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BRIEFS

FST Grad Student Wins Competition

Koy Tattiyakul, graduate student in Food Science and Technology in Andy Rao's laboratory, was the winner of the Institute for Thermal Processing Specialists' (I.F.T.P.S.) Student Manuscript Competition. Her manuscript entitled: "Heat transfer to a canned cornstarch dispersion under intermittent agitation," was presented at the 20th Annual Conference of I.F.T.P.S., November 14-16, 2000, in Alexandria, VA. As a winner of the manuscript competition, Tattiyakul received a certificate and a check for \$800.

Help Conserve Energy

It's that time of the year again when the greatest demands are placed on energy needs at the Station. With the possibility that utility costs will rise significantly over the course of this year, it is imperative that we do everything possible to help conserve energy use. There are various things that can be done to help the situation. For example, dress warmly when you come to the office. It may be cooler in some buildings than you might like, and a sweater helps take off that chill. Keep your windows closed even though the idea of having fresh air moving about your office is appealing. If, for some reason, your room is too warm, please call B&P to see if they can tweak



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There Are Artists Among Us

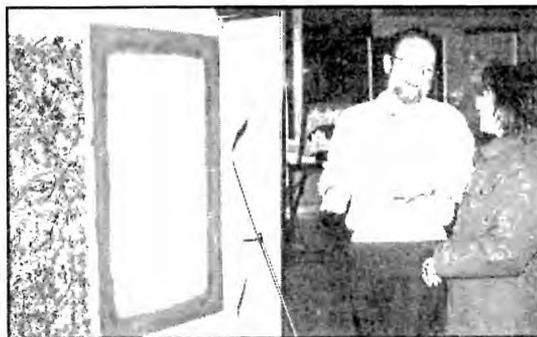
The Experiment Station held its first annual "Artists Among Us" art exhibition on December 5 in Jordan Hall in coordination with the Employee Benefair. The purpose of the exhibition was to showcase the artistic and creative talents of Station employees and their families. The show was coordinated by Plant Pathology's Amy Anderson along with Communication Service's Gemma Osborne.

Anderson credits Horticultural Science's Martin Goffinet for originally coming up with idea. Goffinet wondered why Geneva did not hold an art show like the Ithaca campus did. Since it was difficult for Geneva employees to make the trip to Ithaca, he felt we should have our own showcase here. From that idea the "Artists Among Us" art exhibit was born.

Anderson got the ball rolling by sending an e-mail to the whole Station in October asking people to express their interest in contributing works of art and asking for feedback to

gauge if they would be interested in attending such a show. Anderson received so many favorable responses, she went to the next step and asked for entries. As the entries rolled in, she and Osborne began to coordinate the logistics of the event. In order to attract more of the Station community, they decided to hold the art show from 9 am to noon during the Employee Benefair and while flu shots were offered. They figured this would create maximum exposure for their exhibitors.

This first show featured the works of an interesting and varied collection of talent: Amy Andersen (pen and ink, saw blade and acrylic on wicker), Martin and Apryl Goffinet (greenwing teal drake, placemat and cherry bedside table), Nestor Ortiz (oil paintings), Mike Dickson (oil and watercolor paintings), Cherie Reid (photograph and pinecone wreath), Rixana Petzoldt (quilts and watercolor paintings), Warren Lamboy (oil Paintings), Jana Lamboy (watercolor Paintings), Holly King (watercolor paintings), Katie McCormick (watercolor paintings) and Matt Huftalen (pen and ink, scratch board, drawings). In total, 56 pieces of art work where shown.



Warren Lamboy discusses his work with Karen English-Loeb



Glen Straight, Cheri Reid and Michele Holden look at paintings done by Holly King

Given that it was their first attempt at such an event, Anderson was pleased with the show and felt it was a real success. She realizes that the three-hour timeframe was a little short, but she believes it was a good indicator for future shows. "If we got enough people to stop by and view the artwork and received enough positive comments, we would know that this could carry on to another year and another show," Anderson said. "I think it means a lot to the employees to actu-

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the heating system to make things more comfortable. If you have experiments in the greenhouse, be sure that timers are working properly to help control when lights are used. If they are not working properly, call B&P personnel to fix or replace them. If you leave your office for more than half an hour, please turn off the lights. This can do a great deal to reduce energy use when everyone follows the 30-minute rule. If the area in which you work is too cold for you to be comfortable even when dressed warmly, please contact B&P to see if they can do something to adjust the temperature before resorting to the use of a space heater. And, space heaters can be used only if permission is granted by B&P, because there is no other viable alternative.

About \$1.4 million is spent during the course of a year on utilities at the Station. By far, the greatest number of dollars is used for natural gas and electricity. Costs for both of these items are beginning to creep up, so extra care is needed to keep them under control.

The Station has an excellent energy management system in place. Oftentimes, there will be a balance left in the utility budget at the end of the fiscal year. These monies have been used to further improve energy efficiency of various buildings and include such things as the installation of new windows in Jordan and Hedrick Halls. A similar project will likely be undertaken to replace the windows in Sturtevant Hall.

Through the years, employees have done an excellent job of helping to conserve energy at the Station. Many of your ideas for conservation have been used. We thank you for your fine cooperation on this important project.

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ally see another side of the people they work with. And, for some, this may be their only opportunity to showcase their talents," she added. Anderson has high ambitions for the future. She hopes to have more contributors that represent even more mediums, perhaps even including sculpture.

Anderson would especially like to thank Nestor Ortiz for his invaluable help with the display, set-up and take-down and his creativity. Anderson also credits Nancy Long and Randy Worobo for the cider, Dr. Hunter for approving the art show, Charie Hibbard, Elaine Gotham and Donna Boyce for help finalizing details. Anderson says, "Of course, the big thanks goes out to all of the artists who gave this show a chance, for sharing their talents with the Station, and for all of those employees who took the time to visit the exhibit."

The purpose of the Benefair was for employees to have the opportunity to speak with the vendor experts/representatives from the Office of Human Resources, Ithaca. This is the open enrollment period for health insurance and the select benefit accounts, so is the best time for employees to ask questions pertaining to specific needs. The vendors/ reps who were at this year's Benefair were: NYS Insurance Fund, Seabury & Smith, CIGNA, NY College Savings program (TIAA-CREF), Educations Programs, Extramural Study, Career Services,

Select Benefits, Statutory Health, Statutory Retirement, MetLife, Aetna Financial Services, TIAA-CREF, Tax-Deferred Annuity, and Fidelity.

Charie Hibbard, who helped organize the Fair said, "Thanks should go to Dr. Hunter for encouraging and supporting employees attendance; Gemma Osborne for her enthusiastic support, Departments and Units for their door prize donations; the B&P crew for set up/ tear down (thank you for your patience, Carol); Amy Andersen for the cookies, FST for the cider; Nestor Ortiz for his expertise in arranging the works of art; the Station artists; the vendors and representatives from Cornell; Gannett Health Center for their cooperation in administering 97 flu shots; and especially to all the employees who made the Geneva Benefair a success."

Linda McCandless



Julie Kikkert talks with Becky Vallely from MetLife Financial Services during Wednesday's Benefair

*Who is the 1954
Apple "Bunny"?*

pick up your copy of the all-new....

*2001 Baby Boomer MSAES
Calendar!*

Identify this person and win a prize!



REMINDER

This seems like an appropriate time of the year for a reminder to departments and units about the Station alcohol policy. Please refer to the University Alcohol policy, at the URL, <http://www.univco.cornell.edu/policy/ALC.html>, or by contacting Charie Hibbard in Personnel, or the Director's Office, for clarification.

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2000 Pesticide Applicators' Report

It's that time of the year - time to prepare the 2000 annual pesticide reports. Remember: All applicators must file a report - including those who didn't make any application in 2000.

Contact me at cah3 -or- X2210 for the following forms in electronic or hard copy form (Forms can also be downloaded from the DEC web site at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dshm/pesticide/prul.htm>.):

1. Directions, Word 6.0/95
2. Front of the report form 44-15-26 (where data entry occurs), in Excel 4**
3. Back of the report form 44-15-26 (DEC directions), in Word 6.0/95
4. Attachment 44-15-26A (for groups submitting reports for more than one applicator one form), in Word 6.0/95

Also, applicators have the option of entering their records into a web-based database, <http://128.84.37.89:591/applications/>

Any applicator at any Cornell business registration can use this database, which will generate the annual report. This database will be developed more fully during the coming months and more applicators will be encouraged to use it next year.

Geneva reporting procedures are outlined below.

Specific Directions for Geneva Applicators (NOTE: Geneva's Business Registration Number is 06644):

1. Every person who was certified for any part of 2000 must submit an annual pesticide report, whether or not s/he made any pesticide applications.

2. All reports for Geneva must be submitted to me, NOT directly to the DEC. Reports should be submitted to: Charie Hibbard, Human Resources, Jordan Hall.

3. Reports are due to me NO LATER THAN Friday, January 12, 2001. You may submit them at any time between now and January 12. I must mail them out for delivery to the DEC by February 1, 2001. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation!

4. I am accepting and prefer hard copy (paper) versions of the report.

5. Submit your original report. Keep a copy for yourself. You never know when someone will ask to see it.

6. Every applicator is responsible for submitting reports under all applicable Cornell Business registrations.

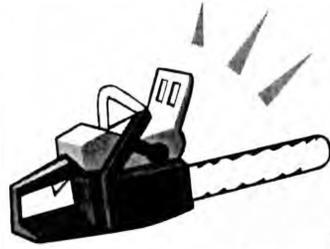
If you have questions, please contact me at X2210 or Mary-Lynn Cummings at 8-5-2557 -or- at mc101@cornell.edu.

**For those using the electronic version of the reporting form (in Excel 4): The file is for-

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Chain Saw Safety Course

Peg Leg was mum when Dan Tilton pulled up the safety chaps and she didn't even squawk when the New Hampshire lumberjack dropped the fully revved Jonsared onto her calf. In less than half the rotation of the razor-sharp blade, the chain saw was jammed to a standstill with nylon. Peg Leg escaped with barely a scratch. Peg Leg is a log—"I never do get volunteers for this demonstration," said Tilton. But the demonstration was proof enough for the 30 Station employees attending the workshop in Chainsaw Safety, that chaps can save your leg if a chainsaw snaps back around when the nose-zone hits an obstacle.



Tilton gave a four-hour workshop on November 29, at FRU,

that impressed the veteran B&P and FRU crews, some of whom have been using chainsaws for 25 years or more. He covered what to look for in shopping for a chainsaw, safe operation, sharpening, types of chains, and the latest in safety protection garments. For the last hour, workshop participants moved out onto the farm, donned hard hats and safety glasses, and watched Tilton cut down a tree. Tilton took everyone step by step through the process from the beginning, including how to judge a tree and identify the neighboring widow-makers, how to determine which way you want the tree to fall, and how to cut it to get it to go the way you want to. Among the techniques he advocates is the full-circle grip on the saw handle, a wide (about 85 degree) notch, then a bore cut into the heartwood that leaves a hinge strap. The method insures a log will not split up into the more valuable timber, will remain stable because it will still be attached to the trunk when it falls, and avoids having the trunk kicking back into the logger's head or other valuable body parts.

Al Soper, Field Coordinator for the Field Research Unit, whose crew frequently uses chainsaws in the orchards for pruning and cutting down dead trees and limbs, thought it was "a very informative and useful" program.

"Dan covered all the material and aspects of chainsaw safety and operation," said Soper. "Some of the photos were fairly gory, but they backed up the message of safe operation." Soper had never seen the bore cut before. "On a bigger tree or in a commercial operation where you don't want to split the log, it's a very valuable technique to know," he said.

David Felicetti, agricultural science research technician for PGRU, found Tilton "very energetic and informative." He said he learned a lot about safety and chain sharpening. "Learning how a chain actually cuts, by chiseling through the kerf, was something I didn't know," said Felicetti.

Tilton's presentation was sponsored by Environmental Health and Safety and coordinated by Mary-Lynn Cummings, Soon Kong, and Mike Vitucci.

Anyone wishing to contact Tilton may do so at Tilton Equipment Company, Eastern Division; 189 Lafayette Road; P.O. Box 68; Rye, NH 03870; 603-964-6560.

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matted so that the header will repeat on every page of the report (columns 1-9). this is ESSENTIAL. If you add more rows to the form, remember to set your print area to include all of your report data. When you print the form, make sure that 1) it contains the header on every report page, and 2) the report you turn in contains only the first 9 columns. The extra columns are to assist you in record keeping, and should NOT be submitted.

Charie Hibbard

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

President Hunter R. Rawlings III will make a state of the university address that will be broadcast to Station employees in the Jordan Hall Auditorium, using the new Polycom system, from noon-1 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 13. President Rawlings is delivering the address in the Statler Auditorium in Statler Hall. The event, sponsored by the Employee Assembly (EA), is intended to provide employees with an update on the sta-

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

DECEMBER 8-15, 2000

MEETING

CHAIRS' & UNIT LEADERS' MEETING

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2000
Time: 2 P.M.
Place: Room A-133, Barton Lab

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, December 11
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Jordan Hall Staff Room
Subject: "Booster Rockets, Pressure Bombs, and Root Trenches: Fighting the battle Between Maximum Vineyard production and Vine Balance with Concord Roots"
Speaker: Terence Bates, Research Associate, Horticultural Sciences Department, Vineyard Laboratory, Fredonia

SPECIAL SEMINAR

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2000
Time: 10-11 A.M.
Place: Jordan Hall Staff Room
Subject: Special seminar for candidate for Assistant Professor of Insect Physiology/Biochemistry in Dept of Entomology-Dr. Ping Wang, Boyce Thompson Institute. Social coffee from 9:40 - 10:00 before the seminar.

FITNESS

Aerobics

Date: Mon., Wed., & Fri.
Time: 12:10-1:00 P.M.
Place: Sawdust Cafe

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Date: Mon.& Tue., December 11,12, 2000
Time: 12:10-1:00 P.M.
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

SAVE THE DATE

Bowling Party 2001

January 20, 2001

NEW TIME: 8:15 P.M.

PRICES ARE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR

MEMBERS

\$9/Bowler \$2/Non-bowler
 \$2 EXTRA FOR NON-MEMBERS

2001 NYS HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

The New York State Health Insurance Program 2001 Rate Sheet of Employee Contributions has arrived. Packets of statutory health insurance options and forms will be sent to your homes within the next couple of days. Please review the information and decide which plan will meet your needs for the 2001 calendar year. If you decide to stay with the insurance you have this year you don't need to do anything. If you decide to change insurance plans, follow the instructions in the packet. If you don't receive a packet by December 15 - contact Human Resources at X2203.

The rates for Blue Choice and Preferred Care have changed significantly. Below is the chart for comparison:

The Empire Plan			
Biweekly Employee Costs		Semimonthly Employee Costs	
Ind.:	\$12.70	Family:	\$51.35
Ind.:	\$13.76	Family:	\$55.63
Blue Choice serving Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates counties			
Biweekly Employee Costs		Semimonthly Employee Costs	
Ind.:	\$18.44	Family:	\$82.10
Ind.:	\$19.98	Family:	\$88.95
Preferred Care Genese, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates counties			
Biweekly Employee Costs		Semimonthly Employee Costs	
Ind.:	\$17.91	Family:	\$81.81
Ind.:	\$19.41	Family:	\$88.63
Univera Healthcare-CNY serving Chemung, Cortland, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Schuyler, Steuben, Schuyler, Steuben, Thompkins, and portions of Cayuga and Oswego counties			
Biweekly Employee Costs		Semimonthly Employee Costs	
Ind.:	\$14.18	Family:	\$84.29
Ind.:	\$15.37	Family:	\$91.32

Charie Hibbard

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tus of the university and present the president's vision for the future of Cornell and how staff can help create that vision.

At press time, the president's address was expected to cover such topics as staff compensation and benefits, flex-time policy, bankable time-off policy, recognition, volunteers, the role of the

EA and issues of diversity.

Pizza and beverages will be served following the address, courtesy of Director Jim Hunter. If you want pizza, you must make reservations by 5 p.m. on Dec. 12 by email with Gemma Osborne at gro2

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Three Adorable Pug Puppies. Ready for Christmas. \$200 each. Call Gemma at 2248 or gro2.

STATION WAGON FOR SALE: 1986 Chevy Caprice in good condition, roof rack, 8-seater (back seat folds down), Oldsmobile taxi engine runs beautifully; 178 K miles; \$1,000. Call 85-8879; ckk3@cornell.edu

ELECTRIC DRYER: Good working condition, \$35. Ping pong table, net and paddles, \$35. Contact ams5@cornell.edu.

FOR SALE: Fresh Holiday Wreaths (12" - decorated with red bow and pine cones) - \$10. To place an order

or see a sample contact Steve Hesler @ x2605 or email at sph12.

FOREIGN COINS AND STAMPS. My niece and nephew's collections are coming along nicely, thank you, and this is what they have requested for their Christmas stockings again this year. Willing to give the fair exchange or Christmas cookies in return! Send to C. Heidenreich, Plant Path, 218 Barton lab or call x2367.

FOR RENT: Apartment, three rooms plus bath. Second floor, private entrance. Please call Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crupi at 789-6875