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BRIEFS

2000 Retirement Incentive Program

Status: The State has approved the 2000 Retirement Incentive Program and SUNY has authorized the participation of the statutory colleges and cooperative extension association. Very shortly eligible employees will receive individual notification of their eligibility to participate.

There will be ONE open period for all employees. The open period will be October 3 - December 31, 2000. Employees contemplating retirement prior to the start of the open window period are urged to contact Margaret Moon, Benefit services at 8-5-7994 to discuss options available to them.

For participants in the SUNY Optional Retirement Plan (ORP), commonly referred to as TIAA-CREF, the retirement incentive program is essentially the same as last year, for NYSERS participants in Tier I or Tier II the program is significantly enhanced.

Basic Eligibility: Age 50 and 10 years of service or age 55 and more than 5 but less than 10 years of service.

NYSERS Incentive: One month of additional service credit for each year of service credit for each year of service up to a maximum of 36 months credit. In addition to the early retirement program incentive NYSERS Tier I & II employees will also receive one month of service credit for each year of service up to a maximum of 24 months as part of their basic retirement plan. The combination of these two incentives will allow NYSERS Tier I & II participants to receive up to a maximum of five years of service credit and have the cap on retirement earnings lifted from 75% to 85% for this incentive program.

SUNY ORP Incentive: Additional employer contribution to the employee's retirement annuity, up to the maximum allowed under the internal revenue code. Contributions in excess of that amount will be paid in three equal cash payments during a twenty-four month period following retirement. The incentive is calculated as follows: One-twelfth of each year of service multiplied by 15% of the salary in effect on March 1, 2000 up to a maximum of 45% of salary.

Deadlines: Employee will be required to complete a confidential declaration of intent before the start of the open period. Employees must give written notice of intent to retire at least 21 days before the end of the open period. Failure to provide written notice will make the employee ineligible to participate.

Contact Information: For general questions on retirement, eligibility and applica-

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Schlabach Named Geneva Librarian

On August 1, Martin Schlabach will become the librarian for the Geneva Experiment Station library. He has held the position on a temporary basis since October, 1999.

"Marty's tenure at Cornell has been marked by a passionate commitment to service. With Marty's appointment to the directorship of the Geneva Library, the Geneva community will benefit greatly from his commitment to service, his loyalty and his strong intellect," said Janet McCue, director of Mann Library, in Ithaca.

While living in Rochester, several years after graduating from Franconia College, in New Hampshire, Schlabach decided to return to school for Library Science. "I was at a transitional point, trying to decide what I wanted to do, and I recognized that I like connecting people with people and people with information." He studied at the School of Information and Library Science at SUNY Buffalo, the closest school offering such a degree, and received his masters in 1987. In August of that year he began work for Mann Library, at Cornell.

Last fall, when Geneva's former librarian left, Schlabach took on the position part time. Geneva was added to his list of duties, which by that time included working at Mann Library and heading the Entomology Library in Ithaca. "What drew me was the opportunity for me, professionally, to see what I could contribute and what I could gain. I had no intention of applying for the full time position but I had a lot of interest and support from the faculty and station staff."

"My responsibilities are the day-to-day operation of the library, making sure it does its best to meet the information needs of the Station community," said Schlabach. He anticipates spending three days a week here, and two in Ithaca, where he will continue to be in charge of the Entomology library. "Part of my time, though, when I'm down in Ithaca, is also Geneva related; part of the role of a librarian here is to maintain a presence on the Ithaca campus, to make sure Geneva is adequately represented and to make sure Geneva's needs and concerns are considered."

Coming to Geneva from Mann library was a shift, primarily because of the much smaller user community here, but Schlabach does not see that as a disadvantage. "I have the opportunity to learn to know more of the faculty, staff, and graduate students and become better acquainted with what they do, how they use the library or don't use the library, and that helps me then in making decisions about how to develop and maintain various services," Schlabach said.

Schlabach sees improved material sharing with other Cornell libraries as a good way to alleviate part of Geneva's remoteness. Exploring electronic resources, he believes, can play a big part in making that happen. While Geneva researchers cannot have immediate access to Mann Library's printed material, when an Ithaca library subscribes to an electronic journal those resources become as available to Geneva as they are to researchers on Cornell's main campus.

"During his thirteen years in the Cornell library system, Marty has spearheaded many technology-related projects, from the introduction of the Mann Library Gateway in 1991 to analyzing new techniques for delivering reference service to remote users," said McCue.

Using electronic resources, he believes would also make the information more accessible to Geneva employees. "The library is only open from eight to five, but with electronic resources that's 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Schlabach.

Schlabach attaches a high value to input from the Station's faculty, research staff, students, and administration. For the near future, he said, "My plans are to get better acquainted with the day-to-day operation, get better acquainted with the needs of the research community, what people are working on, what their needs are and how they use information resources in conjunction with their research."

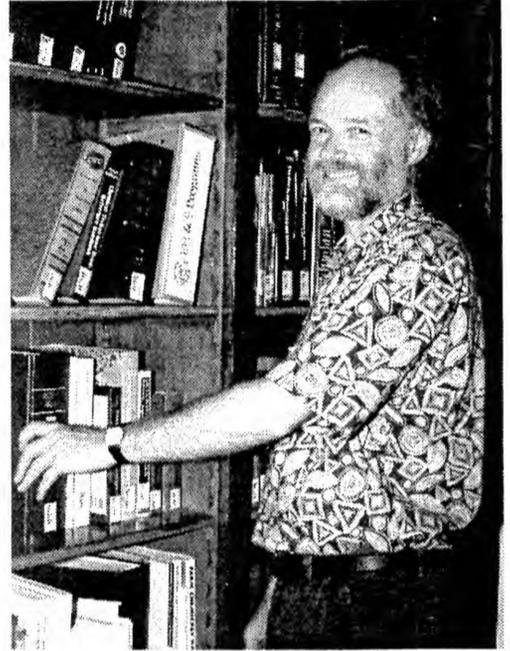


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CALENDAR of EVENTS

JULY 21-28, 2000

LTC

Date: Wednesday, July 26
Time: 2- 4 pm
Place: LTC
Title: HTML part I
Instructor: Jane Irwin

FITNESS

AEROBICS

Date: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Time: 12:10 -1 pm
Place: Sawdust Cafe

TAEKARDIO

Date: Mon., July 24
Time: Noon
Place: Jordan Hall auditorium

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tion procedures please call Margaret Moon at 8-5-7994. For policy questions and unit reporting requirements, please call Ed Quay at 8-5-2337.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCES FROM LIBRARY

<http://www.library.cornell.edu>

The journal Science is now available on line from v.270 (1995:Oct. 5) through the present. The Science Citation Index has also been added to the on line resources going as far back as 1945 through the present. Both resources are available through the Library Gateway, under networked resources.

FREE DROP-IN TOURS ON SATURDAYS AT CORNELL PLANTATIONS

Through September 2, 2000, 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon Cornell Plantation. The Arboretum, Botanical Garden, and Natural Areas of the University offers free drop-in tours this summer. Tours meet at 11 a.m. and are scheduled for Saturdays through September 2, 2000.

Tours roam through the botanical garden, featuring a thematically arranged, one-acre herb garden, a rhododendron collection, and eight other specialty gardens. The tour explores the theme of each garden and highlights selected plants in bloom. Tours meet outside the Garden Gift Shop and last 45 minutes to an hour. For more information, send email to plantationstours@cornell.edu or call (607) 255-2406.

NOTICE

Margaret Moon, OHR - Statutory Benefits Office, may be reached at 8-5-7346 or by e-mail: mm275.

WAKE-UP, REMINDER CALLS TO YOUR PHONE, FREE

<http://www.iping.com>

Wake-up and reminder calls have been added to the growing list of advertiser sup-

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ported, free services offered over the Internet. After registering, you enter the telephone number you would like called, and the time and date of the call. You can pre-record the message you would like played, or simply type them in and the service will use software to read the message over the phone. You could also choose to hear selected news and business headlines, the day's horoscope reading, fitness tips, or even messages from comedian Tom Green. The service lets you store frequently used phone numbers for easy access. As would be expected, each phone call begins with a five to ten second advertisement, before your message is played. The services, called Mr. WakeUp and Ms. Reminder are complimented by Mr. Notify, which allows you to schedule telephone messages for groups of people, Ms. FollowUp, which tracks packages shipped with FedEx and calls you when they have arrived, Dr. Dose, which places telephone calls to remind you to take medication, and Mr. Dollar, which provides financial news.

WRITE A BEST-SELLER

Send your classified for Station News to Donna Boyce at dmb62@nysaes.cornell.edu. Ads will be run for members of the Station family only. Can be renewed after three weeks.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1986 Nissan 300ZX, 2 door, steel blue, standard 5 speed, sun roof, several more options, 120K miles, still runs like new! Asking \$3,000. Contact George at x2374 or gsl1@nysaes.cornell.edu.

WANTED TO RENT: One bedroom furnished apartment for male graduate student. Needed August 20, 2000 for one year. Close proximity to NYSAES. Contact Sami El-Rakshy, sme22@cornell.edu.

FOR RENT: Available September 1, 2000. Fully furnished, clean studio apartment 1 mile from the Station on a quiet street. Private entrance. Full bath and fully equipped kitchenette. \$350/ mo includes utilities and linens. Within walking distance of laundry and grocery store. For information, call Greg at x2345 or e-mail gme1.

FREE: Kittens - two grey and white, two calico, two black and white, one all black. Call MaryLou at x2290 or 585-9836 or e-mail mld2@cornell.edu.

FOR SALE: Bed frame and mattress. Full size, wood stained dark cherry in excellent condition. \$200. E-mail Amy at ALR20 or call x2327 or 789-1939.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Close to the Station. 2 story, 3 bedroom home. Situated on a picture perfect lot with beautiful landscaping. Family room with fireplace, screened in porch, maintenance free exterior, newly painted trim, newer roof. Move-in condition! Have use of pavillion tennis courts, volleyball, and basketball.

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court. Great location. Call Bea Stoyla, 315-789-3114.

FOR SALE: Ford Escort 1992. Little rust. 152,000 miles. Runs very good. \$2200. E-mail Alejandro Valencia at av68@cornell.edu.

WANTED TO BORROW: Area rugs or carpeting for Visiting Scientist now through mid-September. Contact Alan Taylor agt1@cornell.edu or x2243.

TUTORING AVAILABLE: Graduate student in Education seeks to tutor local children in reading and writing English. Please e-mail bjj8@cornell.edu or call 781-5633.

FOR RENT: Available August 1, 2000. 3 bedroom apt. New appliances, deposit and lease, within walking distance of the Station. Call 781-2500.

AUTO FOR SALE: 1996 Honda Accord LX, 4 door, burgundy, auto transmission, front mask, 2.2L, power windows, locks, brakes, steering, and mirrors, only 42K, excellent condition. E-mail Annie at jah25@cornell.edu or call X2282.



SEABREEZE AMUSEMENT PARK PASSES

The Seabreeze Amusement Park passes have arrived. The cost is \$12.50 per ticket (a \$3.00 discount) valid 7 days a week from now until September 4 (including holidays). These are adult tickets intended for guests over 48" in height. Kid Passes for guests under 48" in height are \$11.50 per ticket (no discount). Children 2 years old and younger are admitted free to the park and are entitled to free rides and waterslides where appropriate. Please contact Nancy Long at x2288 or e-mail npl1.

I've learned...

that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.



Andy Rooney

NOTICE

Station employees Emily Roper and Peter Seem will be acting in Seneca Community Players' presentation of

WEST SIDE STORY

8 pm, July 27, 28, 29 & 2 pm July 30

Mynderse Academy High School

Troy Street, Seneca Falls

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$8/\$6 at The Copy Shop, Martin Music, and from Peter Seem (prs5@cornell.edu)

STATION CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Rescheduled for: Friday, July 21, 2000

Big Oak Country Club

Begins at 4:15 pm, Tee off at 4:45 pm

