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## BRIEFS

## Station Club News

The Station Club is the social arm of the Station, whose purpose is to promote interaction among employees, retirees, graduate students, visiting scientists and families. They have been working hard again this year, sponsoring a string of annual events and raising funds to put towards creature comforts for Station employees. Open to all employees, the Station Club is far more than those people who are always taking your empty soda cans.



Station Club president Gemma Osborne wants everyone to know a few of the places where the money goes. Each year, the club sponsors bike week, the golf tournament, a banquet, a children's holiday party, a bowling party, the Earth Day clean up, and two blood drives, plus a bi-annual family picnic. Within the past few years they have purchased a ping pong table, softball equipment, a new Christmas tree and lights, picnic tables, updated the interior of the Sawdust Café and initiated an annual donation to the Arboretum, which went to three new benches and ten perennials this year. In the planning are a flag pole for the Vegetable Crops field and a basketball hoop to go behind Jordan Hall. Station Club merchandise is stored at the Sawdust Café. All members receive a \$2 discount on merchandise. Your department representative can assist you with your purchases. Soon they will add coffee cups, wineglasses, Station calendars, and child-sized t-shirts and sweatshirts to the inventory.

## Anticipating EPA Inspection

Do you know "do" and "don't" when managing hazardous waste? Listed below are recommendations on how to properly manage Hazardous Waste.

Guidelines for Hazardous Waste Management  
DO

- Deface the original label of the waste container (except when the waste is the

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## Epidemiologist Joins Geneva Faculty

The Department of Plant Pathology has filled its opening for an assistant professor of tree fruit and berry crop pathology. William Turechek officially began his position as Geneva's newest faculty member on July 1.

As an epidemiologist Turechek studies the movement of disease through time and space in a population of plants. "I would really like to initiate research with small fruits, cherries or peaches," said Turechek.

The position is described as 40 percent research and 60 percent extension, so it was very important to the search committee to find someone interested in working with the growers, not just their own research. "The key was finding somebody who truly wanted to do the extension, not just give it lip service. It really came through from his previous research with the hops' growers

that Bill was willing to address their needs and answer the questions they had," said Helene Dillard, chairwoman of the Department of Plant Pathology.

He is very enthusiastic about the extension work he will be doing with Cornell, gathering research from the department and providing it to extension agents and growers. "Geneva has a wonderful Cooperative Extension Service. There are many well qualified agents and researchers doing a tremendous amount of research in tree fruits and small fruits."

Turechek, originally from the Hudson Valley, came to Geneva from his post-doc at Oregon State University. While in Corvallis, Oregon, he studied the epidemiology of powdery mildew, which had been unknown in the Northwest prior to 1995. He received his masters from the University of Georgia working with pecan scab, and his Ph.D. from Ohio State studying strawberries, both in plant pathology. "The post-doc was the defining time in my life, where I decided that I was ready to move into a faculty position. It made a good transition from student life to what I envisioned would be professional life," said Turechek.

While still a Ph.D. student he saw an announcement for the tree fruit and berry crop position, but decided, "I'm not going to apply for that, I can't get a job at Cornell; give me a break." After doing his post-doc, however, while in the process of applying for a different position performing apple research, he discovered that Cornell's position was still open and made contact with Wayne Wilcox.

"I came for an interview and thought the people were a great group – very dynamic and full of energy. The responsibilities were suited to my interests. I left here thinking 'I'd really like to be in this place.' When I got the job offer there was no question I was going to take it," Turechek said.

"When Bill came, the interview went very smoothly, and he seemed very comfortable in the department right away," said Dillard, "He just fit well, right from the very begin-

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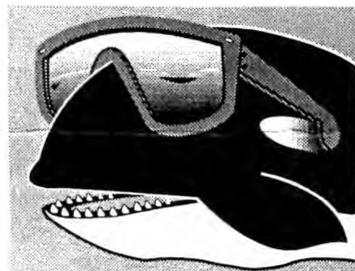
## WHALE WATCH 2000

It's time again to sign up to volunteer to work at the Experiment Station's Whale Watch booth on August 18, 19, 20, 2000. We'll be open 5-7 pm on Friday, 11 am - 6 pm on Saturday, and 11 am - 5 pm on Sunday. Volunteers are needed for two-hour time slots.

All volunteers will be treated to a pizza lunch on Friday, August 18 courtesy of the Director. At that time, you will find out all the details concerning the exhibit you signed up for and will receive a free ticket to get into the Whale Watch for the day you volunteer.

The director is also providing NYSAES t-shirts for the volunteers. If you don't already own a natural color NYSAES t-shirt, please let Gemma know what size you need when you sign up.

Check out the schedule at <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/comm/whalewatch.html> and contact Gemma Osborne at gro2 to sign up.



**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

AUGUST 4-11, 2000

**MEETINGS**

**Chairs' & Unit Leaders' Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2000  
**Time:** 2 pm  
**Place:** FST Conference Room

**LTC**

**Date:** Tuesday, August 8, 2000  
**Time:** 2 -4 pm  
**Place:** LTC  
**Title:** HTML part II  
**Instructor:** Jane Irwin - Instructor.

**FITNESS**

**AEROBICS**

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

**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 gsa1@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.

**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 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.

**TUTORING AVAILABLE:** Graduate student in Education seeks to tutor local children in reading and writing English. Please e-mail bij8@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.

**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.

**FOR SALE:** Buildings and Properties 1988 Chevy Astro van. 130 k miles, good body and transmission, bad motor. Minimum bid \$450. Submit bids to Ann Griner at the Buildings and Properties office. Bids to be opened August 8, 2000 at 2pm in the B&P office.

**FOR SALE:** 1991 Oldsmobile 88 royale, 3.8L V6, 150,000 miles, red, air conditioning, automatic trans., power windows and seats, good condition! \$2300. E-mail Thomas Bucher at tbb@nysaes.cornell.edu or call x2277.

**FOR SALE:** 1989 Dodge Dakota, 6 cylinder, full body, 56,000 miles, excellent condition. \$4,000 or best offer. Contact Nancy Long, X2288, or e-mail npl1.

**MOVING SALE:** 13" Sharp TV/VCR combo, JVC 7-disc dual cassette stereo, microwave oven, espresso/cappuccino machine, TV shelf, bookshelf, speakerphone, juicer, humidifier, twin mattress, and several other houseware items. Please contact jt30@cornell.edu or x2368.

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**FREE TO A GOOD HOME:** Kittens. Breed: Half wonderful, friendly cats of mine, half pesty, sneaky neighbor's cat. Two batches: 5- 2 1/2 month olds, both male and female; and 6- 2 month olds, both male and female, all 7 toed. Long haired grey and white & black tiger, black, grey, and tiger. Please call Amy at ext. x2314, or e-mail ada10.

*(TURECHEK, continued)*

ning." Dillard said she knew Larry Madden, one of Turechek's professors at Ohio State, and had worked with him in the past. "I know Larry runs a very difficult program. Anyone coming out of there is going to be very good, and he gave Bill an excellent recommendation."

Turechek said one of the bonuses of the job is that it brings him back to New York, where he has family. He plays acoustic guitar and enjoys cycling, and hopes to find companions for both in the area. "I understand the Finger Lakes region has a number of good bike runs, and I am sure there are some people who play acoustic, folk or bluegrass."

"He's an excellent candidate. We're really fortunate to have him on board - a fresh new young person with a lot of energy and very eager to get started," said Dillard, "I think he's going to be an excellent addition. But Bill's a real connoisseur, so I'd warn anyone that's going to take him out for a beer that it better not be a Bud."

*P. Seem*

*(BRIEFS, continued)*

- Label the waste container with the full chemical name; with no abbreviations, structures or formulae.
- Identify the percent of each component in the waste container.
- Cap the container while it is in storage. The container is in storage whenever waste is not being added or removed.
- Use containers in good condition.
- Store waste containers in a designated area, with proper segregation of incompatibles.
- Put especially hazardous wastes (acutely toxic or very reactive) in secondary containment.

**DON'T**

- Do not keep funnels in open waste containers.
- Do not date the hazardous waste container until it is full and you have contacted EH&S for a pickup.
- Do not keep chemical containers that the EPA would consider inherently waste-like, such as chemicals past their expiration date, containers with noticeable dust on the top, etc.

Environmental Health and Safety (X2466) will provide a RCRA Laboratory Inspection Form upon request.

**Free Internet for Macs**

<http://freelane.excite.com/freeisp/>  
 Excite.com has offered free Internet service for Windows users in Geneva and most of the rest of the United States since last year. They have now extended that service, called FreeLane, to Macintosh users. The service is free but advertiser supported, so a small advertising box will be displayed on screen whenever you are connected with FreeLane. Windows 95, 98, NT, or Mac OS 8.0 (or later) is required to use the free service.

**There's Still No Substitute For Your Blood**

American Red Cross Blood Drive  
 August 28, 2000, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Sawdust Cafe

Cancer patients, accident victims and people undergoing surgery all need blood, an essential component in their recovery. But there is only one source for that blood, healthy, volunteer blood donors. That's right! There's still no substitute for you. So please join us at the blood drive on August 28. With just 1 hour (or less) of your time, you can make a difference in as many as 3 hospital patients' lives.

Any healthy person age 17 or older who weighs at least 110 pounds who has not donated since July 3 is eligible to donate blood. Donors are scheduled every 15 minutes. To assure minimal waiting, donors are asked to make an appointment by calling or e-mailing Donna Roelofs (x2325 or drr2) to schedule an appointment at the blood drive. Walk-ins will be welcome, but may take slightly longer.

Save a life this summer...please donate blood!

**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. Please purchase tickets before noon.



**Step Back In Time...  
 The Sterling  
 Renaissance Festival  
 Sterling, NY  
 Saturdays and Sundays Only  
 July 1 to August 13  
 OPEN RAIN OR SHINE  
 GET REDUCED COST TICKETS  
 FROM THE  
 STATION CLUB  
 ADULT: \$12.50 • CHILDREN: \$5.99**

Purchase your tickets through Station Club and also receive a coupon for \$5 off embroidered sweatshirts at the Renaissance Festival. Contact Cheryl TenEyck at x2379 or e-mail cnt1@nysaes.cornell.edu