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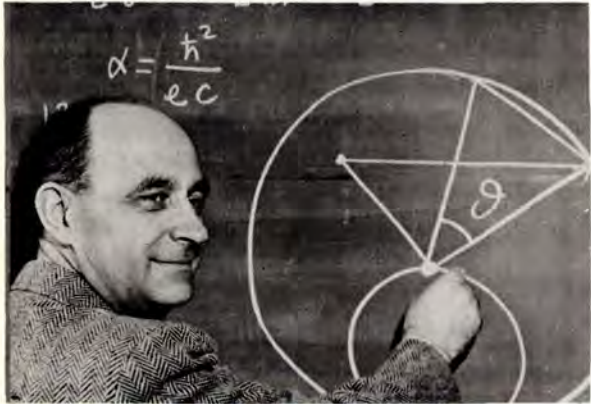
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NAL DEDICATION SET FOR MAY 11



...Enrico Fermi, distinguished physicist, whose name will head Illinois research laboratory...



...H. Anderson, student and long-time colleague of Fermi, on visit to NAL with Mrs. Laura Fermi...

He became professor of theoretical physics at the University of Rome in 1927. He was a leading figure in a group whose influence has been felt in science and physics throughout the world, which included Emilio Segre, Edoardo Amaldi, Oscar D'Agostino and Bruno Rossi.

Fermi's accomplishments were in both theoretical and experimental physics, a unique feat in an age in which scientific endeavors have tended to specialize on one aspect or the other. In 1926 he proposed a theory of statistical mechanics to explain the behavior of electron gas degeneracy. In 1933 he developed the theory of beta decay, postulating that the newly discovered neutron decaying to a proton emits an electron and a particle which he called a "neutrino." The theory of a new force to explain this interaction later resulted in recognition of the weak interaction force, now known to be one of the family of four major forces. Over the last year, remarkable new discoveries have been made at NAL and CERN which have shed new light on the field of weak interactions which Fermi opened.

Experimentally, Fermi and his colleagues studied the behavior of the new particles; they bombarded all elements in the periodic table with the neutrons. They slowed down the neutrons, produced a strange new product when bombarding uranium with neutrons which later was seen to be a splitting of the uranium atoms.

The National Accelerator Laboratory will become the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory at a dedication ceremony to be held at the Laboratory on Saturday, May 11, 1974.

The plan to change the name of the Laboratory was announced on April 29, 1969 by Glenn T. Seaborg, then chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. It was understood then that the dedication and the changing of the name would take place when construction was complete. May of 1974 will find the Laboratory close to completion and running strongly in all areas.

In announcing the AEC's plans, Seaborg said in 1969: "It is particularly fitting that we honor Dr. Fermi in this manner, for in so doing we further acknowledge his many contributions to the progress of nuclear science, particularly his work on nuclear processes. Enrico Fermi was a physicist of great renown who contributed in a most significant way to the defense and welfare of his adopted land and to the enhancement of its intellectual well-being. His greatest achievement, the first sustained nuclear chain reaction, took place in a small laboratory in Chicago. It seems singularly appropriate, therefore, that the Federal Government recognize the memory of a man who was at the forefront of science in his day by naming in his honor a laboratory near Chicago -- a laboratory which will have a major international impact on our understanding of the basic structure of matter."

Enrico Fermi was born in Rome, Italy, on September 29, 1901. He died November 28, 1954. The son of a railroad official, he studied at the University of Pisa from 1918 to 1922 and later at the Universities of Leyden and Göttingen.

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Fermi used the opportunity offered by the trip to Sweden to receive the Nobel Prize in 1938 to leave Italy, with his wife, son, and daughter, all growing restive under the Fascist regime. They came to the United States where Fermi accepted a position as Professor of Physics at Columbia University. It was by now recognized that nuclear fission (the splitting of the atom) had taken place in Fermi's and other similar experiments. Scientists recognized that this principle could be applied to construct an "atomic bomb," of tremendous import to world affairs in the early 1940's. The United States government formed the Manhattan Project to produce the first such bomb. Fermi moved to the University of Chicago and was placed in charge of building the first atomic pile in the squash court under the West Stands of the University's Stagg Field. Today, a plaque at the site reads: "On December 2, 1942, man achieved here the first self-sustaining chain reaction and thereby initiated the controlled release of nuclear energy."

At the end of World War II, the University of Chicago formed its Institute for Nuclear Studies, to keep together the scientists who had worked in the Metallurgical Laboratory on the development of the atomic bomb. Fermi joined the staff and continued his investigations of the nucleus of the atom, concentrating on the nature of the particles that make up the nucleus. He was very active in the design of the synchrocyclotron at the University which was, at the time of its completion, one of the most powerful atom smashers in the world. The magnet from this machine has been moved to the Muon Area of the National Accelerator Laboratory and in 1973 began to operate as a spectrometer for Experiment #98 here.

Fermi's theoretical work continued. He worked on the origin of cosmic rays and in developing a statistical method for treating high-energy collision phenomena and multiple production of particles.

Emilio Segre, a colleague of Fermi for many years, writing in the Dictionary of Scientific Biography in 1971, recalls, "During the postwar Chicago years, Fermi traveled a good deal, particularly to research centers, where he could meet young, active physicists. He repeatedly visited the Brookhaven National Laboratory, the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley, the Los Alamos Laboratory, and many universities. He was welcome everywhere, especially by the younger men who profited from these contacts with him and, in turn, helped Fermi to preserve his youthful spirit."

Present plans for the dedication observance on May 11 include a luncheon for distinguished guests at noon in the Central Laboratory cafeteria. Among the guests will be congressmen and State of Illinois officials. Mrs. Fermi will also participate in the dedication ceremony. A tour for the guests will be given from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The dedication ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. Tours for others attending the occasion will be given after the ceremony.

Further details and arrangements for employees, their families and guests, and for the general public will be announced about May 1.

Donald R. Getz, Assistant Director of NAL, is in charge of the dedication arrangements.

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NAL INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Information materials about NAL continue to be available from the Public Information Office now located on the west side of the Atrium Floor of the Central Laboratory. The materials include a standard visitor's pack of printed materials about the Laboratory, including a current Fact Sheet describing many aspects of Laboratory organization and operation. Also available are picture boards and slides of NAL facilities and table top picture albums. The photographic materials may be borrowed. Visitor's packs will be given out on request or mailed. Call Margaret Pearson, Ext. 3351; Helen Severance, Ext. 3341; or Claudia Slater, Ext. 3352, for further information.

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...Henry Moore sculpture at University of Chicago, commemorating first nuclear chain reaction...

E. RABBIT VISITS NAL APRIL 6

It was Spring for a day last Saturday. The younger set at NAL hunted for colored eggs in field near the Village Barn, then enjoyed E. Rabbit's special candy packages.



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BAHAMAS PRESENTATION AT NAL

A representative of Miller Tours will present "The Bahamas" on Tuesday, April 16, at 12 noon in the Conference Room on the Atrium Floor west at NAL. The presentation is in conjunction with the NALREC-sponsored trip to the Bahamas, May 3-6, in which many employees will participate. The showing is open to all employees and to anyone else interested. Bring your lunch and your questions for the Miller representative.


For additional information, call the NAL Travel Office, Atrium Floor West, Ext. 3397.

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THE INTERNATIONAL FILM SOCIETY PRESENTS

WILD HORSES OF FIRE

A Film by Serge Parajanov / 1964 / USSR



Based on Kotsuibinsky's 1911 novel Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors about the life of the Gutsuls, a small sect of people living in the Carpathian Mountains of the Ukraine. Shut off from the world by the natural boundaries of rivers and mountains, these fiercely proud and independent people cling to their ancient and often cruel customs, their devout beliefs and a culture interwoven with the beauty of their surroundings.

A real work of art -- a fascinating film, filled with passion, imagination, violence and poetic beauty.
Esquire

With its unreal colors, improbable camera angles, and precarious balance between ritual and orgy, Wild Horses of Fire succeeds in establishing its own vital stylistic basis.
Cahiers du Cinema

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 • 8:00 PM • N. A. L. AUDITORIUM • \$1.

GARDEN TIME AT NAL AGAIN, Says Site Manager's Office

Spring is here and the telephones at Site Operations have not stopped ringing with questions from anxious gardeners.

This year, the policy on garden plots will be a little different than in years past. Because of the growing number of employees at NAL and the rising cost of foods there is a greater interest and demand for garden plots. Trying to accommodate both the new and the old gardeners, Rudy Dorner and Gayle Wirth have come up with the following arrangements for '74 green thumbs:

Those people who had garden plots last year will be given the opportunity to have the same plot again this year. Many people have already reserved their old plots. Reservations will be taken until April 19, 1974, at which time the remaining plots will be distributed to others interested in gardening. These remaining plots will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. There is already a waiting list so don't wait until the 19th to reserve your plot. Garden plots are all located east of the Model Shop on Shabbona in the Village.

In the past more than one plot was allowed the more ambitious gardeners. This year there is a limit of one plot to a person. By limiting the garden plots one to a person, there will be enough to fill the demand. In the event that there are garden plots left over, they will be available to people who already have a garden plot for a nominal fee.

Roto-tillers will be available again this year. They will be issued on a first come first serve basis; borrowers will be required to sign a property pass slip. Roto-tillers will not be allowed to be taken off of the Site. You may pick the Roto-tillers up at the Site Operations Office, Site #55 Eola Road.

To reserve your garden plots, call Gayle Wirth, Ext. 3494.

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NAL CHESS CLUB GAINS

NAL's Chess Club's team in the Chicago Industrial Chess League now stands in fourth place in the powerful league play, with only two matches remaining in the current season. NAL's team has not lost a match since October.

The CICL recently played a telephone match with the Commercial Chess League of New York. John Stull and Howie Pfeffer of NAL acted as "runners," changing boards at the Chicago end according to telephone instructions from the New York scene. Rich Parry played for NAL.

The NAL Chess Club meets Wednesday nights in the Central Laboratory Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m., with matches continuing as long as necessary. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Club president Howie Pfeffer, Ext. 3724.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified Ads to run in THE VILLAGE CRIER should be submitted in writing by Monday noon for publication the following Thursday. THE VILLAGE CRIER Office is now located on the Atrium Floor West of the Central Laboratory. There is no charge for these ads.

CARPOOL or RIDE WANTED - from Maple Avenue in Glen Ellyn (near Geneva Road) to Central Laboratory, days. Call W. Neale, Ext. 3680.

FOR SALE - '73 Vega GT Hatchback, silver w/blk. sport stripe, mag wheels, woodgrain interior, automatic. Moving & must sell, \$2100 or best offer. Call Kathy Hutson, Ext. 3640.

FOR SALE - Two Audio Dynamics Corp., high fidelity loud speakers. Mint condition, \$150 for both, save \$60. Call V. Zernoski, Ext. 3580.

FOR SALE - Two 24" ladies bikes, one conventional-\$35; the other 3-spd. w/hand brakes-\$45. Call Larry Sobocki, Ext. 3043.

FOR SALE - Wet Suit, 3/16 inch thick, ankle and wrist zippers, hood and boots, medium size, \$25. Call Bruce Strauss, Ext. 3671.

FOR SALE - A pair of Hart Holiday 180 Skis w/Tyrolia "Clix" bindings, good condition, \$40. Call Carolyn Vanecek, Ext. 3724.

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