

WEEK OF DECEMBER 17 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1989

STATION NOTES

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To All Station Personnel,

Again it is Holiday time, time to celebrate, time to take stock and time to look ahead. This year, there seems to be more to celebrate internationally than close to home. However, we must take what we get and be thankful that the people of Central Europe for the first time in many years can look forward to playing a role in shaping their own destinies.

The Geneva Plan gives us a chance to take stock and map a strategy for our own destinies. I was extremely pleased with the good reception it had at the Station meeting. Without enthusiastic backup here at the Station it will be impossible to sell in Ithaca or Albany.

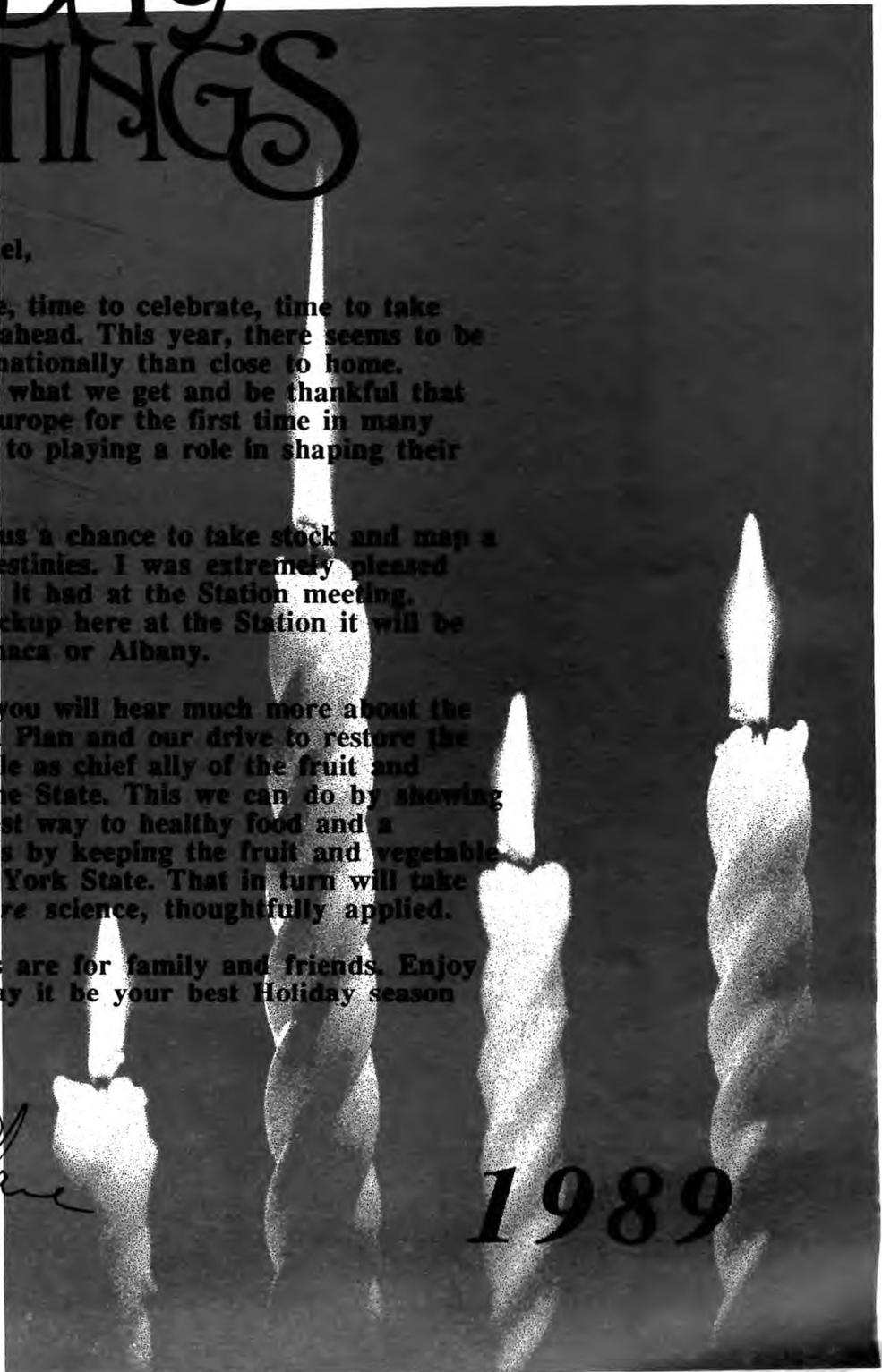
During the year ahead you will hear much more about the progress of The Geneva Plan and our drive to restore the Station to its former role as chief ally of the fruit and vegetable industry of the State. This we can do by showing consumers that their best way to healthy food and a desirable environment is by keeping the fruit and vegetable industry viable in New York State. That in turn will take not less science but more science, thoughtfully applied.

But above all, Holidays are for family and friends. Enjoy yours to the fullest. May it be your best Holiday season ever.



Robert A. Plane

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, December 20, 4:00 pm,
director's office, Geneva department chairs' meeting

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, December 18
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Xixuan Jin
 Post Doc Assoc working
 with Gary Harman
Topic: The role of Fusarium acuminatum
 and Fusarium avenaceum in red
 clover root decline complex

FOOD SCIENCE

Date: Thursday, December 21
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: Food Science Conf. Room
Speaker: Don Splittstoesser
Topic: Current studies on heat-resistant molds

ELEVATOR TO BE RECALLED

Station employees are reminded that the elevator in Barton Laboratory will be recabled so will be out of service Saturday and Sunday, December 16 & 17.

RACQUETBALL LADDER

No matches played 12/6-12/13.

362	Walter Wolf	225	Rixana Petzoldt
265	Ed Woodams	206	Curt Petzoldt
246	Gary Harman	390	Jim McPerson
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.



GETTING READY FOR SANTA

The traditional Christmas tree took over center stage this week in the Jordan Hall auditorium as youngsters... and oldsters... get ready for the annual Station Club-sponsored Christmas visit from Santa. Adding the finishing touches to this year's decorations are John Keeton and Tom DeYulio.

WORKING DURING HOLIDAYS? REMEMBER TO CHECK IN

It is not uncommon for faculty members and staffers to spend a few hours "on the job" over periods of time when the Station officially ceases operations. This may be the case for some folks during the upcoming holiday. It is important that all check in with Security (x215) on such occasions. This is for the mutual protection of employees and the security measures necessary for proper Station operation.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Registered Australian Shepherd puppies. Ready to go January 12. Call Glenda at x246 or 315/923-7820 after 5:00 pm or weekends.

FOR RENT: Furnished house. Approximately January 1 thru August 1. Large backyard, 3-4 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of room, one mile from Station. Contact Bruce Reisch at x239 or 789-7104

FOR SALE: 1976 Ford Courier truck with cap, 4-speed, runs well, body rusty, 98,000 miles. \$400 or best offer. Contact Bruce Reisch at x239 or 789-7104

STATION
PEOPLE HAVE
NOW WORKED

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DAYS
WITHOUT A
LOST TIME ACCIDENT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENEVA EMPLOYEE COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

It is a pleasure to report another productive year of operation of the Geneva Employee Council. Our hope is that the Council has fulfilled its mission to enhance communications within the Station and with the Ithaca campus. This year's committee reports demonstrate that the GEC has been instrumental in enabling new educational and informative programs at the Experiment Station. The new Station Employee Handbook, an important document written substantially in 1988 under the guidance of that year's council members, will be produced by mid-1990. Fortunately many of last year's members have continued as council members this year and should receive the credit they deserve. Martin Goffinet, in particular, deserves an extra measure of praise for his contribution to the Handbook.

It has been an honor to be associated with the dedicated group of people on council this year and be a part of their efforts to help make the Experiment Station a great place to work.

Roger Cullen

ASSEMBLY REPORT

In May, 1989, Sue Dwyer resigned her position as Assembly Representative. In June, 1989, I submitted a letter of intent to the Employee Assembly to complete Sue's term as Assembly Representative, and to also work on the Personnel Policy Committee. During my partial term, the Employee Assembly

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Six 2-Year Seats to be Filled

COUNCIL SEEKS NOMINATIONS FROM EMPLOYEES

As announced last week, the time has arrived for receipt of nominations for seats on the Geneva Employee Council.

replacement are Ken Livermore, Barry Smith, Don Johnson, Dave Lasher, Cathy Matteson and Martin Goffinet.

Those interested are asked to complete the form below and mail or deliver it to Martin Goffinet, Horticultural Sciences, Hedrick Hall, or Dave Lasher, B&P, as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, January 8.

This year, six seats are to be filled: two non-academic exempt (CP); three non-exempt (NP-GR); and one academic (Prof., CA, grad. assist.). Among some familiar names for those scheduled for

The GEC is dedicated to serve employees by making the Station a good place to work. Fresh ideas and an abiding interest in the Station and its future are desirable characteristics for nominees.

Elections will be held in mid-January. Get involved. It's good Station citizenship.

NOMINATION APPLICATION

I state that I am eligible* and willing to serve as a Geneva Employee Council Member from my constituency. I anticipate being a member of the Geneva Experiment Station community for the full length of the term to be served.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

Campus Address _____

Campus Phone _____

Category for which you are being nominated _____

*For the purposes of voting and membership on the GEC, employees are defined as any regular full-time or regular part-time members of the three above-listed categories.

GEC ANNUAL REPORT

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has been working on issues that, for the most part, concern the Cornell Campus. Some mutual concerns have been daycare and training availability for clerical and technical employees. The Personnel Policy Committee passed a resolution to have the Campus Code of Conduct published in the Personnel Manual. This change should be updated within the next year. The proposed personnel policy change for Funeral Leave was not accepted. This proposal was to increase from 3 days to 5 days for immediate family, and would also allow 1/2 day to 1 day for attending a retired department employee's funeral. The Personnel Policy Committee has set tentative goals for 1989-90 of examination of health insurance benefits, and staffing questions related to job mobility, the job appointment process, and lay-off policies. Any concerns from the Geneva community which I can bring to the table are welcomed.

Dave Lasher

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education Committee consists of three members, Elizabeth Baroody (FS&T), David Gadoury (PP) and Janice Valerio (PP). The Committee met early in 1989 to discuss goals and projects for the upcoming year. Several of the proposed projects have been accomplished successfully. The Committee solicited information from area colleges and universities and has set up a Resource Center of catalogs and course listings in the Station Library. This information is available to all Station Employees and should be helpful to those wishing to further their education. A second project undertaken involved distribution of a questionnaire to each employee to gather opinions and suggestions pertaining to GEC courses offered in the past, and those courses employees would like offered in the future. As a result of this questionnaire, the Committee scheduled a Standard First Aid Course to taught in two afternoon session in early December. Instructors for the course were Nancy Smith (FS&T) and Cathy Matteson (HS). Other courses requested, and that the Committee plans to schedule, include informational seminars regarding nutrition, microcomputer training classes and foreign language instruction. All employees are encouraged to participate in courses offered by the GEC. If you have any suggestions or a request for a particular class, please contact one of the Education Committee members. *Janice Valerio*

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1989 members of the Nominations and Election Committee are Dave Lasher (BP) and Martin Goffinet(HS). It is the responsibility of this committee to develop a slate of candidates for the annual elections to membership the GEC and to mediate the nomination and selection of the Station's semi-annual Outstanding Employee Awards. The first award was bestowed upon Ken Livermore (HS) by Director Plane at the Station Club picnic in July. The second award was presented to Linda Jensen (PP) by Assistant Director, James Hunter, at

the recent Annual Banquet of the Station Club. The process for reviewing the candidates for awards has this year been taken out of the hands of the GEC itself and, instead, has been handed over to a panel of non-GEC volunteers of Station personnel. This process has appeared successful in that it has ended the duplication of signed petitions and the perception of GEC influence of preceding selections. The Nominations and Elections Committee and the entire GEC are currently discussing additional refinements in the selection process. Some questions that may be addressed are whether there should be two or just one award given each year, whether the list of nominees should be published in "Station Notes," whether the supporting materials should be gathered following specific guidelines or be left to nominators of candidates, etc. If you care to comment, please call or send a note to Dave Lasher or Martin Goffinet. The next election of GEC membership is coming up in January, 1990. The GEC elects half of its membership each year, in three categories: Non-academic exempt(CP), Non-exempt(NP-GR), and Academic (prof., CA, Grad. Assist.). In December of this year the committee will be developing a slate of candidates to fill these positions. The GEC needs new blood each year from all ranks of its employees. Your ideas and involvement are critical to the betterment of your workplace and your fellow employees. You are welcome anytime to a GEC meeting or to volunteer to a committee assignment. Better yet, become a voting member of the GEC; put your name on the 1990 ballot.

Martin Goffinet

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee consists of three members; Jeanne Samimy (Lib.), Ken Livermore (HS) and Cathy Matteson (HS). Our function is primarily to keep the Station employees informed on what is happening on our campus. Because the "Station Notes" is published weekly with all of this information and the minutes of the GEC meetings are posted across the station, the periodic publishing of the GEC Newsletter is no longer necessary. We will however, continue to publish an annual report in a GEC Newsletter. The Committee also accepted the responsibility of the GEC Budget. The budgeted funds, though small, are used primarily to cover the printing cost.

Jeanne Samimy

NYSAES RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION REPORT

The annual meeting of the Retiree's Association was held Tuesday, May 2, at Silver Creek Country Club, Waterloo, NY. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and plan for the coming year. The following officers were elected President - Joe Petrone; Vice President - Phil Crough; Secretary - Dorothy Lynch; Treasurer - Rita Curtin; Executive Board - Fenton Carruth, Wilma Spangle, and Helen Melious; Luncheon Committee - Fenton Carruth, Rita Curtin and Bea Stoyla; Activities Committee - Al Braun and Bea Stoyla. This year's events included a luncheon cruise on Skaneateles Lake, a wine tasting bus trip around Seneca Lake with lunch at Castile Grisich, catered both the Station Club picnic and the Entomology picnic, held a fall lucheon and last of all a Christmas party at the Geneva Country Club.

Joe Petrone