



WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 1990

STATION NOTES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 pm

Sawdust Cafe

English as a Second Language

Wednesday, December 5, 11:00 am

Auditorium, Jordan Hall

Employee Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm

Sawdust Cafe

English as a Second Language

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, December 3

Time: 11:00 am

Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Speaker: Dr. Steven Kresovich
Supervisory Geneticist and
Research Leader, Plant
Genetics Resources Unit,
USDA, ARS, NYSAES

Topic: Characterizing Diversity in
the Apple Collection.

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, December 5

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Room 133, Barton Lab

Speaker: Leslie Delserone
Dept of Plant Pathology,
Cornell

Topic: Cloning Genes which
Encode Pisatin Dethylation
Ability (PDA) from
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp.
pisi: The Role of PDA in
the Determination of
Virulence.

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Date: Thursday, December 6

Time: 10:30 am

Place: FST Conference Room,
Second Floor

Speaker: Dr. Geza Hrazdina,
Professor Food Science &
Technology, Geneva

Topic: Color Problems with
Foods: The Current
Situation with Reds.

RICHARD WEIRES, JR., ENTOMOLOGIST AT HUDSON VALLEY LABORATORY DIES

It is with considerable regret that we announce the death of Dr. Richard W. Weires, Jr., professor of entomology at the Station's Hudson Valley Laboratory,



Highland on Tuesday, November 20 following an extended illness.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 24 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Paltz, New York. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, or to a special scholarship fund that is being established for students at the New Paltz high school who are planning on attending college. Contributions to this scholarship fund may be sent to Dr. David Rosenberger, Hudson Valley Laboratory, Cornell University, Highland, NY 12528.

Rick joined the staff at the Hudson Valley Laboratory in 1974 as a research associate, was promoted to assistant professor of entomology in 1975, to associate professor in 1981, and to professor in October of this year. He had a 75 per cent research and 25 per cent extension assignment. His extension activities reflected the responsibility he assumed for informing fruit growers in the area of insect and mite problems and recommending ways of solving these problems. He developed an excellent rapport with growers through the years which resulted in a close working relationship with the fruit industry in the Hudson and Champlain Valleys.

Rick's research concentrated on developing integrated pest manage-

ment procedures and designing practical control measures for pests that attack fruit crops. He published more than 100 papers that discussed problems directly related to insects and mites that feed on fruit crops in the Hudson and Champlain Valleys. He also resolved control measures for the various kinds of leafroller mites that invade fruit crops and worked on mating disruption techniques using insect sex-attractants.

Rick was recognized as a world authority on the various kinds of leafrollers that damage fruit. He organized and hosted numerous conferences on this important group of pests. He was also well known internationally, having accepted several invitations to visit and to recommend pest control practices to fruit growers in Chile.

He was awarded his bachelor and master of arts degrees from Bowling Green State University in 1966 and 1968, respectively, and his doctorate degree in entomology from the University of Minnesota in 1972. He was a member of the Entomological Society of America, the International Organization for Biological Control, and numerous Cornell and national fruit-insect committees.

Rick lived with his wife, Diane, and two children, Rhett and Nathan, in New Paltz, NY. In addition to his research and extension activities for Cornell University, he was active in the community, especially with church and school functions. We extend the sympathy of the entire Station community to Rick's family. Rick was a fine scientist, well liked by all whom he served and by his many colleagues, was a friend of and to many, many people, and was in all respects an outstanding gentleman.

EMPLOYEE MEETING SCHEDULED

All employees should have received a notice about a meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5 in the Auditorium of Jordan Hall. It will be a two-part meeting. During the first segment, Director Hunter will present an update on the budget situation and attempt to answer any questions. Then, Mary Slaght, State Finance and Business Office, will discuss the health insurance open transfer period, select benefits, and the new accidental death and dismemberment insurance. Mary will also meet with employees on an individual basis to discuss retirement benefits. Appointments for these individual conferences may be made by calling Personnel, x204.

YOU MIGHT BE A LITTLE CHILLY

Savings of energy translates directly into dollars. A major effort is under way to see how the Station can reduce its energy bills. About half of our \$1 million per year energy bill goes to pay the electric bill. So, please, if you are going to be away from your office or laboratory for more than 30 minutes, turn off the lights. If you are not using growth chambers or incubators, please shut them down. Try to consolidate research in the greenhouse and growth chambers as much as possible; this might mean an entire house can be closed for the winter. Do not use electric heaters unless approval has been granted by Buildings and Properties. These are expensive to operate, and every effort will be made to see if a suitable alternative can be found. It is recognized that in some instances, there is no alternative at this time. Some buildings may be cooler than previously. Also, heat will be turned off or reduced in buildings earlier in the evening than in the past. Employees are asked to dress warmly during the coming winter months. Turn off laser printers at night. This alone can save nearly \$300 per year in electrical costs for each laser printer.

All of us can probably think of dozens of ways to conserve energy. We all know that these are difficult financial times. With concerted effort by all employees, savings in energy costs can amount to thousands of dollars over a year's time.

RACQUETBALL LADDER

Matches played 11/15-11/28. Forsline def. Burr. Hayes def. Petzoldt

Jim McFerson	PGRU	390
Chris Hayes	HS	246
Curt Petzoldt	IPM	206
Phil Forsline	PGRU	390
Tom Burr	PP	315
Joe Kovach	IPM	209
Gary Harman	HS	246
Ed Woodams	FST	265
Matt Lewis	CS	251
Walter Wolf	ENT	362



PEOPLE, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

• *Wedding Congratulations*

Congratulations to Rose (Sticht) and Hank Kohlage on their marriage, Saturday, November 17. Rose is a photographic assistant in Communications Services, Barton Laboratory.

• *Some Comments About Safety*

Currently, the Station's safety record is quite good. Both Cornell Life Safety and state inspections are reflecting the outstanding job that departments, employees, and Buildings and Properties personnel are doing to see that safe conditions exist in the work place. Still, there is always more that can be done. For example, flammables are not to be stored in regular refrigerators. They must be stored only in refrigerators that are explosion proof. Also, acids should not be stored with flammable liquids. They are to be stored separately. Bulletin boards are becoming an increasingly dangerous fire hazard. There should be only one bulletin board per floor, and it should be located in an area that does not interfere with ingress and egress. Also, no bulletin board should be in any elevator. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see an unsafe practice or situation, report it to your supervisor, to your department's safety coordinator, or to any member of the safety committee.

• *Phone Number Changes*

Beginning December 1, and continuing through the winter, the following individuals can be contacted at Field Research numbers x295 or x296: Mark Scott, Steve Lerch, Jack Bonnell, Craig Ingerick, Jack Reich and Louis Bellomo. If you want to leave a recorded message for anyone in FRU, you should call x296.

If interested in joining the ladder or to report game results, call Matt Lewis at x251.

1991-1992 BIOTECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM DISCUSSED

Dr. Milton Zaitlin, Director of Cornell's Biotechnology Program, will be on our campus on Friday, December 14. He will describe the Biotechnology Program's granting process for 1991-

1992, the financial outlook, and the program's new initiatives with industries. Accompanying him will be Dr. Richard Holsten, Director of Research, and possibly Dr. Maureen Hanson, Director

of the Plant Science Center. The meeting will be held in the Staff Room of Jordan Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. All interested faculty are invited to attend.

STATION CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

2:00 pm

JORDAN HALL

The holidays are upon us and with it comes the Station Club Christmas Party. Everyone is welcome to this event that young and old alike look forward to. Pizza and beverages will be served, and each family is asked to bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvres to share. Santa will be on hand to deliver gifts to children 10 years and younger who are signed up on the special posters he has provided to each department. A movie will be provided for older children. You are asked to bring an empty half-gallon paper milk carton for each of your children to make a special bird feeder to take home. Look for the poster in your department to sign up children 10 years and younger and save the date to attend this very special event.

CLASSIFIED

EXERCISE CLASS: Women's stretch and tone exercise class offered M,W,F during lunch hour (12:15-12:45 pm). New session beginning Dec. 1. To be held at the Presbyterian Church on Park Place in Geneva. Instructor certified through YMCA. Call the YMCA at 789-1616.

FOR SALE: Zenith transportable computer-IBM compatible. Weighs 25 lbs., 640k memory, 2-5&1/4" drives, built-in 7" monitor with graphics adapter, 12" external monochrome monitor, Panasonic dot matrix 9-pin printer, misc. programs including lots of games. Great starter set. \$300 or best offer. Call Dan at x315 or 781-2669.

FOR SALE: 1978 Chevy station wagon, good body and tires; 85,000 miles, luggage rack and trailer hitch, good runner. \$950 or best offer. Call x253 or 716/394-1450.

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