



WEEK OF JUNE 9, 1991

# STATION NOTES

## BUILDING AT VINEYARD LABORATORY NAMED FOR FRED TASCHENBERG

Last Thursday on May 30, the main building at the Station's Vineyard Research Laboratory in Fredonia was named The Taschenberg Laboratory. The ceremony was held outside the laboratory on what was a blustery afternoon that threatened rain. The sun nevertheless continued to shine, and shine it did on a gentleman whose distinguished career at Cornell spanned nearly half a century.

The program began with a welcome by Thomas Davenport, Director of Viticultural Research and Regulatory Compliance, National Grape Cooperative who praised Tasch's vision, credibility, and sense of sharing. David Shepard speaking for the State of New York then read a congratulatory

letter from William L. Parment, Chairman of the Assembly Agriculture Committee. The next speaker, David Call, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, told the audience that "During his career Tasch never spent any money. He even reminded me at his retirement dinner that we never paid him much, and never gave him much, but boy he sure got a lot done. And for that we are eternally grateful. He's an inspiration for all the younger faculty members who will carry on the work."

Speaking for the Station, Director Jim Hunter said of Dr. Taschenberg, "When I first met him, I was impressed with the intensity and seriousness of this scientist. I was also impressed how every year he could provide so much new information from his research program. He showed us how to use science for the benefit of agriculture both from the perspective of the producer and the consumer. We appreciate your efforts and success. It's an honor Tasch, for us to name



Above; Fred Taschenberg and Tom Davenport perform the official unveiling: Fred alongside the new sign for the Taschenberg Laboratory.



this facility after you." Wendell Roelofs, Entomology, spoke next on behalf of the faculty, and touched for a while on the lighter side of Fred Taschenberg. He said that "Tasch reared the largest culture of cecropia moths that the world has ever seen, and then went out and stripped the countryside of cherry leaves to feed them." On a more serious note, and referring to Dr. Taschenberg's contribution to the development of the recently released grape berry moth pheromone twist tie, he said "The zeal and enthusiasm he had for this project was almost legendary." (Continued page 2)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 11, 10:30 am**  
348 Morrison Hall, Ithaca  
*CALS Department and Section Chairs' Meeting*

**Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 pm**  
Sawdust Cafe  
*English as a Second Language*

**Wednesday, June 12, 3:30 pm**  
Food Science Conference Room  
Department Chairs' and Unit Leaders' Meeting

**Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 pm**  
Sawdust Cafe  
*Finger Lakes Stamp Club Meeting*

**Thursday, June 13, Noon**  
Sawdust Cafe  
*Geneva Employee Council Monthly Meeting*  
*(Open to all employees—bring your lunch)*

**Thursday, June 13, 1:30 pm**  
401 Warren Hall, Ithaca  
*CALS Administrative Managers' Meeting*

**Thursday, June 13, 6:30 pm**  
Sawdust Cafe  
*English as a Second Language*

**Friday, June 14, 11:00 am**  
Staff Room, Jordan Hall  
*Geneva Administrative Managers' Meeting*

*(Taschenberg, cont.)*

Representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension, the growers, and the industry also paid tribute to Tasch. The sign was unveiled, and an obviously moved Dr. Taschenberg responded saying "I can feel good about my accomplishments, and I appreciate your expressions of kindness about what I have done in the past, but we will need to continue that work as we look to the future. Thank you all very much."

A wine and cheese reception followed. The ceremony was attended by about 150 friends of Fred and Shirley Taschenberg.

Fred Taschenberg received an A.B. in Biology from Gettysburg College in 1938, and a Ph.D from Cornell in 1945. He started working at the Experiment Station's Vineyard Laboratory in Fredonia, N.Y. in 1939 as a Temporary Assistant. From 1940 through 1945 he held the position of Investigator, was Assistant Professor of Entomology from 1945 to 1948, Associate Professor from 1948 to 1959, and Professor from 1959 until he retired in 1983 at which time he was named Professor Emeritus.

His research efforts at Fredonia focused on the biology, ecology, and control of minor and major insect pests of grape. He carefully extracted the many new insecticides that became available after World War II, and designed effective treatment programs which were followed religiously and with great confidence by New York State grape growers. He cooperated with pesticide residue chemists to ensure that his recommendations avoided excessive residue on the grapes or in the juice.

Tasch also developed the hooded boom sprayer, that improved spray efficiency. A modification of this sprayer, designed to further reduce environmental contamination, is currently being tested by Cornell. He worked tirelessly and often for long hours rearing insect pests and parasitoids in the laboratory to supplement his field work. He reared "Saturnid" moths that he shared with insect physiologists at Geneva and other institutions. He also supplied Wendell Roelofs with the grape berry moths needed to identify its sex pheromone complex, and then conducted the initial field monitoring and control re-

search that provided the basis for additional work by his successor, Tim Dennehy, Entomology. The pheromone, which is incorporated in a plastic "twist tie," was recently registered for use to control the grape berry moth. The twist ties are placed on the top trellis wire throughout the vineyard and control the insect by disrupting mating.

Dr. Taschenberg took sabbatic leave from November 1970 to April 1971 to work on the biology of the Caribbean fruit fly at the Caribbean Fruit Fly Investigations Laboratory in Miami, Florida; conferred with researchers working on grape insects in Germany, Switzerland and Italy in 1974; and with researchers using *Antheaera polyphemus* as a test animal at the Max Planck Institut for Verhalten Physiologie in West Germany. He was a member of the Entomological Society of America, The Entomological Society of Florida, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Institute for the Biological Sciences, Sigma Xi, and Phi Kappa Phi. He is the author of numerous publications on grape insects and allied disciplines.

*Joe Ogradnick*

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## STATION EMPLOYEES HONORED

The 36th Annual Service Recognition Banquet was held Tuesday evening, June 4, in Barton Hall on the Ithaca Campus. The following Station employees were recognized for their years of service:



35 Years

Francis L. Consolie, Entomology  
Mary Lou Dumbleton, Administration  
Darwin H. Dunham, Entomology  
Grace F. Parsons, Food Science and Technology

30 Years

Edward J. Broderick, Computer Center  
Robert W. Ennis, Jr., Food Science and Technology  
George MacDonald, Horticultural Sciences (recently deceased)  
James Ronald Nevill, Plant Pathology  
DeWayne L. Norsen, Buildings and Properties

25 Years

Susana G. Dwyer, Horticultural Sciences  
David K. Hummer, Plant Pathology

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## GEC NAMES COUNCIL MEMBERS

Listed below are Station employees currently serving on the Geneva Employee Council. The GEC meets the second Thursday of every month at Noon in the Sawdust Cafe and all Station employees are welcome to attend. Also, please feel free to contact any member with questions and concerns.

### GEC Members

Bud Smith, Chairperson	Plant Pathology
Ann Cobb, Vice Chairperson	Plant Pathology
Lorraine Barry, Secretary	Horticultural Sciences
Chris Becker, Parliamentarian	Plant Pathology
Bonnie Carney	Food Science
Dale Frankish	Field Research Unit
Charie Hibbard, Ex-Officio	Personnel
Mollie Ross	IPM
Jeanne Samimy	Library
Alan Soper	Field Research Unit
Steve Spangler	Entomology
Ardeen White	Library
Assembly Ex-Officio	Vacant

### Committees

Communications:	Bonnie Carney Ann Cobb Jeanne Samimy
Nominations:	Dale Frankish Steve Spangler Ardeen White
Education:	Chris Becker Lorraine Barry Mollie Ross
Lunchroom:	Al Soper

## STATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Last week's results:

Thursday, May 30	Rained Out
Tuesday, June 4	ENT def. PP
Wednesday, June 5	B&P def. HS

This week's schedule:

Tuesday, June 11	HS vs. XT
Wednesday, June 12	GR vs. ENT
Thursday, June 13	B&P vs. PP

### **IF YOU USE THE LIBRARY, YOU NEED A VALID CORNELL ID**

Everyone will need a valid Cornell identification card to check out a book or journal from the Station's Library starting on August 1. This is when the library is implementing its automated circulation system.

If you need an ID card, arrangements have been made for you to have these photo ID cards made at Geneva on the mornings of June 17-19 in the Staff Room in Jordan Hall. You do not need to make a reservation to have your photograph taken, but please clip and return the tear slip at left to Charie Hibbard, Personnel, before June 12 to help in ordering the appropriate card material for academic and staff.

If you have an old ID that is "tattered and torn," we suggest you bring it to the library before June 12 to test it in the library's card reader. Please don't wait until you need a book to check your ID. Once the camera is returned, you will have to go to Ithaca for your ID photograph.

***Photo ID reservation for:***

Academic

Staff

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Charie Hibbard, Personnel, before June 12, 1991.  
Thank you.



La-a-a-deez and Gentlemen!

*The Station Club  
CIRCUS Picnic  
comes to the  
Pavilion "Big Top"  
Friday, July 12  
for one performance.*

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This year the circus stars include the ever popular Wobbly Cowboy *Clown* Band and the performing Retired Station *Acrobats* doing their famous chicken, and hot dog act. Watch your department bulletin boards for more information.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** 1978 Pontiac LeMans Safari Station Wagon. AT, PS, PB, AC, CC, AM/FM. White with woodgrain exterior, tan interior. \$700. Call Terry at x283.

**FOR RENT:** Furnished home (three bedrooms) within walking distance of the Station. Available August 1 for about one year. Call Steve Kresovich at x333 or x244.

**FOR SALE:** 1985 Pontiac Sunbird. 40,000 miles, 5-speed, cassette. \$3,500. Call Matt at x251 or 781-2169.

**FOR SALE:** 1977 Starcraft 16-1/2' fiberglass boat with trailer ready for fishing. Includes 70 HP Evinrude motor, 4-1/2 HP Johnson trolling motor (used only one season), and Eagle fish locator. Excellent condition. \$4,500. Contact Dick at x357.

**FOR SALE:** 1985 Ford Tempo GL. Clean, runs good. \$1500 or best offer. Call x357 or 789-5348.