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## BRIEFS

### Old Farm Dump Uncovered

In the course of routine spring maintenance, the Field Research Unit uncovered what appears to be an old farm dump in Research Central, between Research South and Research North, on Friday, May 3. The problem was first noticed when Lee Hibbard brought several metal containers emitting a foul smell to the surface in a backhoe bucket. Thinking it might be a site where previous owners had buried pesticide containers along with other farm debris, Mark Scott contacted Soon Kong, Environmental Health & Safety coordinator at Geneva, and the Environmental Compliance Office in Ithaca. Because of possible unknown hazards associated with the found material, EH&S cordoned off the area and closed the access roads.

Assistant director Marc Smith has since credited Kong, Hibbard, and Scott with "prompt, professional and level-headed action."

Until more investigation could be carried out, Mary-Lynn Cummings, Director of Occupational & Environmental Health for the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Cornell, decided to further secure the site with a weather cap. That has now been accomplished.

The drive between Research North and South is currently open, but the area in question has been cordoned off. No research plots have been impacted. "For safety reasons, please do not drive through the area unnecessarily, nor try and enter the area that is cordoned off," said Kong.

"Because we want to provide accurate information to employees, and the community at large, we will share information as it becomes available," said Director Jim Hunter. "Currently, we are meeting with the

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## New York State Integrated Pest Management Program Wins Environmental Protection Agency's Highest Award

The New York State Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program, housed at the Experiment Station, received the Environmental Quality Award from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on April 30. This is the highest award the EPA gives. The EPA searches for candidates that provide sustained environmental benefits or help increase public involvement in environmental action.

"New York's IPM Program has time and time again proven its commitment to protecting and enhancing the environmental quality of New York State through its progressive pest management strategies," said State Agriculture Commissioner Nathan L. Rudgers. "This program has received esteemed recognition and support from the citizens of New York State, and I am extremely pleased to have the EPA acknowledge IPM's accomplishments as well. Specifically, I would like to congratulate Mike Hoffmann, the director of New York's IPM Program, for his outstanding contributions to this federally recognized program."

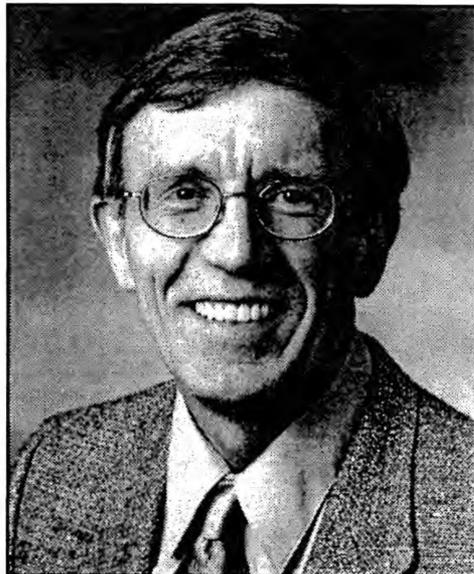
Back in 1985, when the NYS IPM Program first started, the focus was mainly on finding ways to help farmers reduce pesticide risks on New York State's 7.8 million acres of cropland. But, these days, IPM takes on everything from tomato canker and peach tree borers to house mice, grubs, and crabgrass—not only on the farm and around the home, but in playgrounds, parks, schools, museums, golf courses, office buildings, and even jails. Its mission? To develop and teach all New York's citizens sustainable ways to manage pests and use methods that minimize environmental, health, and economic risks.

The program works with a wide range of disciplines, including not only the traditional pest-related disciplines—entomology, plant pathology, weed science, and the like—but also sociology and economics. And it reaches out to people and organizations such as crop advisors, industry and commodity reps, parent-teacher associations, environmental and public health advocates, and town, county, and district legislators.

"It's a cooperative effort," said program director Mike Hoffmann. "We work with thousands of stakeholders, Cornell Cooperative Extension educators around the state, and dozens of Cornell faculty."

There's nothing quite like it in breadth and scope anywhere else in the United States,

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*Mike Hoffmann, IPM Director*

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Department of Environmental Conservation to help us determine what the site contains, and will be working closely with the DEC regarding further investigation and possible remediation."

The Station bought the property back in 1989.

### New York Wines Find Gold Mine

According to the NY Wine & Grape Foundation, congratulations are due to Finger Lakes wineries involved in international wine competitions.

Of interest to those who follow Experiment Station grapes, Goose Watch Winery won a Diamond for their 2000 Traminette in the Pacific Rim International Wine Competition held in California, which included over 2000 wines from around the world. Traminette is a white wine grape—Joannes Seyve 21.416 x 'Gewürztraminer'—that was released by the Experiment Station in 1996. In the same competition, Pindar Vineyards (2000 Chardonnay Special Reserve, Sunflower; 1998 Mythology-Meritage Blend), and Dr. Frank's Vinifera Wine Cellars (1999 Merlot Reserve) brought home the Gold for New York.

In Michigan, Chiappone Cellars of Niagara County, and the sister wineries of Swedish Hill Vineyards and Goose Watch Winery on Cayuga Lake, led a strong showing of New York wines in the recent Tasters Guild International Wine Competition, which involved 1,773 entries from 27 states and 16 countries.

Swedish Hill captured two Double Gold medals (Spumante Blush, 2001 Vignoles), two Gold medals (Blanc de Blanc, Sparkling Riesling), 11 Silver, and 2 Bronze. Goose Watch Winery won a Double Gold (Golden Spumante), 3 Golds (Blanc de Noir, Bartlett Pear, Rose of Isabella), 7 Silver, and 3 Bronze.

Other Double Gold medals went to Dr. Konstantin Frank (2001 Rkatsiteli), McGregor Vineyards (2001 Riesling), Hosmer (House Red), and Wagner Vineyards (1999 Vidal Ice Wine).

A full listing of the New York winners is available by fax from the Foundation office (call 315-536-7442), and all Double Gold and Gold medal winners are listed under "New York Gold" on the Foundation's web site at [www.newyorkwines.org](http://www.newyorkwines.org)

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said Jennifer Grant, coordinator of the Community IPM effort. "Other states have IPM programs to reduce pesticide impacts in schools, for example," she said. "But nowhere else does an IPM program go to the range of facilities and organizations we do, finding ways to manage pests with least-toxic methods while we educate people about how pests—and pest control methods—work."

Due in large part to the program's efforts, nearly 90 percent of New York's farmers now use some form of integrated pest management. This past year, the NYS IPM Program presented more than 180 workshops and demonstrations that reached over 9,700 people face-to-face in New York State and beyond. The program participates in multi-state, national and even international efforts at sustainable pest management.

Mike Hoffmann, Jennifer Grant, and the program's assistant director, Curt Petzoldt, accepted the award at the EPA District 2 headquarters in New York City.

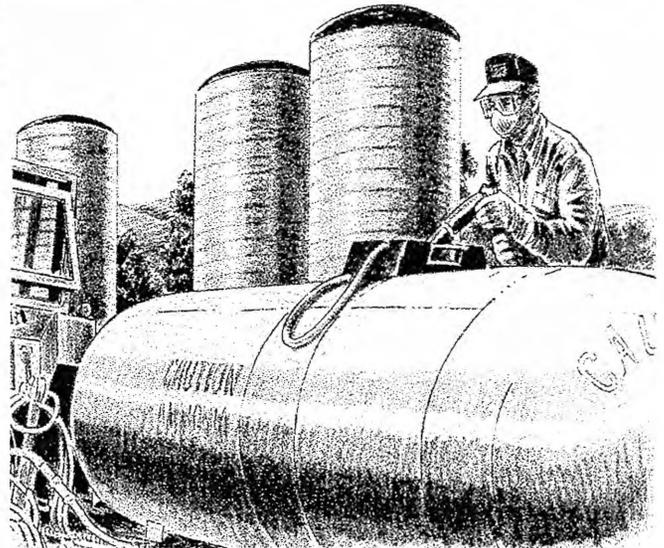
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## FRU Pesticide Reminders

The spray season has begun. FRU protects staff from exposure to pesticides by providing information about FRU pesticide applications with WebPost, Central Posting, and On-site Posting. WebPost is a browser-based posting service detailing blocks either scheduled to be sprayed or currently in a Restricted Entry Interval. A link to WebPost can be found on the FRU Homepage at <http://FRU.nysaes.cornell.edu/FRU/>. Leave the user\_id blank and enter "guest" as the password. Check WebPost, WPS Central Posting, and/or the on-site posting before entering any research blocks.

The system is not fail-safe. Servers lock up, networks go down, data filters may be confusing, all applications cannot be scheduled in advance, and On-site Posting signs are closed only once a day. Your last line of defense against exposure to pesticides is the WPS On-site Posting sign in each block. If you believe the sign is incorrectly open, you should contact Mart VanKirk at 781-5307 for clarification. If the sign is correctly open, you are legally prohibited from entering the block without checking the pesticide labels for permitted tasks and required Personal Protective Equipment. If you leave a block and return later that day to find the sign has been opened, the block has certainly been sprayed while you were gone and you should not enter the block until the sign is closed or you have complied with the pesticide labeling.

Please remember: applicators cannot always see people in or around blocks being sprayed. If you are exposed to drift, vacate the area immediately and check the proper central posting location for specific information about the application. Or, contact Mart Van Kirk at 781-5307 or [mwv1@cornell.edu](mailto:mwv1@cornell.edu).



## Steve Carpenter Honored

On April 23, 2002, over 60 people gathered at the American Legion to celebrate the retirement of Horticultural Sciences' Steve Carpenter. Members from all over the Station, along with several growers from the Hudson Valley, joined in to honor Steve's 34 years of service. Steve was very well known at the Station, but he was also well known by growers all over Western New York, the Champlain and Hudson Valleys, and Long Island. Many of these growers wanted to join the celebration, but were unable to.

Terence Robinson, Steve's supervisor for several years, opened the celebration with a summary of Steve's history at the Station. Steve started as a temporary technician in 1968, and then worked as an Experimentalist with John Cain shortly thereafter. After a few years, Steve joined the military, and served his country for two years. When he returned, his position had been filled, and the department chair at that time, Walt Kender, offered Steve a position working with him. Steve continued to work with Walt until 1975, when Alan Lakso was given the opportunity to use Steve's skills in his program. Steve stayed with Alan until Terence was hired in 1989. Alan felt that Steve's talents were well suited to Terence's field research needs. Steve continued with Terence until January of 2001, when he was hit by a car while walking.

Although Steve had an opportunity to take early retirement with excellent incentives prior to his accident, he had told Terence on many occasions that there was nothing he wanted to do more than continue his work here at the Station. He told him that he planned to be here at least another 10 years! The unfortunate accident took Steve's plan away from him. Although he will no longer be working here, he is still looking forward to visiting the orchards and "keeping an eye" on the projects and experiments his hard work made so successful.

Best wishes in your retirement, Steve!



(left to right) Hugh Price, Steve Carpenter, Kathy Campo and Terence Robinson

## EMPLOYEE ASSEMBLY MEETS IN GENEVA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2002 - 12:10 P.M. TO 1:15 P.M. • JORDAN HALL AUDITORIUM

For the first time in over 20 years, the Cornell University Employee Assembly will hold one of its monthly meetings at the Geneva campus. Horticultural Sciences' Pat Mahoney, our Geneva representative to the EA, is thrilled to have the Station host this meeting.

The meeting will be held in Jordan Hall Auditorium on Wednesday, May 22, 2002 starting at 12:10 p.m. and continuing for approximately one hour. The meeting is open to all members of the Cornell community. Please join us during your lunch hour! There will be fruit and cookies available to all attendees.

### •WHAT IS THE EMPLOYEE ASSEMBLY?

For those of you who are not aware of what the EA is and does, a brief excerpt from the Charter follows:

"The purpose of the Employee Assembly is to ensure a direct focus for the continued involvement of exempt and non-exempt staff members in the governance of non-academic affairs and in the life of the University. The Employee Assembly will bring about a higher visibility for employees as community members, more equal participation with faculty and students in the policy-making process, and an increased sense of community among all constituencies through shared responsibilities."

"The Employee Assembly will actively seek to involve all segments of Cornell's diverse employee population in the Assembly's decision-making activities. Particular effort will be made to ensure that women and minority persons have equal access to Employee Assembly positions."

### •WHO IS ON THE EMPLOYEE ASSEMBLY?

The EA consists of 13 employees: six from endowed units, six from statutory units, and one from the Geneva Experiment Station or at-large. The members are both exempt and non-exempt.

### •HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE ASSEMBLY?

To further guide you on how the Employee Assembly can serve as a valuable resource, you are encouraged to visit the Employee Assembly website at: <http://www.assembly.cornell.edu/EA/>



**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

MAY 10 - 17, 2002

**MEETINGS**

**CALS CHAIRS**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2002  
**Time:** 3 PM  
**Place:** 264 Roberts Hall

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**PLANT PATH**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2002  
**Time:** 3:30 PM, Coffee at 3PM  
**Place:** A133, Barton Lab  
**Title:** "Plant Cell Walls and the Application of Proteomics to Study Plant Pathogen Interactions"  
**Speaker:** Dr. Joceyln Rose, Ithaca

**FOOD SCIENCE**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 15, 2002  
**Time:** 10:30 AM,  
**Place:** FST Conference Room, Second Floor  
**Title:** "Antimicrobial Activity of Honey Against Food Pathogens and Food Spoilage Microorganisms"  
**Speaker:** Melissa Mundo, Geneva

**FITNESS**

**Aerobics**

**Date:** Monday and Friday  
**Time:** 12:10 - 1 PM  
**Place:** Sawdust Cafe

**Taekwondo Class**

**Date:** Monday, May 13, 2002  
**Time:** 12:10 - 1 PM  
**Place:** Jordan Hall Auditorium

**Taekardio Class**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 15, 2002  
**Time:** 12:10 PM  
**Place:** Jordan Hall Auditorium



**What is Food?**  
**FIRST OBJECTIVE OF DAY FOR ANY LIVING CREATURE**  
*Ravinda Pogaku, FST*



**CLASSIFIED**

**FOR SALE:** Emerson window air conditioner \$50. hlw7@nysaes.cornell.edu or 781-8504.

**FOR SALE:** 1985 Benotto Italian Road Bike. New wheels, paint, components. 56cm/22in. \$450 hs16@cornell.edu 787-2431.

**FOR SALE:** 1993 Buick Century, 52,000 miles, excellent condition, AC, power windows and locks. Contact Nancy Long, e-mail: NPL1 or phone X2288.

**WANTED TO RENT:** 3 bedroom, house near the Station. Please contact Cheol Song, call 781-2548 or ext. 2418, e-mail: cs273@cornell.edu

**FOR SALE:** 1987 Dodge Shadow, 4cyl, 4dr, AT, PS, PB. New exhaust, brakes, fuel tank, radiator, timing belt, etc. Good body and interior, runs well. \$650. Call Terry at ex-2283, 315-789-5473 or tds2@cornell.edu.

**FOR SALE:** 93 Ford Aerostar cargo van. Seats five. Good runner. \$1500/b.o. Cheryl TenEyck (cnt1) x2379 or home 315 789-3493.

**FOR SALE:** Two young goats, one male, one female, Nubian/Alpine Cross, \$80 for the pair. Contact David 2496 or 585-2248.

**FOR SALE:** 1991 Buick Roadmaster Wagon, loaded, leather seats, Power everything, moon roof, 307 V8, new tune-up. Contact David 2496 or 585-2248. \$3700.

**FOR SALE:** 1996 Honda Civic DX, 2D, black, 5-speed, air-conditioning, CD-changer, mileage 74,000. \$5,500. Contact P. Griffiths @ 2222 or pdg8@cornell.edu

**HELP WANTED:** Need part time work? Billsboro Winery is looking for people to staff its sales room. Thursday - Sunday afternoons. Must be at least 21 years old. Call 789-9571 or e-mail: rmp2@cornell.edu

**FOR SALE:** 1995 Geo Prizm Sedan. 4D, red, automatic, air conditioning, cruise control, mileage 91,000. \$3,900. Please feel free to check it out at the Surge Lab parking area. Contact Cruz Avila by e-mail: ca33@cornell.edu, or find me in Surge Lab office 109B.

**BEACH HOUSE RENTAL:** Beautiful location, southwest shore of Canandaigua Lake. Getaway, golf, fish, relax. Canoe and rowboat included. By the week or weekend. Suitable small family/two couples. Off-season openings (and off-season rates!) remain in June, September and October. Serious inquiries only. elg2@cornell.edu

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MEGA BLOOD DRIVE**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2002**

**HWS FIELD HOUSE**



**Bike & Walk Week 2002!**

Bike and Walk Week is just around the corner, June 3-7. So get your bikes and legs tuned up! Volunteers are needed to be departmental representatives and to make breakfasts. It's fun and easy! If you'd like to help, please contact Jennifer Grant, jag7 or x2209.

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