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BRIEFS

KARL SIEBERT TO BE HONORED IN MOSCOW

In June, the Academic Council of the Moscow State Academy for Food Production voted to confer Honorary Professorships of the Academy on Alan E. Kligerman and Karl J. Siebert. The two recipients have been invited to Moscow to receive their honors and to speak at the commencement and at a scientific conference commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Academy which will be held from November 19-22.

Alan Kligerman was a food science student at Cornell and is the CEO of AkPharma, producers of Beano and Prelief. He is also the inventor of Lactaid, which he sold to McNeil Consumer Products a few years ago.

Karl Siebert is Professor of Biochemistry in the Food Science and Technology Dept. at Geneva. Dr. Siebert represented the Cornell Institute of Food Science in setting up a collaborative agreement between Cornell and MSAFP. Mr. Kligerman was a two-term member of the Cornell Institute of Food Science Advisory Council and his generous donation established the Kligerman Visiting Scholars Program which has provided funding for scientist visits between Cornell and MSAFP. Professor Siebert has coordinated Cornell's part of this program (both in Geneva and Ithaca) since its inception in 1993.

At the scientific conference Mr. Kligerman will speak on "Some practical examples of bringing information transfer between government, university and business into commercial reality." Professor Siebert's topic will be "Interactions of proteins and polyphenols leading to haze formation in beverages." Part of the work to be described was carried out by Nataliia V.

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STEVE DENNING: "EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR"

Steven S. Denning was named the "Outstanding Employee of the Year" during the Station Banquet at Club 86 on Friday, November 8. Steve received the award from Director Jim Hunter before 148 Station employees and family members who were in attendance.

Steve is a Research Support Specialist in the Department of Horticultural Sciences, where he has worked since 1987.

In his speech, Dr. Hunter read from several nomination letters received by the Station Club in support of Steve. In particular, Steve was lauded for his considerable skills in designing, building, and testing

technical instrumentation, and for helping students and visiting scientists.

"Steve is a master of finding inexpensive, but effective solutions," said Dr. Hunter. He has performed outstanding work on the whole plant balloon-type chambers to measure photosynthesis, and is regarded internationally as a "Balloonist Extraordinaire." He was also a key developer of the innovative device that moves a laser beam around to mimic the movement of the sun. This device was critical for several studies on why different apple tree training systems have different productivities.

Steve received his B.S. in Entomology from Texas Tech in 1984 after which he went to work for Stauffer and Eli Lilly Chemical companies. He came to the Experiment Station in 1987 to work for Susan Brown on a project screening apple populations for apple maggot resistance. Since 1991, he has worked with Alan Lakso on the physiology of grapes and apples.

"Steve is the type of colleague that we all wish we had the opportunity to work with," wrote Hugh Price, chairman of the Department of Horticultural Sciences. "His dedication to his job and his innovative abilities are readily evident as one observes Dr. Lakso's research program. Steve has a tremendous ability to work with colleagues, students, and visiting scientists. Every person who has had the opportunity to work with Steve praises him for his skill and for his being a super guy."

Steve received many faxes in support of his nomination from abroad. He has helped

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From left, Alan Lakso, Steve Denning, Jim Hunter and Debbie Denning.

foreign visitors not only in science but also in adjusting to a new culture, having spent many personal hours helping students and visiting scientists find or fix cars and negotiate government paperwork.

"Steve has all the qualities previous winners seem to share: a commitment to excellence; enthusiasm for his research and that of his collaborators; a wonderful work ethic, and a personality that makes him fit in through the Station," wrote Susan Brown.

"Steve's been an ideal support specialist for our program on physiology of fruits," wrote Alan Lakso. "He has an amazing ability to make excellent instruments or chamber systems with common, inexpensive materials . . . he is one of the most cooperative, helpful and good-humored people you could hope to meet."

Steve joins a prominent roster of "outstanding employees" which includes Roscoe "Pat" Krauss, MaryLou Dumbleton, Patty Gibbs, Bruce Moore, Dave Lasher, Bruce LeClaire, John Watson, Linda Jensen, Don Crosier, Joe Shail, and others. 

(CIDER, Cont.)

Senior Lecturer at MSAFP, when she visited Cornell in October-December 1993.

The Moscow State Academy for Food Processing is one of the largest academic establishments for training food scientists in the world. At its peak it had an enrollment of approximately 5,000 students at all degree levels. This number has declined somewhat since the dissolution of the former Soviet Union. The academy is modifying its curriculum and degree offerings and part of the exchange program has involved a study of Cornell's system of training food scientists.

BEWARE OF TELEPHONE FRAUD


A number of people on campus have received e-mail regarding 8-number telephone fraud schemes. This is not a new problem, but CIT & Security thought it might be useful to remind everyone to be wary both at work and at home.

Although most 800-number phone calls are free, some are not. Recently, an increasing number of scams have been reported to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). They warn people to watch out for international "011" or "809" prefixes. The FTC has published detailed information and facts on "800" and International Telephone Number Scams. It's available at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/tmarkg/800calls.htm>.

If you suspect that a telephone service is questionable, please review the tips on the FTC's web page. If you suspect fraud involving a campus phone, you can report the incident to the Cornell Police. If it occurs at home, follow the instructions on the FTC's web page.

According to the the FTC, 800-number services may not:

- Automatically transfer you to 900 numbers.
- Make collect calls back to you.
- Charge you simply for completing the call.
- Charge for information or entertainment *provided during* the call, unless you use a credit card for payment, or have already contracted with the 800-number service to be billed. In this case, the company must tell you its name and address, its rates and rate changes, and where to complain. In addition, the company must use a security method, like a PIN, to prevent unauthorized charges.



Scenes from the Banquet



**UPCOMING POWER
OUTAGES SCHEDULED**

As previously reported, the Station electrical distribution system will be undergoing extensive testing, maintenance and calibration during the next two months. Following is the remaining schedule and times of power outages planned (numbers are building numbers):

11/16 7:00 am-2:00 pm
Feeder #1
Heating Plant (36), Food Science (34), Sawdust (12&13), Stone Barn (11), Repository (74), PI Greenhouses (74A), Old Range (10), Hedrick(4), Sturtevant (5), Jordan (1), IPM(6), Dairy Barn (14), plus bldgs 68, 61, 18, 19, 9, & pavilion (60)

11/29 & 11/30 7:00 am-6:00 pm
ALL BUILDINGS

12/7 7:00 am-6:00 pm
Feeder #1 (see 11/16 above for list)

12/14 7:00 am-7:00 pm
Feeder #2 (see 11/2 above for list)

Normal emergency power will be available in Barton and FST. B&P crews will be on hand checking systems during all outages.

*Thank you for your cooperation.
Buildings & Properties*

**HEALTH CORNER
Blue Choice Expands
After-Hours Sites**

Blue Choice is pleased to announce that its after-hours care center sites have been expanded to include immediate care at a number of local hospitals. Effective immediately, if your Primary Care Physician (PCP) suggests you visit an immediate care center, you'll be able to visit Newark-Wayne Memorial, FF Thompson, Lakeside Memorial, Soldiers & Sailors hospitals, and Taylor Brown Urgent Care Center.



*in the Jordan Hall
Auditorium*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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SEMINARS

HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES

Date: Monday, November 18
Time: 11:00 am
Place: Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Speaker: Angela O'Callaghan
 Graduate Student, Fruit and
 Vegetable Sciences
Topic: Cultural Practices for Improving
 Garlic Production in the
 Northeastern U.S.

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, November 19
Time: 3:30 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Lab
Speaker: Mukishi Pyndji
 Department of Plant Pathology,
 Geneva
Topic: Management of Root Rot Dis-
 ease of Dry Beans with Organic
 Amendments and Bean
 Genotypes in Uganda

ENTOMOLOGY

Date: Thursday, November 21
Time: 10:30 am
Place: The Paul J. Chapman
 Conference Room
 Room 310, Barton Lab
Speaker: Dr. Michael Hoffmann
 Assistant Professor
 Department of Entomology,
 Ithaca
Topic: Improving Pest Management
 Programs for Cucurbits &
 Sweet Corn

*Social interaction with speaker
 prior to the seminar.
 Coffee & cookies will be provided.*



DEADLINES

- **Friday, November 15**
 Sweet corn and progress reports and pro-
 posals due in the Director's Office.
- **Monday, November 18**
 Cabbage proposals and progress reports due
 in Director's Office.

PEOPLE

Peter McDonald had the terrifying experience of discovering a fire in his apartment on Thursday, Oct. 31, when he arrived home from work. He fought it somewhat successfully until volunteer firefighters arrived on the scene. In so doing, however, he singed his eyebrows and his hair.

"Considering it was Halloween, it was quite spectacular," said McDonald. "I looked like the fright from hell."

The electrical fire was mostly confined to the bedroom and study but both rooms were completely destroyed, and the building suffered extensive smoke and water damage.

Peter and his fiancé, Cathryn Keller, have had to move out for two months while the apartment is being repaired. They are living with friends.

Friends of Peter's are collecting contributions toward a gift certificate at WalMart, which is what Peter has said will be the most useful when they move back in and are able to buy supplies and furnishings. Please send your contributions to Jeanne Samimy by November 22.

BOOK & CRAFT SALE THANK YOU'S

Another successful Book / Craft Sale is history, and a lot of people contributed to its success.

I would like to thank Carol Brown and Tom Bryan for helping set up the tables and chairs and the post-sale clean-up; Communications Services for scheduling and printing; Sharon Smart and Paul Robbins for their assistance; and the Retirees' group, led by Dick and Mollie Melious, for providing the food.

And a special thanks goes to the Experiment Station administration for allowing the Book/Craft Sale to be an annual event. As always, it was very well attended. All proceeds benefit the Station Library book fund.

Mary Lou Dumbleton



Viola Hanke (left) buys some handmade wooden ornaments from Vania Souza (right.)

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Household items for visiting scientist and family. Donations of bed linens, towels, and kitchenware would be appreciated. Contact Gary Harman's lab at X246.

HOUSING NEEDED: Family in need of a 2-3 bedroom apartment or house in Geneva. Currently house-sitting for a Hobart-William Smith professor until the end of December. Can provide excellent local references, non-smokers, no pets. Contact Michael Miller, Plant Path, at x332 or 781-2050 (home).

CLOTHING DRIVE: The Geneva Middle School Association of Parent/Teachers (MSAPT) in conjunction with St. Pauly Textile Recycling of Rochester will be holding a clothing recycling drive on November 15 and 16. St. Pauly Recycling will have a truck located in the parking lot of the Geneva Middle School (63 Pulteney Street) on Friday, November 15, from 6:00-9:00 pm and again on Saturday, November 16, from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Items that may be recycled include shoes, boots, belts, hats, clothing, bedding, pillows and curtains. If you bring an itemized list with fair market value prices, a member of the MSAPT will stamp it and you may take a tax deduction.