



WEEK OF JULY 7, 1991

## STATION NOTES

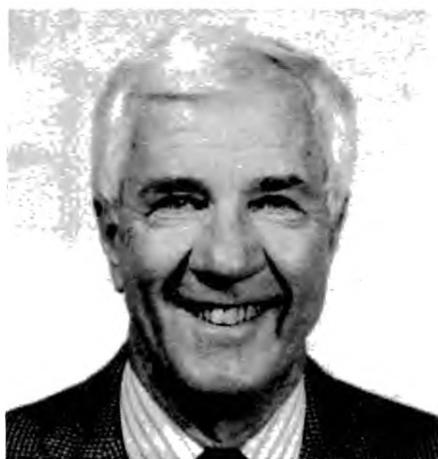
### WENDELL ROELOFS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF ENTOMOLOGY

We congratulate Dr. Wendell Roelofs, Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor of Insect Biochemistry, on his appointment as chairman of the department of entomology effective July 1, 1991.

Wendell succeeds Dr. George Schaefers, professor of entomology who served as chairman of the department for eight years. George is returning to a research position in the department as a leader in studying and resolving insect problems on small fruits. Initially, George will embark on a one year sabbatical leave in Africa to learn more about how pests are controlled in sustainable agriculture situations.



*Wendell Roelofs*



*George Schaefers*

trolling economically damaging insects on fruits and vegetables grown in New York," said the director. "He is stepping down as chairman knowing that this is one of the best departments of entomology in the world."

"At the same time, we are very pleased to have Wendell step in as chairman of this department. Wendell is a scientist who has a strong sense of the critical balance that is necessary between the basic sciences and applied research. He has been involved in research during his entire career at the Station non-pesticide methods of controlling insects.. Under his leadership, we expect the department to continue to be a leader in the world in studying insects and their biology and control. We welcome him to the Cornell administrative team," said Hunter.

Wendell came to the experiment station in 1965 as an assistant professor of biochemistry in the department of entomology. He was promoted to associate professor in 1969 and to professor of insect biochemistry in 1976. He was named a Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor in 1978.

During his career, Wendell has concentrated on defining insect sex pheromone (chemical) blends, characterizing these chemicals, determining how they are produced and perceived, and seeing how they can be manipulated for use in controlling insects. His primary objective has been to develop insect pheromones for use in insect monitoring and suppression programs. In achieving these objectives, Wendell and his staff studied the morphology and histology of pheromone gland development in insects, chemistry and biosynthesis of pheromone components, male behavioral responses in the laboratory and field, field trapping studies, and techniques for disrupting the mating communication system of insects.

During his career, Wendell has gained an international reputation as one of the leading agricultural scientists in his field of specialization. He frequently is asked to present papers at international symposia. A few of the many awards given to him during his career at the Station are the J. Everett Bussart Memorial Award; Alexander von Humboldt Award; Outstanding Alumni Award from Central College, Iowa; Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor of Cornell University; Entomological (*Continued on page 2*)

Society of America Founder's Memorial Award Lecturer; Wolf Prize in Agriculture; USDA Distinguished Service Award; National Medal of Science, 5 Honorary Doctorate Degrees, and named a member of the National Academy of Sciences, as well as the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Wendell received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Central College, Iowa in 1960 and his doctorate degree in chemistry from Indiana University in 1964. He is a member of the American Chemical Society, the Entomological Society of America, Sigma Xi, American Association for the Advancement of Science, National Academy of Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Wendell lives on Cresence Drive in Geneva. He has four children, Brenda, Jeffrey, Caryn, and Kevin. His wife, Donna, also works at the Station.

### AUNT JORDIE SAYS...



*Dear Aunt Jordie:*

*I will be eligible for Medicare next year. How does Medicare affect my New York State health insurance plan (NYSHIP)?*

*Signed: A. B.*

*Dear A. B.:*

You haven't stated whether you are an active employee or a retired employee. Therefore, let me provide you with some information and rules to follow. Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people age 65 or older and certain disabled people. Local Social Security Administration offices take applications for Medicare and provide information about the program. Medicare has two parts: Part A, hospital insurance which can help pay for inpatient hospital care, inpatient care in a skilled nursing facility, home health care, and hospice care; and Part B, medical insurance which can help pay for medically necessary doctors' services, outpatient hospital services, home health services, and a number of other medical services and supplies that are not covered by the hospital insurance part of Medicare.

#### **Enrolling in Medicare as an active employee age 65 or over...**

Since NYSHIP automatically provides primary coverage for you and your enrolled dependents, you may delay enrollment in Medicare Parts A and B until you retire without penalty. Or, you may enroll at 65, but delay activating your benefits until you retire and need the coverage. I strongly suggest the latter. When you enroll in Medicare, you may elect it as your primary group insurer by notifying your Personnel Office. However, if you do choose Medicare as your primary coverage while you are still an active employee, NYSHIP coverage for you and your enrolled eligible dependents will end, and your benefits will be drastically reduced.

#### **When you retire before age 65...**

If you retire before age 65, and are not disabled, you will not be eligible for Medicare until you reach age 65. At 65, you must enroll. You should contact your local Social Security office three months before you or your spouse turns age 65 to arrange for enrollment in Medicare Parts A and B. Once you have enrolled, your Medicare coverage becomes effective on the first day of the month in which you reach age 65.

#### **When you retire at age 65 or older...**

If you will be retiring at age 65 or older, you must enroll in Medicare. You should contact your local Social Security office three months before you retire to arrange for enrollment in

Medicare Parts A and B for you and your spouse who is age 65 or over. Once you have enrolled, your coverage becomes effective on the first day of the month following the month in which you retired and are eligible for Medicare.

#### **Medicare premium reimbursement...**

If you are eligible for Medicare, the State will automatically reimburse you for the usual cost of Part B Medicare coverage after you retire. You also will be reimbursed for the Medicare Part B premium for any enrolled dependents covered by Medicare. When a dependent becomes eligible for Medicare coverage, you must send a photocopy of your dependent's Medicare identification card to the Division of Employee Benefits, Client Services Unit.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, July 30  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
in the Sawdust Cafe

***More information to follow.***

#### **TENNIS LADDER**

#### **New Leader on Top of Ladder**

Matches played 6/27-7/3: Petzoldt def. Raffetto, W. Roelofs def. Lu, Larsson def. Driscoll.

Wendell Roelofs  
Jiang Lu  
Curt Petzoldt  
Ed Lavin  
Howard Marks  
Kevin Roelofs  
Matteo Lorito  
Antonio Di Pietro  
Tony Delgado  
Pim Larsson  
Joe Kovach  
Jim McFerson  
Molly Driscoll  
Bob Parker  
Tina Cooley

Dropped one notch for inactivity: Lorito, Kovach, McFerson

# JUGGLE YOUR TIME...



So you can come to the Station Club  
**CIRCUS PICNIC**  
 Friday, July 12

See your department representative for tickets and posters for more details.

## STATION SOFTBALL LEAGUE

### Last week's results:

Thursday, June 27	HS def. XT
Monday, July 1	B&P def. ENT
Tuesday, July 2	HS def. XT

### This week's schedule:

Tuesday, July 9	GR vs. B&P
Wednesday, July 10	ENT vs. XT
Thursday, July 11	HS vs. PP

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOUND:** Softball glove found after June 26 Plant Path/B&P game. To claim, contact B&P at x301.

**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.

**WANTED:** Volunteers are needed for the Miracle in the Park Triathlon and Miracle March to raise funds for the area's hungry. These events will be held at the state park on Saturday, July 13. If you would like to help, please attend the Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday, July 10, at 7:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church of Geneva or call Cathy Cigna at x280.