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## BRIEFS

MARCH OF DIMES WALK AMERICA  
UPDATE

I am so happy to report that this year the Station team, although smaller than previous years, still managed to raise over \$500 for healthier babies! This is the eighth consecutive year that the Station Team has raised over \$500, thus, qualifying us to receive another plaque of appreciation from the March of Dimes.

Thanks, again, to all those who participated in this year's Walk, and to all of you who sponsored our team members for the Walk!

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STERLING  
RENAISSANCE  
FESTIVALOpen Saturdays  
and Sundays

10:00 am - 7:00 pm.

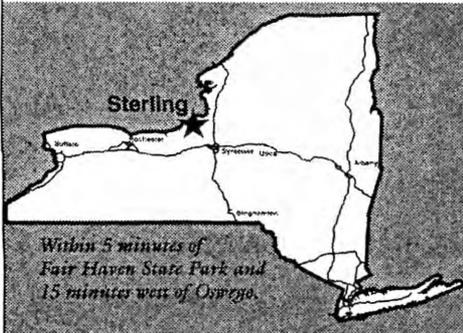
June 29 - August 11 2002

Station Club is  
sponsoring  
the sale  
of discount passes\$14.99/adults  
\$5.99 6 to 12

Children 5 and under are FREE

Thrill to the excitement of over 80 stage and street performances. Meet more than 200 professional actors and stagehands who recreate the look and feel of an English Renaissance village, as you enjoy a pleasant summer stroll through the township. For more information you can visit their web site at [www.sterlingfestival.com](http://www.sterlingfestival.com).

Tickets are available by contacting Amy Andersen at 2314, stopping by A103 Barton Lab or by email ([ada10@nysaes.cornell.edu](mailto:ada10@nysaes.cornell.edu)).

Marty Schlabach Receives 2002 SUNY  
Chancellor's Award for Excellence in  
Librarianship

Marty Schlabach has been honored with the 2002 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Schlabach was recognized for his strong leadership of the Frank A. Lee Library in Geneva and the Comstock Entomology Library in Ithaca, his skill as a master reference librarian, and his outstanding service to the life sciences and library communities at Cornell for the past 15 years. Schlabach received the award at a banquet in Ithaca on May 15.

Schlabach, who had previously worked as the entomology librarian for the Comstock Memorial Library on Cornell's Ithaca campus, came to the Station as interim librarian in October 1999. He assumed the permanent position in July, 2000. Schlabach's responsibilities are to maintain and develop the collections and services of the Lee Library for the Station community.

"Core to this is engaging, motivating and supporting the library staff who daily provide the services," Schlabach notes.

Station director Jim Hunter asserts that Schlabach is a leader who is committed to providing excellent service using the best technologies available. "Marty is a manager with outstanding people skills who pays attention to details, and a team player who works with others in the Cornell Library System for the betterment of the Geneva Library and the entire system," said Hunter.

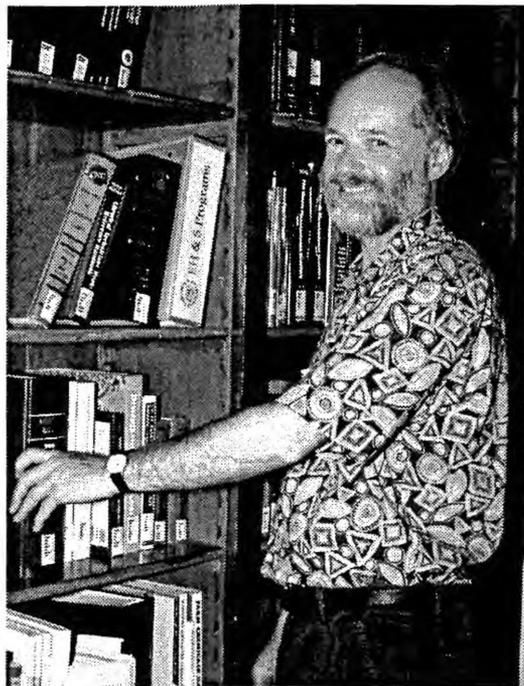
Similar sentiments are expressed by others in the Cornell community. Donald Rutz, chair of the entomology department in Ithaca, quipped, "If John Henry and Anna Botsford Comstock had the opportunity to select the librarian to manage and care for their world class library, I am absolutely certain that Marty Schlabach would be their unanimous choice!"

Schlabach approaches his responsibilities with an eye toward the future. "The nature of collections of information is changing," he said. "Increasingly, collections are in electronic format and are shared with the whole Cornell community. But, paper materials are not going away. It is the librarian's challenge to find the appropriate balance and to remember the underlying goal, which is to meet the information needs of Station research, outreach and education activities. The relevant services include user assistance, training and an array of special services that make it easier to access, use and manage the abundance of information," Schlabach added.

Schlabach says he enjoys regular contact with the consumers of information and services. "I became a librarian to help people connect with the information they need, whether the information is found in print, online or another person," he said. "With my passion for librarianship rooted in helping people, I have always tried to base my decisions on what is best for the person who needs or uses the information. It is sometimes a temptation to be distracted by administrative trivia, but I try to remind myself of the long- and short-term reasons for us being here," Schlabach added.

Schlabach has a rather illustrious history as a librarian. One colleague called him the "grandfather of the Cornell Gateway," because Schlabach was project coordinator for the original effort that made BIOSIS available over the campus network and developed a 'gateway' to provide easy access to it and other databases. "While we were only providing access to a few databases, it was apparent that there would someday be many," said Schlabach. "The intent of the gateway was to remove the need for the user to know the login protocols, passwords and the like, that would have otherwise been needed to access each database."

The Mann Library Gateway was telnet-based and released in 1991, long before the



Marty Schlabach

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## BIKE WEEK 2002



*Pim Larson-Kovach (above) sports her new helmet, won during last week's Bike & Walk Week here at the Station. Pim along with Ed Lavin helped to rally a big turnout from Food Science this year. However, it was not enough to capture the interdepartmental prize that was seized by IPM. Meanwhile, Bike Week organizer Jennifer Grant savors a mouthful of delicious quiche prepared by Holly Lange.*

*Jan Nyrop (right) took a 36-mile spin through Penn Yan on Friday morning, but it was not enough to take the mileage prize from Dave Paine in Hort Sciences, who logged 100 commuting miles during the week. Other prize winners included Ravindra Pogaku who rode a bike after having been off the saddle for 25 years! Bike & Walk week activities and prizes were made possible by the generous support of the Station Club, the Geneva Bicycle Center, and Tops Friendly Markets.*

### CALENDAR of EVENTS

JUNE 14 - 21, 2002

#### FITNESS

##### Aerobics

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

##### Taekardio Class

**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2002  
**Time:** 12:10 PM  
**Place:** Jordan Hall Auditorium

##### Taekwondo Class

**Date:** Monday, June 17, 2002  
**Time:** 12:10 - 1 PM  
**Place:** Jordan Hall Auditorium

#### CLASSIFIED

**FOR SALE:** 1996 Dodge Ram Wagon. 8 passenger van, short wheelbase, 6 cylinder, 1 owner, 60M miles. \$7,000. John Ludwig at JW12 or x2407.

**FOR SALE:** 1991 Buick Roadmaster Wagon, loaded, leather, power everything, good condition, a nice running, comfortable luxury car, \$3200.--will negotiate. Call David at x2496 or 585-2248. \$3700.

**FOR RENT:** Studio apartment, walking distance to schools, hospital and Experiment Station. Furnished, new carpeting, off street parking. \$295. utilities included. Contact Nancy Long

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Web. It migrated to the Web in 1995 and eventually became the basis for the campus-wide Gateway, which is now used to access thousands of electronic information resources. "The widespread use of the gateway on campus is probably one of the most satisfying accomplishments during my tenure at Cornell," said Schlabach. "Since the gateway has already seen a number of generations of changes, I should probably more appropriately be considered the great-grandfather!"

On the personal side, Schlabach enjoys gardening, birding, contradancing, local history, heritage breeds of farm animals, and heirloom plants. His partner, Mary Jean Welsler, works for the department of horticultural sciences at the Station. The two are renovating a 19th century Greek revival farmhouse in Interlaken.

Schlabach wants to thank all his colleagues and family members for his success. But he especially wants to thank his parents, noting that they had the greatest impact on his commitment to service. "Helping others was a way of life in our home," he said. "My parents did not have the opportunity for formal education beyond eighth grade. That perhaps motivated them to push me and my six siblings to complete high school, and to encourage us to continue with higher education. My mother proudly tells others how I now teach Cornell faculty members."

Cornell Staff

#### Seabreeze Tickets Available

The cost is \$14.50 each, a savings of \$3.

Kid passes (under 48" in height) are \$13.50.

Kids' 2 and under are free.

These passes are valid weekends  
 Now - June 16 and then 7 days  
 a week from June 20 through  
 Labor Day (holidays included).  
 Tickets are available in Room 150,  
 Food Research Lab.



#### New Arrivals

##### Congratulations

to Michele and Andy Humiston.

Anna Olivia was born  
 Sunday, June 2, 2002. She  
 weighed 6 lbs  
 and was 18 1/2" long.

Michele is a Research Support  
 Specialist in the Analytical Chemistry  
 Laboratories of the  
 Food Science Department.