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## BRIEFS

## WWW RESOURCES

Ben Shelton from the Geneva Library is an avid proponent of the World Wide Web. In the course of his wanderings, he has discovered some pertinent resources that might interest Station employees.

In particular, he would like to refer interested parties to the article "World Wide Web Resources for the Biologist" in the June, 1995, issue of *Trends in Genetics*. In that article, Robert Harper provides a good overview and historical explanation of the development of FTP, WAIS and Gopher. He devotes several paragraphs each to URLs, hypertext and multimedia, client-server models, images on the network, traffic jams, and other issues. In addition, he includes over 20 URL addresses for on-line documentation concerning the WWW which are of interest for more in-depth information.

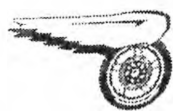
Extra copies of this article are in the Library.

## SHUTDOWN

The Heating Plant will be shut down from 8:00 am, Sunday, July 23, until early Wednesday morning, July 2. NO STEAM WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME.

This shutdown is required for cleaning and inspection of the smoke stack at the heating plant. The inspection of the stack is required for completion of the design phase of the heating plant renovation project. The current schedule projects construction starting in spring of 1996.

This project is essential to assure reliable efficient steam production for the future.



## THE PAT-MOBILE

If you are wondering what a "never-sit-still" fellow like Pat Krauss might be looking forward to in retirement, be advised that the manual for his hot, new, green Camaro says that: "If the car is driven over 100 mph for extended periods of time, the oil should be changed every 3,000 miles." The director or any faculty who need to go to Ithaca might ask Krauss to drive, sit back, let the anti-G force take over, and think of all the drive time saved.

## PEOPLE

## Condolences

Station condolences are extended to Julie Kikkert on the death of her father July 4. Julie is a Research Associate in Horticultural Sciences.

Station condolences are extended to Tad Jacyna on the death of his wife July 10. Tad is a Research Support Specialist in Horticultural Sciences.

## NEW FIELD RESEARCH LEADER NAMED

Mark Scott has accepted the responsibilities of unit leader of the Field Research Unit (FRU) at the Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva. He will assume the job from Ray Mallaber, who is retiring after 40 years of service.

Scott has worked for Cornell for 10 years. He managed the 250-acre Cohn Farm in Sodus, NY, from 1985-1989. It was primarily a fruit farm. In 1989, he transferred to the FRU crew at the Station, where he took over the Pomology Crew following Ray Mallaber's move to Manager. Since January of this year, he has been managing the Station's fruit and vegetable farms and taking the official daily readings from the weather station on that farm.



Scott is looking forward to his new responsibilities. "I want to meet with all employees who work in the field and get their input and go from there," he said. FRU consists of a 12-man crew. "We answer to 17 vegetable research leaders and 18 fruit leaders, plus administration. Our problems are theirs; and theirs are ours. The key is good communication ahead of time," noted Scott. "We have an awfully good crew and I look forward to working with them as a team."

The work of FRU is extremely important in maintaining the value of Station programs to the food and agricultural industry of New York State. "Field research is an integral part of nearly every program here at the Station," said Hugh Price, chairman of Horticultural Sciences. "One of the primary strengths of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station is our capability to move technology that has been developed in the laboratory and greenhouse to the field. Whether researchers are evaluating plant breeding, physiology, cultural practices or plant protection, field evaluation is mandatory prior to asking commercial growers to try a new technology or cultivation practice."

The diversity of the field research projects is one of the things Scott likes best about working at the Station. "I like how the researchers are able to take an idea from the lab or desk and transfer it to the field to try and incorporate the idea into commercial practices or to solve agricultural problems with commercial applications," said Scott, who was born and raised on a fruit and vegetable farm in Williamson, where he continues to live with his wife and children.

Scott has an Associate's Degree in Agronomy from Alfred Ag and Tech and a Bachelors Degree in Pomology from Cornell. "Mostly importantly," he noted, "I have a lot of on-the-job training."

Much of Scott's training has been under the tutelage of Ray Mallaber, who first came to work at the Station in 1955, in what was then called the Pomology Department. When the department became Horticultural Sciences, he took over as manager of the fruit crew. When the former Farm Services Unit (previously managed by Glen McGuigan) was merged with the Pomology crew in 1989, Mallaber was chosen as unit leader.

"During the time Ray has been manager, there have been more than 10 miles of deer fence constructed, the Hansen farm was almost fully developed, new outbuildings have been constructed, a state-of-the-art pesticide facility was built, and much of the older equipment has been replaced," said Assistant to the Director Pat Krauss. "Ray has seen the changes in the field from the use of big tractors to take care of widely-spaced big trees, to the use of smaller tractors for narrow row spacing of dwarf trees and other tree training systems."

"Ray Mallaber has led FRU since its inception and guided the Unit through its early

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

JULY 14-21, 1995

## EVENTS MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 18

Staff Room, Jordan Hall

General Faculty Meeting

## FRIDAY

JULY 21 • 6 pm

## Station Club Picnic

1/2 Chicken, Tossed Salad, Salt Potatoes,

Sweet Corn or Macaroni Salad,

Roll &amp; Butter, Fruit Cocktail

Non-Members: \$7

Members: \$5

2 Hot Dogs w/ rolls, Tossed Salad,

Salt Potatoes, Sweet Corn or

Macaroni Salad, Fruit Cocktail

Non-Members: \$5

Members: \$3

There will be two  
**Surprise Bands**  
to dance the night away.

See your department representative  
for TICKETS!

## CLASSIFIED

## CHILD-AT-HEART VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Help is needed in coordinating children's games and activities at the upcoming Station Club Picnic, July 21. If interested, call Veronica at x301.

**FOR SALE:** Fruit Testing has miscellaneous office supplies for sale. Stop by 116 Hedrick Hall between 8-12 to take a look.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Used backpack. External or internal frame. Call Jennifer at 789-2126.

**DOG SITTER NEEDED:** The apartment where we live will not accept dogs so our Old English Shepherd named Suzi needs a home until the end of October. She's 1-1/2 years old, very friendly, good with children, and housebroken. Call Luis at x409.

**CIRCUS:** The Lyons Fire Department is sponsoring a circus on Saturday, July 15. There will be two shows—5:00 and 7:30 pm. Watch for the tent on Old Clyde Road in Lyons. Tickets are \$8.00 and available at the show. Children under 11 are free with adult.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Nordick Track with treadmill and poles. Call x253.

**FREE:** Wyse 85 computer terminal. Excellent condition. Call Harvey Hoch at x332 or it goes onto the loading dock.

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development," said Price. "His dedication to fulfilling the mission of the FRU earned the respect of his crew, faculty and staff. He helped develop a Field Research Unit composed of professionals who know how to grow and care for fruit and vegetable crops, care for equipment and take pride in their work," said Price. "The value of field research is greatly diminished if the crops are not planted, fertilized, and cared for in a manner that is similar to commercial operations. These operations, especially pest control, are not efficiently handled by individual project leaders; FRU does an excellent job of caring for these operations."

Price is looking forward to working with Scott in his roles as a field researcher, a department chair and member of the FRU Oversight Committee. "Mark brings to the FRU Manager position his experience in both fruit and vegetable production, plus management of an off-station field research facility. He has had the opportunity to work with Ray Mallaber for several years and gain an understanding of the vital role FRU plays in the field research mission of this Station."

FRU underwent a length study by the Field Research Unit Study Committee earlier this year. As a result of that study, the unit's mission was narrowed so it was better able to focus on field research—which is the nexus of Station programs. As a result, FRU focuses strictly on field research including all farm tasks like plowing, fitting, planting, pruning, seeding, harvesting, orchard and vineyard management, vegetable production, fence repair, farm road repair, stump removal, irrigation, fertilization, and rodent control. Some responsibilities previously handled by FRU were transferred to Buildings and Property, including: trash collection, Ithaca supply trucking, maintenance of campus roads including snowplowing, soil preparation and delivery, campus moving and hauling, heavy equipment repairs, and all campus construction and excavation.

## KEEP YOUR COOL IN STATION FASHION

Don't forget that Station fashions are available from Station Club and can be purchased in the Bulletin Office, Jordan Hall, during the hours of 8:00 to Noon. (They will also be available for sale at the Station Club Picnic on July 21.)

## T-Shirts

Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL 7.00  
Children M(10-12), L(14-16) 6.00

Hat One-size fits all 6.00

## Apron (great for the barbecue)

Short 8.00  
Long 10.00

## Sweatshirts

(for those cool days like last weekend)

Adult M, L, XL 13.00  
Adult XXL 15.00  
Children M(10-12), L(14-16) 11.00

Coffee Mug 7.00



## RETIREMENT PARTY FOR KEN LIVERMORE



Friday, August 4 • Station Pavilion • 5:30 pm, Happy Hour • 6:30 pm, Dinner

Chicken BBQ • Sweet Corn • Homemade Ice Cream • Beer & Soda

\$5.00/person

(Bring a Vegetable/Salad Dish to Share)



Send Reservation and Gift Donations to  
Dona Soper, Hedrick Hall, by July 28.



## KEN LIVERMORE RETIREMENT PICNIC - AUGUST 4

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending @ \$5.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Donation (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to "Dona Soper" and send to Room 102, Hedrick Hall by Friday, July 28.**