



WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 1988

# STATION NOTES

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR STATE FAIR EXHIBIT

Openings still exist for volunteers to staff Cornell's State Fair Exhibit in Syracuse between now and September 5. Passes to the Fairgrounds, preferred parking passes and an instruction sheet will be given to those willing to help out. To volunteer, or to obtain more information, please contact Sandy Antinelli at ext. 251.



## SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

*Station mailman Matt Lewis wears the first tee shirt, just received from local vendor Graphic Connections, emblazoned with a Station design. White with multicolored cresting, the shirts are being offered first to employees for \$6 (tax included). They come in S, M, L and XL and are manufactured by Hanes. The shirts are available from the General Services building staff. Hats and aprons are also on order.*

## NYS Funding Approved

## FOOD VENTURE CENTER BECOMES A REALITY

The NYS Food Venture Center, first proposed in the "Strategic Plan for the Fruit and Vegetable Industry in New York State" made public late last year, is becoming a reality.

A \$48,000 start-up grant was among 16 projects receiving funding from the state, according to a release from Gov. Cuomo's office last week. Matching funds from Cornell will make possible a September "official opening" for the Center, and tentative plans call for a ribbon-cutting Friday, September 9, the first day of the Station's Open House.

The Center is designed to aid entrepreneurs seeking to introduce new or improved food products, many of which will use commodities produced in the state. The hope is that better foods, increased crop use and more jobs will be the result.

According to the grant petition, many inventive individuals with good ideas for new foods never pursue them. They have little or no knowledge about how to go about such things as regulatory approvals, marketing, packaging, storage, and other aspects of food production.

The Center will provide many answers to these questions, both through personal contact with food entrepreneurs at all levels, and through the development of self-help literature available to those interested. About one-quarter of the grant is earmarked for that purpose.

Don Downing, Food Science and Technology, has been named manager of the Center which will be housed in the FS&T building. For the time being, it  
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**STATION PEOPLE HAVE NOW WORKED 171 DAYS WITHOUT A LOST-TIME ACCIDENT**

**Most men and women have 10 fingers. Let's keep it that way.**

## SOME CHANGES MADE FOR BETTER TELEPHONE SERVICE

Certain changes became effective recently in requesting services on Station telephones. These changes follow and should make the whole process as simple as possible.

All requests for repairs, new lines, telephones, and any changes to your present telephone configuration should be made directly to Buildings and Properties by submitting a regular work order.

If you have an emergency request, contact Buildings and Properties at x301.

Any questions related to monthly telephone bills should be addressed to Joyce Batson at x202.

Perhaps most importantly, charges will be made for installation of lines and bridges on a parts plus labor basis compared to a flat fee policy that we

have used to date. This should reduce costs of any new installations significantly. Purpose of these changes is to provide employees with the best possible telephone service.

## SAFETY-WISE ADVICE

### PESTICIDE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

#### **Pesticide Spills & Accidents:**

Chemtrec, 1-800-424-9300

#### **Pesticide/Information Emergencies:**

National Pesticide Telecommunications

New York, 1-800-858-7378

#### **Report Oil & Hazardous Material Spills:**

NYS DEC, 1-800-457-7362

#### **Information on Symptoms & Treatments:**

Poison Control Center, Rochester, 716-275-5151

## SERVICE ANNIVERSARY HONOREES PICTURED IN ITHACA

The photo below, provided by Charles Harrington, Publications Photography, Ithaca, was taken last month during Cornell's celebration for long-service employees held in Ithaca. Sprinkled among spouses and friends are the following celebrants having 20 or more years of service: (back row), Diane Prentice [30 yr.], Don Lipker, Edward

Carney, James Nevill, Ken Livermore [25 yr.], Ed Broderick, and Bruce LeClaire; (fourth row), Roberta Vickery; (third row), Audrey Emmo, Harold Hebding, Gerald Henderson [35 yr.], Ruth Sherman; (second row), Charles Smith [25 yr.], Ramon Mehlenbacher, Everett Henecke Jr.; (front row), Bea Stoyla [25 yr.] and Leetta Henecke.



## POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PEOPLE

### Geneva Grants Office Notes

Effective immediately and continuing through June 30, 1991, the Geneva Indirect Cost Rate is 44.0% MTDC (Modified Total Direct Costs). The Fringe Benefit Rate will remain at its current level of 25.0% through the same time period.

### A Special Thanks

For myself and our son and daughter and their families, I extend our appreciation for the concern, caring, kindnesses, and thoughtful expressions we have received from Otis' associates and friends during our long months of watching and waiting, and now, in addition, for the many messages, cards and contributions being made in his memory.

Mrs. Otis Curtis

## CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Furnished apartment for visiting scientist and wife for one year beginning September 12, 1988, preferably near the Station. Call John Hu, X334.

HELP WANTED: For the Retirees' Association food stand during Open House September 9 and 10 from 9-12 or 12-4. Contact Joe Pettrone if you are able to help. He can be reached at 789-5230.

## FOOD VENTURE CENTER

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will be staffed by Station personnel, but specialists in such areas as management and marketing may be engaged in the future.

Responding to a recent press inquiry, Downing said that the state's support of such a Center was "a tangible display of the state's interest in the future of agriculture in New York." He added that the Center will "regularly call upon the considerable scientific resources available within the university, both in Geneva and Ithaca, for support and expertise."

Although Downing and his colleagues have provided information to entrepreneurs regularly in recent years (the average is about 60 per year), formalization of the Center as an entity may encourage even more individuals and small companies to seek help and advice in their search for food-business success.



## A NEW TWIST TO CORN

*Jim Ballerstein and Heidi Chapman, both of Horticultural Sciences, inspect this mutant cornstalk which decided to go its own way. It appears the stalk started out growing in a normal fashion, then changed its mind (circled) halfway through the growing season. Ballerstein says the mutated growth may be due to a hormonal imbalance or an unidentified obstruction.*

## OPEN HOUSE WEATHER?

It looks as if the hot, humid, hazy weather we've experienced all summer has passed and cool, crisp, clear air will fill the skies for the upcoming Open House. A look at the past 10 years' weather shows the average high for September 9 and 10 to be in the mid-70s, with a chance of rain at 35%. The range of temperature highs for September 9 show 80° in 1985 and 60° in 1978. September 10 shows 86° in 1983 and 59° in 1981.

## TENNIS LADDER

Kovach def. Abawi

240	Ed Lavin	[264	Diane Barrett]
209	Joe Kovach	375	Bob Parker
361	Wendell Roelofs	781-0544	Susan Dennehy
374	George Abawi	233	Jim Cummins
364	Jim Ottea	392	Martin Goffinet
345	Chris Hoffman	239	Bruce Reisch
338	Pim Larsson	312	Tom Burr
325	Donna Gray	246	Cathy Matteson
362	Walter Wolf	789-0429	Irka Knipple
206	Curt Petzoldt	334	Ossmat Azzam
225	Rixana Petzoldt	253	Joseph Gotham
348	Denby Misurelli	361	Charles Linn
[362	Geoffrey Rule]	364	David Sun
345	Tim Dennehy	390	Jim McPherson



## REMINDER - GEC COMPUTER COURSES PLANNED FOR FALL

The GEC is planning a 4-6 week mini-course, to be held in the fall, on using the Macintosh personal computer for job-related applications. A course of this type was offered a few years ago, taught by members of the Computer Services Program, and was received favorably by the participants.

Much has changed with the Mac since that time, including new and more powerful software, and an expanded line of the Macintosh computers themselves. It is clear that an increasing number of people at the Station depend on this tool for many of

their work duties, and that a refresher course and/or a novice orientation would be helpful. This area of training is important enough to the basic work at the Station that we intend to hold these sessions during the regular work day, with participation subject to permission by the participants' supervisors. In order to organize the sessions and arrange with Computer Services for instructors, we'd like an idea of what is needed from such a course. Please complete the form below and send it to Art Agnello (Entomology), Barton Lab if you would be interested in attending.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ext. \_\_\_\_\_

Years of experience on the Macintosh \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Mac you use (check all that apply):

128K \_\_\_\_\_ 256K \_\_\_\_\_ 512K \_\_\_\_\_ Plus \_\_\_\_\_ SE \_\_\_\_\_ II \_\_\_\_\_ Use a hard disk? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of instruction needed: Novice orientation \_\_\_\_\_ Refresher on latest software \_\_\_\_\_

Familiarization with new Mac equipment/hard disks \_\_\_\_\_

Advance techniques \_\_\_\_\_ (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of applications you are interested in: word processing \_\_\_\_\_ database management \_\_\_\_\_

statistical analysis \_\_\_\_\_ graphics \_\_\_\_\_ other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Of those checked above, what specific applications (products) would you like the classes to cover?

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