



WEEK OF JULY 2, 1989

STATION NOTES



IN-DEPTH SCHOOL ATTRACTS MANY

An intensive three-day school for apple growers conducted last week at the Station attracted about 80 northeastern U.S. and Canadian participants. Above, Terence Robinson calls an orchard lab to order at the Lucey Farm to discuss trellis planting. Right, Art Agnello talks with growers George Mitchell of North Rose and Frank Zachwieja, Huntsburg, Ohio.



NEW RULES ANNOUNCED FOR NEEDLE, SYRINGE DISPOSAL

All faculty should have received a notice from Hal Craft and Judy Crawford about new regulations relative to disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes. However, just to be sure everyone is notified, a summary of that notice follows.

On June 22, 1989, all "sharps," including scalpel blades, hypodermic needles, syringes (with or without

the attached needle), regardless of their use, become **regulated medical waste** and as such **may not** be discarded in municipal trash.

Consequently, Cornell University is asking that **all researchers temporarily hold all needles and syringes in appropriate puncture resistant containers for eventual incineration and disposal.** This

situation should last only a few weeks until a new disposal program for the University is established. However, under no circumstances should "sharps" be placed in the regular trash.

As soon as additional information is received, it will be sent to you.
R. E. K.

Industry Surveys Reinforce Consumer Credo

DIRECTOR STRESSES QUALITY OF FOOD NUMBER ONE IN IMPORTANCE

"We (New York) can't compete on price, but we can and must compete on quality with our fruits and vegetables," said Director Robert Plane when speaking to members of the Advisory Committee to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets at a luncheon meeting held on the campus Tuesday.

And, quality is what the consumer wants, according to recent surveys completed in the food industry. In fact, it ranked number one in the survey. Price of food products is of relatively minor concern in comparison.

The most important area in a supermarket today is the fresh produce section. "Therefore, we, as a fruit and vegetable research institute, have to do everything we can to find ways of keeping these products fresh for as long as possible," said the Director. "This certainly doesn't mean the end of the food processing industry in this state. In fact, more people eat food served in institutions than all those who eat in fast food places combined," he continued. "Processed foods are very important in the institutional market, and are just as good as fresh for you. We just have to prove to people that this is true."

Director Plane went on to explain that we are not particularly good at product development. However, other people are. Consequently, the Station es-

tablished the Food Venture Center during the past year to help enterprising entrepreneurs walk through the myriad of regulations and other testing they have to face when introducing a new product to the marketplace. So far, 136 small businesses have been helped. The Department of Agriculture and Markets is providing significant financial assistance to this project.

"In another area, one of the major assignments of the Station will be to find alternatives to traditional chemical pesticides," commented the Director. "We must increase the number of varieties of different commodities that are resistant to insects and diseases and find additional means of controlling agricultural pests. This can include genetically altered organisms, biocontrols, and insect pheromones as well as other means.

"This, in itself, opens the door for some interesting research in that many natural pesticides which are found in resistant plants have toxic effects similar to synthetically produced pesticides. We are going to have to test natural existing chemicals in disease and insect resistant plants to see what long-term effects there might be, if any," said the Director.

Following lunch, the group toured the pilot plant and met with Dr. Stephen Kresovich, Germplasm Resources Unit, and Dr. Rosario Provvidenti, Plant Pathology.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 5, 4:00 p.m., director's office, *Geneva department chairs' meeting*

Friday, July 7, 3:00 p.m., staff room, Jordan Hall, *Geneva faculty meeting*

SAFETY-WISE ADVICE

All fires are dangerous, but electrical fires add the threat of electrocution. If an appliance catches fire, unplug it or shut the power off at the fuse or breaker panel. Do not use water on an electrical fire! Electrical fires can start inside walls too. If you smell smoke or the odor of electrical burning, call the fire department and get out of the house without delay. A safety message from Cornell Life Safety Services.

STATION
PEOPLE HAVE
NOW WORKED

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DAYS
WITHOUT A
LOST TIME ACCIDENT

POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PEOPLE

EAP Seminar

"Balancing Work and Family" seminar will be presented by the Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes. The seminar will be held every Tuesday for six weeks beginning July 11, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Watch your mail for details.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Monday, July 31, from 10:00-3:00 p.m. in the Sawdust Cafe. Mark your calendar.

SURPLUS FARM EQUIPMENT

The following equipment has been declared surplus, was initially offered to Cornell departments/units, and is now being offered to Geneva employees. Sealed bids on individual pieces of equipment will be accepted in the Business Office until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 1989. Successful bidders will be notified as soon after bid opening as possible and must pay for equipment in full within three (3) working days. The Station reserves the right to reject any bid. Anyone wishing to see the equipment or discuss its condition may contact Ray Mallaber or Alan Soper at x296.

- 1974 M-B Model TWC-915 Fitchburg Chipper with 300 C.I.D. 6-cylinder engine, used less than 25 hours. Equipment includes: Chipper blower assembly, feed chute curtain, quick idling solenoid switch, 2-way adjustable drawbar. Minimum bid—\$3,000.
- John Deere lime sower
- 4-foot one section drag, used very little
- 5-foot, 3-point hitch drag
- 9-foot John Deere KBA disc with wheels and tires
- Olson Roto Beater 4-foot chain flail cut
- 3-section drag
- Heavy duty 5-foot disc with hand crank wheels for transport or depth control
- Clean air bell spray cab
- Spray Safe cab, no wipers, filter, or skirting

CAR FOR SALE

The following vehicle is being offered for sale to Station employees with *no minimum bid*: 1983 Plymouth Reliant, 4-door sedan, license number B73625, 104,575 miles, radio, automatic, 4-cylinder, fair condition.

This vehicle may be seen at the Station garage. Sealed bids which include your name, department, telephone number, and amount of bid will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Wednesday July 12, 1989 in the Station's Business Office. Successful bidder will be notified promptly and will be required to pay in full within three (3) working days. The Station reserves the right to reject any bid.

STATION SOFTBALL

Last week's results:

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| Wednesday | 6/21 | HS - 13, GR - 6 |
| Thursday | 6/22 | B&P - 18, ENT, 7 |
| Monday | 6/26 | FST vs. B&P (forfeit to B&P) |
| Tuesday | 6/27 | ENT vs. GR (rained out) |
| Wednesday | 6/28 | B&P - 23, PP - 11 |

This week's schedule:

7/6 B&P vs. PP

Overall standings:

| | <u>Won</u> | <u>Lost</u> |
|-----|------------|-------------|
| B&P | 6 | 0 |
| HS | 4 | 1 |
| ENT | 2 | 3 |
| GR | 2 | 3 |
| PP | 1 | 4 |
| FST | 0 | 4 |

TENNIS LADDER

Matches played 6/21/89 - 6/27/89. Lakso def. Wheeler, Petzoldt def. Shelton, Kovach def. Petzoldt, Roelofs def. Ottea

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|------|-----------------|------|------------------|
| 325 | Ken Bell | 363 | David Sun |
| 209 | Joe Kovach | 327 | John Trumble |
| 240 | Ed Lavin | 264 | Dianne Barrett |
| 361 | Wendell Roelofs | 345 | Tim Dennehy |
| 206 | Curt Petzoldt | 392 | Martin Goffinet |
| 352 | Tony Shelton | 399 | Alan Lakso |
| 364 | Jim Ottea | 265 | Ed Woodams |
| 312 | Tom Burr | 285 | Myriam Schlegel |
| [338 | Pim Larsson] | 233 | Jim Cummins |
| 325 | Donna Gray | 239 | Bruce Reisch |
| 345 | Chris Hoffman | 374 | Beth Wheeler |
| 393 | Jim McFerson | [225 | Rixana Petzoldt] |

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: Lovely 2-bedroom, unfurnished apartment is centrally located, near downtown, the Colleges, and T & C Plaza. Features include oak hardwood floors, high ceilings, a stained glass window, a place to park, and a shady back yard. Gas heat included in the rent. Well maintained. A single adult or quiet couple is preferred. Available in late July. \$350/month. Call Vicki Smith at x328 or 789-1367.

ROOMMATE WANTED: To share 2-bedroom furnished apartment with quiet male. Non-smoker preferred. William Street. \$200 plus electric. Contact Donna at x325 or Chris at 789-1548.

FOR SALE: Kimball Artists' Console Piano. Very good condition. \$800. Contact Audrey Emmo at 789-1054.

FOUND: Quartz watch with flexible band found on North Street near Station. Call Tom Burr at x312.

FOR SALE: 1980 Chev. 1/2 ton, 4-wheel drive, 4-speed pick-up. Runs great. Mechanically perfect. Well maintained. Call 536-8600 after 5:00 p.m. Gail Knapton, Hort Sci.

FOR SALE: Ladies 26" 10-speed bike. Contact Mary Lou at x212 or 585-9836.
