Chester New Dean of Arts

Geoffrey Y. 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 Alan S. Spragg, 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 his respect and trust he has earned. Chester's nomination was endorsed by the Arts College faculty at a meeting with President Chester in Comstock Hall.

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

Their nomination was endorsed by President Frank Rhodes on behalf of the entire Cornell community for their singular recognition of their individual accomplishments. Their commitment to scientific inquiry and scholarship since the 1950s, and the Cornell community can take 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 physics and 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 at Cornell of the superfluid phase of helium-3, Richardson focuses his low-temperature experiments on the properties of materials as they approach absolute zero (2.17 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 oceanic 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 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 Ph.D. (1958) and Ph.D. (1962) 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 Effectiveness in the Workplace." Participants will include Stephen Schlossberg, chairman 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, workplace planning and organizational resources, and other topics. 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.

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