



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 1989

STATION NOTES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, February 21,
8:00 a.m., Rochester Marriott
(exit 46): *NY State Vegetable
Conference*

Wednesday, February 22,
8:00 a.m., Rochester Marriott
(exit 46): *NY State Vegetable
Conference*

Wednesday, February 22,
4:00 p.m., director's office:
*Geneva department chairs
meeting*

Wednesday, February 22,
7:00 p.m., staff room, Jordan
Hall: *Finger Lakes Stamp Club*

Thursday, February 23,
8:00 a.m., Rochester Marriott
(exit 46): *NY State Vegetable
Conference*

Thursday, February 23,
11:30 a.m., Food Science
conference room: *Macintosh
workshop on word processing*



AGRICULTURAL ALTERNATIVES EXAMINED

More than 300 farmers from the northeast, principally New York, attended the "Transitions" conference last week presented by the Natural Organic Farmers' Association at Jordan Hall. The association is dedicated to agricultural practices that are carried on without the use of synthetic chemicals for pest control or fertilization. The conference, which was opened by Director Plane, involved representatives of the fruit, vegetable and dairy industries. Above, Martin Culik at the podium during the morning session.

SOIL FROM STATION GREENHOUSES TO BE STOCKPILED

Effective immediately, we will return to stockpiling most of the soil that is considered waste in the greenhouses. We used to do this, but for the past 1 1/2 years, all discarded greenhouse soil has been taken to the landfill.

Now, we are going to modify that process. Bins will be provided in both greenhouse ranges, properly marked, where Temik contaminated soil should be placed when it is to be discarded. Eventually, that soil will be taken to the landfill. All other greenhouse soil should be placed in appropriately marked bins in the Barton Laboratory range and in the concrete soil pit in the Old range. This soil will be recycled and

used around the grounds and also will be available for use in orchards, vineyards, and vegetable plots if anyone wishes.

Most important! Effective immediately, please be sure that discarded soil does not contain pots, labels, and other debris.

Why is this change taking place? By reducing the amount of soil that is taken to the landfill, we can reduce our monthly trash bill by as much as \$500 or more. In these critical economic times, it is important to do everything possible to reduce operating costs. This is one area that was carefully reviewed, especially from a safety standpoint, and we are, thus, making some modifications in present procedure. We thank you for your help and cooperation.

STATION PEOPLE
HAVE NOW
WORKED

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DAYS WITHOUT
A LOST-TIME
ACCIDENT

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, February 20
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Ian Merwin
Subject: Cover crops for control of apple replant disease

SIGMA XI

Date: Monday, February 20
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: James Ryan
Subject: The rainforests of Madagascar: Culture and conservation at a crossroads

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, February 22
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: A-133 Barton Lab
Speaker: Alex Sivan
Subject: *Trichoderma* as a biocontrol agent of plant pathogens: Application mechanism of action and genetic manipulation

FIRST AID REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Slow response has prompted extension of the registration date for the American Red Cross standard first aid course scheduled for Friday, February 25. If you still wish to register contact Cathy Matteson, Horticultural Sciences.

RACQUETBALL LADDER

Burr def. Lewis, Forsline def. McFerson; R. Petzoldt def. Lewis.

390	Phil Forsline	203	Jason Boyd
390	Jim McFerson	265	Ed Woodams
225	Rixana Petzoldt	209	Joe Kovach
206	Curt Petzoldt	239	Bruce Reisch
315	Tom Burr	245	Chuck Simon
251	Matt Lewis	362	Walter Wolf
246	Gary Harman		

PESTICIDE IMPLICATIONS TO BE CLARIFIED

Because of the important implications involved with the new pesticide notification law, we have arranged for a special meeting to be held on the subject in the Auditorium of Jordan Hall on Tuesday, February 28.

Marilyn DuBois, a key official in DEC, has agreed to attend this notification seminar and explain the new law and how it affects us. In addition, Bill Smith and others from the Cornell Chemicals-Pesticides program will discuss SARA Title III and your Right-to-Know.

The session begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be available. It is essential that **all** certified pesticide applicators and any others who are interested attend.

GREENHOUSE LIGHTING STUDIED

Do you know that there are about 1,300 lights of various kinds in the acre of greenhouses that the Station operates? Obviously, many of these lights, especially during the winter months, have to be used intensely to provide adequate lighting for proper plant growth. However, there are probably times when use of lights can be reduced. An analysis is currently under way to see just how much it costs to provide light in the greenhouses and if there are alternative approaches that might be suggested for consideration.

There are a some things that can be looked at now by faculty and staff, including graduate students, when using lights in the greenhouses: (1) Try to burn the lights more during the least expensive demand periods (11 p.m.-7 a.m.), (2) Fluorescent lights use less energy than high intensity lights, (3) use only the number of lights that are necessary for an experiment (perhaps part of a house can be shut off), (4) share greenhouse space wherever possible, and (5) be sure to turn lights off when they are not needed.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1972 Chevy Nova, automatic, 307 V8, 64,000 miles, power steering, new tires. \$800. Call Pat, ext. 246 or Bill at 536-3931 after 5 pm.

FOR SALE: Zenith 23", color, console TV. \$100. Contact Dick, ext. 249.

FOR RENT: Unfurnished bedroom in comfortable home, 1 mile from Station. \$130 per month plus utilities. Contact Diane, ext. 264 or Geoff, ext. 362.