

STATION NOTES

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Monday, April 11, 12:10 pm**
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness class for all employees
- Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm**
Staff Room, Jordan Hall
English as a Second Language
- Tuesday, April 12, 8:00 am**
Auditorium, Jordan Hall
Worker Protection Standard Training
- Wednesday, April 13, 12:10 pm**
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness class for all employees
- Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 pm**
Staff Room, Jordan Hall
English as a Second Language
- Thursday, April 14, 9:00 am**
Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Worker Protection Standard Training
- Friday, April 15, 9:00 am**
Lounge, Jordan Hall
Geneva Administrative Managers' Meeting
- Friday, April 15, 12:10 pm**
Sawdust Cafe
Aerobics/Fitness class for all employees

SEMINARS

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Date:** Wednesday, April 13
Time: 10:30 am
Place: Food Science Conference Room
Speaker: Dr. Derek Palmer
Loughborough University,
England
Topic: Non-isotopic flow-injection immunoassays

PLANT PATHOLOGY

- Date:** Thursday, April 14
Time: 3:00 pm (coffee at 2:45 pm)
Place: Room A133,
Barton Laboratory
Speaker: Norm Schaad
USDA/ARS, Frederick,
Maryland
Topic: Development of a viable cell PCR technique for detecting seedborne bacteria

CURTISS AND ABBOTT PROMOTED

It doesn't take long to discover that the real movers and shakers at the Geneva Experiment Station are the Buildings and Properties crew. Forty-three individuals are responsible for maintaining the buildings, equipment, and vehicles of the Station. They provide custodial services, telecommunications installations and repair, and security 24 hours a day, in all kinds of weather. In addition, they are responsible for operating the heating plant that generates the steam used for campus heating and cooling.



Gus Curtiss

Two individuals within the B&P Unit—Gus Curtiss and Jim Abbott—have recently been recognized for their efforts and promoted. Curtiss has been promoted to Trades Supervisor, which means he will be involved with all facets of the operation in B&P, including the heating plant and custodians. Abbott has been promoted to Foreman of the Carpenter Shop. Curtiss takes over for Bruce LeClaire, who retired January 1.

Curtiss came to the Station as a carpenter in 1969 when the Carpenter Shop was located in what is now the Sawdust Cafe. "We didn't have much room back then," he noted. "But we always have had good equipment. What with all the state cut-backs, now we have a smaller staff and more buildings to maintain."

"The toughest part will be learning a new job," said Curtiss. "I have some experience in some areas, but I will be dealing with more people. As Carpenter Foreman, I had four or five people in the shop. Now I will be responsible for 20." In addition to Carpenter Shop, Heating Plant, and custodians, Curtiss will ultimately be responsible for the Garage, Plumbing and Electric shops, which Dave Lasher is temporarily responsible for. "All jobs at the Station may not be fun," he said, "but they're always challenging. You can never be bored."

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(Curtiss and Abbot, cont.)

Jim Abbott also started at the Station as a carpenter. "We build everything here from cabinets to pole barns," he said. "We're also responsible for all the masonry and painting on campus." Abbott replaces Curtiss, who held the position of Carpenter Foreman for 10 years.

Both men are proud of the trade shops, the equipment in them, the scope of the work they are able to perform, and the people they work with. "The Station is one of the nicest places I ever worked," said Curtiss, echoing an often-heard campus sentiment.



Jim Abbott

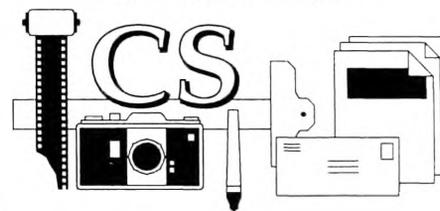
Another important aspect of their jobs is safety enforcement. Curtiss is Chief Fire Warden for the Station and Assistant Life Safety Coordinator under Pat Krauss. "More and more, we spend a lot of our time complying with safety regulations under OSHA to make sure the Station is up to Code in all aspects of the operations," said Abbott. The two are proud of the Station's safety record noting that the worst injury to date has been a chain saw accident and that there has never been a fatality. Considering all the personnel, laboratories, and farm equipment at the Station, this is an impressive record.

In the future, the two are looking at complete computerization of all the Station's trade shops to help keep track of suppliers, maintenance schedules, and parts. The front office at B&P is already computerized.

Curtiss is a member of the volunteer fire department of Bellona where he is a past fire chief. Currently, he serves as the Yates County Deputy Fire Coordinator. Curtiss has lived in Bellona for 30 years with his wife, Madeline. He is the father of two children, Beth and Ted, and grandfather of two.

Abbott lives in Oakes Corner with his wife Peg, his son, Nathan, and daughter, Emma. He has two children by a previous marriage; Jennifer has graduated from Cornell and Benjamin is a sophomore.

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES NEWS



SLIDES, SLIDES, SLIDES

Now that Linda McCandless is up and running on the Station Network, you can send all slides to her as an Enclosure on Quick-Mail instead of to Pat Krauss. Also, please indicate on Q-Mail when you need them back. In general, slides received after 9 a.m. are available the next day by noon. Slides received by 8:30 a.m. will be included in that morning's process work.

If you know you have a presentation or seminar to give and want to practice, please plan ahead and allow our technicians time to do their usual high-quality work. If you have a rush job (less than 24-hours turnaround), Communications Services charges twice the usual fee. In the case of slides, that is \$4 each instead of \$2—still a bargain.

When slides are finished, Beverly Dunham or Sandy Antinelli will notify you by phone or Q-Mail. Finished slides can then be picked up in the new Communications Department Office in Room B-1, across from the Mail Room in Jordan Hall. Disks of slide work can be dropped off there, too.

ELECTRONIC MAIL LIST ESTABLISHED

For the convenience of the researchers at NYSAES, an electronic mailing list (listserv) has been set up with the name MOLBIO_NYSAES-L. The purpose of the listserv is to interact with each other in a faster and more independent way. To interact with the scientific community here at the station through this listserv you have to 'subscribe' it. It is free and you can leave it with a single message to the listserv. A single message to this listserv will go to all the subscribers. In this regard it provides a forum to discuss your problems and concerns with others at the station. It will be primarily used for Molecular Biology Group but could also be used for general announcements, exciting news, seminars, meetings, job openings and visitors.

To subscribe please send a message through your Quick Mail, Pine Mail, Prime Mail or Eudora accounts to;

MOLBIO_NYSAES-L@cornell.edu

leave the Subject (blank)

and in the text body print,

Subscribe MOLBIO_NYSAES-L Your first name Your last name

Those who want to use their Quick Mail should follow these instructions for subscription. Open a new quick mail form. Click on "TO" on the top of the form as you do to select an address for somebody at the station. You will see several different panels and the address book for one department. Under that you'll see an option "SPECIAL". This option is used when you want to create an address that is not present in your address books or Non-Cornellian addresses. Click on SPECIAL and you will see a window, this is the window that you have to fill out with your first name, last name, mail center (QMRELAY), zone (_CU.MAIL&INFO) and address (MOLBIO_NYSAES-L@cornell.edu) and click OK. Once that's done, then follow the instructions written above.

If you have any questions or face any problems in subscription please contact with Muhammad at x239 or through QM to Reisch Lab.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED

All graduate students are invited to attend a meeting of the Student Association of the Geneva Experiment Station (SAGES) Friday, April 15, at noon in the Food Science Conference Room. Pizza and soda will be provided courtesy of Dr. Hunter.

GENEVA DAY OF SERVICE

Jim McFerson, in PGRU, is the Station contact for the "Celebrate Service . . . Celebrate Geneva" volunteer effort on Saturday, April 23.

No later than April 15, he hopes to have at least a dozen people from the Station signed up to join volunteers from all over the county as they work together to beautify parks, paint schools, organize food and clothing at community agencies, restore historic sites and provide many other needed services in the Geneva community on April 23.

He promises the day will be one of teamwork, service, vision and celebration. Volunteers will be assigned to work at various sites around Geneva in teams. Volunteers may register individually or may form their own team. They will be assigned a site at registration and a pre-appointed site leader will have complete information about the particular team project. Transportation and supplies will be provided.

The event has been planned by a committee of local service providers, business and community leaders, and Hobart and William Smith students, faculty and staff.

On Saturday, registration will be from 8:30-9:00 am; opening ceremonies at 9:00 am; site responsibilities from 10:00 am-4:30 pm; and the final celebration at 5:00 pm.

Those interested in volunteering should call Jim before April 15 at x356.

UNITED WAY—AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Many years ago George Eastman got tired of every agency in town coming to him for donations, and so he organized those in Rochester for one unified solicitation. This was the forerunner of the Greater Rochester United Way organization, which now is the most efficient of all such programs in the country, with 92 cents of every dollar raised going to fund services. It funds more than 250 health and human service agencies and programs in our six-county area. The strength of this program comes from its base of local volunteers who identify and prioritize the agency needs in the community and then monitor the management and budgets of these agencies throughout the year to ensure economic efficiency. Agencies also are asked to use a sliding fee scale for payment of services. Although the Geneva United Way receives many benefits through its association with the Greater Rochester and West Ontario United Ways, all the contributions from the Experiment Station will go to the Geneva programs, unless you specifically designate a donation to others from a list of 250 programs (perhaps some in your community). These are agencies that are essential in every community and all of us either use or have a relative or friend who benefits from their services.

Needless to say, the Experiment Station plays a major role in this community and we hope this year to contribute \$18,000 to services and programs in the community that include:

- Adult education programs
- Services for retarded children and adults
- Counseling for troubled families
- Services for the mentally ill
- Shelter and food for the homeless
- Universal blood services
- Disaster relief
- Cancer research, therapy and home nursing
- Scouting and "Y" programs
- Substance abuse programs
- Rehabilitation for the multiply handicapped
- Health education, training and counseling

I would suggest that by using a payroll deduction, you can invest in the needs of your community with little effort. As a guide, one does not miss \$1 or \$2 per paycheck when it is automatically deducted. However, many people (not all of them faculty) at the Station have used this method to make a major investment in these agencies by deducting \$12 to \$25 per paycheck.

In order to make it even more exciting to join in this investment program, we will again conduct an **INCENTIVE PROGRAM with a PRIZE DRAWING** with chances for a) all donors of \$20 or more, b) an additional one for taking a payroll deduction, and c) additional chances for each \$100. The drawing will take place at the Station picnic and will add some fun for your participation in this drive as you

assist programs that are vital to your community.

The unit captains this year are:

Administration

Sharon Smart, Bob Seem

Buildings & Properties

Al Fairbrother

Communications Services

Bernadine Aldwinckle

Computer Services

Patty Gibbs

Entomology

Rocky Broadway, Karen Wentworth, Nancy Staton

Field Research Unit

Mark Scott

Food Science & Technology

Don Downing, Herb Cooley, Dick Durst

Heating Plant

Tim Thibault

Horticultural Sciences

Bob Andersen, David Paine, and Phillis Kaiser

IPM

Margaret Cowles

Library

Demetrios Ioannides

PGRU

Sue Dwyer

Plant Pathology

Tom Burr, Jana Lamboy, Janice Valerio

Fruit Testing

Helen Van Arsdale

Retirees

Ed Glass

Wendell Roelofs,
United Way Chairman

INGA-MAI (PIM) LARSSON-KOVACH: PROMOTED TO SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Dr. Pim Larsson-Kovach was promoted to Senior Research Associate in the Analytical Chemistry Labs of the Dept. of Food Science & Technology, effective March 31, 1994. Pim has been a Research Associate in the Dept. of FS&T since 1987.

In addition to her own research activities on the development of analytical methods for toxic chemicals in foods, wine and the environment, she served as an Internal Reviewer for the USDA IR-4 Minor-Use Pesticide program and, in November 1992, assumed the responsibilities of the IR-4 Northeast Regional Laboratory Coordinator and the Residue Research Director. As Laboratory Coordinator, her duties include working with the IR-4 Headquarters at Rutgers University and peer scientists in other regions of the U.S. to plan pesticide research projects and to establish priorities in the IR-4 Regional Laboratories. As Residue Research Director, Pim's duties include approving protocols and protocol amendments received from IR-4 Headquarters, negotiating contracts, scheduling analyses, and submitting final reports.

Pim, a native of Sweden, lives in Geneva with her husband, Kamill Kovach, M.D. She enjoys gourmet cooking and many outdoor activities, including skiing, tennis, sailing, and bicycling.



Pim Larsson-Kovach

POLICIES, PROCEDURES and PEOPLE

• *Note of Thanks*

To all our friends at the Station— Thank you for the many cards, words of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the recent illness and death of Alan's father. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Alan & Dona Soper

• *Bowhunting Meeting Set*

Station employees interested in bowhunting on station property should attend a noon time meeting at the Sawdust Cafe, April 20. Any questions, call Mark at x296.

D.A.R.E. WALK & CHARITY CHALLENGE SCHEDULED

The Geneva YMCA and Geneva City Schools will sponsor the first annual D.A.R.E. Walk and Charity Challenge April 30 and May 1. Participants can choose various events scheduled for these dates and prizes will be awarded for pledges collected. Contact Donna Roelofs at x325 for more information.



STATION-WIDE SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED

The Strategic Planning for Information Technologies (SPIT) committee will be conducting a station-wide survey next week. Dr. Hunter has asked the SPIT committee to analyze the information technologies needs of the station to the year 2000. All station staff and graduate students who use computers in their work are asked to complete the survey by April 22.

Chairs, unit and project leaders, and faculty with graduate students should do everything possible to ensure that this survey is filled out by their staff, students and colleagues.

An easy-to-use, electronic survey is now posted on the Computer Services server. Instructions for downloading the survey and filling it out will be posted via quick-mail to all station staff Monday, April 11.

For most people, the survey should take only ten minutes at most. Dr. Hunter and the SPIT committee thank you in advance for assisting us in this important endeavor.



CLASSIFIED

APARTMENT FOR RENT: First floor apartment, 4 rooms, bath, porch, good parking, large yard, close to Station (607 Castle Street). Stove & refrigerator furnished. Landlord pays heat, water, and trash removal. Tenant pays for own electric (cooking, hot water & lights). \$525.00 plus security deposit. Call 789-2055 any time.

APARTMENT TO SHARE: Seeking a female to share a spacious, furnished apartment. Two bedroom, sitting room, kitchen, dining room, 1 bath and living room. In historic district. Just a five minute walk from HWS. Beginning July 1. \$375/month includes heat, gas and electric) 781-1762.

FOR SALE: 1985 Oldsmobile Firenza. four-cylinder, four-door, automatic. Good condition. \$1,800. Call (716)526-5974 after 6:00 pm.

FOR SALE: Pet baby bunnies—Lops and mixed breed. \$10 each. Call John Ludwig at 539-3155.

WANTED: Single female looking for a female roommate to rent an apartment within the Geneva or Seneca Falls area. Must find a roommate and an affordable apartment very soon. If interested, contact Kristen during the day at 539-1200 (work) or at 869-9898 between 6:00 and 8:00 pm.

BEACH HOUSE FOR RENT: Beautiful setting, quiet & peaceful – located on the southwest side of Canandaigua Lake. Interior (1000 sq. ft.) is a light, airy, contemporary design with sky light, wooden beams, vaulted ceiling, and fireplace. Living area features a kitchen/dining area, full bathroom, master bedroom and living room. Living room is fully carpeted and includes, among other furniture, 2 couches, fold-out futon (sleeps two), telephone, color TV (for VCR). Kitchen equipped with refrigerator, dishwasher, stove/oven, microwave, and cooking/eating utensils. Linens and towels included. Fully heated. Gas grill also included. Renting from May through October. Fifty minutes from Geneva; 30 minutes from Canandaigua; 15 minutes from Naples. Interested? Call Elaine at x253.