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## BRIEFS

## Tis The Season

**WINE COMPETITION SEASON** is now in full swing, and New York wineries are raking in the Gold at record rates. In 2002, New York brought home 220 Gold and 60 Double Gold medals from various international judgments. Double Gold medals require unanimity among judges that the wine is of Gold medal quality, and are not awarded in all competitions.

**WINES OF THE WORLD** competition in Pomona, CA included over 4,000 wines and nearly 100 judges. Out of about 2,000 white wines, only 15 made it into the "Sweepstakes" round—and three of those were from New York: Wines of the Dr. Frank's 2002 Dry Johannisberg Riesling and 2002 Rkatsiteli from the Finger Lakes, and Chiappone 2002 Diamond from the Lake Erie Region. Other Gold medals included Goose Watch Winery Brut Rose (which also won "Best of Class") and Swedish Hill Vineyard 2002 Dry Riesling. New York wineries won a total of 44 medals: 5 Gold, 17 Silver, and 24 Bronze. (Missouri's fabulous Stone Hill Winery also had two sweepstakes whites.) An annual highlight of this wonderful competition (the country's oldest and largest, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Fair) is Dr. Bob's Handcrafted Ice Cream, the richest, creamiest and tastiest on earth, winner of over 30 Gold medals, and the subject of last Tuesday's "Great American Food Finds" on the Food Network. "Dr. Bob" is Dr. Robert Small, who runs the wine competition as well as the hospitality program for Cal Poly University. Unlike wine, his ice cream may be shipped directly to New York consumers, and I highly recommend it (<<http://www.drboobsicecream.com>>[www.drboobsicecream.com](http://www.drboobsicecream.com)). Warning: it's addictive.

**INTERNATIONALEASTERN WINE COMPETITION**, sponsored by Vineyard & Winery Management and held in Corning, NY, was one of the first in the country to recognize the quality and diversity of varietals and styles from the east. Since this event just concluded a couple days ago, full results are not yet available; but we do know Ravines, a winery on Keuka Lake that was just opened by Morten and Lisa Halgren, won "Best Dry Riesling" with its first (2002) wine. In addition, Double Golds went to Knapp 2002 Semi-Dry Riesling and Dr. Frank's 2002 Rkatsiteli—a rare and unusual wine that consistently wins top medals. New York wineries also won 10 Golds (to be listed next weekend), 57 Silvers and 91 Bronzes. The "Summer Bouquet," a gala tasting of award winning wines from the IEWC, will be held at the Corning Museum of Glass on Friday, June 13 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 per couple, and are available at 607-974-4084.

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## Employee Assembly Visits Geneva

On Wednesday, May 21, 2003 the Employee Assembly had this month's second bi-monthly meeting at the Station. Approximately 20 Station employees were in attendance, along with the members of the Employee Assembly and the Employee Elected Trustee, Michael Esposito. Dr. Hunter provided lunch for all who attended.

Dr. Hunter greeted the group, and expressed his pleasure that the EA was able to visit the Station. Mark Smith provided a presentation of the proposed Ag & Food Tech Park, and was asked many questions about the project by members of the Assembly and attendees. It was a very informative session.

Joe DeMarco, Chair of the EA advised the participants at the meeting that he would be coming before the Board of Trustees on Friday, May 23rd to provide a summary of the functions and projects of the Employee Assembly. He shared a summary of what he will say with the group:

"Good afternoon Chairman Meinig, President Rawlings, Board Members, guests.

My name is Joe DeMarco. I am honored to have this opportunity to address you today as Chair of Cornell's Employee Assembly. I am here to share with you, that, within the self-governance system here at Cornell University, the Employee Assembly is alive and thriving.

In the brief time I have allotted to me, I want to update you on recent EA initiatives as well as some of the challenges that lie ahead for us.

One of the desires of this year's EA was to increase our outreach to Cornell employees by facilitating the flow of information to staff in a variety of ways. Working closely with Vice President Opperman, Vice President Dullea and the Office of the Assemblies, we coordinated several events to achieve this goal.

In October, 2002, we sponsored our annual President's Address to the staff. It was held in the James Law auditorium of Schurman Hall at the Vet College. Despite wet, dreary weather, staff filled the facility and heard President Rawlings speak directly and poignantly about his years at Cornell and of the financial realities Cornell faces. The event was broadcast on the Internet so those who were unable to attend could view President Rawling's final Address to Staff. We also presented Hunter with gifts to show our appreciation for his support. One of the gift highlights was a Rawlings brand basketball, signed by all the members of the Employee Assembly. I understand that it has become quite a topic of conversation with visitors to his office.

Major concerns for staff this past year have been the Workforce Planning process and the NY State budgetary uncertainties and how they impact job security. In this climate, the Employee Assembly is working hard to encourage positive workplace morale. To keep staff updated, we held a 'Town Meeting' in October in which a representative from the Workforce Planning Team shared information and answered questions. Vice President Carolyn Ainslie has graciously agreed to be our guest at the next Town Meeting, which is scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2003.

In December, the EA teamed with Employee Trustee Mike Esposito to sponsor a round-table meeting with staff from the College of Art, Architecture and Planning to gather their perspective on the issue of the school's future. The discussion was insightful and their recommendations were forwarded to the administration. We were all pleased when the decision was made to take a different approach to the restructuring of AAP.

As part of our outreach attempts, the Employee Assembly occasionally takes our show 'on the road.' This past year we held one of our regular meetings at the Vet College and, this past Wednesday, we met at the NYS Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva.

To reach a broader audience, the bi-weekly employee newspaper, PAWPRINT, regularly carries a column entitled 'EA News and Views' which EA members write to keep staff informed about important issues and events.

This past year the Employee Assembly Emergency Grant Fund, which VP Opperman helped us establish three years ago, was able to help several staff members who had experienced losses due to house fires and needed assistance. We must thank President Rawlings again for the generous donation that the administration gave to seed the program. The EA has been raising additional funds since then through employee contributions and staff auctions.

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Lisa Rose and Tammy Bishop from Ithaca are all ears during Mark Smith's presentation on the Ag and Food Tech Park.

**CALENDAR of EVENTS**  
MAY 30 - JUNE 6, 2003

**WORKSHOP**

**Life Planning Workshop for Cornell University**

- Improve your Quality of Life
- Plan a Life rather than a Portfolio
- Focus on your History, Goals, Life Transitions and Values
- Move beyond Transaction Thinking into Transition Thinking

You are cordially invited to attend a lunch/workshop on Life Planning to be held:

**Thursday, June 5, 2003**  
**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Food Research Lab Lunch Room**

*A light lunch will be provided*  
**RSVP to Ken Walcyk at**  
**KTW6@AOL.COM, or**  
**888-883-6320**

**LTC**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 3, 2003  
**Time:** 10:30 AM–Noon  
**Place:** LTC  
**Subject:** Library Search Strategies  
**Instructor:** Marty Schlabach

Explore how to optimize your searches for relevant articles in BIOSIS, Agricola, CAB Abstracts, Dissertation Abstracts and Food Science and Technology Abstracts. These databases all have the same WebSPIRS interface. Link directly to the full-text of the article, link to the Library Catalog to see if we own the journal, save your search strategy and get regular, automatic updates. Excellent workshop for beginning and intermediate researchers.

**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

**CLASSIFIED**

**FOR SALE:** 97 Honda Civic XL, 5 speed sedan, 89,000 miles, excellent condition, new tires & muffler system. \$5,900. Call Gemma at 787-2248 or gro2

**FOR SALE:** Lexmark - multi function (print, scan, fax, copy). Works with PC only, not Mac. Never used (see previous sentence). Originally paid \$170, will sell for \$125. Contact Don Downing at x2273 or dld3@cornell.edu

**BEACH HOUSE** vacation getaway on beautiful, southwest 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:** 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



**SAVE THE DATES**

**Bike & Walk Week**  
**June 2-6, 2003**

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The EA's Communication Committee continues the tradition of presenting the George Peter Award for Dedicated Service to recognize outstanding staff members who enrich the Cornell community. The award, named after Cornell's first staff-elected Trustee, was given recently to a chef working in Cornell Dining, an administrative assistant in the CALS Dean's Office, a technician in the CU Hospital for Animals, a shift mechanic in the Mechanical Shop, and a finance specialist in the department of Food Science.

What's in the future for the Employee Assembly?

- We will continue to work with the Workforce Planning committee to keep staff informed on changes and developments.
- We will be creating a Recognition Committee, which will, among other projects, be charged to develop an award that recognizes strong, effective leadership within the Cornell Community.
- We will continue to serve as Cornell staff advocates at all levels. In this body, Cornell undergraduate students and Cornell faculty appropriately each have two representatives. In light of this time of sweeping changes on the campus, the Employee Assembly will work closely with trustee Michael Esposito to propose that staff representation in this body be restored to two.
- The future of the Employee Assembly will also be shaped by the presidency of Jeff Lehman. He will have large shoes to fill, literally and figuratively, but we can't help but be encouraged after the wonderful gesture he made, meeting with us on that December day when his selection was revealed to the world.

I hope this gives you a clearer sense of how the Employee Assembly functions, staff members keeping employees informed, working with the administration on policies and procedures affecting staff, and serving where we can to improve the Cornell community."

*P. Mahoney*

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**REGIONAL CUISINE PROGRAMS**

keep multiplying as a way to help restaurants, wine shops and consumers discover the great products right from their own backyard. We'll do our third annual "New York Cuisine" program in New York City this September, and Albany in November. "Finger Lakes Culinary Bounty" continues its networking program among wineries, farmers, and restaurants. And now "Savor Long Island" is taking the concept to Suffolk and Nassau counties for the month of July, when chefs will pair the fine wines with great seafood, fruits and vegetables from New York's largest agricultural county (Suffolk). The New York State Restaurant Association has been a vital partner in these programs, and a great supporter of the wine industry. Long Island Farm Bureau and the Long Island Wine Council are coordinating the program.

"HEALTHY LIFESTYLE" for the prevention of heart disease and diabetes emerged from two Harvard University studies showing that a certain combination of lifestyle characteristics resulted in 70% fewer instances of coronary heart disease and over 90% fewer cases of diabetes. The keys: (1) Avoid obesity, (2) Consume a healthy diet (high in fiber and unsaturated fat and low in trans fat and foods raising the blood glucose), (3) Engage in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (for at least 2 hours a day), (4) Avoid smoking, and (5) Consume at least 2 of a typical drink of an alcoholic beverage per day.

*J. Trezise, NY Wine and Grape Foundation*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**July 11, 2003**  
**16th Annual**  
**Station Club**  
**Golf**  
**Tournament**