

## Comstock Hall, Entomology's New Home, Dedicated in Ceremonies Here Friday

Top officials from the State University of New York and Cornell will dedicate John H. and Anna B. Comstock Hall on campus May 2.

Comstock Hall, located on Garden Avenue next to Teagle Hall, is the new home for the Department of Entomology, Media Services, and portions of the Division of Biological Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

David L. Call, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, will preside over the dedication ceremony, which will take place on the building's north lawn at 4 p.m. Friday. Cornell President Frank Rhodes and SUNY Chancellor Clifton R. Wharton will speak. Other dignitaries will include Austin H. Kiplinger, chairman of the Cornell University Board of Trustees, and Maurice J. Tauber, chairman of the Department of Entomology.

In celebration of the dedication, a colloquium on the "Transformation of Entomology" will be held Saturday, May 3, starting at 8:45 a.m. in Alice Statler Auditorium. The colloquium is free.

"The program will feature a series of lectures about how entomology is moving into the next century," says James Liebherr, assistant professor and curator of entomology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "In the biological sciences, the study of insects is playing an ever increasing role in research."

Entomologists from around the country will present the lectures, including "The Thread of Ariadne and the Temples of the Muses" by George E. Ball, professor of entomology from the University of Alberta, Canada; and "The Transformation in Insect

Ecology" by Peter W. Price, professor of biological sciences from Northern Arizona University.

Other talks include "Evolution by Selection: The Transforming Theory and Method" by Randy Thornhill, associate professor of biology, University of New Mexico; and "The Transformation of Entomology: Basic Research and Integrated Pest Management" by Robert L. Metcalf, professor of entomology, University of Illinois.

"These talks underscore the growing importance of entomology, and Comstock Hall underscores the commitment of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to the study of entomology and other fields," Liebherr says.

Comstock Hall was completed in 1985 at a cost of \$15.4 million, including the cost of design, construction, scientific equipment and furniture. The funds were provided through the State University Construction Fund. Originally known as Academic II, the six-story brick structure includes classrooms, laboratories, offices, and teaching facilities.

"The modern laboratories and teaching facilities immensely increase our ability to teach more efficiently," says Liebherr. "Students will be working and learning under the best of conditions."

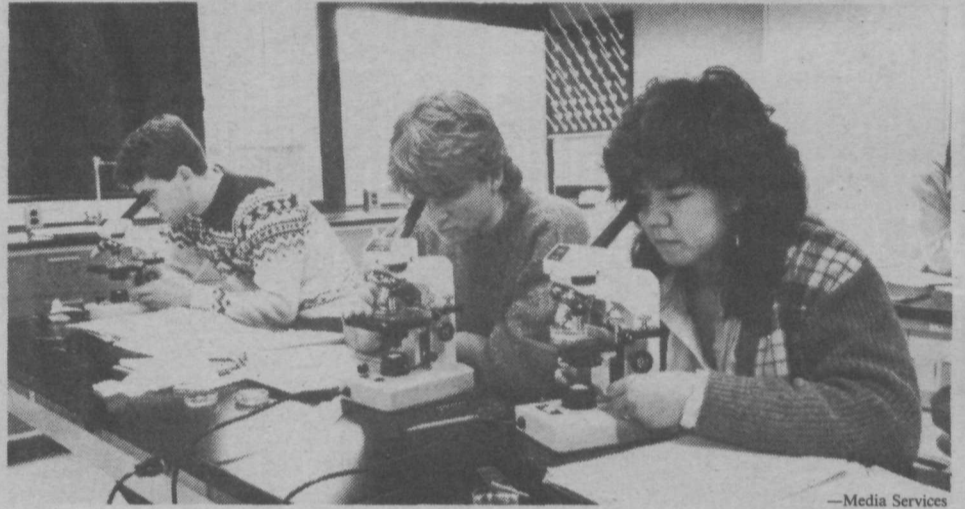
Various departments and programs moved to the building about a year ago. Before the new building was built, the entomology de-

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John Boggan, an entomology technician, works in the Cornell Insect Collection in Comstock Hall.



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A laboratory in an introductory biology lab course is used by (from left) Edward G. Cox '88, Andy Mavian '89, and Janice Chen '89.

## Chester New Dean of Arts



CHESTER

Geoffrey V. Chester is being recommended as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell University for a five-year term, beginning July 1, 1986. The recommendation by President Frank Rhodes is subject to the approval of the university's Board of Trustees at its meeting in Ithaca May 30.

Chester, a member of the physics faculty and associate dean of the Arts College, will succeed Alain Seznec, dean since 1978.

In a statement, Rhodes said, "Geoffrey Chester has served the College of Arts and Sciences as associate dean with great effectiveness. One very gratifying aspect of his relationship with the faculty of the college is the respect and trust he has earned. He had the unanimous support of the search committee; the entire campus community will benefit from his intimate knowledge of the goals of the college and the university. I look forward to working with him to build upon the programs of the College of Arts and Sciences, programs that are so central to the life of the university."

Chester's nomination was endorsed by the Arts College faculty at a meeting with President Rhodes Friday, April 25.

At the completion of his first term as dean in 1983, Seznec agreed to serve a second term of three years before returning to teaching and research. A specialist in 17th century French literature, Seznec has been a member of the Cornell faculty since 1958.

Seznec appointed Chester associate dean of the Arts College in 1978, stating then that he would be "my alter ego as dean."

Seznec said Friday, "I am extremely pleased that Geoffrey Chester will be the new dean of the college. Over the years, I have appreciated his good judgment, his sense of fairness, and his broad understanding of the college. He has been a first rate colleague and adviser, and has contributed genuine leadership."

Chester has been a professor at Cornell since 1964, serving as chairman of major university study groups concerning self governance and academic responsibility of the faculty.

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## National Academy Names Richardson and Turcotte

Two Cornell faculty members, Robert C. Richardson and Donald L. Turcotte, have been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences.

They were among 59 American members and 15 foreign associates honored for their record of "distinguished and continued achievements in original research" at the 123rd annual meeting of the organization Tuesday, April 29, in Washington, D.C.

Their election, considered one of the highest honors that can be accorded an American scientist or engineer, brings the Cornell membership in the academy to 38.

President Frank Rhodes said, "I congratulate Robert Richardson and Donald Turcotte on behalf of the entire Cornell community for this singular recognition of their individual accomplishments. Their combined association with Cornell covers nearly 50 years, and the Cornell community can take collective pride in the honor that has been bestowed on them."

Richardson, a professor of physics in the College of Arts and Sciences, conducts his research in low-temperature phenomena in the Laboratory of Atomic and Solid State Physics. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor of physics in 1968, after serving as a research associate since 1966; he was named a professor in 1975.

Credited for his part in the 1971 discovery



TURCOTTE



RICHARDSON

at Cornell of the superfluid phases of helium-3, Richardson focuses his low-temperature experiments on the properties of materials as they approach absolute zero (-273.16 degrees Celsius). Previous honors to Richardson include the 1976 Simon Memorial Prize of the Institute of Physics, London, and the 1981 Oliver E. Buckley Solid State Physics Prize of the American Physical Society. He earned the B.S. (1958) and M.S. (1960) degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the Ph.D. (1966) from Duke University.

Turcotte, the Maxwell M. Upson Professor of Engineering, is professor and chairman of the Department of Geological Sciences in the College of Engineering. He

joined the Cornell faculty as an assistant professor of aerospace engineering in 1959 and was named a professor in that field in 1969. He was selected department chairman in 1981.

Moving to geological sciences in 1973 to study convection processes in the Earth's interior, Turcotte demonstrated the importance of thermal boundary layers to the motion of tectonic plates around the surface of the planet. His contributions to theoretical geophysics have been acknowledged with the Day Medal of the Geological Society of America (1981), the William Smith Lecture-ship of the Geological Society of London (1982), and the New York State Regents Medal of Excellence (1984). Turcotte earned the M.S. degree (1955) from Cornell and the B.S. (1954) and Ph.D. (1958) degrees from California Institute of Technology.

Established in 1963, the National Academy of Sciences is a private organization of scientists and engineers dedicated to the furtherance of science and its use for the general welfare. Although not a government agency, the academy acts as an official adviser to the federal government, upon request, in matters of science and technology.

## ILR School Marks 40th

Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations will mark its 40th anniversary with a conference Friday and Saturday on "Equity and Efficiency in the Workplace."

Participants will include Stephen Schlosberg, deputy undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, and Douglas Fraser, former president of the United Auto Workers.

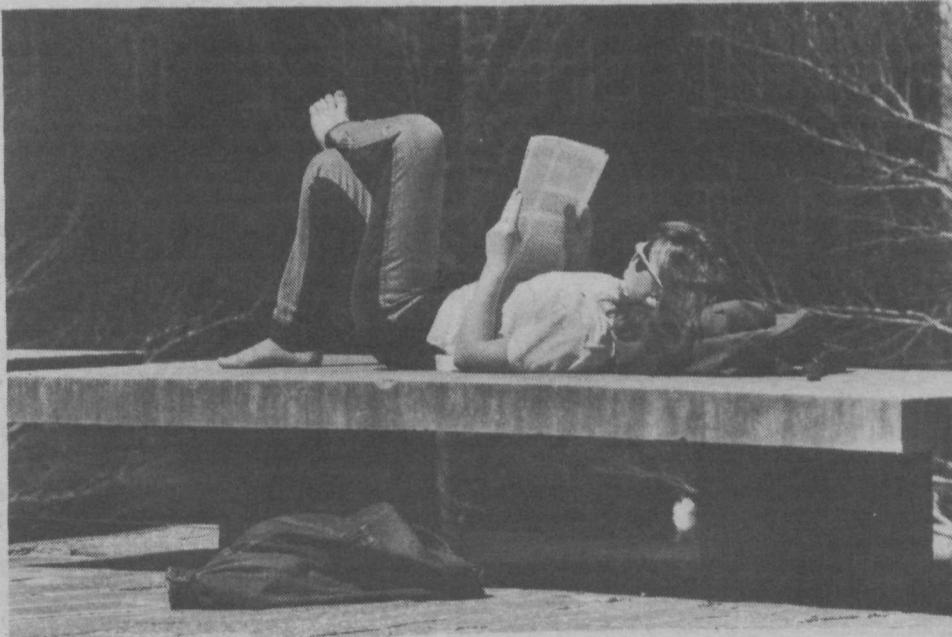
More than 200 ILR alumni and others are expected to attend.

Presentations and panel discussions will focus on the role of government in the work place, dispute resolution, managing human resources, and other topics.

Labor leaders, business professionals, faculty members, and others will serve on conference panels.

The ILR school, which opened Nov. 1, 1945, was conceived primarily by Irving M. Ives, then majority leader of the New York State Assembly.

The conference panel discussions will be held in room 120 Ives Hall and are open to the public. They will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Catching rays and some knowledge at the same time were good possibilities early this week.