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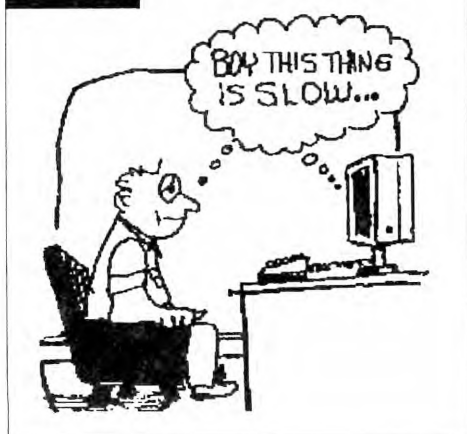
INFOBIT

John Zakour, who will be doing work on World Wide Web publishing projects for Communications Services, is a Web celebrity. Zakour, a freelance writer, cartoonist, and Web consultant, is writing an html/mark-up textbook. He also posts his own material on the Net, including Computer Cartoons, Zany Zoo, and his own hypertext novel. Readers can interact with the satirical mystery which Zakour calls *The Domsday Brunette*, changing the narrator and its ending. According to an article in the *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle* that ran in the "Rochester inc." section on Monday, April 3, Zakour's mystery novel is a well-visited experience. Over 200,000 people from around the world visit Zakour's Internet site monthly.

Zakour achieved further Net fame the week of April 4 when he became the guest celebrity on GNN's Whole Internet Catalog. Zakour created a series of links and took Web surfers on a wild ride to his favorite sites.

Zakour's address is: <http://zeb.nysaes.cornell.edu/>

ZACME



Featured above is John Zakour's most requested cartoon.

HELPING OTHERS FOR 'LESS THAN THE PRICE OF A PEPSI'

Once again, the United Way is conducting its annual campaign. Even through years of severe budget cuts, the employees of the Experiment Station always have maintained their generosity in supporting the Health and Human Service Agencies associated with the United Way. Needless to say, support for these agencies is critical now as their state and federal funds are being reduced. In the past, Experiment Station employees have contributed about \$18,000 with contributions from only about 60 percent of the total number who work here. This year I would like to increase the percentage of employee participation to 80 percent. We need the support of all those who have contributed in the past, and we would like others to consider giving something for this campaign.

Although you probably all have your own personal program of giving, I wonder if any of us would miss 50¢ deducted from each paycheck for these agencies—**less than the price of a Pepsi**. It is easy to sign the card for a payroll deduction and you will painlessly help the people that use these agencies—there were over 67,000 requests last year for services from Ontario County residents. There were 181 Station employees who used at least one of the agencies last year, and we probably all know someone who has been helped by one of these agencies.

The United Way agencies offer a variety of services and programs that serve:



- Health and Safety Education
- Individual and family counseling
- Child sexual abuse assessment
- Services to victims of domestic violence
- Adult education programs
- Child care
- Services for individuals with developmental, physical and mental disabilities
- Disaster relief
- Drug/substance abuse services
- Health education, training and counseling
- Home health care
- Legal services
- Social development and recreation programs for youth

If you are concerned about specific agencies, you can select them from the list of 225 agencies in the Greater Rochester Area—or you can choose agencies where you do not want your gift to go.

Ontario County has over 1500 volunteers working on this campaign, which explains why the United Way can turn over 92 percent of all proceeds to the agencies. The United Way uses local dollars to provide local services, as allocated to the agencies by local volunteers. Although this is a time of anxiety for all of us with budgets being cut at all levels, I once again want to say that the Experiment Station has been a major force in the United Way for many years and I hope that everyone can find something to contribute, no matter how small it is.

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(UNITED WAY, Cont.)

The unit captains this year are:

Administration**B & P****Communications Services****Computer Services****Entomology****Field Research Unit****Food Science****Horticultural Sciences****IPM****Library****PGRU****Plant Pathology****Retirees**

Kathy DeRosa, Bob Seem

Dave Lasher

Kevin Colton

Patty Gibbs

Rocky Broadway, Mary Lou

Hessney, Muriel Stobie

Mark Scott

Liz Baroody, Don Downing

Herb Cooley, Dick Durst

Mary Jean Welser, Bob

Andersen, Cathy Roe

Margaret Cowles

Peter McDonald

Sherrie Tennies

Tom Burr, Jana Lamboy,

Janice Valerio

Ed Glass

*Wendell Roelofs**United Way Chairman*

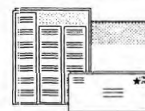
"Politicians and many citizens tell us that people want less government. If less government means less services, who is to provide for people in need and finance worthy causes? You and I are expected to do it, and supporting the United Way is one important means to do this. We can be proud of the Station's record of providing help to the community through United Way. But the need is greater than ever this year. I know you want to do your part to help your neighbors and to make this a better area in which to live. Please give at least as much as you have in the past. And if you haven't given before through the Experiment Station, please give at least the minimum amount our United Way Chairman, Wendell Roelofs, asked for in his message—'less than the price of a Pepsi.' It's the right thing to do and it will make you feel good—even better than a Pepsi would!"



Jim Hunter
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Knapsack spraying outfit used in the Geneva Potato Spraying Experiment of 1904. Photo: July 29, 1904, by H.J.E.

**MATT'S MAILBAG**

If you have packages or letters that have call tags or are waiting for pick-up by a carrier, please let Matt know. The mailroom is the first stop by these carriers if there is not a building listed on the pick-up slip.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Please check your office and lab for the following missing book and return to the Jordan Hall Library. Thank you for your cooperation.

ENT

581.5 Variable plants and herbivores
V43 in natural and managed systems

The optimist proclaims
that we live in the best
of all possible worlds; the
pessimist fears this is true.

—Branch Cabell

RESPIRATOR FITTING AND TRAINING SCHEDULED

Environmental Health and Safety will be on the Geneva Campus for training and fitting of respirators. The dates are Thursday, April 13, Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21. Individuals are required to attend a training session as well as being fit tested. Training sessions are scheduled from 9:00-9:45 am in the Staff Room, Jordan Hall, on April 13 and 20. *Training on April 21* will be held in the Auditorium. Following the training session, fit testing of respirators will occur at 15-minute intervals. Appointments for fit testing should be scheduled through Pat Krauss, x201, or through QuickMail.

Environmental Health and Safety officials will be bringing respirator equipment with them so you can get new respirators or replacement items on the spot. EH&S also has disposable clothing, nitrile gloves, goggles, and hearing protection available, but will not be bringing these materials with them this year because of space limitations in their vehicle. If you need any of this equipment, you should order it directly from EH&S by calling 8-5-4862. It will be sent to our campus.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND BENEFITS SEMINARS

April 11 FIDELITY - Tax Deferred Annuity Plan

12:00-1:00 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Fidelity is an option in the Optional Retirement Program (ORP). Chris McCarthy, Fidelity's representative, will present the program to eligible employees. There is no charge to attend this seminar

April 18 VALIC

12:00-1:00 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

VALIC (Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company) is an option in the Optional Retirement Program (ORP). Diane Costello, VALIC's representative, will present the program to eligible employees. There is no charge to attend this seminar

April 22 PLANNING FOR LIFE STAGES AFTER 50

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Auditorium, Jordan Hall

Work and Family Services, University Human Resource Services, will be presenting this Saturday workshop. The topics to be discussed include interpersonal relationships, leisure and work options, financial planning, health and wellness, living arrangements, and next steps.

There is a fee of \$15 per set of materials.

To register, fill out and return the appropriate registration form available in all departments and units or contact Personnel at x203.

May 6 PLANNING FOR LIFE STAGES FROM 35-50

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Auditorium, Jordan Hall

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MACFACTS

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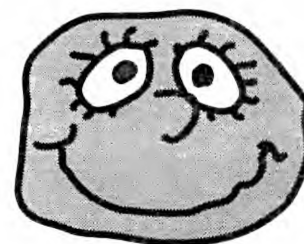
To expand the outline view of a particular folder on your desktop, simply click on the name of the folder. Press **Command-Right Arrow** to expand the outline view. Press **Command-Left Arrow** to close the expanded view. (Clicking on the little triangle to the left of the folder names does the same thing.) To compress all the folder views, press **Command-A** to select all the folders and then press **Command-Left Arrow**.

SCROLL WINDOWS FROM THE KEYBOARD

When using Word, you can scroll windows from the keyboard. To scroll up, press **Command-Option-[** or simply press * on the numeric keypad. To scroll down, press **Command-Option-/** or press + on the numeric keypad. Remember: You still have to click the mouse button to move the insertion point if you want to start typing in a new location.

ENLARGE A WINDOW TO FILL THE SCREEN

So you already know about the zoom box, eh? (For those of you who don't, the zoom box is the tiny box in the upper right corner of each window. Clicking on the zoom box expands the window to fill the screen. Clicking the zoom box again reduces the window to its previous size.) Another way of zooming the current window in all Microsoft programs (Word, Excel, Works, PowerPoint, etc.) is to double click the title bar of the window you want to enlarge, double click on the size box in the lower right corner of the window, or press **Command-Option-]**.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

APRIL 7-14, 1995

EVENTS • MEETINGS

Monday, April 10, 12:10 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Monday, April 10, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Tuesday, April 11, 10:30 am

348 Morrison Hall, Ithaca

CALS Chairs' Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, Noon

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Fidelity Tax Deferred Annuity Plan Seminar

Tuesday, April 11, 3:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Geneva Faculty Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 12:10 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Wednesday, April 12, 3:00 pm

Room A133, Barton Lab

Geneva Chairs' & Unit Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

English as a Second Language

Thursday, April 13, 9:00 am

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Respirator Fitting and Training

Thursday, April 13, 12:05 pm

Room A133, Barton Lab

Occasional Ornithologists Brown Bag Seminar

Friday, April 14, 12:10 pm

Sawdust Cafe

Aerobics/Fitness Class for all employees

Friday, April 14, 9:00 am

IPM Conference Room

Geneva Administrative Managers' Meeting

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1984 Pontiac Sunbird. Runs well in good shape. \$1100. Call Elizabeth x409.

FOR SALE: 1992 model GE natural gas stove. Excellent condition. Broiler never used. Call Sue Dwyer at x244.

WANTED: Printer for MacPlus in working condition. Call Matt at x251.

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, April 10

Time: 11:00 am

Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall

Speaker: David Peterson, Finger Lakes Grape Specialist, and Steve Hoying, Lake Ontario Tree Fruit Specialist

Topic: How the Department of Horticultural Sciences Can Best Address Grape and Tree-fruit Problems in New York

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Monday, April 10

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Room A133, Barton Lab

Speaker: Ilan Chet
Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology
Hebrew University, Rehovot, Israel

Topic: The Role of Cell-Cell Recognition and Chitinase in Biological Control of Plant Disease

SURPLUS VEHICLES FOR SALE

The following vehicles are being surplus by the Station. Minimum bid prices are given with each vehicle. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Station's Business Office until 2:00 pm, Friday, April 21. Please be sure to include your name, campus telephone number, and department on each bid.

1979 Chevrolet Van,
CDG1594142039, license B73608, condition very poor, minimum bid \$300.

1983 Dodge Suburban,
2B4HB11T0DK397111, license B68154, condition poor, minimum bid \$400.

1988 Dodge Sedan,
1B3BD46D8JC172888, license A34964, condition fair, minimum bid \$600.

1989 Plymouth Sedan,
3P3BK46D2K948832, license A57032, condition fair, minimum bid \$800.

1990 Dodge Sedan,
1B3XP48K4LN173777, license B94524, condition fair, bad transmission, minimum bid \$800.

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, April 12

Time: 10:30 am

Place: Conference Room, Food Science
Speaker: Dr. Reginald H. Walter
Department of Food Science & Technology, Geneva

Topic: One-Number Characterization of Polysaccharide Thermal Stability

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY SEMINAR SERIES

Date: Wednesday, April 12

Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Place: Conference Room,
201 Palm Road, Ithaca

Speaker: Diane M. Brayden, CIH
Area Director, OSHA, Syracuse Area Office

Topic: "OSHA" Update
Ms. Brayden will discuss the effect of the new Republican Congress on development of new standards and OSHA's approach to enforcement. New programs such as Focused Inspections, Local Emphasis Programs, and Maine 200, designed to more effectively utilize OSHA's limited resources, will be reviewed.

OCCASIONAL ORNITHOLOGISTS TO PRESENT SEMINAR



The Station Occasional Ornithologists are happy to announce a brown bag seminar on our state bird, the Bluebird, to be given by Kevin Colton, member of the New York State Bluebird Society, on Thursday, April 13, at 12:05 pm in Room A133, Barton Lab. All are welcome to attend this very interesting and informative seminar on bluebirds which will highlight not only bluebird-ology in regard to identification, nesting, habitat, etc., but will also give an overview of the progress in increasing population numbers of this species which is of special concern in our state and across the country.