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BRIEFS

Employee Assembly Meeting

The Employee Assembly will be meeting in Geneva on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. in the Jordan Hall Lounge.

Lunch will be served to all attendees!

If you have any comments or concerns you would like addressed at the meeting, please notify Pat Mahoney (our Geneva rep) at pmm19 or extension 2394 no later than May 16.

Dr. Hunter to Retire

Dr. Jim Hunter has served the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES) at Geneva and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S) with selfless dedication and excellent judgment in a variety of capacities over the years. He has been Professor and Chair of Plant Pathology, Associate Director and, most recently, Director of the NYSAES and Associate Dean of CAL S. Jim has overseen many important changes during the past years, but he has now announced his desire to relinquish the duties as Director of the NYSAES during the next year. We are grateful to Jim for his many accomplishments and we all thank Jim for these many years of dedicated service and leadership.

We are faced, however, with finding a successor to Jim. The next director will deal with many challenges and opportunities. This is an appropriate time to think creatively and carefully about the future of the NYSAES. We need to consider the future vision and mission for the station. The scientific, agricultural, and political landscapes are all in flux. It is important to consider these various issues as we consider the duties of the next director. Therefore, I am commissioning a high level panel to consider these issues as prelude to a search for the next director. I invite your nominations for

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Worobo Receives Mentoring Awards

Randy Worobo, a microbiologist, and assistant professor in the Food Science and Technology department, has won two awards for his mentoring of Cornell student, Matthew Moake. Worobo received the CAL S Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring of Independent Research Award for which he was given a plaque and monetary award. He also won the Cornell Tradition Employer Recognition Award, for "providing and supervising the employment of Cornell students, and making invaluable contributions to the quality of undergraduate education." For that award, Worobo received a plaque and a pen.

Moake came to Worobo's lab as a freshman in 2000, and, according to him, it was the only lab willing to hire an inexperienced freshman to do research.

"I came to Randy's lab with barely a shred of research experience," Moake said. "He gave me a tour of the lab, showed me the equipment, introduced me to the other lab members, all the while explaining to me projects that were underway that I would be able to participate in; none of which I really understood at the time."

Moake also said that despite his lack of experience, Worobo treated him as an important and contributing member of the lab from the minute he walked in the door. "I was never asked to do meaningless busy-work, but rather was immediately involved in important ongoing research. He made me feel as though I really belonged there doing research," Moake said.

In his nominating letter, Moake, now in his third year with the lab, enumerated all that Worobo has done for him; things that go above and beyond the usual duties of a supervisor. By the end of his first year Moake was given a project searching for novel antibiotics and bacteriocins; this project ended successfully with the discovery of a novel antibiotic. This research resulted in the publication of a paper in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, a paper on which Moake is listed as third author. The subject of the paper is the characterization of the novel antibiotic "Mattacin," named by Worobo, not after himself as he could have done, but after the freshman undergraduate in his lab that discovered it.

Moake also credits Worobo for help in his success during a summer job at the National Institute of Health where he did HIV vaccine research. "Thanks to Randy, I entered that lab with confidence and a feeling of comfort within a laboratory setting," Moake said. Worobo

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R. Worobo

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participants on this panel. I expect participation from the faculty in Geneva, but also with a minority membership from Ithaca. The panel must be small enough to work effectively, but it will also communicate regularly with the broader community. I will select the participants from your nominations upon consultation with the Associate Deans. Because the panel needs to begin its activities in early summer, your nominations should be received by May 30. The product of this group's deliberations will be a white paper which the search committee will use as a guideline for the director search. This white paper will be required by the Dean in early fall.

Please join me in thanking Jim for his many years of outstanding service in diverse responsibilities. We will recognize his accomplishments in a more formal manner later in the next academic year.

S. Henry

E-mail Etiquette

To be a good network citizen and to protect yourself and others, follow these guidelines when writing and sending electronic mail.

What to Do

Write carefully. Once you send an e-mail message, you cannot take it back or make it disappear. The reality is that your messages may be saved for a very long time. They may also be read inadvertently by others, or forwarded to others without your knowledge.

Use upper and lowercase text. Using all uppercase letters means SHOUTING and can be offensive.

Sign your messages with at least your name. It's nice to add your e-mail address, too, since some e-mail programs make it difficult to see who the sender of the message was.

Address your messages carefully. Some addresses may belong to a group, even though the address appears to belong to just one person.

Respect copyrights. E-mail messages and news posts are included in the types of works that can be copyrighted.

Indicate humor or jokes with a sideways smiley face. :-) (The basic smiley is a colon, dash, and right parenthesis. There are many variations.) You can also include something like "<grin>" or "<sarcasm on>" to show your state

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even traveled to the NIH to support Moake during the NIH Summer 2001 Poster Day in which he presented a poster on his summer work. Moake also noted that Worobo takes his thoughts into account and contributes a lot of feedback and guidance. "Randy also helped me win the Goldwater Scholarship. The scholarship application required the proposal of a novel research project as well as several letters of recommendation. Randy helped me develop the research project, the same one which we were in fact writing grants to pursue, as well as wrote what I am sure was an excellent letter of recommendation on my behalf," Moake said.

Worobo's commitment to Moake and the rest of his staff also extends beyond the laboratory. "Randy's mentoring has been invaluable to my development as a scientist, but I feel that his mentoring outside the lab as a friend has been even more important to me," Moake said. "From the day I came to the lab, Randy took a vested interest in my well-being. On top of all of the conversations about experiments and science, Randy always made time to discuss classes, family, and other personal issues with me," Moake added. One particularly noteworthy example is when Moake had developed a lump in the side of his neck he couldn't explain. "It wasn't uncomfortable so I wasn't really worried about it," Moake said. Worobo on the other hand, was very adamant about having it looked at. After much coaxing from Worobo, Moake finally had it looked at, and a biopsy of the lump lead to the diagnosis of a Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma. "Thanks to Randy's persistence, it was caught in an early Class I stage, and I have since undergone successful treatment for it," Moake said.

Worobo gives much of the credit to Moake. "I feel honored to receive these two awards and privileged to be mentoring such an outstanding student. The awards were a complete surprise since I was not aware that Matt had nominated me," Worobo said. "Matt is a brilliant and gifted student with enormous potential. He has greatly contributed to the advances in our antimicrobial peptide research." I'm sure that he will excel in his MD/Ph.D. program and whatever career avenue he chooses after finishing his graduate work," Worobo concluded.

"Dr. Randy Worobo is an outstanding scientist who has unmatched enthusiasm in searching out new facts in the microbial world that brings excitement to his colleagues and students," commented Cy Lee, FST Chair. "He is a dedicated, hard-working person who has a strong interest in working with both graduate and undergraduate students in his laboratory. No one deserves these awards more than he does."

J. Zakour

SAVE THE DATE

Bike & Walk Week

June 2-6, 2003

Pump up your tires and oil your chains to prepare for the Station's fun-filled rite of spring. Lots of food, prizes, good fun and non-polluting fitness!

If you want to volunteer to help, we need people to:

- put up posters in their campus buildings
- prepare breakfast (we provide ingredients, you get creative!)

Sponsored by Station Club, Wal-Mart, Zappia Vending, Pepsi, Madia's Big M and Lake Beverage.
If you can help, please contact Jennifer Grant (jag7@cornell.edu)





RETIREE NEWS

Retirees' Association Holds Annual Luncheon

Thirty-five members of the Station's Retirees' Association attended the annual luncheon on Friday, May 9, at Abigail's Restaurant in Waterloo. A buffet lunch with dessert was served. During the business portion of the luncheon, officers were nominated and elected for the coming year. They are: Pat Krauss, President; Mary Lou Dumbleton, Vice President; Marsella Walzack, Secretary; and Betty Bixler, Treasurer.

Members decided to hold a picnic in September at the pavilion. Plans will be formulated shortly, but initial thoughts were to have the picnic free-of-charge to all retirees and to have the meal catered by an outside vendor. "There are a number of new retirees as well as others, who weren't able to come to our luncheon," said President Pat Krauss. "We hope the idea of a picnic at no cost to them will encourage as many retirees as possible to get together and socialize for an evening in September."

In the annual address by the President, Pat made these comments: "Even though most of us in this room are probably no longer actively associated with the Experiment Station, I'm sure it still has a very fond spot in our hearts. I know that I still try to keep a pretty close eye on what is happening on campus and within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. There is no question that these are difficult times for the Station. But, these are difficult times for almost every business in the country in one way or another. The Station is fortunate to have the leadership that it does, a leadership that is working extremely hard to not only be sure that the Station survives this current bump in the road, but also continues to remain a world leader in agricultural research, especially in the horticultural sciences and food science areas.

"This is not the first time that the Station has undergone difficult times. Remember that fairly early in our history, Governor Roswell P. Flowers visited the Station with the express purpose of closing it. After listening to what members of the Chamber of Commerce, the New York Farm Bureau, and the New York Agriculture Society, as well as what growers had to say, he not only changed his mind about closing the Station but also increased its annual stipend from the state significantly. There have been other occurrences of concern throughout our 124-year history. But, the Station has always survived, and I predict that so long as agriculture is relatively strong in New York State, members of the faculty and staff of the Station will continue to be called upon to conduct research and extension activities that will enable the industry to remain competitive with not only other states in this country, but in the world market.

"I'm sure that all of us wish Jim Hunter and his excellent staff well in resolving this current crisis that the Station faces. They are doing everything possible to see that the institution *remains a world-class research facility* and that it continues to meet the needs of the growers and food processors of this state."

P. Krauss

I am rather inclined to silence, and whether that be wise or not, it is at least more unusual nowadays to find a man who can hold his tongue than to find one who cannot.

Abraham Lincoln

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of mind.

Be diplomatic. Criticism is always harsher when written, and e-mail can be easily forwarded.

Be calm. You may have misunderstood what was meant. Don't reply while you're still angry (this is called "flaming").

Be brief. Don't include background images, pictures, animations, etc. unless they are critical to your message. When replying to a message, you don't have to include the entire text of the original message. Include just enough to give the context of your response.

Watch out for viruses in attached files. Attached files are a common way to spread computer viruses. In Eudora, just receiving an attachment cannot infect your computer. But opening or running an attachment can.

If you don't know why you got an attachment, contact the sender directly to verify that it is what it appears to be. Some viruses can attach themselves without the sender even knowing it. It is also a good idea to scan all attachments with up-to-date antivirus software before opening them.

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Don't forward chain mail! These messages tell you to send or forward them to several other people. Don't — starting or continuing chain mail violates university policy.

Don't get fooled by Internet hoaxes and computer virus myths. Before you forward a so-called virus alert to everyone you know, check with the CIT HelpDesk or one of the websites linked here to see if it's for real.

Don't send unwanted e-mail. It can be regarded as harassment, which is governed by university policies and codes. Sending e-mail that someone else perceives as abusive or threatening may constitute criminal harassment.

Don't send numerous unsolicited messages ("junk mail"). Most people hate getting junk mail. It also slows down the networks and is generally a waste of valuable, limited resources.

Don't forge messages. Altering electronic communications to hide your identity or impersonate another person is considered forgery and violates university policy. Forgeries intended as pranks or jokes are still considered violations.

Don't forward e-mails unless you have the permission of the author. What they wrote may not have been intended for wider distribution, so it's always better to ask.

*Cornell Information
Technologies (CIT)*

CALENDAR of EVENTS

MAY 16 - 23, 2003

LTC

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2003
Time: 2-4 PM
Place: LTC
Subject: Digital Presentation
 This course will cover:
 •File formatting
 •Understanding output of a digital projector
 •Preparing images for PowerPoint presentations
 •Setting up equipment for presentations

Instructor: Fred Hickey

FITNESS

Aerobics

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

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Date: Mon. & Wed.
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Porter-Cable 7529 plunge router, 2 hp, variable speed, includes 1/4 and 1/2 inch collets. \$175. Contact Hugh Price at hcp1.

FOR SALE: Motorcycle. 1998 Buell SW1. Full factory race kit, ceramic coated exhaust, new battery, tires, and a lot of carbon fiber. Includes 2 sets of wheels, front and rear stands. 95HP, 7700 miles. \$5000 FIRM. (W) 787-2396. (H) 462-2384.

BEACH HOUSE vacation getaway on beautiful, south-west shore of Canandaigua Lake, is only a 45 minute drive from Geneva, 10 minutes from Naples. Swim, sun, fish, romance, relax, loaf, wine country, Reservoir Creek and Bristol Harbour golf courses, Bristol Valley Theater, Grape Festival, etc. Situated right on the water, suitable 1-2 couples or small family. Very nice beach area. Rowboat and canoe included. A few summer openings remain in July and August. Reduced rates by week or weekend in May-June and September-October. Interested? Contact Elaine at elg2

FOR RENT: Studio apartment attached to my house that will be available for rent starting May 1. The apartment is within walking distance of the station (1 mile), is fully furnished with full kitchen. Garage parking available and it has its own entrance. Rent is \$360, which includes utilities. The apartment is particularly well suited for visiting scientists and postdocs. No smoking or pets. If interested, send an email to set up a visit or call at 787-2345 or 789-5240.

FOR RENT: Now booking for summer vacation! Cottage on west side of Seneca Lake, 14 miles south of Geneva in Dresden. \$500 per week, Sat to Sat. Very clean and neat. 2 bedroom, full kitchen, gas and charcoal grill, garbage pick-up, Full deck, boat lift and dock, great fishing. Play ground, tennis court, ice-cream stand, hiking trail, gas station and diner in or close to Dresden. Right on the Seneca and Keuka Lake Wine Trail. For more information contact Mary Lou Hessney at 2423 or mlh5

**FREE, To a Station Department Only.
 FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

For surplus: Dramm PulsFOG K-3 unit. The PulsFOG machine is an advanced means for the safe, rapid and effective application of pesticides in greenhouses. This machine is a low volume device that micronizes the carrier solution and chemical combination, producing a visible fog. Provides complete and even coverage of plant surfaces. Excellent condition. Works great. FREE. For more information contact Paul at x2425 or pwk5

**The creation of a
 thousand forests
 is in one acorn.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Happy Trails to Hugh...

Hugh Price Retirement Party

Friday, June 6, 2003 —NYSAES Pavilion behind Jordan Hall —5:00 p.m. Social Hour —6:00 p.m. Dinner

Please return form with payment by **May 22** to:

Kathy Morabito, NYSAES, Horticultural Sciences, Hedrick Hall, 633 W. North St., Geneva, NY 14456

Please make checks payable to Kathy Morabito.

Contact info: 315-787-2234 or kmm64@cornell.edu

Menu: Choice of Pig Roast or Vegetable Lasagna both with salt potatoes, macaroni salad, baked beans, tossed salad, rolls, beverages, and dessert.

Please indicate choice:

Adults: \$15.00 per person.

_____ Pig Roast \$ _____

_____ Vegetable Lasagna \$ _____

Children 6-12 yrs.: \$7.50 per person.
 (children 5 yrs. & under FREE!)

_____ Pig Roast \$ _____

_____ Vegetable Lasagna \$ _____

Donation Toward Gift (optional) \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Please check box if you are interested in saying a few words.