

a Collegetown Community Council last year, which sought to deal with some of the differences among people that erupted in confrontations with police last spring. Across-town, the Markles Flats alternate junior high school was closed all fall after various Ithacans criticized it as radical and poorly run. The school district was due to reopen it last month for one term, then close it for good. One price of the reopening was that it sever connection with Cornell's Human Affairs Program, which had been a key butt of critics of the school. The university's trustees have contributed \$15,000 to a study of day care needs in Ithaca, including Cornell's possible role in providing for them. The children of Cornell staff, faculty, and students are estimated to use more than 60 per cent of the places in the licensed day care facilities of the community.

Law and order: The administration has announced a policy for dealing with subpoenas of the records of students and former students, a practice used by several Ithaca courts last fall and made the subject of campus debate because these apparently conflicted with a University Senate policy that called for the confidentiality of most student records. The administration said it would continue to honor all valid subpoenas, implying by subsequent comment that it might be more insistent in the future that subpoenas not be part of any fishing expeditions on the part of local prosecutors or defense attorneys. And to deal with shoplifting at the Campus Store, the university's judicial system is handing out fines of \$75 or forty hours of community service work to those found guilty. Of the first twenty-one persons found guilty, all but six chose service, including flood relief in Elmira and tutoring in Ithaca.

Relations with New York State: The university's Board of Trustees has set up a standing Committee on State Relationships "to give special consideration to the role and responsibility of the university as the land grant

institution for New York State and with respect to the affairs of the four statutory colleges . . ." Members are: Morton Adams '33, chairman, and Prof. Urie Bronfenbrenner '38, Richard I. Fricke '43, H. Victor Grohmann '28, Joseph P. King '36, E. Howard Molisani, Dr. Bruce W. Widger '51, Jacob Sheinkman '49, and Samuel R. Pierce Jr. '44. The administration has also added its director of university relations, Thomas L. Tobin, to the group of men working on state and statutory college relations.

On Campus

Physicists at the university have reported proof of the existence of a new form of helium, liquid helium-3, at a temperature of nearly absolute zero. The liquid has the property of superfluidity, an ability to flow perpetually, unaffected by friction, in a way similar to superconductors which in that state offer no resistance to the flow of electrical currents. The discovery is the result of ten years' work involving a number of researchers, including Professors David M. Lee and Robert C. Richardson, and Douglas Osheroff, MS '71, a graduate student at the time.

Fifty members of the Glee Club made the club's first tour of the US Southeast during the January intersession, covering 3,500 miles and making more than a dozen public appearances in the process.

Small construction projects abound around the campus, causing the university to continue to set aside the former Sage College tennis court for construction workers to park their cars. The former dining room of Clara Dickson Hall has been converted to additional bedroom space, and former storage space in the North Campus Union has been converted to a popular beer hall, the Thirsty Bear. Plans are under way to convert a third-floor craft room at the union to added dining space. And when the

museum of art moves from the former Andrew White House to Johnson Museum later this year, the house will be renovated to become the home of the Center for the Humanities.

The Uris Brothers Foundation has pledged \$1 million to maintain and operate Uris Hall, the new social sciences building now known as Old Rusty, after the exterior surface of unpainted steel that is weathering according to the architect's plan, to achieve a deep rust color. The building is named for the donors to its construction costs, Harold D. Uris '25 and the late Percy Uris. President Corson said of Harold Uris, "This latest gift reflects . . . his understanding of the less glamorous but absolutely necessary aspects of achieving high quality education at Cornell."

Soon after launching its effort to buy and rehabilitate the Clinton House in downtown Ithaca [February NEWS], Historic Ithaca, Inc. announced that it had made a \$31,299 down payment for purchase of the building. The group continues with its effort to secure money to complete purchase and put the building into usable shape.

The Metropolitan Office of the School of Industrial & Labor Relations has opened a Long Island Office at the SUNY campus at Farmingdale.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has given \$100,000 to support the Cornell University Press in publishing the works of scholars in the humanities and related social sciences, part of nearly \$5 million Mellon has given twenty-four university presses and six independent research libraries.

Early-start calendars have been approved by the University Senate for the next two years of university operation. Fall term instruction this year will begin on September 3 and continue until December 8, with exams before Christmas. Spring term classes will run from January 28, 1974 until May 11, with exams ending May 27 and Commencement set for June 3, 1974.