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BRIEFS

NEWS FOR MEMBERS OF
BLUE CHOICE AND BLUE
CHOICE SENIOR

Effective May 1, if a member visits an emergency room without a referral from their PCP—unless it is a life-threatening emergency—Blue Choice will not pay the claim.

Even if an emergency room visit is approved, there is a \$50 copayment, which is much more expensive than an office visit.

1996 MARCH OF DIMES
WALKAMERICA

Once again, the Station will be participating in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica and we would like to encourage new participation in this event. This year's 5-mile walk will take place on Saturday, April 27, at the Seneca Lake State Park. It entails walkers obtaining contributions for their walking efforts that will be donated to the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies. The Station had a team that consisted of 10 very dedicated walkers last fall and organizers would like more to join them in the effort this year. The work is minimal and the walk is thoroughly enjoyable with goodies to eat afterwards. All employees and their relatives are eligible and welcome to join. If you cannot walk but are interested in making a monetary contribution, please contact Donna Roelofs or another walker. Walkers to date consist of Jeni Cooley (Ent), Kathy DeRosa (Admin.), Holly King (Ent), Donna Roelofs (Ent), Joanne Schessl (Ent), and Nancy Staton (Ent), Callie Musto (Ent).

STUDENT HEALTH PLAN

A supply of Cornell University Student Health Plan Member Handbooks, Provider Directo-

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REISCH RECEIVES W&GF AWARD

At the annual Wine Industry Workshop on April 3, the New York Wine & Grape Foundation presented its annual Research Award to Bruce Reisch, Professor of Grape Genetics in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at the Experiment Station, in recognition of the major contributions he has made to the New York wine and grape industry.

"My program's primary goal is to deliver new varieties to the New York grape industry which will impact favorably on its growth, and help the industry respond to changing consumer and regulatory demands, while improving the quality of the grapes produced," said Reisch, who was appointed full professor last spring. "The grape breeding program is designed to augment the economic growth of the New York grape industry." Reisch attributes success in his program to the professionalism of the Station's technical support staff as well as to the high quality of the cooperation from Experiment Station colleagues in related fields.

Reisch's research program focuses on the genetic improvement of grapevines by both traditional and novel techniques. Using traditional techniques, he works to breed wine grapes for characteristics like disease resistance, cold hardiness, high yield and high wine quality. Table grapes are bred for flavor, cold hardiness, seedlessness, storage potential and berry and cluster size. Insect resistance is also a priority in the development of new germplasm. The biotech aspects of Reisch's program focus on genetic engineering of grapevines via particle gun transformation, and identification of DNA (RAPD) markers for genetic fingerprinting and chromosome mapping. Reisch is putting these maps to use in the development of new cultivars, while also using genetic engineering techniques to raise the level of disease resistance in important cultivars like Concord and Chardonnay.

Under Reisch's leadership, the Experiment Station has successfully released two white wine grapes—Chardonel and Melody—and one red seedless table grape—Einset Seedless. Two new varieties are being introduced this spring.

Reisch grew up in New York City and Long Island. He received his BS from Cornell in 1976, and his PhD from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, in Plant Breeding and Genetics, in 1980. He has been at the Station ever since.

Other awards presented at the banquet honored Doug Knapp for his leadership in promoting cooperation and unity within the grape and wine industry; Tom Davenport, for coordinating viticultural research efforts of the industry; June Pendleton of Middlesex, as grape grower of the year; Ross's North Fork Restaurant for incorporating New York wines as part of a fine dining experience; and North Side Wine and Liquor of Ithaca, for their long-standing and enthusiastic promotion of the wines of New York.

This is the seventh year the New York Wine & Grape Foundation has recognized individuals and businesses for their outstanding contributions to the New York wine and grape industry. The Foundation is a private, not-for-profit organization which funds research and conducts promotional programs in support of the state's grape, grape juice, and wine industry. New York is the nation's third largest producer of grapes, second largest producer of wines, and largest producer of grape juice.



ROCHESTER TO HOST 4TH INTERNATIONAL

COOL CLIMATE WINE SYMPOSIUM

Producing wines with distinct flavors and styles is the theme of the Fourth International Symposium on Cool Climate Viticulture and Enology, to be held from July 16 to 20, 1996, at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, N.Y. Sponsored by the American Society for Enology and viticulture/eastern section, the conference will attract hundreds of researchers, grape growers, winemakers, wine marketers, and serious enophiles to participate in an event unprecedented in size and scope for eastern North America. The cool climate symposia were initiated in 1984 and the last was held in Mainz, Germany, in 1992.

The principal organizer of the Rochester symposium is Thomas Henick-Kling of the Geneva Experiment Station, one of the world's foremost experts on malolactic fermentation. His aim is to make "the latest scientific and technical information available to members of the wine industry by providing room for fruitful discussion in different formats with researchers" from around the world. The Symposium also offers the region's dedicated amateur winemakers a stimulating experience—plus the opportunity to tap directly into state-of-the-art ideas and techniques for enhancing their own production.

Station viticulturist Bob Pool and food scientists Terry Acree and Bill Edinger are actively involved in organizing this event. They will be participating in the Symposium with Bruce Reisch, Alan Lakso, Peter McDonald, Director Jim Hunter, and Tim Weigle from the Vineyard Lab in Fredonia.



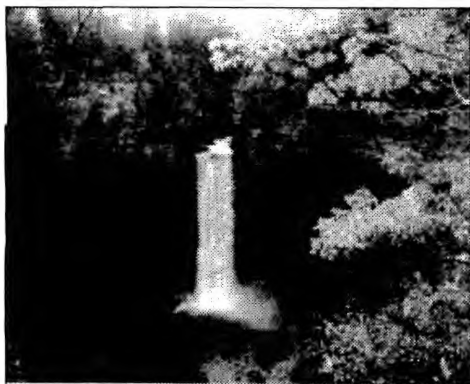
More than 100 technical papers have been submitted to the Symposium, reflecting its prestige and wide range of subjects to be covered. Program areas will include: regional environments, wine stress physiology, ecologically sound grape and wine production methods, flavor development, wine economics, wine marketing, wine sensory attributes, and the genetics of grape and wine production. Hands-on workshop/seminar formats will cover such topics as sparkling wine production, yeast and bacterial starter cultures, information management, vineyard mechanization, wine aroma defects, flavor adjustment in the vineyard, wine marketing, and wine sensory analysis.

The international roster of distinguished experts participating as speakers will include: Richard Smart and Patrick Williams (Australia), Bernadine DuBois and Vincent Gerbaux (France), Wolf Sponholz and Dr. Freiderich K. Zimmerman (Germany), Peter Botos (Hungary), Johann Marais (South Africa), Werner Koblet (Switzerland), and Mark Kliewer and Robert Wample (United States).

Concurrent with the Symposium, a trade exhibit will demonstrate applications of the scientific materials presented in the technical programs. In the evenings, receptions and dinners will feature entertainment, fine foods, and excellent wines from cool climate growing regions around the world.

Rounding out the experience will be pre- and post-conference tours of the wine region of nearby Ontario, the Finger Lakes, and neighboring states, arranged in cooperation with growers and vintners participating in the Symposium.

For further information contact: ASEV/ES, at x284; e-mail wde1@cornell.edu. Electronic symposium and hotel registration, tourist information, and program outlines are available from the Cool Climate Symposium web site at <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/fst/faculty/henick/asev/cool-climate/>



From the Director...

BUDGET DELAYED AGAIN



For the twelfth year in a row, the state began a new fiscal year on April 1 without passing the budget. Before state legislators will act, they want to know the impact of the federal budget on welfare and Medicaid costs for New York. You have all heard of the federal "train wreck" so you know that the federal budget has not been passed. Because of this, some have indicated that we may not have a budget until after the November election.

The leadership of SUNY and Cornell are trying to plan for this year's budget in spite of the lack of a state budget. It is a question of how much the state will cut the SUNY budget. Based upon one scenario, our cut may be around \$400,000.

We have a good portion of this amount in reserve as a result of last year's retirement program. If we were not facing more cuts, we could use this money to fill positions, but instead we almost certainly will have to use it to help make our budget cut this year. How much more will be needed is uncertain, but we budgeted conservatively last year to protect as many programs and positions as possible this year.

According to the April 1 (no fooling) issue of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, the Chancellor of SUNY recently met with the Cornell Board of Trustees and President Rawlings, with the result that the strained relationship between Cornell and SUNY "reared its ugly head again." What this means in the long run in terms of state support for Cornell or the Station is anyone's guess. But, we are pushing ahead with building the case for support

for Geneva by whatever means the state chooses.

This Monday, several of us in administration at Geneva met with Dean Lund and got the "green light" to print two documents that make the case for greater support for Geneva. A strategy is being planned by the Cornell government liaison person in Albany for Dean Lund and me, and especially for our supporters, to try to convince the state government that the "GENEVA Experiment Station is good for business in New York," therefore, a greater state investment in Geneva is justified to strengthen agriculturally related businesses. Copies of these documents will be available in department or unit offices for all employees to review as soon as they are printed. Now, let's think spring and look forward to brighter days ahead.

James E. Hunter
Jim Hunter
 Director

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ries (including Geneva physicians), and claim forms for medical benefits are available in the Jordan Hall Personnel Office.

**STATION CELEBRATES
 "Ride Your Bike to Work Week"**

National "Ride your Bike to Work" week is coming up. Cycling and environmental organizations promote bicycle commuting as a means of improving health and fitness while decreasing the number of cars on the road. At the Station, bike riders are organizing to officially recognize the event and ride to work from May 20-24. The event will include food, prizes, great weather (we hope) and more! A representative from each department/unit is needed to help sign up riders. If you'd like to represent your department, please contact Jennifer Grant (by e-mail preferably, jag7 or phone x342 on Tuesdays or Thursdays).



VIDEOTAPED VIEWING OF ANNUAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR'S UPDATE SCHEDULED

Employees who were unable to attend the Pesticide Applicator's Training on March 12 will be able to view the tapes of that program on Friday, April 19, from 8:30 am to noon in the Jordan Hall Staff Room. This training is mandatory for all employees who will be applying pesticides. If you have questions, contact Personnel at x203. The following is the agenda.

**Friday, April 19, 1996
 8:30 - 12:00 noon**

- Program**
- 8:30 am **Pesticide Adjuvants** - the "how to" of spreaders, stickers, surfactants, and drift control agents
 Lloyd House, N.E. Regional Manager, Loveland Industries
 - 9:15 am **Update on WPS (Worker Protection Standard)**
 Inspection Results, 4 hr. REIs, and other changes to the rule
 Reginald Louey, Pesticide Inspector Region 7, NYSDEC
 - 10:00 am *Break*
 - 10:15 am **Personal Protection Equipment from the Label**
 What to Wear? How to Choose?
 Ron Gardner, Senior Extension Associate,
 Pesticide Management Education Program (PMEP)
 Reginald Louey, Pesticide Inspector Region 7, NYSDEC
 - 11:00 am **Watershed and Groundwater Protection Plans**
 Corn Herbicide Groundwater Management Plan as Model
 W. Smith, Senior Extension Associate, with Cornell Faculty

Recertification credits for all categories will be available to full session attendees. Be sure to bring your certification number along for credit registration.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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EVENTS • MEETINGS

Monday, April 15, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall
English as a Second Language

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Geneva Faculty Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 pm

Staff Room, Jordan Hall
English as a Second Language

Thursday, April 19, 8:30 am

Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Videotaped Viewing of Pesticide Applicator's Update
(see related story)

SEMINARS

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Date: Tuesday, April 16
Time: 3:00 pm
Place: Room A133, Barton Laboratory
Speaker: Gail Preston
Department of Plant Pathology,
Ithaca
Topic: *hrpZ*, above and beyond -
pathovars, pathogenesis and the
hypersensitive response in the
world of *Pseudomonas syringae*

FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, April 17
Time: 10:30 am
Place: FST Conference Room
Speaker: Grace Feng, Graduate Student
Food Science & Technology
Topic: Gas Chromatography
Olfactometry of Fresh Soy Milk

ENTOMOLOGY

Date: Wednesday, April 17
Time: 10:30 am
Place: The Paul J. Chapman
Conference Room
Room 310, Barton Laboratory
Speaker: Dr. Ward Tingey, Professor
Department of Entomology,
Ithaca
Topic: From Arsenicals to Admire and
Beyond: Challenges in Manag-
ing the Colorado Potato Beetle

*Social interaction with speaker at 10:00 am
Coffee & donuts will be served*

SURPLUS VEHICLES FOR SALE

The following are being surplus by the Station. Minimum bid prices are given for each item. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Station Buildings and Properties Office until April 26, 1996, at 2:00 pm. Please be sure to include your name, campus telephone number, and department on each bid. The Station has the right to reject any or all bids.

1981 Chev. Suburban
113,000 miles
Ser. # G8EC16HXBF110466
Minimum Bid \$400
License Plate # B51810

1980 Chev. Pickup
53,124 miles
Ser. # CCD14A1144823
Minimum Bid \$500 (needs clutch)
License Plate # B68169

1971 Chev. C-50 Stake Truck
98,000 miles
Ser. # CE531P104425
Minimum Bid \$1,000 w/hoist (in.op.)
License Plate # A51056

1973 Ford F-600 Stake Truck
52,775 miles
Ser. # F60ECR03586
Minimum Bid \$2000 w/hoist
License Plate # B74969

Retirement Party for DR. DON SPLITTSTOESSER & DR. GIL STOEWESAND April 27, 1996 • Geneva Country Club

6:00 pm~Cocktails • 7:30 pm~Dinner



See March 25's News for sign-up form or call Debby Ditzell, Food Science, x255.



Deadline for reservations is April 17.

PEOPLE

Station Telephone Directory Update::

A new telephone number has been added in PGRU. Susan Sheffer, Bill Srmack, Dave Beckhorn, Todd Holleran, Mark Avedisian, Stan Hokanson, and Deb Ritter are now on extension x421.



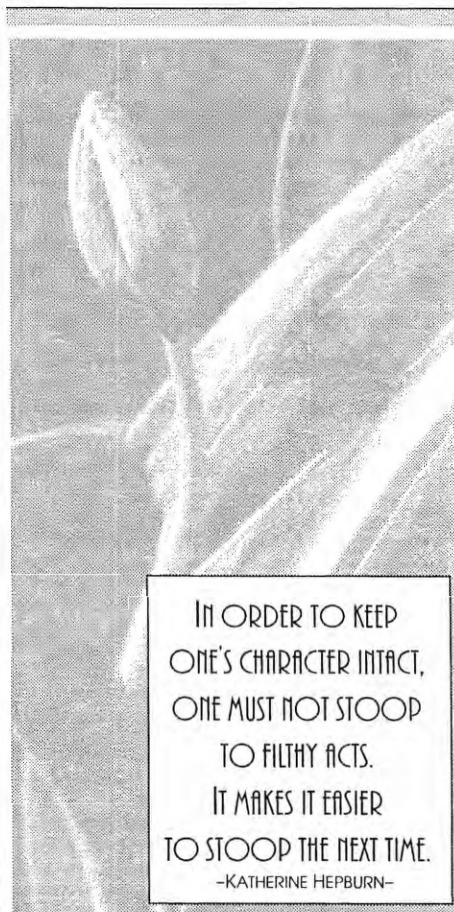
Aerobics at the Sawdust Cafe

beginning at 12:10 pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Everyone is welcome! No sign-up necessary.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: 1994 Cavalier RS "LOADED". Auto-
matic Transmission, 4-door, ABS Brakes, AM/FM
Cassette Stereo, Passive restraints, gets 30 miles per
gallon, power locks and windows, cruise control, A/C
and tilt steering wheel. Has 49,000 miles. NADA book
value \$10,000—I am asking the same. Call Ann at x301
or 536-3546.

SUMMER SUBLET AVAILABLE: 1 bedroom in a
3 bedroom house on North Main Street available June
1-August 31. Rent \$234/month plus utilities. Includes
private bedroom, bath shared with one other, large
kitchen, dining room, living room and laundry. Please
contact Ellen (x368, ekc5@cornell.edu) or Mike (x240,
kk40@cornell.edu) for more information.



IN ORDER TO KEEP
ONE'S CHARACTER INTACT,
ONE MUST NOT STOOP
TO FILTHY ACTS.
IT MAKES IT EASIER
TO STOOP THE NEXT TIME.

—KATHERINE HEPBURN—