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BRIEFS

Important News from the IRS

A recent communication from the IRS indicates that they will be assessing penalties against employers whose Form W-2 has mismatched names and social security numbers. A mismatch occurs when you use your first initial opposed to your first name for payroll information. It is also considered a mismatch if you use a nickname opposed to your legal name. Please take a moment to verify that the name on your paycheck appears as it appears on your Social Security Card. If it does not match exactly, contact your department/college human resource representative to complete a university personnel action form (UPAF) to make the revision. You are legally required to provide your employer with the name exactly as it appears on your social security card.

The problems associated with a mismatch name/number are that IRS cannot accurately process individual tax returns if they cannot easily access the wage and tax information from your employer. Without a correct name and/or number on the Form W-2, an employee's account with Social Security may never be properly credited with your earnings and taxes for your retirement benefit.

Tax issues and questions can be directed to Carlo Troise at 255-9470. Questions regarding the UPAF process may be directed to Karen Raponi at 255-7597.

Grape-Stomping Commish

On Saturday, September 21, New York State Agriculture Commissioner Nathan Rudgers became the 2002 Grape Stomping Champion at the Welch's Grape Stomping Contest during the 35th Annual Festival of Grapes, in Silver Creek, NY. He edged out Senator Patricia McGee and 20 other celebrity contestants for the honor. Rudgers won

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NYSAES Mail Problems

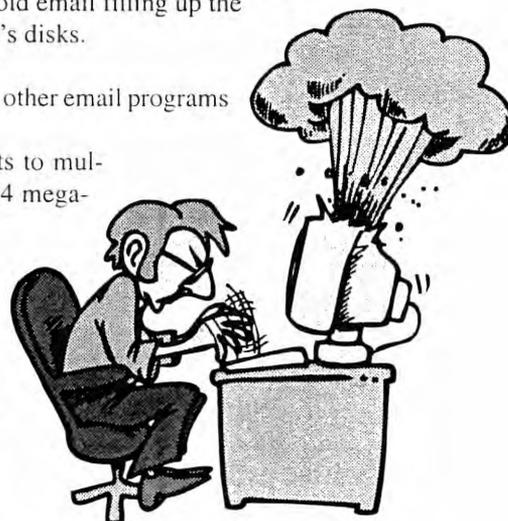
NYSAES had email problems last week, which stemmed from large amounts of old email filling up the Experiment Station's mail server's disks.

The disk is filling up for several reasons:

1) Many people are setting up Eudora or other email programs to leave email on the server forever.

2) People are sending large attachments to multiple users. For instance, on Tuesday, a 2.4 megabyte picture about a seminar in Plant Pathology was sent to 450 NYSAES mailboxes. When encoded for email transmission, 450 copies of that one picture took up about 2.2 Gigabytes of disk space.

3) Not all departments inform the Computer Center (CC) when people leave NYSAES. This means that the CC has many mailboxes for users who are no longer here, yet the boxes continue to grow large with email that will never be read.



What You Can Do to Help

1) Continue reading your email so that your mail gets moved from the server post office box to your Mac or PC mailbox.

2) If you use the Eudora <Leave on Server> option, please make sure you also set a number of days to leave on server. If you don't use this option, you can ignore this plea for help.

On the Macintosh version of Eudora you will find this in Eudora's Special menu:

Special->Settings...->Checking Mail->Leave on server for ____ days

On the Windows version of Eudora you will find this in Eudora's Tools menu:

Tools->Options...->Incoming Mail->Leave Mail on server

And

Tools->Options...->Incoming Mail->Delete from server after ____ days

For both versions of Eudora, if you don't need the <Leave on Server> option, please, **please** disable it by removing the check mark from that option's checkbox. The most common reason for needing the <Leave on Server> option is to allow for reading the same mailbox from more than one computer.

If you use the <Leave on Server> option, be sure that you fill in a number of days, 30 or less.

3) Limit the size of attachments or don't send them unless necessary. Not all mail servers are alike. The NYSAES mail server doesn't limit the size of incoming messages and attachments. Other institutions' mail servers, and even Cornell's Ithaca campus servers do limit the size of incoming messages. Email was originally designed for text. To send

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by producing a gallon of grape juice first, using grape stomping skills and techniques with his bare feet on New York State Concord grapes.

"Dust Off Those Easels"

The 3rd Annual "Artists Among Us" Art Exhibit is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2002. The show will run alongside the Employee Benefair, held on the second floor of Jordan Hall.

There are many new features this year, including a special Children's Artist Reception from 4-6 p.m., a Living Art Wall that everyone can add to, and live music.

Artists of all kind are encouraged to show their work. If you have participated in past shows or are a closet artist waiting to be discovered, we want to hear from you. If you are not artistically expressive, but have a child or other family member that is, please sign them up to participate in the show.

For further details and deadline information, please contact Amy Andersen at ada10@nysaes.cornell.edu, or call 2314. Our planning committee is excited to present another great show.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing you in December!

A. Andersen

Station Club Elections

Station Club is holding their annual election of officers on Thursday, October 3 at the Sawdust Cafe at 11:30 am. We would like to encourage anyone interested in being a department/unit representative or holding an office such as president, vice president, secretary or treasurer to attend this meeting. If you are not interested in holding a position but would like to help with the many Station Club activities, we would love to hear from you. Station Club is always open to change or suggestions. Thanks.

G. Osborne

National Women's Hall of Fame Receives Funding for "Women of the Hall"

The National Women's Hall of Fame has been awarded a \$7,000 grant from the New York Council for the Humanities for an edu-

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attachments, your mail program encodes them, which makes them roughly 25% to 75% larger in size while they're being transmitted and stored on servers. Sending only needed attachments can help keep your messages smaller in size, making it more likely that they'll be accepted in the mailbox of the person you're sending it to. If you are in the habit of preparing and attaching word processing documents for quick notes, consider instead copying the text of your note and pasting it directly into your message; that way you avoid the size penalty of encoding and also make it easier for your recipients to quickly see the message you wish to convey to them.

How Email Flows into your Eudora Mailbox

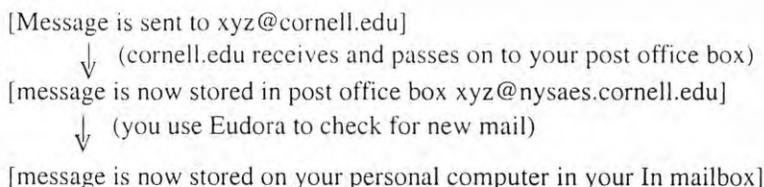
Unless quite a few people reduce the number of days of email that is left on the server, it's a good bet that our current mail server will fill up again. Please help out by making sure that you don't have Eudora set up to <Leave on Server> for longer than necessary.

A little background may be helpful for those who don't understand how email flows into your Eudora mailbox. Following is a description of how this works.

Email sent to [your ID]@cornell.edu is received by a server in Ithaca. That server doesn't store your email, but instead passes it on to whatever post office server is defined for you in the Bear Access <Who I Am> email preferences screen. For most people at NYSAES, that means your mail gets delivered to your post office box on the NYSAES server, [your ID]@nysaes.cornell.edu; for others, that means your mail gets delivered to one of the Ithaca post office boxes such as [your ID]@postoffice2.mail.cornell.edu.

When you read your email with Eudora, it retrieves new messages from your post office box and stores them on your Macintosh or PC; doing this usually removes them from the server as soon as they are retrieved by your personal computer. When messages have been received by your Macintosh or PC, they stay there until you delete them in Eudora. Once they are on your Macintosh or PC, they can be safely removed from your server post office box—the messages on your personal machine stay there until you choose to delete them.

Here is an example of how a message to xyz@cornell.edu might flow between these computers:



Eudora's <Leave on Server> option modifies this a bit by retrieving a copy of messages from the server instead of moving them from the server to your personal computer. That means it leaves the original message in your server post office box, and also means that messages build up in your server post office box. Having too many messages in your server post office box makes Eudora take longer to check for new messages, and can also cause the server to fill up and eventually be unusable for any email sending or receiving.

It's not at all dangerous to have Eudora remove messages from the server when you check for new mail. Even without using Eudora's <Leave on Server > option you'll always receive all of your messages, and you can keep them on your personal computer as long as is useful to you.

In general, the only value that <Leave on Server> has is to allow you to read email on more than one computer, and, for that purpose, leaving it on the server for 7 to 14 days should be more than adequate.

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Plan a day with your family...
28th Annual Employee/Family Day
October 19, 2002

The CU Community Dinner (chicken barbecue or vegetarian lasagna) will be served in Barton Hall before the football game from 3:30-5:30 pm on Oct. 19, 2002. The Cornell-Colgate football game will kick off at 6:30 pm at Schoellkopf Field.

Tickets for the event are on sale now through October 11. (Tickets will not be sold after this date). The \$5 ticket includes dinner and admission to the football game. You may purchase tickets to just the dinner for \$3 (no take out dinners will be available) or the game for \$3. Some departments purchase a quantity of tickets to distribute to recognize their staff. In Geneva your department could do the same. Tickets are available from Gemma Osborne at B-1 Jordan Hall, x2428.

Additional Employee/Family Day activities include:

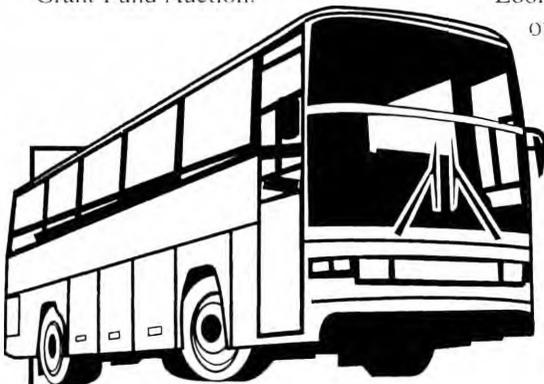
Free family swim at Helen Newman, 2:00-4:00 pm. Bowling at Helen Newman, noon - 5:00 pm (\$1/game and \$1/shoe rental), 3 game limit (Reservations required, call 255-4200). Johnson Museum Fall Open House, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Also, consider volunteering to help with the Employee/Family Day dinner. Volunteers assist with setting up, serving, collecting tickets, greeting university faculty, staff, retirees, their families, and other related tasks. Each volunteer receives a complimentary ticket. If you would like to volunteer, contact Janet Beebe at 255-7565, or jmb26@cornell.edu.

Employee/Family Day is the capstone to Staff Celebration Week (Oct. 14-19), which features a variety of employee-sponsored activities including a Staff Fine Arts Exhibit and Reception, Funshops & Fieldtrips, President's Address to Staff, and the 2nd Annual Emergency Grant Fund Auction.

Look for more information in upcoming issues of PawPrint, or call 255-6464.

Mark your calendars and buy your tickets now!



Catch a Bus to Employee Day on October 19

As many of you are aware, Pat Mahoney is the Geneva representative to the Employee Assembly. Part of her responsibility in this role is to encourage involvement of the Geneva staff with

events involving all of the Cornell Community. This is very important to help to "close the gap" between the Geneva and Ithaca campuses.

With that being said, she is hoping to promote Station employees' attendance at the Employee/Family Day (and the Cornell-Colgate football game) on October 19, 2002 in Ithaca. The Employee Assembly is a sponsor for this event.

The director of the Station, Jim Hunter, is willing to cover the cost of a bus to transport Station employees and their families to this event (if there is enough interest to fill the bus). The bus, which will be a Geneva City School Bus, would leave the Jordan Hall parking lot at 2:00 p.m. and return by 11:00 p.m. (depending on the length of the game). The cost for the event is \$5.00 per person (for the dinner and game). **BUT—if you volunteer to work at the event, your entire fee will be covered!**

Please let Pat Mahoney know if you would like to attend and ride on the bus by emailing pmm19 or calling X2394 no later than October 11.

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ational lecture series entitled "Women of the Hall." The lectures will begin in October, State Humanities Month, and will be free and open to the public.

The lecture series will focus on National Women's Hall of Fame Inductees in the Humanities fields and include lectures by and about those inductees. The series will kick-off Sunday, October 20, 2002, at 2:00 p.m.

The first lecture, by H. Patricia Hynes, Professor of Environmental Health at Boston University's School of Public Health and author of *The Recurring Silent Spring*, will focus on Hall Inductee Rachel Carson on the 40th anniversary of Carson's ground-breaking work *Silent Spring*. Additional lectures will take place throughout the winter and early spring.

This program is supported by the New York Council for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The National Women's Hall of Fame is a national membership organization recognizing and celebrating the achievements of individual American women. The Hall was founded in historic Seneca Falls, New York, the site of the first Women's Rights Convention in 1848. A not-for-profit educational organization, its programs include inductions of distinguished American women, educational activities, special exhibits, and events for the enrichment of public understanding and appreciation of the diverse contributions women make to society. One hundred and seventy-six women have been inducted since the Hall's founding in 1969. The National Women's Hall of Fame is supported by corporations, foundations, and individual benefactors.

For more information on the lecture series, please contact the Hall at (315) 568-8060 or visit the Hall's award-winning website, www.greatwomen.org. Or, at the Station, contact Jana Lamboy, who is a member of Zonta International, a professional women's organization who is co-sponsoring the event with the Women's Hall of Fame.

***Minds are like parachutes...
they function only when open.***

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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SEMINARS

Plant Path

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2002
Time: 3:30 PM, Coffee at 3 PM
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Subject: Adventures in Cooperative Extension: Ornamentals IPM
Speaker: Dr. Jana Lamboy, IPM, Geneva

FST

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2002
Time: 10:30 AM
Place: Food Science Conference Room
Subject: New York State Agriculture and Markets Food Safety Program
Speaker: Dr. Joe Corby, NYS Department of Ag. and Markets, Albany

FITNESS

Aerobics

Date: Monday and Friday
Time: 12:10 - 1:00 PM
Place: Sawdust Cafe

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Date: Mon., Sept. 30, Wed., Oct. 2, 2002
Time: 12:10 - 1:00 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

CLASSIFIED

WANTED: To borrow or buy in the next week or two to make grape juice. A used Mehu-Maju juice processor. llm3@cornell.edu or X2417

FOR SALE: Nordic Track Walk Fit, not motorized, upper and lower body workout with adjustable resistance for both. \$300. Call 315-548-3101.

FOR SALE: professional drafting table, Hamilton VR20, 3'x5', power lift, excellent condition, \$300. Call Dave x2496.

WANTED TO RENT: House or apartment, 2/3 bedrooms. Contact dbg25 or x2368.

FOR SALE: '95 Coleman Cedar Tent Camper. Sleeps 5. Stove, Sink, Awning & Tent. \$3200 or B/O. Call Holly 315-539-5216 or e-mail: hak@cornell.edu

PEOPLE

Welcome Aboard!

B&P would like to welcome Bradley Rozelle as its newest employee. Brad will be working in the heating plant and also helping out in the electric shop. If you see him around, please welcome him to the Station.

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Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Yizhi Meng, a graduate student in the department of Food Science and Technology, on her marriage to Erik Muller, a graduate student in the physics department at Cornell. Their wedding took place on September 1, 2002, at the Lawrence Chapel in Alpine, NY. A reception was held at the Fontainebleau Inn on Cayuta Lake. Best wishes to the happy couple!

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Improvements to the Station Mail Server are Coming

Later this year the CC will be installing a new mail server with more email storage space. Even with considerably greater email server storage, the CC may still run into problems if server post office boxes are allowed to grow without bounds. In order to prevent such mail server problems from happening again, NYSAES will soon adopt a procedure similar to the main campus' procedure where old email is automatically deleted from the server. Details will be placed in *Station News* before that procedure is implemented.

If you need any help in configuring Eudora to properly remove old mail from the server, please contact the Computer Center.

FREE FLU SHOTS

Free Flu Shots for active faculty and staff; \$12 for retirees, students, family members.

**Sawdust Cafe.
 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 October 24**

Cornell ID is required for the free shot. If you do not have a Cornell ID card contact Charie Hibbard in Human Resources, Jordan Hall; e-mail: cah3.

If you can't make the October 24 clinic, flu shots will be available at the Geneva Benefair scheduled for December 5.

2002 Outstanding Employee Award

Call For Nominations

Each year the Station Club solicits nominations for an Outstanding Employee. The Outstanding Employee will be announced and presented with gifts at the November Station Club Banquet.



Nominators should solicit letters of support for a selected individual and submit all supporting materials to Lorraine Barry, Selection Committee Chair. These packets will be evaluated by a volunteer panel of department/unit representatives. All nominations will be confidential. The panel will convene and select the awardee based on criteria such as:

- high degree of excellence in job performance
- friendly demeanor along with strong interpersonal skills that promote team work
- a willingness to extend themselves to help others
- a commitment to the goals of the Experiment Station

Other considerations of the Selection Committee will include:

- quality (content) of letters – not quantity (number)
- who wrote the letters (supervisors, co-workers, administrative staff, department chair)
- diversity of sources for the letters (department, Geneva campus, Ithaca campus, departed visiting scientists)

Community involvement (outside the Station) should not be a strong determining factor.

Nomination packets will be accepted through October 1, 2002. Please send completed nomination materials to Lorraine Barry, Hedrick Hall.

Please take a few minutes to think about this and then nominate someone – someone who perhaps has been long overdue for this recognition.