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BRIEFS

Geza Hrazdina Elected to Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Geza Hrazdina, professor of biochemistry, department of food science and technology, has been elected a full member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS).



HAS has been governing science in Hungary since 1825. It has 214 ordinary members and 86 corresponding members. Recently the academy decided to open their membership to approximately 300 scientists of Hungarian origin who had established themselves as leaders in their fields outside of the country.

Since the collapse of the Communist system, Hrazdina has been invited to numerous meetings in Hungary concerning the future of science there. He also has a long-standing collaborative arrangement with the department of plant genetics at St. Stephan University at Gödöllő. In 1999, Hrazdina organized an advanced research workshop in Hungary for NATO on the "Use of Agriculturally Important Genes in Biotechnology."

Hrazdina has been with the Station since 1966. In his research program, he uses modern biochemical and molecular tools to investigate the physiology of fruit ripening, aromatic metabolism, and alternative strategies to chemical sprays in selected crops.

"I am greatly honored to be elected to the academy," said Hrazdina. "I am looking forward to continuing to apply my expertise in furthering science in Hungary as well as in New York."

J. Zakour

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Senator Schumer Visits the Cornell Ag & Food Tech Park Site in Geneva

Senator Charles E. Schumer toured the Agricultural Experiment Station on January 8, to learn how research expertise at the Station related to agriculture, food and biotechnology might attract prospective tenants to Cornell's Agriculture and Food Technology Park. The Park Corporation has obtained state and federal funding for initial development and is currently seeking federal funding for infrastructure development and incubator building construction, projected to cost \$3.9 million.

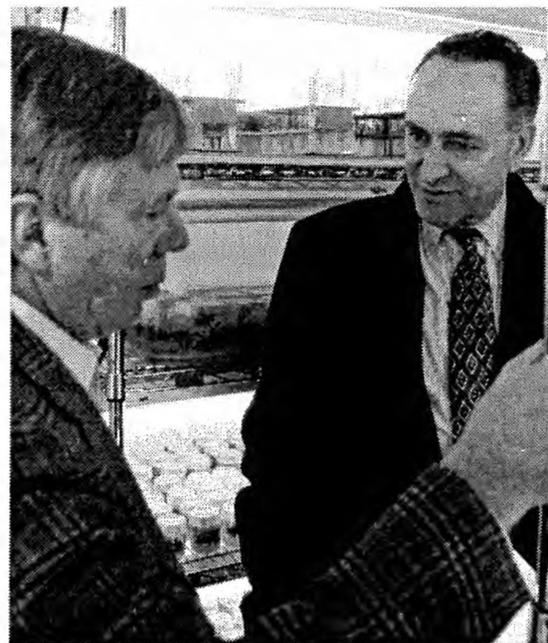
"I'm very optimistic about the future of the Park," said the Senator, after his hour-long tour. "The project has attracted some federal support and currently needs funding for infrastructure and buildings. It'll be a heavy lift, but I think we can do it."

"In upstate New York, we have to make the most of our strengths," said Schumer, who was touring the Station for the first time. "We have great agriculture and great research. From what I have seen, this is one of the premier research facilities in the state, if not the whole country, and we need to translate that into more jobs for Ontario County. A research park is the ideal vision for what can be done here. I am going to redouble my efforts and go to bat for it."

The Senator said that New York is not able to attract industry to the state based on lowest costs, "but we do have the best thinkers and a well-trained labor supply." He said the economy of the next decade will be much more knowledge-based, and that upstate New York has much to offer in support of economic development.

Included among the research projects that Schumer reviewed were next-generation "tools" for insect control with Dave Soderlund, precision breeding of apples for disease resistance with plant pathologist Herb Aldwinckle, the Northeast Center for Food Entrepreneurship with Olga Padilla-Zakour, the grape and wine program with Thomas Henick-Kling, food safety with microbiologist Randy Worobo, and the Station's wine and food processing pilot plants. "As usual, our people did a great job and I thank them for their contributions," said Director Jim Hunter.

Local officials were also invited to meet with Schumer. Attendees included Geneva City



Plant pathologist Herb Aldwinckle (left) explained the process of gene transfer in precision breeding of disease-resistant apples to Senator Charles Schumer (right) during his tour of the Station on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

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Way Back

There is a familiar face around campus these days, as former Station photographer Robert F. Way has returned to the Station in the new role as part-time web coordinator in Communications Services. He replaces John Zakour, who has served as the Station's web coordinator since the web's inception at the Station six years ago. Zakour will continue to write for the Station on a casual basis.



Way, who started his new position on January 2, will be in charge of expanding and maintaining the Station's web site. He will be using his artistic yet critical eye along with a keen attention to detail and expertise in multi-media formats to take the Station's web presence to the next level. He will be working to implement the vision of the Station's recently-formed web committee, chaired by Jan Nyrop, which has been charged by Director Jim Hunter with coming up with the vision for updating and revamping the Station's web presence.

"I am really pleased to be back working at the Station," said Way. "My goal is to provide web support for the Station by improving the design of the Station's web site and being responsive to web requests and updates from faculty, staff and department chairs. I am looking forward to this new challenge with great anticipation."

Way's previous tour of duty with the Station was from October 1996 to October 2000 when he left to start his own business, Lakeside Digital Productions. Way, who received his training in photography in the Navy, has over 20 years of experience in business communications and photography. Previously he was employed by Visual In-Seitz in Rochester.

Way lives in Gorham with his wife Mary, and daughters Elizabeth (13) and Lauren (12). He enjoys golf, camping, and canoeing, and is looking forward to snagging fly balls from center field this summer in the Station Softball League.

Currently, Way's hours are from 8 am-

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(SCHUMER VISIT, continued)

Manager Rich Rising; Mike Manikowski, executive director of the Ontario County Industrial Development Agency; Melanie Stepp, director of the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce; Mary Luckern, Geneva Town Supervisor; Don Ninestine, Chairman of the Ontario County Board of Supervisors; and Jeff Astles, Ontario County Administrator.

"The Senator seemed to be sincerely impressed by what he saw here," said Director Jim Hunter. "The Experiment Station sits in the middle of a research triangle made up of Cornell University, Syracuse University, RIT and the University of Rochester. The Ag & Food Tech Park has the potential to generate jobs based on new and emerging technologies developed at these universities. The Senator is right: the Park is the ideal vision to capitalize on these strengths."

The 78-acre research park located adjacent to the Station will be for startup and established companies to develop technologies that complement existing research and extension programs of the Experiment Station, and will lead to goods and services that benefit agriculture and the consumer. The Park will help ensure the long-term viability of the Geneva Station and benefit the upstate economy in job creation and retention through technology transfer. Leaders from local and state government, the private sector and Cornell University make up the board of directors of the Park Corporation. One of the biggest hurdles to the project was cleared when Governor Pataki signed legislation last November that authorized the state to convey the land to Cornell in exchange for nearby property owned by Cornell.

The project will be done in phases. Federal grants totaling almost \$900,000 have already been received for the project from HUD. An additional \$747,000 is anticipated through a US Economic Development Agency grant, including \$299,000 in a state match from the Empire State Development Corporation. These monies will be used for initial planning and design work, and limited infrastructure development.

L. McCandless



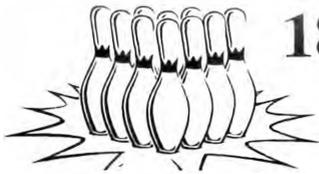
Olga Padilla-Zakour (left) shows Senator Schumer (right) one of the many products by food entrepreneurs that the Northeast Center for Food Entrepreneurship has assisted in developing and licensing.

RESPIRATOR USER TRAINING

- ◆ Respirator user training for **current users** will be held Feb. 4, 2002 from 9:00 am - 10:00 am in Jordan Hall Auditorium.
- ◆ Training for **new participants** in Cornell's respiratory protection program will be held Feb. 4, 2002 from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm in Jordan Hall Auditorium.

If you are a new respirator user, a Respirator Request Form and a Medical Evaluation Questionnaire needs to be completed and submitted. Please contact your department administrator for these forms or call X2466.

If you have not yet scheduled an appointment for respirator fit testing, please contact Sue Dwyer, EH&S (sgd2@cornell.edu) or X2466 by January 25, 2002.



18th ANNUAL STATION CLUB BOWLING PARTY 2002



It's that time again! On Saturday, January 19, at 8:15 pm, the Station Club will hold its 18th Annual Station Club Bowling Party at Sunset Bowl, Geneva.

If you're thinking to yourself, "I've never bowled before" or "I haven't bowled in years"—nonsense. Now is your big chance! This is a fun night! Bring your spouse or a friend, if not to bowl, to watch. Again this year, 12 lanes will be illuminated by strobing black light called "Cosmic Bowling."

Each team should consist of five (5) bowlers and should have a team name and team captain. If you cannot come up with a team of five, don't worry about it, we'll put you on a team. Although this is strictly for fun, in order to recognize the exhibited bowling talents, prizes will be awarded for: (1) high scratch team series, and (2) high scratch game male/female.

A very reasonable price of \$11.00/Station Club Member and \$13.00/Non-Station Club Member will include three games, shoe rental, and pizza and soda. There will be a separate price for those who still want to join in on the fun but do not want to bowl \$3.00/Station Club Member and \$5.00/Non-Station Club Member. If you are not going to bowl but plan on attending, you **absolutely must pay** in order to be able to eat and drink.

When you get your team together, the team captain should be the one to submit the bottom section of this announcement with the total amount the team owes. If you sign up individually, return the bottom section yourself with the amount you owe. Both should be returned to Matt Lewis in Jordan Hall no later than **Monday, January 14**. Checks should be made payable to Station Club. We hope that everyone gets involved in this event.

Hope to see you there!

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____

TEAM MEMBERS: 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
5) _____

NON-BOWLERS: _____

COSMIC BOWLING: YES _____ NO _____

Bowling: _____ @ \$11.00/Club Member \$ _____ @ \$13.00/Non-Member \$ _____

Non-Bowling: _____ @ \$3.00/Club Member \$ _____ @ \$5.00/Non-Member \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Return to Matt Lewis, Jordan Hall by January 14 • Make checks payable to "Station Club"

CALENDAR of EVENTS

JANUARY 11-18, 2002

MEETINGS

CALS CHAIRS' MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2002
Time: 3:00 PM
Place: 264 Roberts Hall

SEMINARS

HORT SCIENCE

Date: Monday, January 14, 2001
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Jordan Hall, Staff Room
Title: "Responses by Crop Sink Organs to Environmental Stress"
Speaker: Dr. Tim Setter, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Ithaca

FITNESS

Aerobics

Date: Wed. & Fri.
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Sawdust Cafe

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Date: Monday, January 14, 2002
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Sawdust Cafe

Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2002
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1994 Chevrolet Silverado pickup.V-8, 350 engine, power steering, windows, locks, cruise control, air conditioning, remote starter. Excellent condition. 113,000 miles. Well maintained. Asking \$5995. Contact pmm19 or call 2394 days or 789-4007 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE:1994 7 passenger V6 Dodge Caravan MiniVan. 108,000 miles. Air conditioning, automatic transmission, power steering, cruise control, dual air bags, tilt wheel, AM/FM stereo. Well maintained, clean condition. Blue Book value \$5260. Price: \$2700. Phone 789-9304 or email rwr1.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom 1/2 house available immediately. Washer and dryer included. \$475 per month plus utilities and water. \$475 security deposit and lease required. Located on Rose Street in Geneva. Contact pmm19 or call 789-4007 after 5 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1996 Mercury Sable GL Sedan, V6, 3.0Liter, Automatic, Front Wheel Drive, 115,000 Miles, AC, PS, PW, PDL, tilt wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cass., dual air bags, ABS (4 wheels). Regularly checked up & replaced parts (have all records for replaced parts). \$3,000. Contact: KwangSupYoun, ky68@cornell.edu, ky68@cornell.edu , x2368 or 789-7564

SAVE YOUR TOPS TAPES: The Geneva High School Band is presently collecting Tops tapes as a fundraiser. Tapes are turned in to the Geneva store and Tops donates funds to the band for every \$600 total collected in tapes. Funds donated to the band are used for expenses associated with upcoming competitions and trips. Collect your tapes, place them in an interoffice envelope and send them to Janice Valerio, Plant Pathology, Barton Lab.

WANTED: Your old Christmas cards to be used for crafts.Please make sure that you take out your family photos and letters. Send them to Donna Boyce in Communication Services in Jordan Hall.

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noon, Monday through Friday. His phone number is 2249 and he may be emailed at rfw2@nysaes.cornell.edu

J. Zakour

Cornell Employees' Night at the Court 2002

Saturday, January 26, 2002

A full afternoon and evening of activities!
 Here are the highlights!

4:30-6:30 p.m. CU Community Pasta Dinner
 Bartels Hall

5:00 p.m. Women's Basketball: Cornell vs. Columbia
 Bartels Hall

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball: Cornell vs. Columbia
 Bartels Hall

Tickets are on sale now through January 18. The \$5 ticket includes dinner and admission to both basketball games (you may purchase tickets to just the dinner or the games for \$3). Buy your tickets by January 14 to be entered into a drawing for brunch for two at Banfi's!

Station Club has tickets available for sale. Stop by B1 Jordan Hall or call Gemma Osborne at X2248 .

To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance.

Oscar Wilde

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, February 4, 2002

9 AM to 3 PM

Jordan Hall

