Parents' Weekend Is Reinstituted

As many as 1,500 parents of Cornell freshmen and other new students are expected to visit the campus for Parents' Weekend Oct. 21-23. Activities will include a reception on the Arts Quadrangle by President Frank Rhodes, a Bailey Hall lecture, "Sense and Non-sense at the Edge of Science," by astronomer Carl Sagan. a student support services "market place," special programs in each of the colleges, campus tours and entertainment in the Unions. Parents also will be encouraged to partake of Cornell's regular fare of weekend activities, including athletic events, concerts, films, exhibits and plays.

In the planning for more than six months, the weekend is the first such event at Cornell in seven years. Planning is being coordinated by representatives of 10 departments, chaired by University Unions Director Ronald Loomis.

Responses to a letter included in a summer mailing to parents of new students have been enthusiastic, according to Loomis. The greatest interest appears to be in the college programs and the president's reception, but all of the activities are of interest to most parents, he said.

Loomis said all hotel rooms in Ithaca are already booked and late comers are finding lodging as far away as Cortland and Corning.

"We hope this event will provide parents with an opportunity to explore the campus and its resources more thoroughly than was possible during interviews or orientation," Loomis said. "Enough activities are scheduled so that parents should be able to have their questions answered, but we've also left free time for them to visit with their sons and daughters, meet other parents and students socially and pursue individual interests. We hope this kind of weekend will become an annual event."

University to Sell Calspan Shares

Arvin Industries, Inc. and the Board of Directors of Calspan Corp., announced today that, pursuant to discussions previously announced in May of this year, they have reached an agreement in principle for Arvin to acquire Calspan, a research, development, and testing company based in Buffalo.

The trustees of Cornell University, which owns approximately 68 per cent of outstanding stock of Calspan, also have agreed to this proposal in principle. The transaction is to be effected by merger of Calspan into a subsidiary of Arvin to acquire Calspan, a research, development, and testing company.

The acquisition price of $8.8 million will be the equivalent of $8 for each of the 1.1 million Calspan shares outstanding. Payable 40 per cent in cash and 60 per cent in shares of the new series of Arvin convertible preferred stock. The 32 per cent outstanding Calspan shares which are held by the public will be acquired for cash at $8 per share. All of the Arvin preferred shares, and the balance of the stock, will go to Cornell cash, and the balance of the shares, will go to Cornell University.

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Researchers in Clark Hall make adjustments on a crystal, used in low-temperature solid state physics experiments. Low-temperature physics will be one of the research areas open for public inspection next week.

Physics Open House Planned

The physics research laboratories in Clark Hall on the Cornell University campus will be open to the public from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, to provide an opportunity for the public and alumni to chat with the researchers. A slide show illustrating all research projects in Clark Hall also will be shown at both open houses.

Nine research laboratories, some of which are investigating the fundamental processes in condensed matter and some of which are developing new materials with practical applications, will be open for inspection. They are:

- Laser spectroscopy. Uses ultrashort light pulse generation to study high speed reactions in molecules (Herbert Mahr);
- Low temperature physics. Studies the structure of atomic order on a crystalline surface (T.N. Rhodin);
- Far infra-red spectroscopy. Uses special methods of generating and detecting infra-red light that is very far away from the visible spectrum on its

People Resource Book Out

The classroom is only one source of learning for students at Cornell. Exposure to the rich diversity of ideas and interests offered by the employees and faculty is still another source, according to Elmer Meyer Jr., dean of students.

With that in mind, Meyer set out to compile a list of faculty members and exempt non-exempt staff persons willing to talk with students about their chosen vocations, as well as their evolutions. The result is a booklet "Faculty and Staff Resources for Students and Student Groups" which lists the names, phone numbers and office locations of 360 employees—122 faculty, 172 exempt and 66 non-exempt.

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Physicists' Theory Verified

Theories developed by Cornell University researchers a few years ago have finally been verified with the capability to explain the behavior of substances ranging from ordinary fluids to ferromagnets and metal alloys near their critical points. The experiment was conducted at the National Bureau of Standards in collaboration with the University of Maryland and elsewhere.

One basic theoretical idea, the renormalization group approach pioneered by Kenneth Wilson, Cornell professor of physics, and others before the advent of renormalization group theory, is a fluid or a magnet. The concept of substances with widely differing characteristics. When a substance is close enough to its critical point, it will behave in essentially the same "universal" way whether it is a fluid or a magnet. The corresponding "scaling laws" were developed by Benjamin Widom, Cornell professor of chemistry, and others before the advent of renormalization group theory experimentally. Where these experimental problems have been overcome — at the University of Maryland and the National Bureau of Standards, for example — the theory has been validated in dramatic ways.

Employe Benefits Manager Appointed

Claire M. Nagel has been appointed manager of employe benefits in Cornell University Personnel Services effective Oct. 24, Robert V. Sweetland, associate director of Personnel, has announced. Claire M. Nagel, who left the University for a brief period of time last spring, will return to her position.

Nagel will evaluate the effectiveness of Cornell's employe benefits programs as well as trend changes. She will direct the day-to-day administration of benefit plans, except certain state-sponsored programs applying only to statutory college employe groups, which will also be the responsibility of the new manager. She will also be responsible for Workmen's Compensation, Disability Benefits Law, and unemployment insurance.

"Employe benefits are an integral part of the compensation package offered by the University and have an enormous impact on employee relations and morale," said Nagel. "I am concerned that benefits planning and administration be sensitive to the needs of employees and their families. I hope we can increase our communications with both faculty and staff and ensure that all employees are fully aware of the benefits provided by Cornell and the options available to them," she said.

Nagel was manager of human resources at Cornell since 1967 and has been manager of staffing services at Cornell for the past year. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from New York University. Before coming to Cornell, she served as personnel manager of the corporate headquarters of Doubleday & Co.

Respect No Smoking Requests

Dean of the University Faculty Byron G. Sievers has asked the faculty to be responsive to students who ask that there be no smoking in the classroom. In a written letter to Faculty members, Saunders wrote:

"It has come to our attention from several sources that there continue to be problems with smoking in classes, where some students have requested no smoking be allowed. These students suffer from chronic illnesses such as asthma. Since the classroom is mainly a part of the faculty, I urge your cooperation in responding to a legitimate request by a student for no smoking."

Japanese Visitors Present Gifts

Eiichi Hosaka, president of Aoyama Gakuin University in Japan and leader of a delegation visiting Cornell this week, presents a Kutani Yaki vase to Cornell President Frank Rhodes. Two other vases were also presented to the University and to Milton J. Esman, director of the Center for International Studies which is hosting the delegation. The chin in used in the vases is produced in Kutani and the vases are made through a high temperature heating process. Kutani is the oldest, most famous producer of china in Japan and the painting is reputed to be the oldest and most painstaking in Japan. The 45 Japanese visitors, representing the Union of Private Japanese Universities, were greeted by Rhodes Monday at the start of a week-long seminar on university administration by Cornell leaders.

Cornell Team Places In Cattle Judging

The Cornell University dairy cattle judging team placed second at the Ninth Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at Harrisburg, Pa., and fourth at the World Dairy Exposition at Madison, Wis.

Seventeen college teams participated in the Harrisburg contest on Sept. 26 with the team from the University of Maryland taking top honors. Cornell's Sandra J. Hoag scored second highest of any individual in the contest both in judging the animals and in giving reasons for her selection.

At Madison on Oct. 5, the team was fourth points out of second place, competing with 35 other teams. Though placing fourth in the contest, they were high team in giving oral reasons for their placements, for which William J. Lipinski '79 was high individual in that category. He tied for sixth place in the total contest.

Because of the new parking arrangement, there will be no parking for at least a week. Construction, which should take about a week, will be under way on University campus, parking for at least a week. Construction, which should take about a week, will be under way on University campus.