

VOLUME LXXXV • NO. 12
JUNE 25 - JULY 9, 2004

BRIEFS

Room Reservations

The meeting rooms in Jordan Hall, which include the staff room, the lounge, and the auditorium, are reserved for specific events involving outside organizations as well as for Station events.

Recently, a few concerns have been expressed in regards to the procedure that employees have been following to reserve rooms through Corporate Time (CT).

In order for reservations to be more clear and accommodating, some changes have been made. To help make the process more efficient, please contact Nancy Long to coordinate reservations. Her hours are 8:30 AM -1:30 PM (NPL1, ext. 2288). If Nancy is unavailable and you need to contact someone immediately, the alternate contacts are Gemma Osborne (GRO2, ext. 2248), Linda Irland (LL11, ext. 2211), or Kathy DeRosa (KAD2, ext. 2236). This will ensure that the rooms being reserved meet the maximum capacity limits in accordance with the fire code; that there is enough time between meetings for set-up and reset-up; and that all of the other details will receive proper attention. Employees will be able to check the scheduling and the availability of the Jordan Hall rooms.

A Few Room Reservation Reminders:

- If a room is already set-up for a scheduled meeting, please make sure not to rearrange any furniture or equipment.
- If it is necessary to cancel a meeting, it is important that you do so through one of the coordinators listed above. This should be done at least 24 hours prior to the originally scheduled meeting so that the custodial staff will know not to set the room up.
- Make sure that when reserving a room to ask how to operate any equipment that might be unfamiliar.

(Continued on page 2)

Entomology Receives Generous Gift

The Entomology Department recently received a very substantial gift to help support an endowment for graduate students in the department. The gift, in excess of \$400,000, was bequeathed to the Paul J. Chapman graduate Fellowship fund by Mary Lienk, wife of entomologist Sigfried S. Lienk, who died in 1988. The award was made in her husband's memory. Mrs. Lienk passed away in November 2003.

Jim Hunter, made the announcement on the occasion of the naming of the recipient of the 2003 award. The Chapman Fellowship was established in the name of Dr. Paul J. Chapman in recognition of his tremendous contributions to entomology.

By example and encouragement, Chapman set the highest goals for the department's basic and applied research programs. He was an outstanding researcher in the field with his carefully planned experiments that have provided essential knowledge about the basic biology of fruit pests and their interactions with their hosts.

In 1992 he established the Chapman Fellowship with his generous gift to Cornell University to ensure that "his" department would continue to inspire young entomologists to follow the principles and insights he had instilled in his colleagues.

Dr. Lienk had a productive career as an entomologist at the Experiment Station from 1949 to 1983 where he initially conducted studies on the biology and control of pests of cherry and on the species of spider mites that are pests of apples and other tree fruits. In addition to being an accomplished scientist, Lienk was a friendly, cooperative department-loyal individual. Hunter pointed out that Lienk and Chapman collaborated for 38 years. One significant project resulting from this partnership was a study to determine when the flight periods of the larger species of moths occurred in the Geneva, NY area using black light traps. The study spanned a period of five years and 600 species were identified. The practical application of this effort was that the data could be used to determine when control measures should be used for species of economic importance.

The team also conducted another major project which was to update the number of native species that had adopted apple as a host after this plant was introduced in North America during colonial times. Species found feeding on apple were classified as using it as a primary, secondary or accidental host. A number of potentially new apple pests were discovered. The study was reported in a book, "Tortricid Fauna Of Apple Of New York," published by the Experiment Station.

"Mary Lienk was a delightful, very generous person," Hunter said in closing. "Everyone who knew her thought very highly of her and loved her. I'm sure that the department will put this money to good use to help future entomologists."



Sigfried S. Lienk

(BRIEFS, continued)

- When you are finished with a room, please leave all the equipment as you found it.

- If anything is broken or not working properly, notify the room or equipment designee.

Please follow the new reservation procedure so that the changes that have been made will benefit everyone.

For the Station events that Nancy will help organize, please fill out the new events request form in order for her to get the necessary information. The form can be found at: http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/adm/asc/committee/events/fm_events_request.html

Bike/Walk Week Marks Ninth Year

The ninth annual Experiment Station Bike and Walk Week was held June 1-4, and many employees rode their bikes or walked to work that week. Not only is this a good time, but it promotes pollution-free transportation modes that are good for our health and the environment. People who get a start during bike/walk week in June get in the habit and tend to continue for the rest of the summer.



Bike Week organizer Jennifer Grant mixes up a batch of smoothies for participants. Phil Beman, John VanderWeide and Greg English-Loeb patiently await the fruits of her labor.

As in the past, we put on a big free breakfast for all riders and walkers each day. Different people took turns shopping and cooking. The cooking alone has become an informal competition in which people haul in frying pans and blenders to make huevos rancheros and fruit smoothies to order! Our very own Station Club and many local merchants donated money and merchandise to support the effort; so in addition to the food, we had lots of prize to give away. Over the years, interdepartmental competitions helped to

(Continued on page 4)

Entomology Presents Graduate Student Awards

The entomology department recently made two awards to department graduate students. The first, The Villani Award, went to Shannon Olsson, a fourth-year Ph.D student and was presented by Charlie Linn.

“The Villani Award is a stipend given annually to a graduate student in the department and is named in honor of Dr. Mike Villani who tragically passed away on May 15, 2001,” Linn said, in introducing the award. “Mike set up the award to provide funds for graduate students to help them with their research efforts. There was, however, a unique aspect to the selection process that was stipulated by Mike when he set up this award—the recipient was to be chosen by the technical staff rather than the faculty which is ordinarily the case in an award of this nature.”

Linn went on to say that Mike Villani had a deep affection and great concern for all the people in the department. “It was Mike’s wish that the vote was cast by the people who did the work,” Linn said. “He believed that mentoring between the faculty and the student is important, but it is also important that a bond is formed between the technical staff and the student.”

In accepting the honor, Olsson described her research project. “This is my fourth year as a graduate student with Wendell Roelofs and Tom Eisner,” she said. “My dissertation research involves analyzing the effect of peripheral chemoreception on detection of host volatiles and speciation in *Rhagoletis* flies. This summer and fall I will research a new chapter of my dissertation in conjunction with collaborators at Penn State. It will involve identifying relevant host volatiles in two races of *Rhagoletis* that may be forming new species through hybridization - same thing common in plants but nearly unknown to animals.

Olsson expressed her pleasure and gratitude on receiving the Villani award. “This award means a lot to me. First, I am honored to receive an award named after Dr. Villani, who was both a wonderful scientist and a compassionate and caring man. And second, this award was decided on by the staff - who work with grad students in the lab every day. For

(Continued on page 4)



Shannon Olsson receives Villani Award certificate from Charlie Linn.



Mark Sarvary receives 2003 Chapman Fellowship. (Left to Right) Wendell Roelofs, Mark Sarvary, Mark's co-advisors Harvey Reissig and Jan Nyrop.

Megan Kennelly Receives First Annual Robert M. Gilmer Award

Megan Kennelly, graduate student in plant pathology was named the first recipient of the Robert M. Gilmer award.

Dr. Gilmer was a faculty member in the department of plant pathology at Geneva from 1950 to 1975 and served as Department Chair from 1967–72. He is fondly remembered for his intelligence, his great breadth of knowledge of plant diseases and—for being a free thinker who challenged conventional views. Dr. Gilmer was known internationally for his research on virus diseases of deciduous tree fruits and grapes.

The award, named in Dr. Gilmer's honor, is funded from an endowment bequeathed to the department of plant pathology by him. Recipients receive up to \$1,000. to support presentation of their work at a scientific meeting or to support research at a collaborating institution. The remainder of the funds are used to support the student's research.

Kennelly was presented with a framed certificate commemorating the event. Her name as well as the names of future recipients, will be inscribed on a plaque on display in the plant pathology seminar room.

As part of the celebration, an invited seminar was presented by Dr. John Norelli, a former student in Plant Pathology, now working at the USDA's Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville, West Virginia.

"The Gilmer Award is a very special event in that it allows us to recognize Bob Gilmer for his generosity and contributions to science and to administration," said current plant pathology chair, Tom Burr in his opening remarks. "It also provides us the opportunity to recognize a former Geneva plant pathology alum, Jay Norelli, who has already had a distinguished career in plant pathology. Most important, we recognize an outstanding graduate student within the department, Megan Kennelly."

David Gadoury, a Senior Research Associate in the department, who made the presentation, read excerpts from a letter of recommendation he wrote for Kennelly on the occasion of a job interview for a faculty position.

"Supervisors usually take these letters very seriously, and as they are confidential and are not seen by the applicant, they are usually a frank assessment by the supervisor of the applicant," Gadoury said. "Your credibility and perhaps future relationships with your peers are at stake when you draft such a letter. With that as background, here's what I've been saying about Megan behind her back.

"In the course of three years, Megan has performed six years of field research. She has done so by shuttling between the northern and southern hemispheres. After a hectic field season lasting from May to September in Geneva, New York, she would fly to Adelaide, Australia and start all over again. The logistical skills required to do this effectively are considerable. Megan is highly organized, creative, very bright, eager to seek out expert advice when necessary, and able to recognize when her own investigative efforts are sufficient and appropriate to answer a question. She is ambitious and productive. She writes



Dave Gadoury presents Gilmer award certificate to Megan Kennelly.

(GILMER AWARD, continued)

grant proposals, and aggressively scrounges for sources of funding with an enthusiasm that would shame an assistant professor. She will be presenting three papers at the next annual meeting of the American Phytopathological Society in August. No one else from our department at Cornell, faculty included, is presenting more than one.

"Megan is also a genuine pleasure to work with. She is cheerful, helpful, involved, tolerant, funny, and generous. She has the rare virtue of being able to work with difficult personalities, without joining their ranks. She has served as president of the Geneva graduate student association, and was their representative to the faculty. She seems to organize everyone for everything, and does so without being pushy or abrasive. She is a talented public speaker. I have noticed that she address diverse audiences in a mix of the technical and practical that always seems to be present in just the right proportion for the venue.

"The Gilmer Award is presented in recognition for excellence in research, academics, and service to the department. Megan is a most deserving recipient, so I take great pleasure in presenting her with the first annual Robert Gilmer Award."

"It's exciting that the plant pathology department has established this award to recognize the achievements of current students," Kennelly said in accepting the award. "It is also an excellent opportunity to recognize the graduates of the department by inviting them back to give the Gilmer seminar, and Jay Norelli was a perfect choice for the first seminar. I'm honored to be the recipient of the first Gilmer award, and I thank everyone who has helped me during my career." She went on to thank the faculty, staff, and her fellow students, past and present pointing out that they have all been extremely supportive. "I've undoubtedly learned as much from just being here and working among everyone as I have from my thesis work or in my courses. Thank you all, again."

The program concluded with a short presentation about Gilmer by Herb Aldwinckle, professor of Plant Pathology and a long-time colleague and friend.

(Continued in next column)

CALENDAR of EVENTS
JUNE 25 - JULY 9, 2004

MEETINGS

Chairs and Unit Leaders

Date: Thursday, July 1, 2004
Time: 9 AM
Place: Jordan Hall Staff Room

Chairs Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2004
Time: 9:30 AM
Place: Director's Office

FITNESS

Aerobics

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

Taekardio

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

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 9 x 7 wood garage door with window and all hardware. Asking \$100. Call ext.2254 or email Penny Lynn at pyl1

FOR RENT: One bedroom house not far from Station. Ideal for one person. Available immediately. \$400 includes water. Contact Kathy DeRosa at kad2@cornell.edu or 789-7482

FOR RENT: One bedroom, furnished apartment. Walking distance to the Station. \$450/month includes heat, electric, trash removal, and cable. Call 789-3392 or e-mail kad2@cornell.edu

FOR SALE: Rabbits \$10.00 ea. Two breeds: Rex's (babys) and Netherland Dwarfs. Call: 315-536-6485 or email: amb36

FOR RENT: Quiet one bedroom, single person apartment available immediately. Located 3 miles from the Station. \$450/month plus electric. For more information, contact Sarah at sew36@cornell.edu or 315-521-3975

FOR RENT: 1st floor, 1 Bedroom apartment partially furnished. Off street parking. Quiet neighborhood. \$450 (including utilities) + cable. Available in July. Please call 315-247-9537 and leave message, or e-mail sv66@cornell.edu

FOR SALE: Want to stay fit this summer in the air conditioned comfort of your home? A NordicTrack 505/303 Basic is the answer. Complete with operating instructions, training program plus video. This slightly used piece of aerobic equipment can be yours for \$150 or BO. E-mail or call meo1, x 2362

FOR SALE: Sears Cardio Fit for low impact and total body motion. This "seated" piece of exercise equipment offers a unique form of low impact exercises that uses both the upper body and lower body for increased cardiovascular benefits and greater toning results. Includes conditioning and workout guidelines. Like new. \$100 or best offer. Call or email meo1, x2362

MOVING SALE: 665 Castle Street, 7 piece living room set (black leather sofa and love seat, matching

(Classifieds, continued)

tables and lamps), black entertainment center, cd player stand, black 4 piece queen size bed suite, dining table with 4 black chairs, two computer desks, day bed, single beds, baby/toddlers bed, lawn chairs, many kitchen and other items. Contact mf257, x2621 or call 828-6703 for more information.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom 3rd floor apartment on North Main Street, nice neighborhood, hardwood floors, new bathroom and kitchen, off street parking. \$375, includes heat, water, trash removal. Contact Nancy Long at NPL1@cornell.edu or x2288



July 9
Don't forget
The
Station Club
Annual
Golf
Tournament.
Have Fun &
Good Luck.

(BRIEFS, continued)

inspire many folks to drag out there old dust-covered rides!

In the fun and camaraderie of breakfast time, they get to see other bikes and talk to others about how to better maintain their bikes and ways to keep biking and riding a regular part of their routine. Over the nine years, we've collected many converts!

Thanks to all who participated and we'll see you next year.

Jennifer Grant

*The pursuit
of happiness
is the chase
of a lifetime.*

(ENTOMOLOGY AWARDS, continued)

these dedicated people to recognize my graduate work means so much more than a scholarship from a committee I have never met," she said.

The second award was the 2003 Chapman Fellowship, which is given each year to a graduate student in Entomology, as voted on by the Full Professors of the Department of Entomology, Geneva. Selection is based on the same three broad criteria used for nominations for the John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award in the Entomological Society of America: 1) scientific quality of research work, 2) publications and presentations, and 3) involvement in professional activities. Candidates are judged on the merits of their achievements while conducting graduate studies. The student is provided a full year Fellowship of tuition and fees, totaling \$32,643.

Dr. Paul Chapman was hired as a full professor of entomology at the age of 29 in 1929 and subsequently served as head of the department for 17 years from 1948 until 1965. He retired in 1968 but continued to work on the flight periods of moths and the history of the Station until his death in 1993. In 1992 he established the Chapman Fellowship with his generous gift to Cornell University to ensure that "his" department would continue to inspire young entomologists to follow the principles

and insights he had instilled in his colleagues.

Harvey Reissig introduced the 2003 recipient of the Chapman Fellowship – Mark Sarvary. "Mark, who is from Hungary, adds a little bit of international flavor to our lab, and he's a real pleasure to work with" Reissig said. "Dr. Chapman would have been pleased with the nature of Mark's work, the focus of which is on the population dynamics and parasitoid complex of the obliquebanded leafroller, a serious pest of apples. Furthermore he visited a number of the same sites visited by Chapman and Lienk for their work on tortricid fauna of New York"

"I am honored to be the recipient of this great award. I heard stories of Dr. Chapman from my advisors since I started to work at the Station," Sarvary said in accepting the award. "Receiving this award is special for me, because Dr. Chapman worked on a Tortricid moth, the Obliquebanded leafroller. Also, when I first visited the Station, my advisors Harvey Reissig and Jan Nyrop showed me several research sites where Dr. Chapman collected Tortricid moths, and which also later became my experimental sites too." Sarvary went on to say that the award would help him spend a 'worry free' year in the Department of Entomology. "Not only that," he concluded, "this insures that an insect group that Dr. Chapman so passionately studied, will continue to be studied many years after he ended his own experiments with it. Now, that's what I call a successful research plan!"