Bill Srmack Named Geneva Employee of the Year

Farm manager considered a "consummate professional"

By Joe Gignudik

Bill Srmack, farm manager for the Plant Genetics Research Unit (PGRU), was named this year’s Outstanding Employee at the annual Station hangar held, on November 5, at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES) in Geneva. Phil Forsline, Bill’s supervisor over the past 20 years, is the Farm Manager for the Clonally-Cultivated Crop Research Unit (CCRU) at PGRU from the outset.

"I would like to call him the 'Collective Manager' because his work goes well beyond managing the farm," explained Forsline, who characterizes Srmack’s skills in propaganda, grasping and maneuver maintenance as "inestimable." His historic in the work, Srmack has mentioned countless individuals in methods of printing, pest control and horticulture applications and "pens" them all for guiding and shaping them.

Srmack exhibits many outstanding qualities that suggested him for the award. He is described as a caring, generous, funny and intelligent person who is always a delight to work with. He displays honesty and integrity, possessed an exemplary work ethic, and his nominated as a "consummate professional." Srmack’s attitude is always positive and non-discriminating in a bad day. He is concerned about his staff and coworkers, ready to step in and lend a hand when needed.

During his nearly 10 years at the Experiment Station, Srmack has accumulated an impressive legacy of work that both supports conservation and boosting of crops of importance to New York State. “Bill is definitely a top-notch employee, and we’re very fortunate to have him with us,” added Charles Simon, research leader at PGRU.

In to the hangar, Srmack thanked Phil Forsline for being a "great supervisor," and expressed gratitude to all who wrote letters on behalf of his nomination for the award.

Bill Srmack (left) receives the 2003 Outstanding Employee certificate from Anne Cobb (center), Bill’s supervisor for the past 20 years. Phil Forsline (right) receives express award.

*Outstanding Employee*" award.

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University Library Honors Staff

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The University Library held its annual Staff Luncheon on November 18 at the Statler Hotel. During the event, which included supervisors and members of the Library Management Team, 47 staff and academic librarians were honored for a total of 965 years of service. Linda Fedor, a technical services assistant in the Central Technical Services unit, was honored for 40 years of library service.

In addition, one library staff, Julie Copenhagen in Interlibrary Services, was honored as this year’s winner of the Outstanding Performance Award. Copenhagen was selected for this honor, which carries a $1,000 cash award, because of her continuous record of outstanding work encouraging the Interlibrary Services department in 1979. Her experience and personal attributes combined to help her play a critical role in Cornell’s successful implementation of Borrow Direct and ESI, two transformative interlibrary loan initiatives. Copenhagen was also honored for her leadership role in Cornell’s successful implementation of Borrow Direct and ESI, two transformative interlibrary loan initiatives.

Another employee honored for outstanding performance included Lisa Murphy in Edna and Sally Sanders. Each received a $25 gift certificate to the Cornell Bookstore in recognition of outstanding service. The members of the award selection committee found it very difficult to choose among the deserving nominees for the award.

The Outstanding Performance Award is made possible by the generosity of former library employee Christian Rosenau and his family. This is the fifth year that this award has been given.

A Gathering of Harmony” Scheduled

The seventh annual Holiday Unity Celebration is almost here. This year’s celebration will be held on Thursday, December 11, from noon–1:15 p.m. in the Founder’s Room at Sage Hall.

Speakers include Rachel Bussan (left), program director, Cornell Hill, Hannah Clarke (center), Director, CRLS, Sabina Pji Gickman, (right), dining services, North Star as well as others. This event provides staff with the opportunity to hear about the many diverse holiday traditions of the Cornell community in an informal setting.

Save the Date—Retirees Health Care Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

The Cornell Retirement Association (CRA) health care meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, December 10 at the Doubletree, Clinton University Hotel. Enrolled retirees are scheduled to meet at 10:00 a.m., and retirees (contract) will meet at 1:00 p.m. For more information about benefits, call 255-3936.

Open Enrollment Benefits Deadlines

Don’t miss your chance to sign up for Select BENEFITS. Participate in the annual open enrollment and have to enroll in, change, or cancel health care coverage (e.g. Cornell – SHARE, or other) or dental plan coverage.

- Open Enrollment deadline for those plans is 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6. The next step of this process is to present to 10:00 a.m. at the Statler Hotel via the OHR homepage at www.ocu.edu/ocweb/index.html. To enroll in the Eastman’s Benefits, click on Employee Resources in the On-Campus Benefits section and follow the prompts to access open enrollment.

- For more information, call 255-8222; email bennett@cornell.edu or visit www.technet.com.

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The Elves Program Expands

If you’re in the 15804 area, you can have your gift cards delivered to you right at your door. If you’re in the 15804 area and can’t make it to the distribution center, you can still order online at the Elves website and have your gifts delivered to your door.

Last Chance to Share the Warmth

Now you have a second chance to share the warmth this winter with The Elves. You can still make a donation at any of our locations or online at the Elves website. The Elves will continue to accept donations through the end of December, so please think about making a donation to help others this winter.

Giving in Geneva

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The Elves are now accepting donations of gifts to be delivered to children in need. If you would like to make a donation, please visit the Elves website or contact them at 315-787-2314.

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“What Matters To Me is Enhancing the Quality of Life for All”

It is important to me that our community be caring and committed to enhancing the quality of life for all.

Cathedral train

Cathedral train trip and Frankenmuth, Michigan “little Bavaria.” The train trip includes train travel, dinner, and lodging for 6 days. Sightseeing trips include the Agawa Canyon train trip and Frankenmuth, Michigan “little Bavaria.” The train trip cover:

Upcoming Events

January 11
NY Knicks vs. Phoenix Suns

Tickets are 15% per person and include transportation, game day, and a food voucher (good for one hot dog, a bag of chips, and a soda).

August 8-14
Macau and Hong Kong

This amazing trip to beautiful Macau includes breakfast, dinner, and lodging for 5 days. Sightseeing trips include the Avenue of Stars tour and trip to Macau. The trip is $1700 per person. Book by July 1st.

Look for Details on These Upcoming Events for 2004

February
Tanganyika at Creek View
March
South Dakota Bowling
May
Rodeo on the Rio
June
White Water Rafting

Sage Chapel Christmas Program Set

Tune in to one of the most exciting events of the holiday season—the Sage Chapel Christmas program on Sunday and Monday evenings, December 7 and 8 at 8:00 p.m. For the Christmas program, modeled on the animal service of Jesus and carols held at King’s College, Cambridge, the Cathedral will be decorated with over two thousand stars and the music will be magnificent. The program begins with the glorious sound of the Choir singing in the Sage Chapel crypt and then proceeds to the candle-lit processional of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” The program includes lots songs ranging from the Choir, eight singing and thirty members of the Cornat community (Professor Emotions boards on the balcony) and the familiar Christmas hymns sung at all university events. Timothy will play and the Rev. Kenneth I. Clark, Jr. will be the Rev. Stewart will be in charge. Other readers include Leonard Light (Director of Blair), Gary Stewart (Community Assistant Director), John Jephson (Professor of English), Yolanda Clarke (Director of Theatre), and Richard Bartsch (Professor of Music). The event is sponsored by the Cornell Bible Society.

Guidelines for Classified Ads

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• Submit only one ad per category.

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For Sale

White bed, desk, metal, ex. cond., $100; 1 drsn., took cover, used $90, $75, still in great condition.

1978 seized cars, white, conditions vary but all are clean, runs well, $150/pair, 5-3150.

1988 Audi 5000S, 2nd set, $500, 98K, 4 dr., mint cond., $500, rmb3 or 5-0193.

1997 Sundance Voyager, 8 HP snowblower, great, $5,600, 272-1312.

1997 Ford Expedition, V6, AC, automatic, all pwr., records, good cond., $500, reb13 or 5-3356.

1998 Plymouth Voyager, 12/1, 6 mo. lease, $510/mo.+util., JST35 or 5-5720.

1999 Mercury Sable LS, V6, auto, loaded, moonroof, leather, 75K, ex. cond., 4WD, $5,900, eves.

Computer Arborist, 14 yr. exp., pull out keyboard tray, 16 drs., drawers, shelves, 3 drs., $650, 5-6255.

Snowtrakker, M+S P185/65R15, rims, used two winters, Radial ST205/75R15, used approx. 8K, $3,300/obo, abc9 or 273-4128.

Snow fences, (2) speakers, (2) speakers, obo., lac9.

Sage Chapel Crypt Christmas Program Set

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1998 Volvo 850, V6, AC, automatic, all pwr., records, good cond., $1,200/obo., emp26 or 5-0644.

1997 Ford Escort, V6, AC, automatic, all pwr., records, good cond., $400, 5-9900 or 5-6408.

1997 Audi 5000S, Auto, ex. cond., $1,000, 5-533 or 5-533-1333.

1998 Ford Explorer, 4 cyl., AC, automatic, all pwr., records, good cond., $2,000, 5-6255 or 5-625-1500.

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1999 Ford Ranger, 404, 5 cyl., auto, clean, runs well, $300, fyc9.

Underrepresented Minority Students

The program sponsors (2) Research Awards, (2) Graduate Assistantships, (2) Undergraduate Research Assistantships, and (2) Postdoctoral Fellowships. University Organist

Cornel Recreational Connection

4:30-5:30 p.m., 1st to 2nd floor, 60th St. Undergraduate Rec. Center.

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