



WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 1988

# STATION NOTES



## SALES BRISK IN MICHIGAN

*Fruit Testing's Dave Gripe and Doreen Vine put the finishing touches on this display that last weekend was sent to the Michigan State Horticultural Society show in East Lansing. Staffer Betty Munzer reported brisk sales of Station-developed fruits during the show's three days. Future appearances are tentatively planned for the Ohio and New England shows next year.*

## REPORTS OF MISSING ITEMS RECEIVED

Scattered reports have been received concerning items missing from some Station buildings. The items include electrical and some minor pieces of office equipment.

Employees are cautioned to check their work areas at day's end and to store Station and personal property in a secure place. Any missing items should be reported to B&P Security and to Administration on a "Vandalism/Theft Report" available in all units.

Anyone wishing to volunteer information about these items is urged to call ext. 201 or to drop a note to R. E. Krauss.

## BUTCHER STEPS DOWN

NYS Ag & Markets Commissioner Donald G. Butcher, an occasional visitor to the Station who most recently was here for September's Open House, Thursday afternoon announced his intention to resign his post effective December 31. At press time, there was no reaction from Gov. Cuomo's office, nor was any potential replacement for Comm. Butcher named.

## STATION CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY SET

The annual Station Club Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 17 in Jordan Hall. Activities are slated to begin at 2 p.m. with the "Wild Washerwomen" storytellers, followed by a visit from Santa.



Everyone is welcome and each family is asked to bring hors d'oeuvres or a dessert to share. The signup deadline is Friday, December 9. Posters are prominently displayed throughout the campus.

## POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PEOPLE

### Publication Policy Clarified

The holiday season inevitably gives rise to that greatest of the three, "faith, hope and charity." In recent weeks, *Station Notes* has been asked to help publicize several worthwhile charitable causes to aid the community's needy, to help spread the word about holiday entertainment events, etc. There is a delicate balance involved between serving the best interests of the Station and its people, and acting as a

"community newspaper." It has been necessary to reject these requests for the obvious reason that if one cause qualifies, all should, until soon *Notes*, counter to its purpose, would largely become a billboard for area fund-raisers. *Notes* is intended as a weekly chronicle of Station events and other issues having a bearing on, or reflecting, the professional and sometimes personal activities of its men and women. Apologies to those whose offerings, by necessity, are not published.

## SEMINARS

### HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

**Date:** Monday, December 12  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Staff Room, Jordan Hall  
**Speaker:** Anisio Camillo  
**Subject:** Inheritance of resistance to *Glomerella* in *Malus*

### ENTOMOLOGY

**Date:** Tuesday, December 13  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Place:** 310, Barton Laboratory  
**Speaker:** Steven Kresovich  
**Subject:** Linking molecular biology with germplasm utilization and conservation

### INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE DISCUSSION

**Date:** Tuesday, December 13  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Staff Room, Jordan Hall  
**Speaker:** Tony Shelton  
**Subject:** Cooperative IPM project for cabbage in Latin America

### FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

**Date:** Thursday, December 15  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Food Science Conference Room  
**Speaker:** Liming Chen  
**Subject:** Carotene oxidation in vegetables and the inhibition effect of endogenous phenolic compounds

### Don't Forget!

The option transfer period for health insurance and select benefits is drawing to a close. Remember, Thursday, December 15, 1988 is the deadline. If you have questions regarding your health insurance please call Charie Hibbard, Personnel, ext. 204 or Nancy Zinzola, State Finance & Business Office at 8-5-7795.

### Holiday Gift Idea

A large supply of Station Club T-shirts and a few calendars are still available. A great last minute gift idea. Contact Veronica, ext. 301.

### Toll-Free Directory

A new AT&T toll-free 800 directory is now available for your use. It is in the telephone directory cabinet of the Business Office, Jordan Hall.

### A Sincere Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, the lovely cards and the donations to the Diabetes Foundation and Seneca Castle Fire Department. To all of you, my deepest appreciation for helping me through a very difficult time.

Bonnie Carney

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Terence and Charlotte Robinson, Horticultural Sciences, on the birth of daughter Anne Marie, Tuesday, December 6.

STATION PEOPLE HAVE NOW WORKED **52** DAYS WITHOUT A LOST-TIME ACCIDENT



## VEGETABLE-CROP REPRESENTATIVES GATHER IN VICTOR

More than 100 growers, processors, research scientists, Extension specialists and others associated with various vegetable crops gathered in Victor over the past week to exchange information and share mutual problems. Above, Bob Becker, HS, (facing

camera) convenes a meeting of the Table Beet Roundtable. Others meeting as members of advisory committees included people concerned with the snap bean, pea and sweet corn industries in New York State.

## RACQUETBALL LADDER

McFerson def. Lewis; Woodams def. C. Petzoldt; R. Petzoldt def. Lewis.

225	Rixana Petzoldt	206	Curt Petzoldt
390	Phil Forsline	246	Gary Harman
390	Jim McFerson	335	Wayne Wilcox
251	Matt Lewis	209	Joe Kovach
315	Tom Burr	239	Bruce Resich
203	Jason Boyd	245	Chuck Simon
265	Ed Woodams	362	Walter Wolf

## CLASSIFIEDS

**LOST & FOUND:** Returned to the Business Office is a \$14.00 US Postal Money Order to Canadian Forestry. *Sender is unknown.* Letter from Canadian Forestry Service and money order can be picked up in the Business Office, Jordan Hall.

**FOR SALE:** Allis Chalmers snowblower, 7hp, electric starter. Like new, used less than 3 hours. \$550. Contact Don Splittstoesser, ext. 254.

**FOR RENT:** Five-room apartment at 415 So. Main St., Geneva (ground level) available immediately. \$365/month (includes heat) plus electric. Private off-street parking and private rear entrance. Call 789-8330 after 6 p.m.

## ENROLLMENT OPENS FOR GEC MACINTOSH COURSES

More than 60 responses were received from the initial survey of interest in Macintosh personal computer instruction. The Computer Services Program has decided to hold three separate one-hour sessions: Basics, Word Processing, and Spreadsheets. The sessions will begin next month, and will be limited to 20 persons each. An additional round of sessions will be held if there is sufficient interest.

The classes will probably take place during the lunch hour. Fill in the form below and return it to Art Agnello, Entomology, Barton Lab, if you are interested in enrolling.

Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Check course(s) you wish to attend. If more than one, number in order of preference:

[ ] Basics    [ ] Word Processing    [ ] Spreadsheets



## AGRINOTES

### Corporate Grants? Cornell Sixth

A memo from the CU *Office of Research and Advanced Studies* notes that Cornell is ranked sixth in the nation in industry support with more than 100 corporations investing in University research projects. The memo further notes that a new publication, "Working with Cornell," directed to the private sector, soon will be available. It is intended as an aid to contact-development efforts for industrial support for the institution.

### Food Costs Surveyed

Food apparently continues to take a relatively small bite out of American pocketbooks when compared to the price of food in other countries. For every dollar earned, 11 cents goes for food in the U.S. (excluding

tobacco and alcohol). This is in contrast to 32 percent and 13 percent in neighboring Mexico and Canada respectively. Worldwide, the Peoples Republic of China leads the food-costs list with a whopping 53 percent. Others ahead of the U.S. include Poland, Spain, Russia, the U.K., Japan, most Scandinavian countries, and Australia. Source: *The Voice of the American Agri-Woman*.

### New Regulatory Bill Introduced

A new bill, the "Novel Organisms Release Act," was introduced in the Senate in October and currently rests with the Committee on Environment and Public Works. It would give the EPA the authority to regulate the release into the environment of organisms that have been genetically altered by such means as gene amplification, conjugation, transformation, cell fusion or genetic engineering. If passed, it would add a new section to the Toxic Substances Control Act.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.,** 348 Morrison Hall, Ithaca: *CALS department chairs meeting*

**Wednesday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.,** 135 Emerson Hall, Ithaca: *CALS administrative managers meeting*

**Wednesday, December 14, 4:00 p.m.,** director's office: *Geneva department chairs meeting*

**Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.,** staff room, Jordan Hall: *Finger Lakes Stamp Club*

**Thursday, December 15, 1:00 p.m.,** staff room, Jordan Hall: *Geneva administrative managers meeting*

**Saturday, December 17, 2:00 p.m.,** auditorium, Jordan Hall: *Station Club Christmas Party*

## MCGUIGAN RETIREMENT PARTY COMING UP

Glenn McGuigan is retiring January 1, 1989, after more than 31 years service. In honor of this event a retirement dinner will be held Friday, January 6 at Club 86. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner choices are: Chicken - \$10; Fish - \$11.50 or Steak - \$14.50. Please make reservations with Kathy DeRosa by Tuesday, December 20.

## SAFETY WISE ADVICE

Candles should never be used near flammable decorations, including evergreen cuttings and trees. Even "live" trees will engulf an entire room with flames in minutes. Holiday trees must be fresh. Live trees with root balls must be kept well watered. Cut trees must be fresh when purchased and not kept too long after purchase. Immediately before placing cut tree in its stand, make a fresh cut across the trunk about an inch above the existent cut so the tree can "drink" to maintain its freshness so it will not dry out dangerously fast. Water daily or whenever the stand's water reservoir is empty; if allowed to become dry, the tree will seal off its trunk with sap and will not be able to drink anymore. As soon as the tree feels dry, discard it. A dry tree can ignite easily giving off tremendous heat and can burn an entire room in two minutes. When purchasing artificial trees, make sure they are flameproof. Cornell Life Safety Services wishes you a joyous and safe holiday season.

## FINAL 1988 'NOTES' NEXT WEEK

News, calendar events, seminar schedules and other items for the first week of January following the holiday break should be sent to Judy Birkett by December 18 for inclusion in next week's *Notes*.

As in the past, the issue prior to the holidays is the final one for the year. Publication will resume with the January 8, 1989, edition.