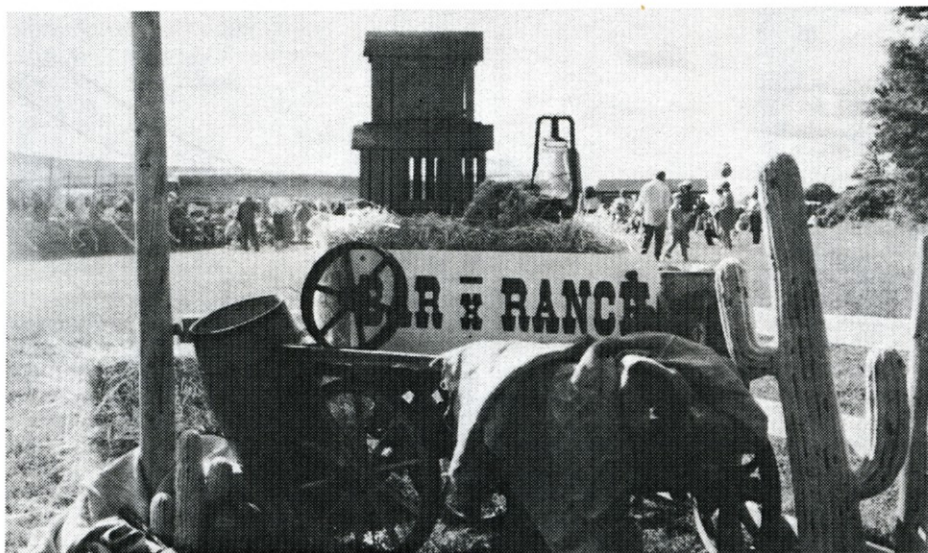


Lab Swings into Autumn with Western Style Picnic

Several hundred cowpokes, cowgirls, and buckaroos turned out for an old-fashioned western barbeque picnic at PPPL on September 11. Colorful western hats and decorations, delicious chili, barbequed chicken and pony rides highlighted the western theme, along with square dancing and hay rides. Family, fun, and friendship plus a clear blue sky and lots of sunshine made the picnic a perfect way to swing into fall. ♦



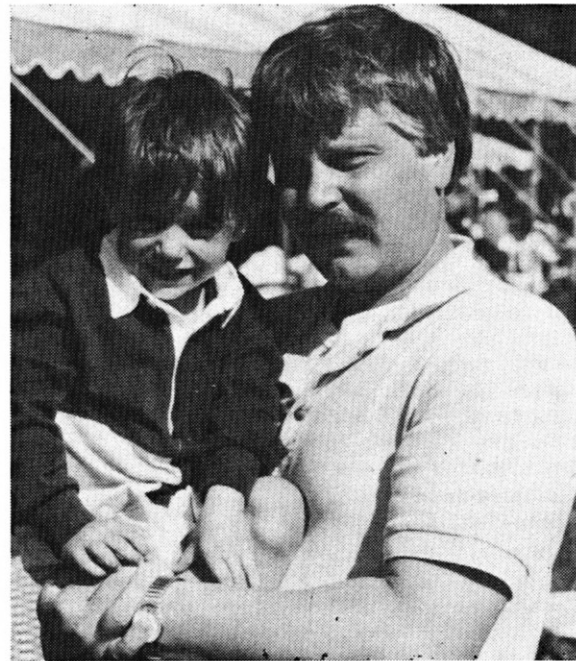
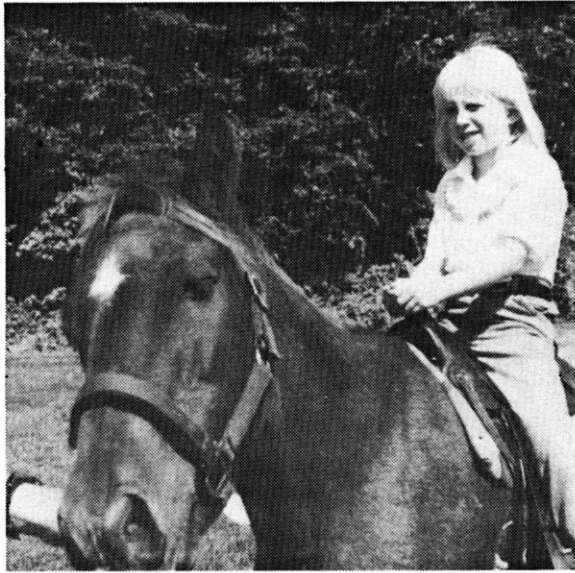
Sporting a wild balloon hat is PPPL Physicist Leonid Zakharov, along with his son Dimitri and three Russian scientists who are visiting the Lab through December. They are, left to right, Nikolai Gorelenkov, Yuri Pavlov, and Sergei Popovich.



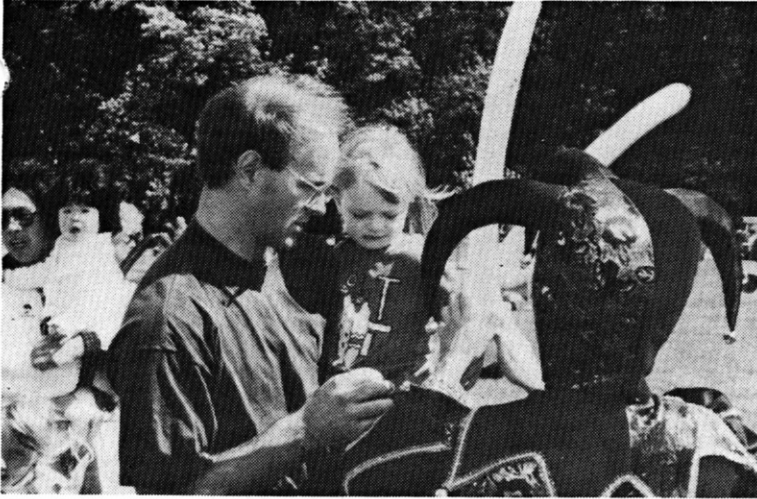
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Young cowpokes whoop it up. Ride 'em cowgirl!



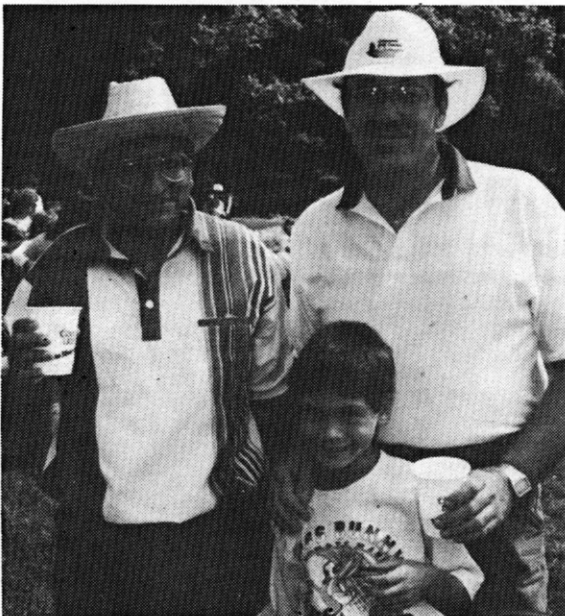
Matt Lawson and son Christopher



The court jester magically manifests a balloon hat for Bill Tighe and daughter Hilary.



Joe Mattera shares family picnic time with his daughter Jolene.

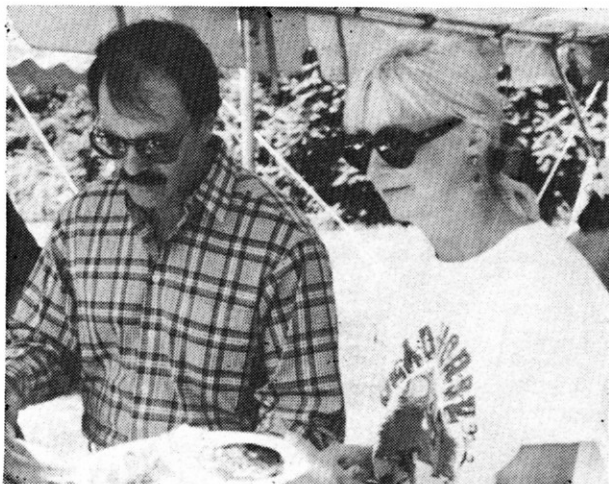


Cowboys Mounir Awad (left), his son Matthew, and Gene Baker quench a mighty thirst after the pony ride.



On the dunking booth "hot seat," Ed Gilsenan, with his safety vest, is prepared for the worst—and he gets it! Stay cool, Ed.

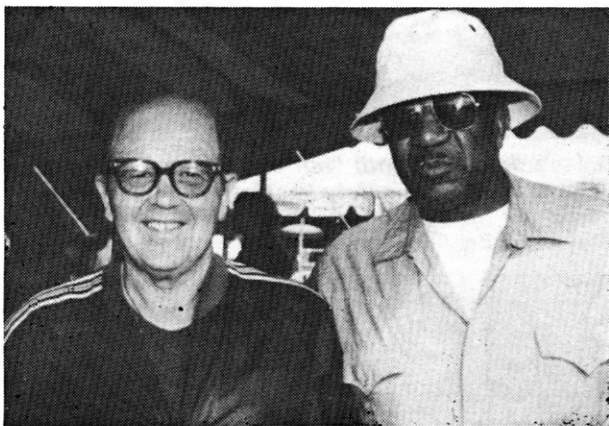




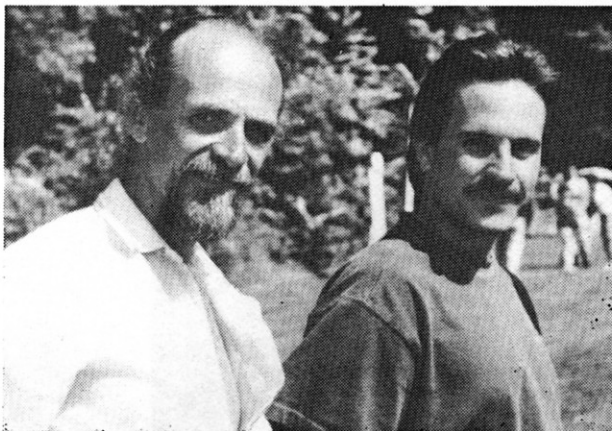
Joanne Bianco and her husband Michael prepare to chow down on some fine vittles—barbequed chicken, cole slaw and potato salad.



Ruby Cochran in her western gear



Bill Reynolds (left) and Buck Taylor

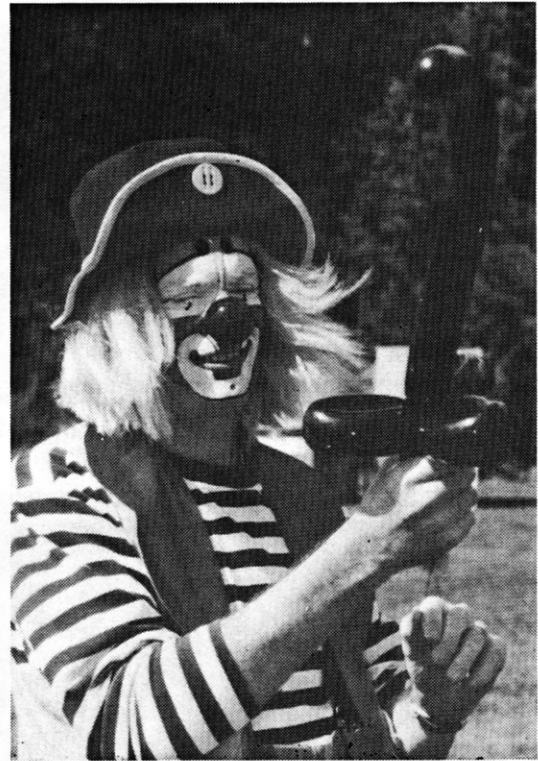


Ronnie Koon (left) and Al Bara



Artists at work





Clowns, jesters, and kids—is this a lot of balloony?



Painting bright faces!





We love cotton candy—or do we?



Off to the races!



Hoola hoops are back!



Guest Peg Michalowski sports the latest in balloon hatwear.