



WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 1989

# STATION NOTES

## Safety Changes and Improvements Planned

### EXTINGUISHERS, PESTICIDES, OTHER MATTERS DRAW SCRUTINY

Numerous items were discussed at this past week's Safety Committee meeting.

It was noted that if anyone has a mercury thermometer which needs disposing of that they can contact Ray Mehlenbacher in the Analytical

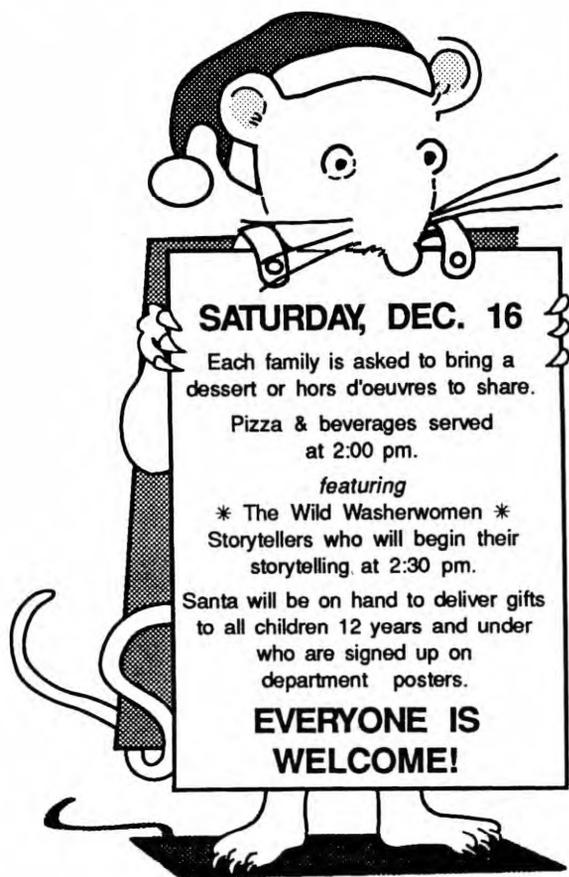
Laboratory of Food Science and Technology. A special container is maintained by that facility for disposal of mercury.

Later this winter, Dr. Gilbert Stoewsand, Food Science and Technology and a toxicologist, will hold a special seminar for individuals who come in contact with pesticides. The material he will present will be drawn from a meeting he recently attended in California on behalf of the Committee dealing with pesticides. His seminar will discuss the various symptoms that can occur in individuals who are exposed to pesticides.

Dave Lasher, Buildings and Properties, is going to look into some kind of alarm system that might be installed on critical fume hoods that will warn individuals if the hood is inoperative. Telltales are

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### STATION CLUB YULE PARTY COMING UP SATURDAY



### PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS ESSENTIAL FOR OFF-HOUR PICKUPS AND DELIVERIES

Recently, a weekend pickup of material from the Station resulted in some confusion, inconvenience and delay because on-duty employees were unaware that the pickup was to have been made.

It is important that arrangements are made with Buildings & Properties for pickups and deliveries during irregular hours. This will allow for adequate staffing and, if necessary, equipment for loading, etc. The number to call for such arrangements is x301 as far in advance as possible.

### STATION PEOPLE URGED TO MINIMIZE POWER USAGE

It was learned from NYSEG this week that electrical power available for Station use is being reduced by 5 percent effective immediately.

All departments and units are asked to put power-saving measures into effect now to help cut back on unnecessary expenditures of energy. Please turn off everything electrical that is not needed or is not being used.

*Station Club Christmas Party Chairmen Jim Abbott and Ed Bailey instructed the unidentified Christmas Critter (above) to remind folks who plan to attend the party with their children to be sure to sign names and ages on posters now in place throughout the Station by Monday, December 13, or call them at x303. In addition to Jim and Ed, Tom DeYulio and the Greenhouse crew and Al Soper and his associates in the Field Research unit are lending a hand with arrangements.*

## NOTICE OF GEC ELECTIONS

The Nominations and Elections Committee of the GEC is seeking nominations for council seats to be filled in 1990. We must fill seats for employees in three categories: Non-academic Exempt (CP) — 3 seats; Non-exempt (NP-GR) — 3 seats; and Academic (Prof., CA, Grad. Assistant) — 1 seat. More information will be carried in the December 17 "Station Notes." Call Martin Goffinet (x392) or Dave Lasher (X220) for details.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, December 13, 10:00 am,** 401 Warren Hall, Ithaca, *CALS administrative managers meeting*

**Wednesday, December 13, 4:00 pm,** director's office, *Geneva department chairs' meeting*

**Wednesday, December 14, 1:00 pm,** lounge, Jordan Hall, *Geneva administrative managers meeting*

### POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PEOPLE

#### Condolences

The Station extends its sympathies to Mark Scott, Field Research Unit, on the recent death of his father.

#### Who's New

Marie Galotto-Lopez, Food Industry Research Association, Valencia, Spain, is here for one month to study texture of foods with Malcolm Bourne and Andy Rao, Food Science.

#### Station Club Items Available

1990 Station Club linen calendars are now available. The price is \$4.00 each and they are available in the B&P office. Hats (\$6.00) and T-shirts (\$7.00) are also available. These make great Christmas gifts for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list. .



*Course Conducted-* About a dozen people participated in the GEC-sponsored Standard First-Aid course held last week. Above, Cy Lee and Olga Padilla get ready to bandage an "injured" Sandy Antinelli; below, Linda Jensen, instructor Cathy Matteson and Bev Dunham learn CPR using a mannequin.



### SNOWFALL OVERDUE; SOME REMINDERS

Thus far, seasonal snowfalls have been light and infrequent, but the odds of an inevitably heavier accumulation increase with each day. Remember that special parking and emergency-shutdown provisions go into effect if the Geneva area is hard hit. Questions may be directed to x201.

## ENGLISH COURSE MAY BE OFFERED

"English as a Second Language" may be offered at the Station during lunch hours for Geneva Experiment Station foreign nationals, spouses and their children 16 years old and older. Tutors may also be available for those with specific needs. Minimum class size is 10-12 people, and there will be no charge. Please contact Charie Hibbard, x204, by Wednesday, December 20, if you are interested.

## ENROLLMENTS EXTENDED

Station men and women are reminded that the date to make health insurance changes has been extended to December 20. A supply of the 1990 HMO profiles is available from Personnel and a limited supply has been sent to each department/unit on campus.

Also, the annual enrollment period for supplemental group life insurance and select benefits has been extended to December 15. Call x203 to change options.

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not adequate because a hood might malfunction when no one is in the laboratory and the first indication of trouble will be the smell of fumes. Department chairmen/unit leaders will be contacted to identify where these critical hoods exist that could present a potentially serious health or safety problem if they malfunctioned.

A state fire safety inspection was recently completed, and the Station came out of this with a better verbal report than any time in the recent past. However, it was pointed out that there are still chemicals being stored in hoods that should not be there and some chemicals being stored in rusty containers. These deficiencies have been brought to the attention of department chairmen/unit leaders and safety representatives and are to be addressed immediately. A follow-up letter will be sent to departments/unit that still have not corrected problem areas.

A number of graphic labels explaining how to work a fire extinguisher are being purchased and will be placed on extinguishers in high-use areas such as the meeting rooms in Jordan Hall and the Pilot Plant in Food Science and Technology. These labels should help explain how a fire extinguisher works to non-English speaking people.

Department chairmen/unit leaders, administrative managers, and secretaries are reminded that all employees, including summer employees and graduate students, are to receive a copy of the *Safety Manual*. Further, the supervisor is to see that the Employee Checklist in the back of this manual is completed for all his/her employees and that a copy is maintained in the permanent file of the employee in the department or unit. It is also recommended that the standard letter of offer sent to a prospective employee include a statement on safety and a copy of the *Safety Manual*. This includes sending the manual to volunteers and visitors who will be at the Station for more than a week.

## SAFETY-WISE ADVICE

Here are some tips that can help you enjoy a bright and safe holiday season:

- Don't use lights on a metal tree.
- Keep live trees watered and away from heat sources.
- Try to make sure light bulbs don't touch branches and needles.
- When mounting lights, be careful not to drive nails or staples through wires.
- Check lights before putting them on a tree. Do this by placing lights on a nonflammable surface, than plugging them in for a few minutes. Check for smoking, melting and bulbs that don't work.

A safety message from the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation.

In other business, it was noted that any employee working in a laboratory or in a potentially hazardous area has the right to ask for safety glasses and that the employer shall provide them. It is the responsibility of the primary supervisor of a particular laboratory to determine whether safety glasses or goggles will be have to be worn. If it is mandated, and the employee does not comply, the supervisor can send a letter of warning to the employee.

Finally, individuals who drive Station vehicles must have a valid driver's license and be an employee on appointment. It was noted that students, volunteers, spouses, and retirees may drive Station vehicles on an occasional basis *if it is approved in writing* by the department chairman/unit leader. These individuals are covered by insurance under such circumstances.

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## SEMINARS

### HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

**Date:** Monday, December 11  
**Time:** 11:00 am  
**Place:** Staff Room, Jordan Hall  
**Speaker:** John Kelley  
 Natural Resources, Ithaca  
**Topic:** New York's Potential Role in the  
 Restoration of American Chestnut  
 Culture.

### PLANT PATHOLOGY

**Date:** Wednesday, December 13  
**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Place:** A-133 Barton Lab  
**Speaker:** Chris Hayes  
 Horticultural Sciences  
**Topic:** A Biologically Active System to  
 Solubilize Rock Phosphate

## RACQUETBALL LADDER

Matches played 12/6-12/13: Wolf def. Woodams, Burr def.  
 Lewis

362	Walter Wolf	225	Rixana Petzoldt
265	Ed Woodams	206	Curt Petzoldt
246	Gary Harman	390	Jim McFerson
209	Joe Kovach	390	Phil Forsline
315	Tom Burr	246	Chris Hayes
251	Matt Lewis	340	Scott Demming

Report playing results to Matt Lewis, x251.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** Macintosh 512 (personal) with external drive  
 (400Kb). Call Harvey at x332.

**FOR SALE:** Baby Mini-Lop Rabbits. Ready to go for  
 Christmas. Mixed colors. Pick one out now. \$10 each. Call  
 John at 539-3155 or x315.

**FOR RENT:** 3-bedroom unfurnished house, attached garage  
 within walking distance from Station. \$475 + utilities. Call  
 Cy Lee at x271.

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