



WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 1991

STATION NOTES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, August 21, 7:00 pm
Sawdust Cafe
Burdock Spinning Guild

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PEOPLE

Proud New Parents:

Congratulations to Kandi and Dick Nelson on the birth of twins August 10. Chad Richard weighed in at 4 lbs, 3 oz, and Kimberly Lynne followed at 3 lbs, 10 oz. Kandi is a Lab Assistant in the Department of Entomology.

Congratulations also to Janet and Steve Garlick on the birth of their daughter, Morgan Eva on August 14. Morgan weighed in at 6 lbs, 14 oz. Janet is an Accounts Assistant in IPM.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Weider weight set includes bench, straight bar, curl bar, dumbbells, 200 lbs. of cast iron weights and training book. \$200. Call John at x315 or 539-3155.

WANTED: Pet-sitter, your home. Looking for someone to provide TLC for playful 3-month old kitten for one week while family is on vacation. Call Judy at x202 or 526-5840 after 5:30 pm.

TENNIS LADDER

Matches played August 8-14:
Raffetto def. Petzoldt, Woodams
def. Blake, Raffetto def. Lu

Wendell Roelofs
Ann Raffetto
Jiang Lu
Curt Petzoldt
Bob Parker
Tony Delgado
Kevin Roelofs
Howard Marks
Molly Driscoll
Joe Kovach
Ken Bell
Ed Lavin
Antonio Di Pietro
Tina Cooley
Bryan Hoch
Pim Larsson
Matteo Lorito
Jim McFerson
Ed Woodams
Christopher Blake

Dropped one notch for inactivity: K. Roelofs,
Kovach, Lavin, Larsson, Lorito, McFerson



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE

Station Club Banquet

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1st

STATE OF THE STATION BUDGET
James E. Hunter

The State budget was passed recently, as you know, and since then we have been analyzing the Station budget. This includes not only base funding from the State but also contracts with the Department of Agriculture and Market, federal monies that come to the Station on a formula basis each year, and money assigned by the dean. In addition, money generated by the faculty through grants and contracts has become an increasingly significant part of the overall budget in the past few years. In fact, in the last 15 years the percentage of the Station budget that is base State funding has dropped from 85 to a little less than 60 percent. Over the same period we have also had the number of positions we are authorized to fill on base State funds reduced by 73. Much of this reduction has occurred by not refilling vacant positions rather than by lay-offs. This is the reason we have 12 vacant faculty positions now and that many of you have to work harder to pick up the slack caused by these and other vacancies.

The latest State budget hit us hard once again. However, we had anticipated the cut several months ago and started taking corrective actions. Because of reductions that departments and units made late last winter to spread the cut over the full budget year, even though the new State budget reached Geneva four months late, we were reasonably well positioned for the latest cut. It was a whopper: \$609,900 permanent cut plus an additional one-year reduction of \$44,200 in salary dollars. Also, the number of positions we are authorized to fill on base State funds was reduced by 7.71, effective at the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 1992). We already have fewer positions filled than we are authorized because of lack of money so this reduction of 7.71 positions will not force us to have lay-offs for employees paid on base State funds. Unfortunately, in addition to the reduction in the IPM budget, which is handled separately from the Station budget, we did have a significant reduction in one of our contracts with the Department of Agriculture and Markets. This led to four people having to leave one program at the Station. Some of these people have been picked up in other programs, but we have not yet found a place for everyone.

The other budget-related matters we know everyone is interested in are reports in the media that the payroll lag was nullified and questions about a salary increase this year. We assume there is no salary program. Also, we do not know if the State will appeal the decision on the lag payroll, or how or when it might be paid if the present decision stands.

We will continue to stress the importance of our programs to the agricultural community, the consumers of New York State, and the legislature--as we just did during a successful tour of the Station by ten members of the legislative staff. And, we will do our best to budget conservatively and minimize the effect on people and programs if there are further cuts in this year's State budget. For now, the bottom line is that we anticipate no further lay-offs, and with your dedication and hard work we will get through these difficult economic times for New York and the Nation with our programs and employees still ranking with the best anywhere.