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BRIEFS

SIGN UP FOR THE 13th ANNUAL STATION CLUB BOWLING PARTY

Get your five-person team together and sign up for a fun-filled night out at the 13th Annual Station Club Bowling Party to be held Saturday, February 8, at 9:00 pm at Sunset Bowl, Geneva.

See page two of this week's *News* for a sign-up form. Deadline to sign up is January 31.

CYBERSPACE COURTESY TIP!

Eudora is a tireless communicator but the Attachments Folder can become the happy home of countless stray files, resulting in a game of cyberspace hide and seek unless the sender takes the time to add their name or initials to the beginning of the name of any files attached and sent by e-mail. It saves the recipient time and unnecessary opening and closing of files. Thanks.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASS TO RESUME FOR SPRING SEMESTER

The English as a Second Language class which meets in the Jordan Hall Staff Room will resume Monday, January 27, and will continue to meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm until Wednesday, May 21. Kathy Crothers will continue as the instructor.

The FLCC spring semester calendar includes a spring break from April 14-18; therefore, the ESL class is not scheduled to meet that week.

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WINTER IS TRAVEL AND MEETING TIME

State by state, fruit and vegetable growers, researchers, and extension agents are gathering for their annual agri-business get-togethers. In almost all cases, the shows feature some combination of educational programs, trade show, marketing expertise, and the chance for board members of various commodity organizations to review the past year and plan for the future. Experiment Station researchers are traveling extensively to share their expertise and trial results in plant breeding, physiology, cultivation practices, commodity trials, and insect and disease management.

Here are just a few.

Alan Lakso just got back from Virginia, where he was an invited speaker at the Virginia/West Virginia Horticultural Show in Roanoke. He gave two talks: one on the principles of carbohydrate supply and demand in apples, and the second on managing supply and demand in the orchard. On February 5, 6 and 7, he will be giving talks in the Hudson and Champlain Valley Fruit schools on water relations and apple productivity.

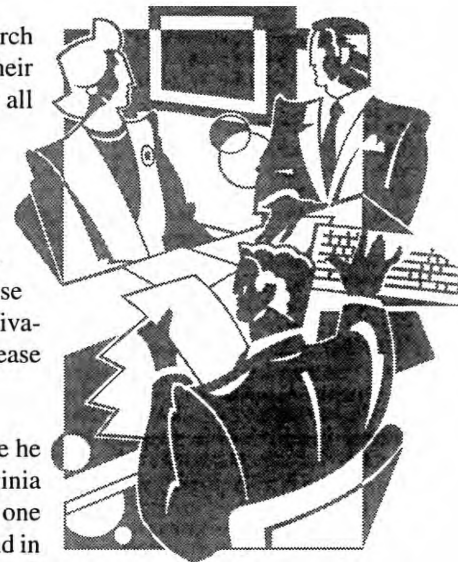
Terence Robinson will be talking about training techniques and philosophies for high density orchards of the future and trickle irrigation and fertigation at the New England Fruit Meeting and Trade Show at the Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge Mass., held Jan. 22-23.

Bob Andersen is the featured out-of-state speaker at the Northwest Michigan Orchard Show, which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 4 and 5, at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan. He will be speaking about sweet cherry variety and dwarfing rootstock evaluation along with the development of a new sweet cherry variety evaluation consortium.

At the New York State Vegetable Growers Association Meeting in Syracuse, Feb. 11-13, Helene Dillard will talk on mold management in snap beans, sweet corn diseases and control, bacterial diseases of tomatoes and peppers, give an update on fungicides for late-blight control, and strategies for minimizing black rot and *Alternaria* leaf spot on cabbage. Tony Shelton will talk on new findings in the management of thrips, caterpillars and flea beetles in cabbage. Steve Reiners will speak on cultural practices for sweet corn. Chuck Eckenrode will talk on onion arthropod management. Thomas Bjorkman will speak on buckwheat's place in soil conditioning, and Hugh Price and Dan Hurdle of Seneca Foods will speak on the status of a NYS cabbage marketing order.

Dave Rosenberger, of the Hudson Valley Lab, will be traveling to the Wisconsin Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Conference, Feb. 23-25, to talk about managing apple scab and summer diseases. He will also be the guest plant pathologist at the 1997 Michigan State Tree Fruit IPM School.

Several Experiment Station researchers will be speaking at the International Dwarf Fruit Tree Organization Conference, which will be held Feb. 23-26, at the Radisson Hotel in Rochester. Among them, Herb Aldwinckle will deliver the Robert F. Carlson Distinguished Lecture on the development of new disease-resistant apple rootstocks through both traditional plant breeding and new genetic engineering approaches.



(BRIEFS, cont.)

MAKING SLIDES IN CLARISWORKS

Recognizing a new need at the Station, Communications Services is pleased to announce that we are now accepting slides made in ClarisWorks. To facilitate communication between hardware and software, please follow these instructions.

CHOOSE Laserwriter print driver. Open ClarisWorks and choose either **Word Processing** or **Drawing** format. Under **PAGE SETUP**, choose **Letter** size and **Landscape** orientation. Under **FORMAT**, **Document** set **Top** and **Bottom** margins for **.75 inch** and **Left** and **Right** margins for **.25 inch**. This give you a 10.5 x 7 inch usable image area. Under **VIEW**, choose **Page View**. When using the **DRAW** portion of ClarisWorks, go into **Document** under **FORMAT** and indicate that you want **1 page across** and **x pages down** (x being the number of slides that you will have). If using the **WORD PROCESSING** portion of ClarisWorks, put one slide per page.

Now go ahead and create your slides.

Send the final slides to Slidemaker@nysaes.cornell.edu if they are

under 500K. If larger, use AppleShare and put on the MacVolume drive, as was explained in last week's *Station News*.

If you have further questions, call Linda McCandless at x417.

NYS VEGETABLE CONFERENCE, SOCIAL & TRADE SHOW

The 1997 NYS Vegetable Conference & Trade Show will be held Feb. 11-13 at the Hotel Sheraton & Convention Center, just off Exit 37 of the NYS Thruway, in Liverpool, NY. The conference draws over 1,200 growers and industry representatives from the Northeast and Canada as well as from around the state. This year's conference is dedicated to the memory of Robert F. Becker for his outstanding contributions to and support of the NYS vegetable industry.

This year, there will be three full days packed solid with educational sessions where growers, university specialists and industry leaders will present more than 100 talks in 20 sessions. Sessions are scheduled for fresh market and processing vegetables, including onions, cabbage, snap beans, labor regulations,

leafy greens, potatoes and potato marketing, pesticides and health issues, soil quality management, crop record keeping and enterprise analysis, organic production, electronic on-line services, and tomatoes, peppers and squash, plus an all-day sweet corn school.

A full trade show, featuring over 80 exhibitors and displays, will give participants the chance to see the latest in supplies, equipment and services.

The NYSVGA's Annual Meeting & Breakfast will also be held at the conference, at 7 am, Feb. 12. The Empire State Potato Club's Annual Meeting will be held Feb. 11 from 4:30-5 pm.

The Conference Social Hour will be held Tuesday night, Feb. 11, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Daryl Lund, dean of CALS, will give a brief talk, and honored guests will be recognized.

NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets will feature the blue-ribbon winners of the Consumer Packaging Contest for onions and potatoes, along with history photos.

The annual event is sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, the NYS Vegetable Growers Assoc., the Empire State Potato Club, and Associated NYS Food Processors.

13th ANNUAL STATION CLUB BOWLING PARTY

Saturday, February 8 at 9:00 pm,

TEAM NAME: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____

TEAM MEMBERS: 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

NON-BOWLERS: _____

COSMIC BOWLING: Yes _____ No _____

Bowling: _____ @ \$10.00/Club Member \$ _____ @ \$12.00/Non-Club Member \$ _____

Non-Bowling: _____ @ \$4.00/Club Member \$ _____ @ \$6.00/Non-Club Member \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Return to Matt Lewis, Jordan Hall • Make checks payable to "Station Club"

PAYCHECK INFORMATION DECODED

Clip and Save

What Do These Numbers Mean? Paycheck Information Decoded

Do you know how to read the back of your paycheck? Here is a quick guide to the information that may be provided.

1. **Location** – Your department's check delivery location code.

2. **Your name** – First and middle initial and last name.

3. **Your social security number.**

4. **Period ending** – The last day of the pay period covered by this check (or direct bank deposit).

5. **Check (or direct bank deposit) date** – The date check is issued or the date deposit is credited to your account.

6. **Check (or direct bank deposit) number.**

7. **Net amount** – The amount of your check (after all deductions are made).

8. **Gross** – The biweekly payment prior to deductions and pretax reductions.

9. **Federal Taxable Gross** – Your biweekly gross less voluntary salary reduction (before tax) contributions to a tax-deferred annuity plan and Select Benefits.

10. **GRA Nontaxable Gross** – Not used.

11. **Federal Income Tax** – The amount withheld depends on your gross income, your marital status, and the number of exemptions you claimed on your W-4 form. Also affected by any amounts deducted for Select Benefits and tax deferred programs.

12. **New York State Income Tax** – The amount withheld depends on your

gross income, marital status, and the number of exemptions claimed. Also affected by deductions for Select Benefits and some tax-deferred programs.

13. **F.I.C.A.** – Federal Insurance Contributions Act, commonly known as So-

17. **AD&D Insurance** – Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance.

18. **DBL** – Short-term disability deduction for statutory faculty and staff. The university pays the majority of the cost for statutory faculty and staff and the

DEP RA – Dependent Care Reimbursement Account

TDP RED – Tax-deferred Plan Salary Reduction

S RE NM – Statutory Retirement Normal Reduction

RET RED S – Statutory Tier III and Tier IV 3% Tax Deferred Retirement Contribution

MED TAX – Medicare Portion of FICA.

Boxes 21, 22, and 23 apply to overtime eligible faculty and staff only:

21. **Other time** – The number of hours during this pay period used for calculating vacation or sick leave, the rate for

these hours, and the dollar amount.


22. **Premium time** – The number of hours paid at overtime rate or for inconvenience pay, the rate for these hours, and the dollar amount.

23. **Regular time** – The number of hours paid at regular rate, the rate for these hours, and the dollar amount.

Your gross earnings for this pay period are the sum of the amounts in boxes 21, 22, and 23.

Additional information can be found in the Payroll Manual, which is available to all department payroll representatives.

Any questions you may have concerning your paycheck should be directed to the Payroll Office at 255-5194.

LOCATION (1)	EMPLOYEE NAME (2)			SOCIAL SECURITY NO. (3)			PERIOD ENDING (4)		CHECK DATE (5)	CHECK NUMBER (6)	NET AMOUNT (7)	
GROSS (8)	FED TAXABLE GROSS (9)	NON TAXABLE GROSS (10)	FEDERAL INCOME TAX (11)	STATE INCOME TAX (12)	FICA (13)	C.F.C.U. (14)	LIFE INS (15)	LONG TERM DISABILITY (16)	ADD INS (17)	DBL (18)		
(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)	(19)
OTHER DEDUCTIONS (20)		CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE (19)	OTHER DEDUCTIONS (20)		CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE (19)	OTHER DEDUCTIONS (20)		CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE (19)	
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cial Security. This is your federally required withholding.

14. **C.F.C.U.** – Cornell Federal Credit Union deduction for loan repayment, savings, or checking.

15. **Life Insurance** – A deduction for optional life insurance which supplements the basic group life coverage provided by the university.

16. **Long-term Disability** – A university-required deduction for statutory faculty and staff. (Statutory faculty and staff will have a deduction only if they are not eligible for disability retirement under New York State Employees' Retirement System or Civil Service Retirement System. The university shares the cost with statutory faculty and staff and pays the full amount for endowed faculty and staff.)

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19. Boxes filled in under "Year to Date" show the total amounts paid or deducted from the beginning of the calendar year to the end of the current pay period.

20. **Other Deductions** – Includes any other payroll deductions not covered above such as: United Way, parking, auto and health insurance, savings bonds, Select Benefits, retirement plans, etc. Some of the most frequently used codes are listed as follows:

HL A TX – Health Care Premium deducted after taxes

HL B TX – Health Care Premium before taxes

MED RA – Medical Care Reimbursement Account

CALENDAR

JANUARY 17-24, 1997

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Wednesday, January 22, 3:00 pm
Director's Office, Jordan Hall
Research Department Chairs' Meeting

Friday, January 24, 1:05 pm
Auditorium, Jordan Hall
Transporting Agricultural Equipment
Seminar presented by NYS Police
Department's Traffic Division



DEADLINES

Monday, January 20
Apple Research and Development Program
quarterly reports due in Director's Office.

Monday, January 27
NY Wine and Grape Foundation full-length
progress reports and half-page summaries of
each progress report due to Linda
McCandless, Communications Services.

CLASSIFIEDS

HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ: If you have an hour or two a week and would like to help a child, please consider joining us at North Street School in a new program to help children learn to read. There are a large number of students at North Street School who would profit greatly from some help in reading on a one to one basis. We are looking for volunteers who could spend some time each week helping these students. The teacher would provide the material as well as specific directions. In most cases the student would read aloud choosing the correct word to fill in the blank. Any time you could devote to this would be helpful to the child and hopefully to you as well. Contact Tony Shelton (ams5@cornell.edu) or Principal Mary Luckern at North Street School (781-0489).

FOR SALE: 1989 Ford Taurus L station wagon. 130K miles, excellent running condition, very little rust, front end and rear end work done at 90K, new generator, oil changed every 3-4000 miles. Asking \$1500. Call Herb at x266 or email hje1@cornell.edu.

FOR SALE: 1986 Ford Escort, two doors, new muffler, 87,100 miles. Runs good. Asking 550 or best offer. Contact: Zhi Jiang Zhou @ 232 or 781-0051. E-mail: zz16.

FOR RENT: Furnished room to non-smoker. Use of kitchen and laundry. Separate bathroom; garage. Must supply own linen, towels, etc. South Main St. (near HWS), 1 1/2 mi from Station; available immediately. \$275/month. Call 789-3226.

SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, January 20
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: David F. Garvin
Topic: Characterization and deployment of scald resistance genes derived from wild barley, *Hordeum spontaneum*

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, January 21
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Timothy Widmer
Department of Plant Pathology, Geneva
Topic: The effect of composted municipal waste on the growth of citrus and infection by *Phytophthora nicotianae*

LIBRARY TO OFFER WORKSHOPS

The Library is happy to announce it will be conducting three workshops in the coming months. All faculty staff and students are encouraged to attend. Each workshop will be held in the Staff Lounge in Jordan Hall from 9am to 11am.

Friday, February 7

Mann Library Gateway & Other Library Resources: How to Optimize Your Search Strategies and Configure Your Mac for Best Results.

Friday, February 21

EndNote: How to Minimize Hassles, Maximize Your Time and Configure Usable Filters.

Friday, March 21

The World Wide Web: Cybertour to Rev Up Your Browser, Find Exactly What You're Looking For and Stop Wasting Time Getting It. Best of the Web in the Ag & Biological Sciences with an emphasis on searchable databases, online journals, wine-related sites, patent info, and U.S. federal regulations.

If three or more interested parties cannot attend any of the above lectures, the library will reschedule a second session to accommodate your needs. So contact the Library ASAP at #214.

SEMINAR ON TRANSPORTING AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT

Plan to attend the special seminar on January 24 at 1:05 pm in the Auditorium, Jordan Hall. Trooper DeMay of the New York State Police Department's Traffic Division will cover the laws and safety suggestions of transporting agricultural equipment down public roads by tractor, truck, or trailer.

WORKSHOP ON CLARISWORKS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18

Many individuals have been looking for a suitable and relatively inexpensive alternative to Microsoft Office. An application, called ClarisWorks, is becoming increasingly accepted as a friendly and fairly complete program that can be used in place of Microsoft Office. *ClarisWorks includes the following programs:* word processing, draw, paint, spreadsheet, and database.

A workshop on *ClarisWorks* will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Lounge of Jordan Hall. Features of all the various programs in *ClarisWorks* will be explained and demonstrated, including how to combine drawings easily within word processing documents, the ease with which mail merge documents can be created using a combination of the word processing and database programs, the ease with which slides can be made using either the word processing or draw programs, and a general discussion of advantages and disadvantages of *ClarisWorks* compared to *Microsoft Office*.

Instructor for the workshop will be Pat Krauss, assistant to the director, who has been using *ClarisWorks* as his principal program for word processing, drawing, spreadsheets, and database work for more than six months. Ample opportunity will be given participants in the workshop to ask questions.

If you already have specific questions that you would like addressed, it would be helpful for you to send them to Pat Krauss at rek3@nysaes.cornell.edu in advance of the workshop.

"If a man can write a better book,
preach a better sermon,
or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor,
though he builds his house in the woods,
the world will make a beaten path to his door."

-EMERSON-