

STATION NOTES

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Monday, September 5, All Day

Lab Day Holiday

Station Closed - Have a Safe One

Wednesday, September 7

Hudson Valley Lab

Integrated Pest Management of Fruit Crops Field Day

Wednesday, September 7, 12:10 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Aerobics/Fitness class for all employees

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Thursday, September 8, 8:00 am

Barton Lab Foyer

Integrated Pest Management of Fruit Crops Field Day

Thursday, September 8, Noon

Conference Room (A-133), Barton Lab
Meeting of the Occasional Ornithologists

Friday, September 9, 12:10 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Aerobics/Fitness class for all employees

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PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, September 6

Time: 3:00 pm (coffee at 2.45 pm)

Place: Room A133, Barton Lab

Speaker: Gary Bergstrom
Department of Plant Pathology, Ithaca

Topic: Managing the Health of a Rotational Crop: Winter Wheat in New York

SCHOOL'S OPEN



Please drive carefully!

SENECA LAKE



WHALE WATCH REPORT

The only swimming whale that was sighted in Seneca Lake on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, was one built around a dingy and pulled by a cabin cruiser, but Genevans enjoyed their first-ever Whale Watch nonetheless. Saturday's sunny, warm weather encouraged a big turn-out. Even the tornado watch on Sunday did not entirely deter crowds that enjoyed live music on several stages, lots of local arts and crafts, regional foods, and many displays from local organizations. The event was so well attended, organizers predict it may become an annual event.

The Experiment Station staged an exhibit on "Bugs, Bubbles and Corn" in half of a pink 20' x 30' tent shared with the Geneva Historical Society. The Incredible Bubble Machine conceived by Communications Services, and designed and built by B & P was a big draw. It worked best for children under 12 who stood in the middle of a half truck tire filled with a solution of Joy detergent, water and glycerine. By pulling on a cord attached to a hula-hoop that fit in the truck tire, the kids were able to pull a giant soap bubble over their heads—at least most of the time. Colorful blue and green posters explained the molecular significance of H₂O and soap, and how environmental variables like temperature, humidity and wind are important factors in the formation of bubbles. The booth was continually staffed by volunteers from the Station who had almost as much fun experimenting with the giant bubbles as did the kids of all ages who participated.

Proof that science could be fun encouraged them to look inside the tent where a large poster explained the mission of the Experiment Station. There were five display cases of insects from the Entomology Department, several terrariums filled with live insects, and handouts on how to build a simple terrarium. The display drew various responses including many "oohs" and "aahs" and a few "icks."

Behind the tent, volunteer chefs roasted hundreds of ears of



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supersweet corn grown in Station variety trials that were given away to the crowd with butter and salt. Four hundred ears were distributed on Saturday and 350 on Sunday. In exchange for their free corn, participants were asked to fill out a taste survey, rating the corn on appearance, color, sweetness, and crunch. Although results have not been officially tabulated, the responses were very positive and consumers asked lots of questions, including where they could buy the corn, and where they could buy seeds. Many of them had not eaten roasted corn before and were curious about how long the unhusked corn was soaked in water (about 10-15 minutes) and how long it was roasted (about 20 minutes). The large barbecue grill was fueled by a good supply of dry fruit tree wood from Station orchards which contributed to the sweet aroma and taste.

Thanks to all who helped in the event, including: Vinnie Volland, Dave Lasher, Jim Abbott, Paul DeRosa, Eric Kalbfleisch, Jim Ballerstein, Bob Evangelista, Ed Lavin, Stan Comstock, Charlie D'Amico, Bruce Moore Sr. and Bruce Moore Jr., Joe Ogradnick, Kevin Colton, Patty Gibbs, Paul Robbins, Charlie Linn, David Williams, Bernadine Aldwinckle, Elaine Gotham, Sandy Antinelli, Matt Lewis, Dwayne Norsen, Bill Edinger, Geoff Rule, Margaret Cowles, Al Soper, Jan and Thomas Henick-Kling, Herb Aldwinckle, Cathy Matteson, Gus Curtis, Dominick Ciancaglini, Russ Nydam, and Bill Arehart. Outside help came from the Children's Center in Acton, Mass., the Binghamton Discovery Center, Sue McCandless, Iver Johnson, Chad Novelli, Alyson Colton, Crispell's Truck & Tire and Tallmadge Tire.

The Bubble Machine will be painted and will be used at other outdoor Station functions, including next year's picnic.

Anyone interested in being on a committee for next year's Whale Watch, and possibly planning a booth at Empire Farm Days should Q-Mail Linda McCandless in Communications Services. Anyone who volunteered this year will automatically be asked to participate. Planning will start earlier. As Cathy Matteson said, "This is fun. Next year, let's do the whole tent."

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. GU

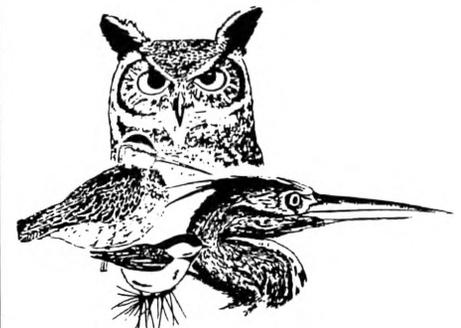
Weiknan Gu received his Ph.D. in Horticultural Sciences by passing his "B" exams on Wednesday, Aug. 31, successfully defending his thesis entitled, "Identification, Characterization and Amplification of Molecular Markers Linked to Photoperiod Genes in Common Bean." Since the fall of 1992, Gu has been working in Norm Weeden's lab at the Station. He received his M.S. from Cornell University in 1992. He plans on going on to do post doctoral work, but said he "will look forward" to being called Dr. Gu in the meantime. "The thesis defense took two hours and was not that difficult," said Gu, who is from China. "It was two years of working day and night in the lab that was hard."

LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE

Effective with the pay period beginning September 1, 1994, your Long Term Disability (LTD) contribution for the next year will be based on \$332 per \$100 of covered salary. This increase will be reflected in the OPI (Overtime Pay Ineligible) check of September 15 and the OPE (Overtime Pay Eligible) check of September 22.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this rate increase, please contact the Client Service Team in Benefit Services at 8-5-3936 or via E-Mail at: benefits@cornell.edu. or call Personnel at x203.

OCCASIONAL ORNITHOLOGISTS TO MEET



The Occasional Ornithologists will meet on September 8 at Noon in the Conference Room (Room A133), Barton Lab. Everyone is welcome to attend this informational noon-time seminar. Bring your lunch and hear guest speaker Fred Bertram from the Eaton Birding Society as he presents a slide presentation on "Birds of the Finger Lakes." For more information, contact Kevin Colton at x357 or Cathy Matteson at x312.



"MAC" ATTACK

PROTECT FLOPPY DISKS

Most 3-1/2" floppy disks come in plastic sleeves. Many Mac users store disks in these sleeves as an extra precaution against the elements. However, you're actually doing more harm than good by using these sleeves. The sleeves attract dust and are more likely to generate static than regular "unprotected" floppy disks.

SELECT NON ADJACENT CELLS

When using Excel, you may want to highlight a group of non adjacent cells. To do this, press and hold the **Command** key while clicking on the cells you want to select.

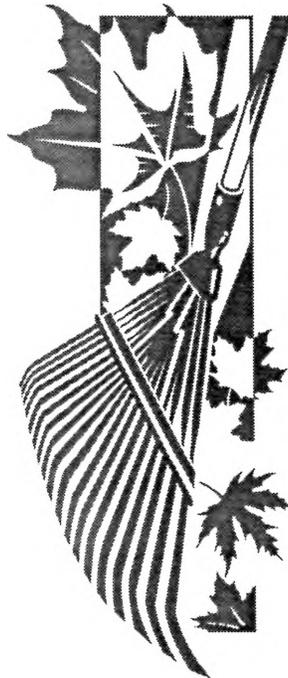
ASSIGN STYLES AND FONTS FROM THE KEYBOARD

When using Word, you can apply a style or a particular paragraph without accessing a menu. To assign a predefined style called "Headline," for example, press **Command-Shift-S**. Watch for the lower left corner of the window to display the word "Style." Then, type the first few letters of the style "**Headline**" and press the **Return** key. You also can assign a font to selected text. First, highlight the text. Then, press **Command-Shift-E**. When the word "Font" appears in the lower left corner of the window, type the name of the font and press **Return**.

PETTY THEFTS

There have been an increasing number of incidents of petty thefts on our campus recently. This includes such things as missing postage stamps, cookies, donuts, granola bars, items moved on desks from one location to another, and the like. If you should be unfortunate and have this happen to you, please report the incident immediately, regardless of how minor it is. There are vandalism/theft report forms in each department or unit. It should be completed and a copy sent to Dave Lasher at Buildings and Properties and Pat Krauss in Jordan Hall. Be as specific as you can about the incident, especially as to the time and date when you feel it might have occurred. Such information can prove to be very important as an investigation is conducted of these happenings. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated. Also, please be sure you have done all you can to protect yourself. Lock your doors when you leave, lock your desk, and try to keep as few personal belongings as possible at work.

Save the Date



STATION CLUB BANQUET

Friday, November 4.

DEADLINES



SUBMISSION OF GRANT PROPOSALS

- **September 1**

NSF International Opportunities for Scientists and Engineers

- **September 1**

BARD

- **September 15**

Alfred Sloan Foundation Research Fellowships

- **Open Date**

NSF *Arabidopsis* Genome Research Project

See the July 11 issue of *Sponsored Programs Newsletter* for details on the above programs. Application forms are available by calling x212.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Miniature American Eskimo puppies, 2 male, 1 female, ready to go on 9/17. These dogs make wonderful house pets and are great with kids. \$250.00 Call Dave at x278.

FOR RENT: Furnished apartment on South Main Street. Three rooms—includes all utilities. Available September 1. Call Joyce at 781-0438. Leave message.

FREE: Large sheets of plastic. Call x293 or see greenhouse crew member.

MOVING SALE: Misc. household items including cookbooks, teddybears, baskets, and rugs. Also, 19" color TV with remote-\$200; VCR with remote-\$150; microwave oven with stand-\$150. Call 789-9594 after 3:00 pm

HOUSE FOR RENT: Three-bedroom, two-bath. Nice home (built 1991) on 5 acres with great view, seven miles north of Newark (30-minute commute to either Geneva or Rochester). \$800/month. Possible to rent with option to purchase. Call Stephanie Greene x393 during the day, 331-3287 evenings.

FOR SALE: Steelcase desk, excellent condition. \$40 or best offer. Call Joanne at x322 or 539-8939