical Services* (July, 1995).

McDonald obtained his B.A. in English Literature from McGill University, his M.L.S from the University of Washington, and a Preservation Administration Certificate from Columbia University.

The Station congratulates Peter for a job well done and wishes him much success in his new position. His last day at the Station will be August 27.

### EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Mary Slight will be in Geneva on August 27 to give a presentation on the Early Retirement Incentive Program at 10:00 a.m. in the Staff Room, Jordan Hall. Before and after the presentation she will meet with individuals in the FST conference room. Please call 8-5-4455 to set up a time to meet with her.



Station Club is once again sponsoring the sale of discount passes (\$10.50/adults and \$5.99/children 6 to 12-years-old) to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Renaissance Festival. The festival takes place every Saturday and Sunday, rain or shine, through August 15 in Sterling, NY. Parking is free. Tickets are available from Donna Roelofs Monday-Thursday through August 12. (Please note that Donna will not be available to sell tickets on Fridays). More information can be obtained online ([www.sterlingfestival.com](http://www.sterlingfestival.com)) or by requesting a brochure from Donna at e-mail [dr2](mailto:dr2) or x325.

## 10 TIPS FOR REDUCING OFFICE HEALTH RISKS

**B**eing a part of your department's administrative support team can be very demanding. You are always on call and you may often face shifting work priorities.

Office workers face health risks that recently have been recognized. Sitting in one place doing one thing for a long time can lead to muscle stiffness and soreness. Staring at a computer screen for most of the day can produce headaches or eyestrain. Worse yet, long hours at the keyboard can lead to repetitive stress injuries.

Environmental Health & Safety has some good news for you. There are many steps you can take to help reduce stress and tension and minimize your risk of injury. You're a valuable member of the NYS Agricultural Experiment Station team. Here are 10 tips to help avoid health problems:

### 1. Adjust your chair to fit your body.

If your chair can't be adjusted, ask for a back cushion or footrest if you need it. Roll and swivel your chair rather than bending or twisting your body.

### 2. Watch your posture.

Sitting up straight really makes a difference. Your shoulders should be relaxed, your thighs parallel to the floor and your feet flat on the floor.

### 3. Take frequent rest breaks.

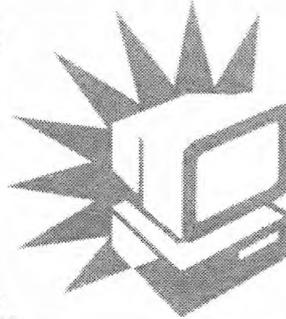
Shift your sitting position. Breathe deeply. Look away from the screen and focus your eyes across the room. Stand up and stretch. Get up and walk to other side of the office.

### 4. Exercise while sitting at your desk!

Stretch out your fingers. Raise your shoulders toward your head. Stretch your arms, with hands linked together, above your head. With hands linked, stretch your arms behind your neck and then behind your back. Lean your head to the side while facing forward. Turn your head to look over one shoulder, then the other. Hold each stretch for 10-15 seconds. Repeat exercises several times throughout the day.

### 5. Minimize neck strain

by placing your computer monitor directly in front of you about 18-24 inches away from your body.



The top should be just below eye level. Clean your screen daily to remove dirt and fingerprints. Set the brightness level low and the contrast level high avoid eyestrain.

### 6. Use a document holder at eye level.

Often document holders can be attached to your computer screen.

### 7. Put your keyboard at elbow height.

Hold your wrists straight while typing. Padded wrist rests may give you added comfort.

### 8. Use your arm, not just your wrist, to move the mouse.

If you use the mouse a lot, switching hands occasionally throughout the day will give your primary hand a rest.

### 9. Give your hands a break.

If you're not typing, writing or using the mouse, put your hands in your lap or top of your desk.

### 10. Organize your desk to suit your work style.

Keep materials you use frequently, such as your telephone and keyboard close at hand (no more than 14 to 18 inches away). Clear clutter from underneath your desk so you can move your feet and stretch your legs.

Taking care of yourself will pay off. Following the 10 tips above will help reduce muscle tension, improve circulation, increase alertness and enhance concentration. Plus, you will decrease stress, and minimize or eliminate pain. You and your co-workers will all benefit from a healthier working environment.

S. Kong

# FAREWELL PICNIC

for  
**NORM & CATHY  
WEEDEN**

as they depart for  
Montana State University

Thursday, August 19, 1999  
NYSAES Pavilion

5:30 PM Social Hour  
(Please bring your own wine or fa-  
vorite beverage to share)  
Lemonade/Iced Tea will be provided

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6:30 PM Dinner  
(Catered by Club 86)

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- Barbequed Chicken
- Red Roasted Potatoes
- Ziti/Meatless Sauce
- Sweet Corn/Butter
- Tossed Salad
- Rolls/Butter
- Brownies
- Watermelon
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**Cost \$10/person**

**Reservations with  
cash or checks  
to Dona Soper  
([dns1@cornell.edu](mailto:dns1@cornell.edu))  
315/787-2234  
102 Hedrick Hall  
NYSAES,  
Geneva**

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by Friday,  
August 13, 1999

## RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ no. of reservations @ \$ 10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gift donation (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

**JULY 30 - AUGUST 6, 1999**

**LTC**

**August 3, 2 - 4 p.m.**  
FileMaker Pro Beginning

**August 4, 9 - 10:30 a.m.**  
MAC Intermediate

**August 5, 10-11:30 a.m.**  
Web Research

**STATION SOFTBALL**

**Week 1 Playoffs**

*(Coin Toss for Home Team)*

**Game 1** Barton Lab defeated Hort Sci  
**Game 2** FSPC vs. Service Staff (TBA)

**Week 2 Playoffs**

**Game 3** Monday, August 2  
Barton Lab vs. Winner  
Game 2

**Game 4**  
Tuesday, August 3  
Hort Sci vs. Loser  
Game 2

**Game 5**  
Wednesday, August 4  
Winner Game 4 vs.  
Loser Game 3



**Championship Game**

Thursday, August 5  
Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 5

*Games begin at 6:15 p.m. Forfeit at 6:30 p.m.*

**CLASSIFIED**

**TEMPORARY POSITION AVAILABLE:** 10-20 hours per week. Duties include washing pots, watering greenhouses, etc. Please send application to George Mittak, Dept. of Plant Pathology, 222 Barton Lab. For further information, contact George at gmm8@nysaes.cornell.edu or x3334.

**FOR SALE:** 1986 Ford F150 Pick-up. Auto, P/S, P/B, Cassette, 50,000 miles. Runs good. \$895. Contact Herb Aldwinckle hsa1 or at x369, 789-4655.

**SERVICES OFFERED:** Looking for that hard to find tree or shrub or need technical advice? I grow over 85 species of shade trees and flowering shrubs. Most are containerized and ready for planting. Consultations available and delivery to the Station. Call Jim x378 or jpe6@cornell.edu

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Director for the Northeast Region IR-4 Laboratory.

"It has always been a great pleasure to be at Cornell and move on to new challenges," said Larsson-Kovach, who has worked at the Station for nearly 12 years. "I am very happy to be part of a program where the research I do contributes to agriculture in New York and the nation. The main purpose of IR-4 is to help growers obtain registration of chemicals for vegetables and fruits in the effort to help make all our food as safe as possible."

The IR-4 Program works closely with the Environmental Protection Agency to obtain tolerances for specific pesticide uses needed by minor crop producers.

Larsson-Kovach received her B.S. in Pharmacy from the University of Stockholm, in Sweden, and her M.S. in Chemistry and Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry, both from the University of Geneva in Switzerland.

*L. McCandless*



**MUSIC UNDER THE STARS TO AID HUNGER RELIEF**

A "Coffeehouse Under the Stars" will be held at Lakefront Park tonight (July 30) from 7 to 11:30 p.m. This third annual event (held indoors the previous two summers) is a fund-raiser for the Geneva Community Lunch Program. Five bands will perform jazz, funk, and other styles of music at the gazebo near the Chamber of Commerce. Snacks and beverages will be available. Suggested minimum donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Take along a lawn chair or blanket. Don't miss this fun community event! Look for a bright pink poster about it in your department.

**WHALE WATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

This year's Seneca Lake Whale Watch will be held Friday-Sunday, August 20-22. The Station will again host a tent and we need volunteers for our tastings and displays. Volunteers are needed for two-hour time slots for corn roasting, corn serving, cider tasting, tomato tasting, the Entomology Exhibit, and the IPM/Plant Path Exhibit. A pizza lunch, hosted by the Director, will be held again this year on Thursday, August 19. At that time, you will find out all the details of the tasting or exhibit you have signed up for and receive a free ticket to get into the Whale Watch.



**HOW TO ACCESS THE COMPUTER CENTRE FILE SERVER**

- 1) Access "Chooser" under Apple menu.
- 2) Choose AppleShare and AES.Geneva under Appletalk Zones.
- 3) Select "Computer Centre" under "Select a file server" and hit "OK."
- 4) Connect to the File Server as "Guest" and select "OK."
- 5) Highlight "CC" and select "OK."
- 6) The "CC" File Server will now appear as an icon on your desktop. Open it.
- 7) Open the "Whale Watch" folder.
- 8) In that folder is the "Whale Watch Schedule '99."

**Check out the schedule in the Whale Watch folder on the Computer Centre File Server (see instructions) and contact Sandy Antinelli at sja2 or x248 to sign up.**