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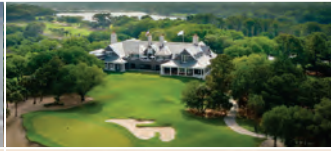


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Cornell Tech has been moving ahead at breakneck speed ever since the University resolved to enter the 2010–11 competition to build a graduate technical campus on New York City's Roosevelt Island. Even as Tech's first three buildings rise on land in the middle of the East River, its academic program is well under way—with dozens of master's degrees already granted, start-up companies spinning off left and right, and technically oriented programs of study being offered in fields from business to law. "Things are cruising along," says Dan Huttenlocher, Tech's founding dean. "It's great. It's a place now." A look at the University's most prominent work in progress.

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Jennifer Huret Dulski '93, MBA '99, has long been advocating for change; even as a freshman she managed to convince Big Red athletics to reverse a long-standing policy and let women cox men's crew. Today, after a career at such Internet giants as Yahoo and Google, she's president and COO of the world's premier online petition site. Change.org has helped sway hearts, minds—and policy—on topics ranging from debit-card fees to gay youth in the Boy Scouts.

50 Cold Comforts

For as long as the University has been standing far above Cayuga's waters, Cornellians have been complaining about East Hill winter weather. Last year, the grumbling was particularly loud, as Ithaca suffered through brutally low temperatures and set the record for the coldest February ever recorded in the city. In the spirit of the season, CAM decided to embrace the inevitable, with a lighthearted survey of the Hill's weather woes and wonders, past and present.

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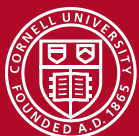
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Celebrating the Promise of Junior Faculty



The Cornell Faculty Renewal Fund in the latest philanthropic campaign was designed to enable the University to hire 100 new faculty members by 2015, with half the funding coming from philanthropy and half from Cornell. Our Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellows, hired through this initiative, and other recently appointed junior faculty are already proving the wisdom of that investment. Junior faculty in science and technology have had especially notable successes this year.

Ten junior faculty earned prestigious Early Career Development Program (CAREER) awards from the National Science Foundation, and three others won National Institutes of Health Director's New Innovator Awards. These honors bring recognition to the recipients' work and also allow them to move their research and teaching to the next level of excellence and consequence.

Eve Donnelly, MS '04, for example, is an assistant professor of materials science and engineering and a Dale R. Corson Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellow. She is using her CAREER award to identify and predict how changes in bone tissue composition that occur in osteoporosis will affect bone fracture behavior. C. Lindsay Anderson, assistant professor of biological and environmental engineering and the Norman R. Scott Sesquicentennial Faculty Fellow, is using her CAREER award to develop an efficient and effective framework for improving the electrical power system—including by finding better ways to integrate renewable sources of power and manage changes in demand. With his CAREER award, Michael Niemack, assistant professor of physics, is building a new instrument to study the Cosmic Microwave Background, faint radio signals that are thought to originate from the beginning of the universe. And NIH New Innovator Melissa Warden, assistant professor of neurobiology and behavior and a Miriam M. Salpeter Fellow, is imaging brain activity in freely behaving animals to investigate the neural

circuit dynamics underlying the onset of depression.

Well-supported assistant professors are likely to go on to even greater things as they mature into mid-career faculty stars. All three of our Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigators—Hening Lin, professor of chemistry and chemical biology; Olga Boudker, professor of physiology and biophysics at Weill Cornell Medicine; and Michelle Wang, professor of physics and of cell and developmental biology—as well as our newest MacArthur Fellow, William Dichtel, began their Cornell careers as assistant professors. As mid-career faculty they now have the support and confidence they need to push the boundaries of knowledge in their fields.

One way to attract outstanding junior faculty who will thrive in our unique academic environment is to bring them here as postdoctoral fellows. NIH New Innovator Matthew Paszek '02, assistant professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, came back to campus as a Kavli Institute for Nanoscience Postdoctoral Fellow, working with faculty mentors from two different Cornell units, and was then successfully recruited to the faculty. Such interdisciplinary postdoctoral fellowships are an effective way to identify and successfully recruit rising junior faculty stars, and with funding from philanthropy could be expanded to other areas at the University.

Cornell does well in competing for the limited pool of federal research dollars, but it often takes the investment of University “seed” funds in visionary, exploratory projects to establish the foundation for collaborative, interdisciplinary research. Once initial results are obtained, these projects can be highly competitive in obtaining external support.

For every dollar spent by the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future (ACSF) in support of interdisciplinary research, for example, about \$7 of follow-on external research funding comes to Cornell. ACSF's Academic Venture Fund, through which junior professors

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and other faculty members can secure funding, supports original, multidisciplinary research that is potentially game-changing. In 2015, it funded eleven projects with awards totaling \$1.2 million. Projects ranged from measuring the effectiveness of a new polymer for purifying water in developed and developing nations to documenting how much money energy-saving “retrofits” of existing homes actually save each year. We're

grateful to David Atkinson '60 and his wife, Pat, for their vision in establishing this fund as part of their commitment to ACSF.

As we celebrate the successful conclusion of the campaign, we will build on the momentum we have generated to expand our support for start-up packages for junior faculty hires, especially in particular areas of preeminence for Cornell research. We must generate more seed and exploratory project funding, and support cross-cutting postdoctoral positions and graduate fellowships that can enhance our ability to recruit top-tier faculty and enable them to pursue transformative research at Cornell. Our students, the nation, and the global community will all benefit from that investment. ■

— President Elizabeth Garrett
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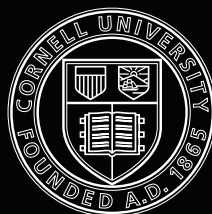
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DOGGED EFFORT LEADS TO TEST-TUBE PUPPIES

The news that researchers had successfully bred puppies using *in vitro* fertilization made headlines around the globe in mid-December. (As the London, Ontario, *Free Press* reported: "First ever test-tube dogs give 'puppy love' a new meaning.") News stories described how Vet college scientists and colleagues from the Smithsonian had solved a problem that had bedeviled reproductive biologists for decades: how to perform *in vitro* in canines, whose reproductive system is in some ways more complex than that of humans. Years of research resulted in the transfer of nineteen embryos into a surrogate, who gave birth to seven puppies. The work could help conservationists protect endangered species, and lead to methods of preventing inherited diseases in domestic dogs.

'The findings suggest that men tend to overeat to show off. Instead of a feat of strength, it's a feat of eating.'

— Kevin Kniffin, visiting professor in the Dyson School, on male behavior in the company of women at an all-you-can-eat Italian buffet

WISDOM OF CROWDS

An algorithm that mined English-language Wikipedia pages put Cornell at Number 12 on the global list of universities that have the most . . .



- a) Name recognition
- b) Scholarly stature
- c) Influence

ANSWER: C

TRUSTEES TO VOTE ON NEW BUSINESS COLLEGE

The University aims to unite its business-oriented schools under a new college. In mid-December, Provost Michael Kotlikoff announced the creation of a College of Business, which he described as "a top ten business school in terms of scale and impact, with 145 research faculty and nearly 2,900 undergraduate, professional, and graduate students." The college, which will go up for approval at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees, will comprise the Johnson School, the School of Hotel Administration, and the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. "Each school will maintain its unique identity and mission," Kotlikoff said, "while its already strong stature, scope, and impact will be markedly enhanced by its combination with faculty, curricular offerings, and programs in a cohesive College of Business."

He noted that the Dyson School will remain within CALS but also join the new college, and that its students who are New York State residents will still be eligible for statutory tuition rates. Soumitra Dutta, currently dean of the Johnson School, will become dean of the college, which launches next fall. Said Kotlikoff: "The need for integration among Cornell's business schools has long been recognized as an imperative by various Cornell constituencies, who believe as I do that a unified college will advance Cornell's mission to apply knowledge for public purpose and educate the next generation of leaders and creators to benefit society and solve some of the world's major challenges."

Meet the President

President Elizabeth Garrett has launched a tour that is taking her to cities across the U.S. and abroad for meet-and-greet events with Cornellians. Running through June, it includes upcoming visits to Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Dallas, and Chicago; international cities include Mumbai, India, and Beijing, China. Dates and registration information are available at alumni.cornell.edu.



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Good fur the planet: Touchdown got to “test drive” a Tesla in November, when both he and the high-end electric car were on hand for a celebration marking the certification of the Human Ecology Building’s parking facility as a “green garage”—the first one so honored at a university in the U.S.

CU to Open Office in Shanghai

The University will open its first international office in 2016, President Garrett announced in her State of the University address last fall. Part of the Global Cornell initiative, the office will be located in Shanghai, China.



Gone Underground: Kroch Library—already home to archives on hip-hop and punk—now boasts a trove on the Velvet Underground. It received twenty-five boxes of material on the Sixties- and Seventies-era rock band, led by Lou Reed.

Website Captures Campus ‘Soundscape’

Students have created an online “soundscape” of campus and its environs. Dubbed the Cornell Sound Map, it offers recordings from nature, campus buildings, and more. It can be found at cornellsoundmap.wordpress.com.



Pages and plumage: The Lab of Ornithology has marked its centennial with a coffee-table book featuring 250 images of more than 100 North American species—from spoon-billed sandpipers to great horned owls.



Queen Honors Cornellian Engineer

Biomedical researcher and entrepreneur Robert Langer '70 has received one of his field’s highest honors: the Queen Elizabeth Prize in Engineering. A pioneer in tissue engineering, Langer has received such accolades as the Kyoto Prize and the \$3 million Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences. The queen presented Langer with the prize, which carries an award of one million pounds, in the throne room of Buckingham Palace.

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Malcolm Bilson, professor emeritus of music, who received the Order of the Hungarian Gold Cross “in recognition of his decades-long fervid contributions to Hungarian early music life.”



The Chai Notes, Cornell’s Jewish a capella group, who performed for the President, First Lady, and other dignitaries (including Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54) at the White House’s Hanukkah party in December.



Benjamin Van Doren '16, a double major in biological sciences and biometry and statistics in CALS, winner of a Marshall Scholarship. It will fund two years of study at Oxford, where he’ll focus on bird migration.

Fred Van Sickle, a veteran fundraising officer at Princeton and Columbia, named Cornell’s new vice president for alumni affairs and development.



Boyfriend Sentenced in Murder of Senior

The former boyfriend of Shannon Jones '15, who was a twenty-three-year-old engineering major when she was strangled in her Cayuga Heights apartment on Thanksgiving Day 2014, has been sentenced to twenty-two years to life for her murder. After a four-day trial last October, a Tompkins County jury convicted local resident Benjamin Cayea, thirty-three, of second-degree murder; his lawyer has indicated he will appeal. Cayea—who allegedly confessed to the crime but later recanted—never denied that he had killed Jones, but disputed the circumstances of her death.



Save the rhinos: Vet professor Robin Radcliffe has penned a children's book to raise awareness about vanishing rhinoceros species in Indonesia, where they've fallen prey to deforestation. To combat poaching, the book will also be distributed in Asia, where rhino horn is prized for its perceived medicinal properties.

R + D

More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu



Mechanical engineers have created a "lab on a chip," called NutriPhone, that attaches to a smartphone to analyze blood samples.

Based on a study of firefighters, researchers including marketing professor Brian Wansink report that colleagues who eat meals together have better job performance.



In a paper published in *Physical Review Letters*, physics professor Itai Cohen and colleagues explain the forces behind "oobleck," the solution of corn starch and water that has fascinated many an elementary schooler.



Cornellians Mourn Austin 'Kip' Kiplinger '39

The University lost one of its most celebrated alumni, and staunchest supporters, with the passing of Austin "Kip" Kiplinger '39 on November 20. He was ninety-seven. Chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees, Kiplinger held the longest-ever term of service on the board: fifty-five years. His many other contributions to Cornell life include the chairmanship of the search committee that selected Frank H.T. Rhodes as the University's ninth president.

A prominent figure in the field of journalism, Kiplinger was the longtime head of the publishing company founded by his father, and served as editor emeritus of the Kiplinger Washington Editors. He was a past recipient of the Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award and one of the oldest members of the Glee Club, performing with the group as recently as 2014, at his 75th Reunion. His many Cornellian relatives include sons Knight Kiplinger '69 and Todd Kiplinger '68 (who died in 2008) and grandchildren Brigham Kiplinger '03 and Daphne Kiplinger '07, BS '08.

DID YOU KNOW...

That Cornell recently conferred a PhD on a ninety-year-old?

Benjamin Franco Suarez, MA '71, was studying sociology in 1972 when he left Cornell for financial reasons. Last fall, after submitting his thesis on the fertility behavior of Bolivian women, he received his doctorate.



Student Grocery Set for Anabel Taylor

Having received formal approval from President Garrett, a student-run grocery store will open in Anabel Taylor Hall in February. The project, its organizers say, is intended to "address the twin facts that Cornell has a high population of food insecure students and nowhere on campus to buy inexpensive fresh produce and cooking staples." Dubbed Anabel's Grocery, it will offer such items as pasta, rice, beans, fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen meats, peanut butter, and bulk spices.

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Taking the Reins

The Vet college's Long Island equine hospital cares for thoroughbreds and pleasure horses alike



A leg up: Veterinarian Lisa Fortier, PhD '99, performs a flexion test, which helps assess a horse's gait.

One morning in July, after a successful week of competitive show-jumping, an eight-year-old horse named Finn had breakfast and went out to the paddock of his Long Island stable. All seemed well—but not ten minutes after returning to his stall he became severely ill and collapsed on the floor. “I got a phone call from my groom at around eight in the morning,” recalls his owner, high school senior Tate Simmons. “He said, ‘Finn looks like he’s in a lot of pain. He keeps going down. I can’t keep him up.’”

The Irish-born retired foxhunter had suffered a severe case of colic—a piece of his colon had become entrapped within his abdomen, cutting off its blood supply—and his only hope of

survival was emergency surgery. After scrambling to find an available shipper—most were en route to Saratoga for the racing season—a distraught Simmons and her mother had him transported to Cornell Ruffian Equine Specialists, the Vet college's Downstate horse hospital.

On a sunny Wednesday afternoon, less than twenty-four hours after veterinarian Samuel Hurcombe operated on Finn, the horse is standing contentedly in his Ruffian stall, bright-eyed and nibbling on hay. The only obvious sign of his ordeal is the huge IV bag hanging from the ceiling, providing him with supportive fluids. “We’ve been so impressed,” says Tate’s mom, Leslie Simmons. ▶



Horse sense (clockwise from left): A patient in surgery; a recovering gelding after an emergency procedure; and an animal on Ruffian's high-speed treadmill.



"Not only do you feel like you're getting good medical care, but everyone is just so nice; they take care of the people as well as the animals. I can't say enough about these guys."

Located across the street from Belmont Racetrack's back stretch, Ruffian opened in spring 2014 in the renovated former home of an equine hospital that went under during the economic downturn. It's named in memory of a famed filly who was euthanized after being injured during a high-profile Belmont race in 1975; in the hospital's lobby is a framed news story headlined "50,764 See Ruffian Break an Ankle." (The three-year-old was buried at the track's infield, her nose pointing toward the finish line.) Back then, vets tried, and failed, to repair Ruffian's leg. Could they save her today? "I couldn't tell you we could for sure," muses equine orthopaedic surgeon Alan Nixon, the hospital's chief medical officer. "We'd certainly have a better chance with the anesthetics we have now that maintain a horse better, the implants that hold the bone better, and the better recovery systems to get them back up again. But there's still an element of fragility in the horse. They want to get up too early; they tend to struggle. So we'd certainly have a better shot at it, but it's still a fairly risky enterprise."

Of the hospital's nine vets, six work there full time, while the other three—Nixon included—come down from Ithaca for several days every couple of weeks. Ruffian saw more than 850 cases in its first year, about two-thirds of which involved thoroughbreds; other patients include standardbreds (also known as "pacers" or "trotters," they do harness racing and other equestrian events) and so-called "warmbloods" such as hunter-jumpers, dressage horses, or carriage animals. "We've wanted a presence Downstate for decades," Nixon notes. "A lot of these cases are emergencies—they have fractures or colics—so



'A lot of these cases are emergencies—they have fractures or colics—so it was important to get a facility down here to provide that service.'

padded recovery stalls, where staff carefully oversee their return to consciousness. "It feels like a private practice, but it's a university environment," Nixon observes. "We get to do things at the best possible level—workups, treatment, surgery—and then see the result." When caring for any of the 2,500 or so horses in residence at Belmont during the racing season, Nixon notes, "you can just pop across and see them as they're rehabbing."

One particularly delightful perk of practicing at Ruffian came last June, when Nixon and colleagues got to watch American Pharoah win the Belmont Stakes—becoming the first horse to earn racing's fabled Triple Crown since 1978. "It was absolutely electric," Nixon recalls. "There was a thirst for so long for a Triple Crown winner, and this year was fantastic. People were hugging strangers in the crowd. I haven't seen that at a racetrack before." ■

— Beth Saulnier

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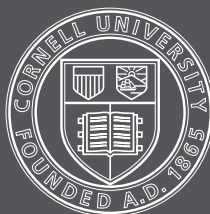
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Flight of Fancy

A massive bird mural takes wing



Feathered friends: Artist Jane Kim (top) paints a secretary-bird at the Lab of Ornithology. Above: a great hornbill.

On a wall in the Lab of Ornithology's visitor center, an albatross is captured in mid-swoop, its ten-foot wingspan taller than the adjacent doorway. A macaw is resplendent in bright yellow and blue plumage, while a great reed warbler has its beak open in song. A black frigatebird is perched atop a sprinkler nozzle protruding from the wall, his distinctive red throat pouch inflated to attract a mate.

Seventy feet wide and forty feet tall and wrapping around a corner, the lab's newly completed mural covers roughly 3,000 square feet of wall space—and 375 million years of avian evolution. Overlaid on a map of the world, the artwork features 243 bird species, one for every modern family; each is painted to scale in its indigenous territory. Still-living species are represented in their characteristic (and often vibrant) colors, with extinct ones depicted in monochrome. Twenty-seven of the birds' ancient ancestors are there too: a thirty-foot dinosaur known as a Yutyrannus stands at the top of the stairs, while a large reptile called a caiman seems to emerge from behind a doorframe.

Commissioned to celebrate the lab's centennial, the work took two and a half years to design and produce. Artist Jane Kim, a former lab intern and alumna of the Rhode Island School of Design, spent sixteen months painting it, averaging a bird a day; the project's completion in early December garnered national news coverage, including pieces in *Audubon* and the *New York Times Magazine*. The mural's title—*From So Simple a Beginning*—comes from a passage in *On the Origin of Species* in which Charles Darwin summarizes his thoughts on evolution.

The lab is currently designing online interactive features to complement the artwork. Users will be able to click on any of the 270 creatures for a detailed description, information about the family it represents, a map of its habitat, and an audio sample of its call, taken from the lab's own Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds. ■

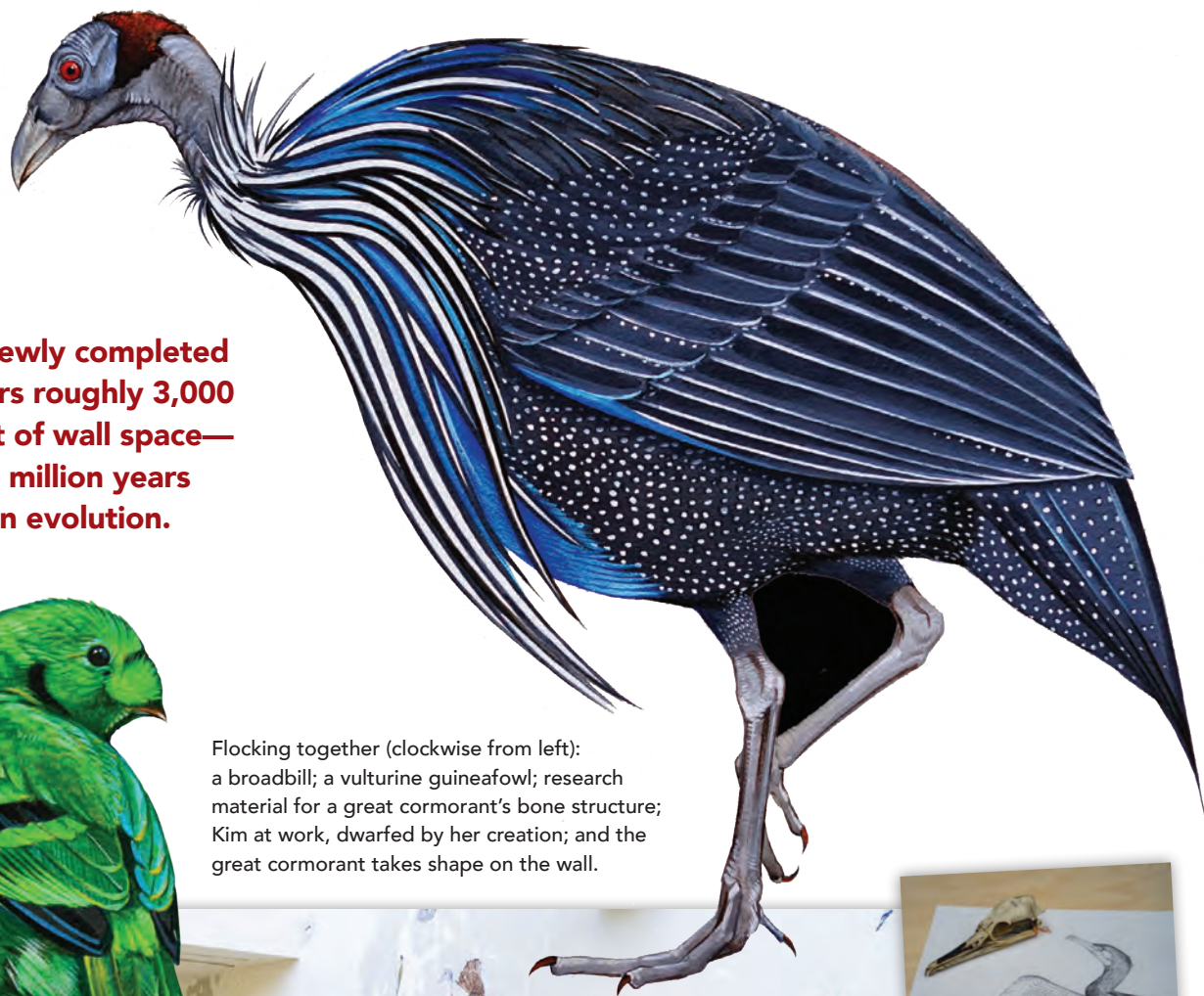
— Alexandra Bond '12

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Flocking together (clockwise from left): a broadbill; a vulturine guineafowl; research material for a great cormorant's bone structure; Kim at work, dwarfed by her creation; and the great cormorant takes shape on the wall.



The Verdict Is In

Assistant U.S. Attorney Carrie Cohen '89 had a starring role in one of New York's biggest corruption trials



Courtroom drawing by Elizabeth Williams

"This is a case about a powerful politician who betrayed those he was supposed to serve in order to line his own pockets," Carrie Cohen '89 told the crowd in a Manhattan courtroom in early November. "Year after year, after year, Sheldon Silver was on the take."

Those blistering words were part of Cohen's opening statement in the high-profile trial that ultimately led to the conviction of Silver, long one of New York's leading power brokers. First elected to the State Assembly in 1976, the Manhattan Democrat served as its speaker for two decades—until he was arrested on federal corruption charges in January 2015. Cohen, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, helped spearhead the investigation into Silver's alleged abuse of his office, which involved favors done in exchange for almost \$4 million in legal fees that he never actually earned. "Part of the importance of this prosecution was that, because he had amassed such a significant amount of power over decades, there was effectively no challenge to him and no check on him," says Cohen. "Except for the law."

Cohen served as lead prosecutor at the five-week trial—which ended, on just the third day of jury deliberations, in a verdict that the *New York Times* called "a quick and unceremonious end for Mr. Silver." He was convicted on all seven counts, which included money laundering, honest services fraud, and "extortion under color of official right"—a slam dunk for Cohen and her team. "I felt that we had built a very strong case and we had the facts on our side," she says. "And when you have the facts on your side, you hope that justice prevails—and it did."

A government major on the Hill, Cohen was on track for a career in litigation ever since she fell in love with the law during a high school class on the Fourth Amendment. She did the semester-long Cornell in Washington program her junior year, interning at the Senate Judiciary Committee—which was then vetting the nomination of Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy—and at the D.C. public defender's office, where she investigated juvenile felonies. After law school at Penn, she landed a job at a boutique civil rights firm, representing plaintiffs in sexual harassment and sex discrimination cases. She was eventually recruited into the New York State Attorney General's office, first in the civil rights bureau and then as head of public corruption in the criminal division. She joined the U.S. Department of Justice eight years ago. "I love being in the courtroom," Cohen says. "I love everything about it—putting on witnesses, getting the story out piece by piece in the most concrete, understandable way. I like the legal part of it, the different challenges that come up during a trial."

And her least favorite part? Like many litigators, she says it's waiting for the jury to come in—an excruciating process that she assuages by binging on *Times* crossword puzzles.

"It's the worst part of any trial, because there's nothing more you can do," she says. "You sit and wait and try to do anything *but* think about the case—but of course that's all you can think about. It's a tense time. No matter how many trials I've done, I never get any better at it."

— L. P. Drew



'When you have the facts on your side, you hope that justice prevails—and it did.'

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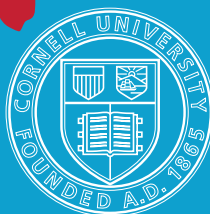


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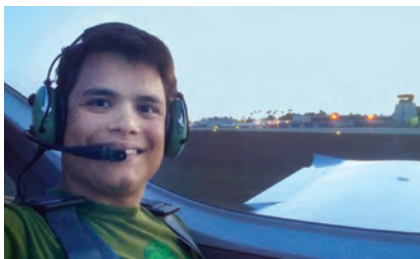
Alex Loo '06 engineers drones that capture action on the slopes



Catching air: Cape Productions uses drones (above) to video skiers and snowboarders.

If aerial drones have nightmares, there's fodder for them in the offices of Cape Productions—where a corner of the open workspace is given over to dozens of the compact, vaguely arachnoid machines in various states of disassembly and dismemberment. Visitors to this nondescript building in Redwood City, California, are likely to be greeted by the company's designated "chief security officer": Mr. Brody, a German shepherd with giant paws and a low-key disposition.

Among his colleagues are Alex Loo '06, Cape's senior systems engineer, who's helping the Bay Area start-up realize its mission of making everyday vacationers look like stuntmen in a James Bond movie. The firm, which has raised more than \$10 million in venture capital, uses drone-mounted cameras to make high-definition aerial videos of skiers and snowboarders in action—offering a cinematic perspective far beyond the reach of helmet-mounted GoPros. So far, nine resorts—including those in Winter Park, Colorado; Squaw Valley, California; and Mountain Creek, New Jersey—have signed on. "The primary customers are people who'd normally get pictures taken by the on-mountain photographers," Loo explains. "A lot of ski resorts are actively banning personal drones, so we're partnering



Engineer Alex Loo '06 (seen in the cockpit) got a pilot's license so he could qualify to fly the drones commercially.

with them to offer the service."

A former mechanical engineering major, Loo does both hands-on tinkering with the drones—Cape buys existing models and adapts them—and computer coding. He also flies them, having earned the sports

The drones hover about thirty feet above the slopes.

pilot license that the FAA currently requires for commercial drone use—even when the aircraft fly autonomously, as Cape's do. The drones, which generally hover about thirty feet above the slopes and have crash-avoidance software that keeps them away

from obstacles like trees and chair lifts, are guided by a GPS wristband that the subjects wear as they navigate the slopes. The service costs \$100 to \$200 to record three runs; about two days later, clients receive a professionally edited highlight video of around two minutes. "It's being able to push the boundaries of applications for this technology and make it accessible to people to get the end result—the video—but in a responsible and safety-conscious way," Loo says, noting his frustration at high-profile amateur drone mishaps, like the January 2015 crash on the White House lawn, that have given the aircraft a black eye. "Ski resorts are traditionally very risk averse. They don't want to introduce anything that could open them up to safety issues."

Loo and his Cape colleagues have traveled to New Zealand to work with the U.S. ski team; recording elite athletes for training purposes is another potential market, as are other action sports like mountain biking, surfing, and waterskiing. Himself a snowboarder, Loo has served as a test subject. He calls seeing himself on aerial video "really cool"—though he admits that he's been photographed in some less-than-Olympian circumstances. "I took a little tumble," he says with a laugh. "It happens." ■

—Kitty Kemp

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Speaking Up

Advocating bystander intervention, student-run Wingman 101 trains men to help prevent sexual violence



'Bros talking to bros': Former Wingman leaders Matthew Laks '15 (left) and Brian Harwitt '15

At a Greek mixer, a student sees one of his fraternity brothers dancing with a sorority member—and both of them have clearly had way too much to drink. A few minutes later, he sees the man take the woman by the hand and start to lead her up the stairs of their fraternity house.

Should he intervene?

Equipping men to deal with such situations is the mission of Wingman 101. Overseen by Gannett Health Services and led by students, the group works to help prevent sexual assault by conducting all-male training sessions for fraternities, sports teams, residence halls, and more. Since its founding in 2008, several thousand young men have taken its hour-long program. “All the Wingman facilitators are guys who can relate to the other guys they’re talking to,” says Matthew Laks ’15, who served as the group’s president his senior year. “We’re students; we’re in frats; we play sports.” One reason Wingman’s approach works, Laks says, is that the group—whose tagline is “Bros talking to bros on issues of sexual violence”—challenges the stereotype of public-health educators as buzz-killing moralists. “We always say, ‘We’re not anti-alcohol. We’re not anti-sex. We’re not going to lecture you,’ ” says Brian Harwitt ’15, Wingman’s past vice president. “We present scenarios, help facilitate discussions, and give a tool kit on how to intervene.”

Talking about such issues in an all-male environment is essential, participants say. In a mixed-gender group, they note, men are more apt to express views they think are politically correct, rather than saying how they really feel. “When it’s just the bros, you’re going to get a lot more honesty,” says Wingman alum Garrison Lovely ’16, a former president of Delta Tau Delta who facilitated Wingman’s presentation to his fraternity. “If people are just answering because they feel like it’s the right thing to say, but they don’t agree with the underlying philosophy, I doubt they’re going to step up in a real situation.” Lovely calls Wingman “a very powerful, realistic way” of helping brothers navigate the social landscape of Greek life. “It uses a peer-to-peer format and down-

to-earth situations,” says Lovely, an ILR student from Newtown, Pennsylvania. “I think it connected with our brothers a lot more than a presentation [conducted by staffers] from Gannett, which might seem more out of touch with what’s actually happening on the ground.”

Wingman 101 promotes what’s known as “bystander intervention,” a growing movement that seeks to empower—and, to a certain extent, obligate—people to act when they witness a dangerous or even iffy situation. Laks cites the iconic example of Kitty Genovese, a young woman who was stabbed to death on a New York street in 1964. The attack was allegedly overheard by some three dozen neighbors, he notes, “but nobody called the police, because everybody thought that somebody else was going to take action.”

The scenarios that Wingman covers aren’t nearly as straightforward. They often involve social events, sexually charged situations, and alcohol—which can make it that much harder for bystanders to know what to do. That’s why it’s so important that people feel empowered to intervene before a situation escalates, Laks says. “We don’t want things to get to a point where consent is in question,” he stresses. “We want to address the issue before the consent question even becomes apparent. If something doesn’t seem right, we don’t want it to get to the point where two people are in the bed together and a guy takes advantage of a girl.”

Wingman was founded by Nina Cummings, MS ’92, Gannett’s sexual violence prevention coordinator, who recruited male undergrads to serve as its leaders; it was registered as a student organization in 2014–15, though it’s still an official Gannett program. She established Wingman, she says, in response to an evolution in understanding about how to prevent sexual assault. “There were many decades spent telling women how to protect

themselves, but when the field examined the progress—which was minimal—it shifted to engaging men and helping them understand the importance of things like consent,” Cummings explains. “We learned that men were getting defensive with education and prevention models that talked to them all as potential perpetrators. But most men are actually good eggs, and good allies. Most are simply the silent majority who don’t know what to do when they become aware

of attitudes or behaviors that could lead to sexual violence. So Wingman was based on the idea that we could create a safe place for men to talk about these issues—to take a community approach and say, ‘This is also your issue. This is hurting women that you care about, and you play a role and could actually help prevent it.’ ”

And indeed, central to Wingman’s ethos is the belief that women alone shouldn’t have to shoulder the burden of raising awareness about sexual assault. As Wingman alum Ibrahim Diallo ’16 puts it: “For such a cause, it’s really not fair to have just one side advocate for it.” Wingman, says the economics major, “does a good job of >

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bringing guys into the picture and making them feel more comfortable talking about feasible ways to prevent sexual violence.”

Cummings notes that academic analyses have found that male-to-male peer education does get the message across. As the authors of one Ohio University study put it, the program they evaluated “had an impact on self-reported sexual aggression and an effect on men’s perceptions that their peers would intervene when they encountered inappropriate behavior in others.” While no formal study has been done on Wingman’s efficacy, Cummings reports that post-session feedback often includes such comments as “Now I will know what to do” or “Now I know what to look for.” “The response has been unanimously positive, for two main reasons,” she says. “One is because it’s peer to

uations and say, ‘Maybe I’ll intervene,’ where in the past they’d just continue hanging out.” And Wingman offers practical—sometimes creative—ideas for approaching such potentially uncomfortable situations. For example, if a student wants to interrupt what he fears could be a nonconsensual encounter but wants to avoid an outright confrontation, he could knock on the bedroom door and pretend he’s tipsily looking for his cell phone. To avoid a potential damaging situation, Harwitt says, “it’s worth it to have that five or ten seconds of awkwardness.”

At the beginning of each training session, participants are asked to define the term “wingman.” The answer, Laks notes, is always more or less the same: “It’s a guy who helps you get with a girl.” But the

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peer; secondly, these guys don’t lecture. They don’t go in and tell them how to be morally superior human beings. They say, ‘We understand the reality; what is it going to take for you guys to recognize risk and act?’ ”

As part of the Wingman training, participants are given green, yellow, and red cards, then asked to indicate whether a given scenario is OK, an obvious no-go, or unclear. It’s those yellow-card cases—like the intoxicated fraternity brother and his companion—that can be the hardest to address. “You might not know the entire history; they could be a couple, or maybe it’s innocuous,” says Lovely, who also trained with Cayuga’s Watchers, the other major bystander-intervention group on campus, whose members serve as sober monitors at parties. “You can do an intermediate step, approach them and talk to them—make it clear that if either one is uncomfortable with the situation, they can step out. The idea is to get people to think critically about plausible scenarios in which somebody might be too far gone to consent, situations where they might not be able to make the best decisions for themselves.”

Another key part of Wingman’s approach is an understanding that intervening to prevent sexual assault not only keeps a woman from being victimized, but also prevents a man from becoming a perpetrator. A single poor choice, Laks and Harwitt note, can have long-lasting consequences—but a decision to intervene can have enormous benefits. “Most of our scenarios revolve around situations with alcohol, and a lot of the time people have blinders on; they’re focused on what they’re doing and not on anyone else,” Harwitt says. “We want people to look out for these risky sit-

facilitators hope that by the end, the men have a different sense of the word. “It’s redefining what a good wingman is,” says Harwitt. “It’s someone who helps everyone in the community feel comfortable, who makes sure everyone’s making smart decisions. A common misperception about our program is that people say, ‘You’re just trying to protect men,’ but we’re trying to make it safer for everyone on campus. We talk to men because this isn’t a discussion that’s often had, man to man.” ■

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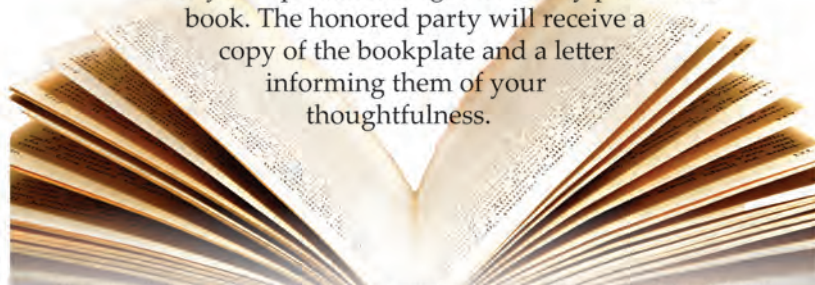
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Former astronaut Ed Lu '84 logged two shuttle missions and spent six months on the International Space Station. These days he's devoting himself to protecting Earth from a cosmic threat: the asteroids that periodically strike the planet. Lu is a co-founder of the B612 Foundation, a nonprofit that aims to build an asteroid-detecting space telescope, dubbed Sentinel. The \$450 million project has suffered some setbacks, including slow fundraising and NASA's recent termination of an agreement to provide operational assistance.



There have been two big Hollywood movies—*Armageddon* and *Deep Impact*—about asteroids striking Earth. Were they even a little accurate? For how you'd stop an incoming asteroid, no. For the consequences, maybe—although they both get wrong how big an asteroid needs to be to cause enormous damage. In one they say it's the size of Texas; well, something that size would sterilize the Earth. The one that wiped out the dinosaurs was just a little bigger than Ithaca, and it killed off 90 percent of species and heated the atmosphere to 500 degrees.

Last September a killer asteroid was allegedly headed our way. How did we survive? I hear about such predictions twenty or thirty times

a year, and let's put it this way: at any given time, there are multiple statements by uneducated sources on the Internet. I don't lose a lot of sleep over it, any more than Elvis sightings. It's really in the same category.

You could've done a lot of things after NASA. Why asteroid defense? As an astronaut, every day you look at the moon and see it's covered in craters—and you look at the Earth and realize it gets hit even more often. In fact we'd have *more* craters than the moon if it weren't for our atmosphere and oceans that cover them up. So it hits you in the gut, and you realize at some point we have to solve this problem. This is the only global-scale natural disaster we have any ability to avert.

The B612 Foundation is named for the asteroid that the title character lives on in *The Little Prince*. Why? One of the book's messages is that sometimes adults don't understand what's important; there's a phrase, "What is essential is invisible to the eye." And in fact, it's true here on Earth: maybe the most important thing is something that people never bother looking up to see.

How much danger are we in, really? These things are rare—but if you wait long enough, rare things happen. It's not just the big civilization-enders we're worried about. An explosion the size of a nuclear weapon happens every couple of decades. When you realize that solving this isn't that expensive—maybe one-quarter of 1 percent of NASA's budget, roughly the cost of a large freeway overpass—you realize it's something we ought to do.

So what can we do about it? If an asteroid is still years from Earth, the change in its speed you need to make is tiny—on the order of a few millimeters per second—and the easiest way to do that is to run into it with a spacecraft. But the real sticking point is that we have to find it first. You need to know years in advance that something's on its way.

What size asteroids should we worry about? Anything large enough to destroy a city, because asteroids smaller than that tend to explode higher in the atmosphere. The asteroid that hit in Tunguska [Siberia] in 1908 had hundreds of times the explosive energy of the Hiroshima bomb, and that was about 140 feet across.

Are governments taking this seriously enough? They're beginning to. For instance, the National Science Foundation recently funded the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope, which will find a large number of these asteroids—not all, but it's a good first step.

How is the Sentinel project going? We've made huge progress. We've built prototypes and passed our first major technical review, but we haven't been able to raise the money to build the spacecraft. We've been trying to fundraise privately, but it's been difficult. We're looking to see if there are other ways to fund this, perhaps through government support or a public-private partnership.

Is this issue especially hard to tackle because it affects the whole planet—and therefore, no one in particular? There's clearly a bit of that. I call it the "inverse tragedy of the commons": it's everybody's problem and nobody's.

Is it going to take a close call to get people's attention? I don't think so, because we're already on the way. B612 has catalyzed a lot of things in the last ten years. I believe that in the next two decades we're going to re-engineer the solar system so the third planet doesn't get hit by large asteroids anymore. I also believe that some time this century, we're going to have to deflect an asteroid for real. ■

— Beth Saulnier

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"We bring nuts in at one end," says Matthew Sade, MBA '97, "and cheese goes out the other." That modern-day alchemy happens in an industrial park in the Bay Area city of Hayward, California, in space that once housed a Shutterfly photo-printing facility. Now it's home to Kite Hill, a maker of almond-based "dairy" products that—evinced by plaintive postings on the company's Facebook page, at any rate—have vegan food lovers clamoring for more. After Kite Hill introduced its new line of yogurts late last summer, cartons were known to vanish from store shelves within hours, prompting the company to double production in an attempt to meet demand. "Why is this soooo very difficult to find?" one frustrated yogurt fan wondered on Facebook, going on to lament: "So annoying that Kite Hill products are not consistently shelved in Whole Foods as your products are seriously superior."



As business headaches go, it's an enviable one. The four-year-old company, with Sade as its CEO, has garnered numerous raves from food bloggers and the mainstream media; *Food & Wine* ran a piece about its French-style cheeses under the headline "Genius and Delicious." Until now sold only at Whole Foods stores, the company's products will soon be available at other retailers and online from its own Web store. "We're seeing a wholesale shift in consumer behavior," says Sade, noting that the market for almond milk has been growing annually while demand for the bovine version has been on the decline. "This is not a trend or a fad. This is a shift that has to occur, because the number-one contributor to greenhouse gas emissions is the animal livestock industry. Globally, we can't sustain the amount of dairy that's been consumed on a per capita basis."

But taste matters; whether consumers seek out vegan alternatives to traditional dairy-based foods for environmental reasons or for their own health, they're unlikely to stick with them if they don't please the palate. And plant-based takes on cheese, yogurt, and cream cheese have historically

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been—to put it charitably—unconvincing. "Let's be honest; non-dairy cheese has been the butt of food industry jokes since the health-food days of the Seventies," says Sade, an omnivore whose résumé includes a stint at Starbucks and the founding (and sale) of one of the nation's leading sustainable meat companies. "Today, if you go to any good natural food store, you'll find lots of non-dairy cream cheeses, and 100 percent of them are made from oil and starch. They're trying to make something that approximates the taste of cheese—as opposed to what we do, which is make cheese."

What sets Kite Hill apart from its competitors, Sade stresses, is its confluence of classic technique and modern technology. One of its founders is a Stanford biochemist, who—for the first time ever—devised a way to make cultured dairy-style products from nut milks. Rather than being processed to resemble cheese, Kite Hill's wares are produced via the same methods that have been used for centuries, except with milk from almonds rather than from a cow, sheep, or goat. "Cheese at its essence is a biochemical reaction that occurs when you add cultures and enzymes to milk, it forms a curd, and you drain the whey," he says. "No one had ever been able to form a curd from a milk that didn't come from an animal, because the protein in animal milk is very specific. Making plant-based dairy products that taste good seems like such a simple premise, but in practice it's incredibly difficult. If it'd been easy, >

PHOTO: KITE HILL

Going nuts: Matthew Sade, MBA '97 (above), is CEO of Kite Hill, maker of almond-based yogurt (top left) and aged cheese, among other vegan products.



someone would have done it before now.”

The company’s French-born cheese-maker designed its custom-built production facility, which takes almonds from California’s Central Valley and processes them into milk, which is then pasteurized and transformed into Kite Hill’s various product lines: five flavors of yogurt; two kinds of cream cheese (plain and chive); ricotta; two types of chèvre-style soft cheese (original and truffle-herb); and an aged, rinded cheese resembling a young Camembert, albeit with a more tofu-like consistency. Kite Hill also sells fresh ravioli and cheesecake made with its ricotta, which are produced at an outside facility. (Additional products are in the works; Sade let CAM into Kite Hill’s test kitchen to sample some of them in September, but swore us to secrecy.) Prices range from just under \$2 for a carton of yogurt to around \$10 for a four-ounce cheese round, roughly the size of a hockey puck.

For Sade and his colleagues, one abiding source of frustration is that—thanks to the federal Milk and Milk Products Act of 1947—Kite Hill can’t actually label its products as “cheese.” Although it can use the terms “ricotta” and “cream cheese style spread,” it has to call its hand-made cheese rounds an “artisan almond milk product”—which doesn’t exactly trip off the tongue. “It’s linguistic gamesmanship that we play, lest we run afoul of government regulations,” says Sade, noting that some other purveyors resort to labeling their wares as “cheez.” “It’s terrible. There’s no taste appeal in the word ‘product.’ ”

And what of the alleged ills of the almond industry, which has been slammed for its water-guzzling ways—particularly the startling statistic that it takes a gallon to produce a single nut—as California endures an ongoing drought? Sade offers a number of counterarguments, including the fact that the state’s number-one agricultural water user is alfalfa, which is grown to feed dairy cows. “Anytime you replace traditional dairy with a plant-based product, it’s a net positive for the environment,” he insists. “We don’t pollute the water or air; in fact, the trees sequester carbon, which is the antithesis of what cows do. I don’t think anyone would argue that almonds aren’t a thirsty crop—but they’re exponentially less thirsty than cows.” ■

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Big Red Highlights

WOMEN'S SOCCER The start of the season was not only a historic one for the Big Red, it was also the best in the nation. The squad (seen celebrating at right) enjoyed an 8-0-3 run and was the last NCAA Division I team to suffer a loss. It was also the last Division I team to yield a goal, holding its opponents scoreless for 1,054 minutes and 19 seconds before giving up a goal to Wagner in game 10. Cornell ended the season 9-4-4 and was fifth in the Ivies, its best league finish since 1996.



Kelsey Tierney '17,
a first-team
All-Ivy goalie



FIELD HOCKEY Marisa Siergiej '16 was named Ivy League Defensive Player of the Year, making her the first Big Red athlete to win such an award. She was also a unanimous first-team All-Ivy selection, becoming one of just three Cornell field hockey players to receive the honor three times. (The others are Amy Wright '94 and Catie De Stio '11, seen above.) Taylor Standiford '16, meanwhile, broke her own single-season school record with 13 assists and will graduate with the University's career record of 40.

FENCING & FOOTBALL Angelica Gangemi '16 and Luke Hagy '16 shared the 2015 Richie Moran Award, presented annually to senior members of the Red Key Society (Cornell's honor society for varsity athletes) who distinguish themselves through "academics, athletics,

and ambassadorship." A fencer, Gangemi has participated in three NCAA tournaments, represented the U.S. in the World University Games last summer, and carries a 3.74 GPA with a major in Spanish and a minor in Latin American studies. Hagy, a football running back, is the first player in Big Red history to amass 1,000 career yards in both rushing and receiving.

POLO David Eldredge '81 became the first Big Red coach to reach 900 wins when the women's team beat Skidmore 22-8 to open the 2015-16 season. Now in his 31st season as Cornell's men's and women's polo coach, Eldredge has guided Big Red teams to 13 national titles and 36 national championship appearances and has had just one sub-.500 finish in a combined 58 seasons.

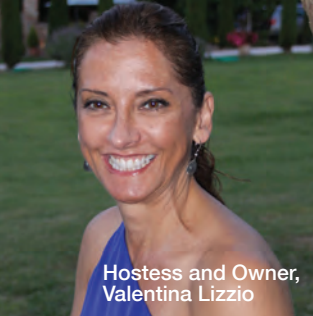
Alumni News

MEN'S BASKETBALL Former Cornell guard Cody Toppert '05 has been named an assistant coach for the Rio Grande Valley Vipers of the NBA Development League; the team is an affiliate of the Houston Rockets. Toppert helped the Albuquerque Thunderbirds to the 2006 D-League Championship before playing professionally in Europe and New Zealand.

TRACK AND FIELD Former Big Red team captain Max King '02 won his second straight Warrior Dash world championship in October, earning \$30,000 for topping a field of more than 500 runners over a five-kilometer obstacle course that includes walls and mud pits. His time of 27:52.45 in Pulaski, Tennessee, was nearly 30 seconds faster than the runner-up. King previously won international competitions in mountain and trail running and participated in the World Cross Country Championships.

FOOTBALL Bryan Walters '10 became the first Cornellian in 28 years to score an NFL touchdown when he pulled in a 20-yard scoring pass during the Jacksonville Jaguars' 28-23 loss to the New York Jets on November 8. Walters signed with the Jaguars after three seasons with the Seattle Seahawks that included a Super Bowl win and two NFC championships. The previous alum who scored an NFL touchdown was John Tagliaferri '86 for the Miami Dolphins in 1987. Seth Payne '97 was the last Cornellian to score points in the league, being credited for a safety in 2002.

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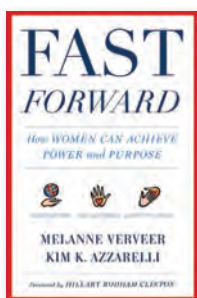


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Forty-four writers from the Finger Lakes region—including numerous Cornellians—contributed to this compilation of memoirs, short stories, essays, and journalism articles. “We may live in the Finger Lakes,” the introduction notes, “but our imaginations wander far.”

The volume includes a short story by English professor emerita and Pulitzer Prize winner Alison Lurie about a powerful—perhaps even cursed—blue slip loaned to a bride on her wedding day. In an excerpt from her book *Cultivating Delight*, Diane Ackerman, MFA ’73, PhD ’79, describes the relationship between humans and nature. Former CAM associate editor Paul Cody, MFA ’87, offers a memoir about a disorienting stint in rehab, while English professor emeritus James McConkey ponders the essential nature of nostalgia. “I like that everyone in Ithaca has a secret enthusiasm—and one in which they are often more proficient than in their proverbial day work,” English professor emeritus Kenneth McClane ’73, MA ’74, MFA ’76, writes in an essay entitled “Hopes and Dreams.” “There are sociologists who are world-renowned photographers and Nobel prize-winning scientists who are superb poets. Still, it is a *small* city. For those of us who came of age in a *large* urban area, Ithaca seems a metropolis in training.”



Fast Forward

Kim AzzARELLi '93

Through interviews with more than seventy influential women, Azzarelli and her co-author detail how women can harness their growing economic power to achieve success. “Women are critical agents in creating economic growth and social progress,” they write. “Yet in the circles in which we traveled, it often felt as if few others saw that potential in women.”

Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton wrote the foreword for the book, which *Kirkus* calls “a durable contribution to the continued efforts to effect change for women.”



Cheddar

GoRdon EdGAR '89

From the author of *Cheesemonger: A Life on the Wedge* comes this narrative about the history of cheddar in the United States. Edgar is a longtime cheese buyer for San Francisco's Rainbow Grocery Cooperative and a frequent judge at national cheese competitions. “Cheddar spans the regional and class differences in the United States,” he writes,

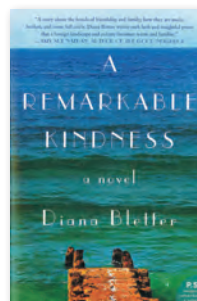
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Violent outbursts

thAddeus RutKowsKi '76

A past finalist for the Asian American Literary Award, Rutkowski won the Members' Choice Award from the Asian American Writers' Workshop for his novel *Haywire*. This literary collection of more than eighty ultra-short essays touches on subjects ranging from bird-watching to UFOs to hula lessons to—in a meta touch—writer's block. “I didn't like the pen I had been using—it contained a cylinder you had to twist to expose the ball point,” he writes in the latter piece. “I had spent most of my day twisting the cylinder back and forth, extruding and retracting the point, rotating and rolling the barrel, but not writing anything.”



A Remarkable Kindness

diAnA BletteR '78

Bletter's latest novel centers around four women who each move to a seaside village in Israel for different reasons: marriage, a new beginning on the heels of a divorce, escape from a public affair, and adventure after college. They form a strong friendship when they join a traditional burial circle, preparing the dead for interment. “Death was quiet. So calm and unruffled” the book's narrator observes. “It was almost as if the mystery of life could be found within that silence.” Bletter, herself an American-born Israel resident and volunteer in a burial circle, was shortlisted for a National Jewish Book Award for *The Invisible Thread: A Portrait of Jewish American Women*.



mad men unzipped

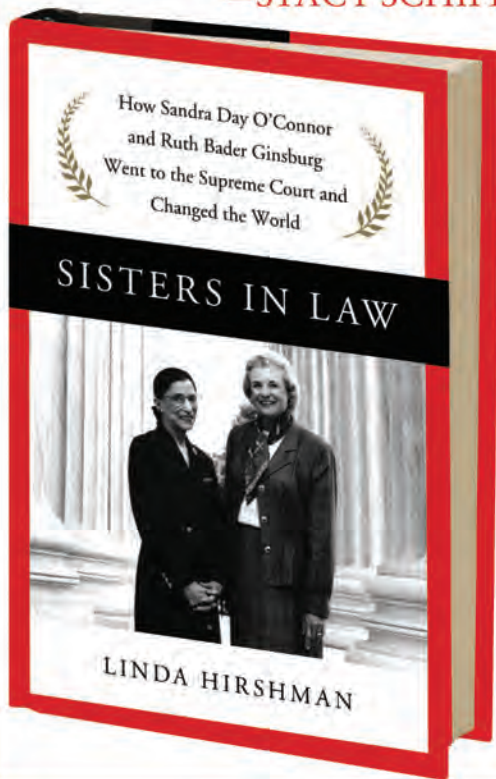
Cynt HIA Vinney '01

Co-authored with three other psychologists—all devoted fans of “Mad Men”—Vinney's book explores the complex relationship between the popular drama and its followers. They examine fan fiction cocktail mixology, vintage furniture collecting, and perspectives from modern-day advertising professionals to determine how fans incorporate the show into their lives. “When ‘Mad Men’ hit the airwaves in the fall of 2007, the bold, brash outrageousness of the show started a buzz,” notes the introduction. “Who were these chain-smoking, three-martini-lunching hipsters from a bygone era? More importantly, what could they tell us about ourselves?”

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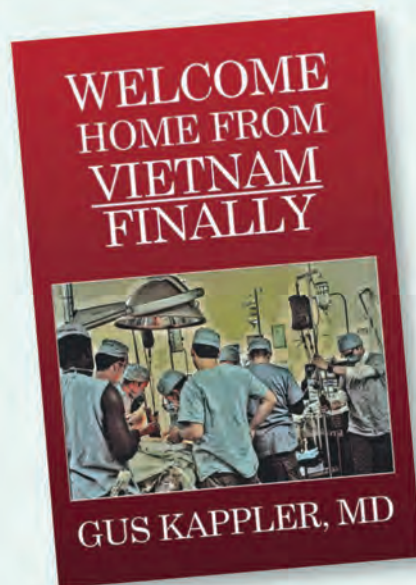



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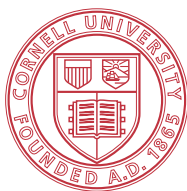
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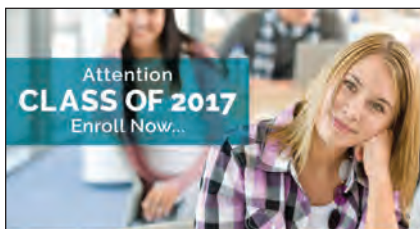
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BetaTest

The Cornell Tech campus on Roosevelt Island doesn't open until 2017—but its grand experiment in graduate education is well under way

By **Beth Saulnier**

photos by **John Abbott**

In a basement gym on Roosevelt Island, grad students in matching white T-shirts are teaching Halloween-costumed middle schoolers how to design their own video games.

At a nearby construction site, three state-of-the-art academic buildings are rising amid the clatter of moving steel and pouring concrete.

On the thirty-eighth floor of a Manhattan skyscraper, a half-dozen start-ups are launching their businesses from offices with sweeping city views.

And in borrowed quarters in Google's Chelsea building, a cadre of students and faculty are pioneering a bold experiment in graduate education.

Welcome to the University's most prominent work in progress. Cornell Tech

has been moving ahead at breakneck speed since December 2010, when then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced a competition to build a graduate technical campus on city-owned land on Roosevelt Island—and the University swiftly resolved to be a contender. Cornell won the bid a year later, amid much rejoicing both upstate and down.

Fast forward to today: a mere four years on, the campus has granted dozens of master's degrees. Some 150 current students and about twenty faculty are crammed elbow to elbow in temporary space donated by Google. Tech professors have ongoing research projects in a wide variety of fields, including numerous collaborations with their colleagues in Ithaca. Construction on Tech's permanent

home is proceeding rapidly, and two new degree programs—one in law, the other in operations research—are scheduled to begin in the fall. Even students who'll never study on Roosevelt Island are reaching out into its community, with events like the middle-school "code-a-thon" held there in late October. "Things are cruising along," says Dan Huttenlocher, Tech's founding dean. "It's great. It's a place now. The last time I talked to [CAM], it was a figment of somebody's imagination."

From the beginning, Cornell Tech was envisioned as a different kind of campus. For one thing, it's in the middle of the East River. Although its home island is only about 3,000 feet from Manhattan proper—the Tech campus is across the water from the Medical College, which >



On the rise (left): Even as just a steel frame, the Bloomberg Center offers a commanding view of Manhattan. Above: The Roosevelt Island construction site in mid-November, with the Bloomberg Center at right and the residential tower at left.



'We have license to do a lot of things in a new way; in fact, we have a mandate to do that. We're also willing to fail and to learn from our experiences.'



Googling it: Tech's temporary home in Chelsea includes collaborative work areas, meeting spaces, and classrooms.



Office space: As in the tech sector, faculty work in a communal environment, often adjacent to their PhD students or support staff.

is located on the borough's Upper East Side—it's only accessible from there via the subway's F train or an aerial tram. To drive there, you have to take a bridge from Queens.

But logistics aside, Tech was designed to be different on a cultural level: it would have one foot in academia and the other in the rapidly evolving Internet sector. If a traditional university changes slowly—shifting course gradually, like an oil tanker—Tech would be swift and nimble, like a yacht. “We have license to do a lot of things in a new way; in fact, we have a mandate to do that,” says Mor Naaman, a social media expert who was among Tech's early faculty hires. “We're also willing to fail and to learn from our experiences. One of the great things about this place is that we can evaluate ourselves very quickly, and we can change to make it better.”

Like most Tech faculty, Naaman also has an appointment in a department on the Ithaca campus—in his case, information science. The exceptions are some professors in the campus's Jacobs Technion–Cornell Institute, a partnership between the University and the Technion–Israel Institute of Technology that offers master's degrees granted jointly by the two institutions, who have appointments at the Technion. “It's a great opportunity here in that we start almost fresh, but with the Cornell and Technion brands—the name, heritage, connections, network, alumni, and reputation,” says the Israeli-born Naaman, whose résumé includes a research stint at Yahoo and a career in pro basketball. “We can try new things, and have the gravitas of Cornell and Technion behind us.”

Ask just about anyone at Tech—the 150 or so master's and PhD candidates; the roughly two dozen faculty; the ten postdocs—and they're likely to describe the campus in a similar way: not only is it preparing students to work at the intersection of technology and entrepreneurship, but it's a start-up in its own right. “There are a thousand things going on—there's this lively buzz,” says Michael Karp, MBA '15, who was in the first class of Johnson School students to earn their degrees at Tech through a one-year program. “People are always hanging out and working collectively, even if there are no classes going on. It felt like it almost served as a home base for this start-up ecosystem, which I found to be rare in an academic environment.”

Karp is chief operating officer of DogStar, which is designing and marketing a device to interpret canine emotions by tracking tail movements. The start-up began as one of the collaborative projects that Tech students do as a key part of their education: mixed teams of MBAs, engineers, and computer scientists develop products and business concepts, with advice and feedback from industry mentors. >

Matter of Degrees

Tech's educational offerings

PhD

Cornell Tech currently hosts PhD candidates in four fields: computer science, information science, electrical and computer engineering, and operations research. Applicants are admitted through the same process as their Ithaca counterparts, and become affiliated with Tech if their thesis adviser is based there.

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The Jacobs Technion–Cornell Institute offers the two-year “MS in IS” in two fields. Health Tech involves such topics as using mobile devices to improve medical outcomes; Connective Media focuses on the convergence of communication, information, and media.

MEng in Computer Science

A one-year program, Tech's MEng is geared toward students with a background in computer science or a related technical field and a strong interest in entrepreneurship.

Johnson Cornell Tech MBA

Conferred by the Johnson School, the one-year business degree requires students to spend the summer taking classes in Ithaca before moving to New York.

Master of Laws

Launching in fall 2016 in partnership with the Law School, the LLM degree will focus on the interface of law, technology, and entrepreneurship. It is tailored to practicing attorneys or recent JD grads.

MEng in Operations Research and Information Engineering

Also debuting in fall 2016, the MEng in ORIE takes a tech-focused approach to the science of decision-making in complex environments.

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Privileged position: Tech's start-up incubator on the thirty-eighth floor of the New York Times building hosts teams of alumni and postdocs—who have enviable views of the city skyline.

Founding Father

A chat with inaugural dean Dan Huttenlocher



What has it been like for you to lead Cornell Tech from the ground up? It's an amazing opportunity; I don't think there's anything like it in higher education. It has been a fun ride. You're building something new—from the initial three or four people camping out in a Cornell office in Midtown to when we moved into the third floor of the Google building in summer 2012 and were a dozen people in 20,000 square feet, just rattling around. Now we have 130 master's students and about ten staff in that space, so it's pretty full. For me, the big change is that I'm managing an organization. At the beginning I was either doing everything myself or being involved in everything that got done. Now, 90 percent of what happens here, I'm completely clueless about. [He laughs.] Which is more what a dean's job is usually like.

Faculty here sit in an open-plan office, which is much more common in the tech sector than in academia. Do you like it? I could not go back to a private office. This is a dynamic environment where you see the work happening, you see people engaging and doing things. There's a lot of energy from having a bunch of people in one place.

Both Tech and the Ithaca campus offer a one-year master of engineering [MEng] in computer science. How are they different? The most explicit difference is that we require our students to take the project-based and entrepreneurially based portions of the curriculum. There are all kinds of great opportunities in Ithaca to do something entrepreneurial, but those are options; we require it. Our students build products in both semesters and end up with a portfolio—not just course projects, but actual things that users might be interested in.

Could you contrast the faculty experience on the two campuses? The biggest difference is that we're building infrastructure here to support faculty and their research teams' engagement outside academia. One big example is the Foundry, our in-house product-development team [of designers, product managers, and software engineers], which takes faculty research ideas and gives them more professional resources.

Given that Upstate New York isn't for everybody, one of the proposed benefits of each was that an urban campus would give Cornell access to talent it couldn't otherwise attract. Is that being borne out? We've certainly hired faculty here who would never have gone to Ithaca, and we've retained faculty who would have left Cornell. There are people who love cities and people who hate them. So the fact that the University has both campuses means that it broadens the set of people who apply. It's a powerful combination.

If you could teleport yourself to the future and visit Cornell Tech when it's completely built out, what would you hope to see? It's going to be the defining graduate school for the digital age, much like Cornell was one of the defining schools for engineering. The Sibley School was one of the first mechanical arts departments, and there are now engineering schools at almost every major university in the country. This is that level of change in higher education—and we're the trailblazers.

Last spring, DogStar was one of the lucky crop of projects that won seed funding and a year's residency in Tech's incubator space. Located in the New York Times building, the open-plan offices come complete with giant windows and an eye-popping view. "I've never seen a co-working space in New York that's this large and prestigious," marvels Rachel Mayer, MEng '15, co-founder of another of those start-ups, a mobile platform for stock trading dubbed Trigger. "From a marketing or investor standpoint, when we bring people here, it puts us on a different level." Mayer majored in math at MIT and spent

four years on Wall Street before matriculating at Tech, where she was in the second-ever class of MEng students in computer science. "It seemed so perfect for what I was looking for—both for pursuing your own ideas while taking technical classes, as well as engaging the start-up community in New York," she says. "The faculty have experience in both academia and industry, and it was great to be able to work closely with them on projects and get the kind of absolutely untouchable advice that you wouldn't otherwise have at another large academic institution."

Trigger and DogStar are among

about a dozen companies that have already spun off from Tech—roughly half of them started by master's alumni, the other half by postdocs in the Jacobs Institute. The campus's status as an economic engine is no accident: a major impetus for the Roosevelt Island competition was to spur the city's tech sector, with the aim of fostering Gotham's answer to Silicon Valley. And indeed, Huttenlocher says, those initial start-ups employ some seventy-five people. "For this early a stage—and you have to remember, we have less than a hundred alumni—to have ten or twelve companies, that is >

Green Acres

The Roosevelt Island campus aims to be eco-friendly



Island time: The Bloomberg Center (at left in the above rendering), residential tower (at center), and The Bridge (at right) are under construction. Below middle: An aerial shot of the campus. Below right: Tech will boast sweeping views.

When fully built out circa 2043, the Cornell Tech campus will have two million square feet of buildings on its twelve-acre site, which includes park-like green space open to the public. Currently, the first three buildings are under construction, scheduled for completion for fall semester 2017. A fourth structure included in the initial phase of development, the Verizon Executive Education Center, is slated for completion in 2019.

BLOOMBERG CENTER

Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Thom Mayne, the four-story, 160,000-square-foot academic building is planned to have “net zero” energy use, generating its own power with rooftop panels and employing geothermal heating and cooling.

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING

The world’s first residential high-rise built to “Passive House” environmental standards, the structure will be 270 feet high and offer 350 units for students, faculty, and staff.

THE BRIDGE

Built to LEED Silver environmental standards, this “corporate co-location” facility will bring together tech entrepreneurs with students and faculty.



just crazy,” he says. “I would never have predicted that much start-up activity.”

Cornell Tech, says Huttenlocher, was designed to be “a very porous organization”—not only across disciplines, but between academia and the outside world. “In the digital age, that’s a particularly important change from the big industry of the last century and a half,” he says. “Things moved slowly; it took decades to get from the research lab to a product. It took huge amounts of capital to build the factories to produce things. That’s not the world we’re in today, which is very dynamic and flexible.” Many of Tech’s faculty have extensive industry experience—like Ari Juels, a cybersecurity expert who spent seventeen years at RSA, a network security firm, before joining the Jacobs Institute in 2014. “I like to develop technologies that are used in the real world, and this seemed to be baked into the Cornell Tech mission,” he says of what attracted him to the job. “In general, there’s a pretty large gap between academic research and industry’s needs and practice, and Cornell Tech is trying to close that.”

During fall semester, student teams work on what are known as “company challenges”—collaborating on assignments for such firms as Uber, MasterCard,

and Twitter. Last fall, for example, Weight Watchers sought ways to encourage young people to eat better and be more active, prompting a Tech team to design a colorful app where teens earn virtual “apples” for healthy choices. During spring semester, students devise their own projects, often with an eye toward spinning them off into viable start-ups. “Projects are really the highlight of the entire program, and of the Cornell Tech approach,” says Shawn Bramson, a second-year student in the “alpha” class of the Jacobs Institute’s connective media program. “Over the twenty courses I will have taken for graduation, I’ll have had one exam; everything else is project-based.”

Bramson is currently focused on his own start-up: Palette, which is developing a retainer-like device that lets quadriplegics use a smartphone—and whatever is connected to it, such as lights or a thermostat—via tongue control. The project, which Bramson started with three other connective media students, began in a course on human-computer interaction; now, the team has a prototype and is working with disabled people to refine it. “Unlike a typical program, Cornell Tech is focused expressly on accelerating its students out into the workforce, either in a big setting—like the Googles and Facebooks of the world—or a small company, either an existing start-up or one of our own,” Bramson says. “Now more than ever, the tech industry needs people with interdisciplinary skills—who have not just the ability to ‘code their hearts out’ and propose a business plan, but the understanding to ask, ‘What is technically feasible, and how does that impact the market?’ So it’s an exciting time.” ■



Community outreach: On the day before Halloween, Tech students (in white T-shirts) taught Roosevelt Island middle schoolers (in black shirts and costumes) how to design their own video games with a user-friendly program called Scratch.

Areas of Interest

A sampling of faculty research

‘SMALL DATA’

Deborah Estrin, who has a joint appointment in public health at the Medical College, is harnessing the data your smartphone generates—be it GPS info on how far you walk or a grocery app that knows what you buy—to help improve your health.

WHO’S THAT BIRD?

In collaboration with the Lab of Ornithology, computer science professor Serge Belongie helped develop Merlin Bird Photo ID, which uses computer vision technology to identify feathered friends.

PLAY IT SAFE

Tech has numerous faculty working in the field of cybersecurity, on issues ranging from better encryption methods to a new form of cryptocurrency to improving safety in the cloud.

SHARE ALIKE

Mor Naaman, director of the Connective Media program at the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute, is studying ways to build the social infrastructure of peer-to-peer economies—for example, urban dwellers sharing resources like power tools or a car.

INSIDE LOOK

Computer vision expert Ramin Zabih, who has a joint appointment in radiology at the Medical College, works on improving imaging technologies such as MRIs.

MAN AND MACHINE

Nicola Dell, who studies human-computer interaction, uses technology to aid underserved populations, such as a social media platform for low-income blind people in India or a text-messaging system to improve prenatal care in Kenya.



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Sign of the TIMES

Jennifer Huret Dulski '93, MBA '99, is president and COO of the online petition site change.org

By Beth Saulnier



In high school, Jennifer Huret Dulski '93, MBA '99, coxed the men's crew team. When she got to Cornell, she wanted to do the same—but she was told that women weren't eligible. She asked if she could at least try out, and got turned down.

For a lot of freshmen, that would've been the end of it; for Dulski, it was just the beginning. She started arguing her case up the chain of command, from coaches to the director of athletics himself. The answer was still no.

Determined to cox, she joined the women's team—leading a Big Red boat that would go on to win a national championship. Then, some three months into fall semester, the phone rang. "I got a call from the athletic director, who said, 'We've thought about it, and we think you're right; we're going to change the policy,'" Dulski recalls with a grin. "At that point I had already integrated pretty deeply into the women's team and felt loyal to them, so I didn't end up changing to the men's. But today, the majority of coxswains on the men's team at Cornell and most other universities are women. They're quite good at it."

It was, arguably, Dulski's first successful campaign. And more than two decades later—as head of the world's leading online petition site—she's helping millions of other people advocate for their own causes. Dulski is president and chief operating officer of change.org, the social media company that lets users target decision makers, make specific demands, garner support from like-minded people around the globe, and quantify the results.

Want to stop the use of juvenile solitary confinement? Create a National Girl in Science Day? Convince Target and JC Penney to close on Thanksgiving? Draft Jon Stewart to moderate a presidential debate? Put swimmer Greg Louganis on a Wheaties box? All those petitions, and thousands of others, were soliciting signatures on change.org's website late last fall. Each of the site's petitions is directed to a specific person or entity, from President Obama to Old Navy. And when the campaigns are successful—as when 166,882 signatures prompted Taco Bell to commit to cage-free eggs—change.org verifies the result before tallying it in the win column. "We have more than 100 million people using the platform around the world, and we have almost one victory an hour," Dulski says. "They might be small and in their local neighborhood, or they might be a massive global campaign. It is impact, at scale, in a very direct sense."

Based in San Francisco—Dulski's hometown—and with offices worldwide, change.org tends to attract socially progressive causes, but it's designed as a neutral platform; the only restrictions are prohibitions against hate speech, incitement to violence, defamation, and the like. Dulski points out that, for example, change.org hosts petitions on both sides of the gun control debate; the same goes for the controversial reality program "19 Kids and Counting," whose conservative Christian stars faced a child-molestation scandal >



Big Red memories (clockwise from above): Jen Dulski (center right) with classmates at Commencement, as a Cayuga Heights firefighter, and with her crew teammates (Dulski, the coxswain, is third from left).



Different Strokes

Jen Dulski calls coxing crew ‘the single best leadership training I’ve had in my whole career.’ Here are three of her favorite lessons.

A team is made up of individuals “In a race, you have to be able to give people feedback, in real time and in the presence of their peers. Each person in the boat is also an individual, and they’re motivated by different things. Some really like to be cheered on, while other people like cold, hard, direct, honest feedback.”

Know when to call a “power ten” “In crew, that’s when people pull even harder than they have for the rest of the race for ten strokes. You can only do it so many times, because they’ll be exhausted—but if you don’t ever do it, you don’t get the most out of the team. I’ve used that analogy a lot: periodically you want to call a power ten—to launch a product or hit a big metric—but you have to choose those moments wisely.”

Take one for the team “As a leader, you have to be willing to be vulnerable, and also be held responsible and accountable. In rowing, when you win a race, the coxswain is actually thrown into the water; there’s this sense that your leader is willing to go all out and be there for you.”

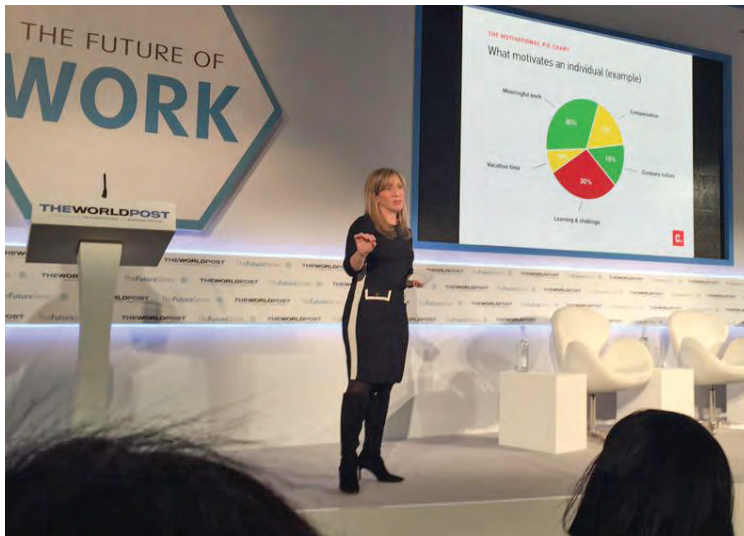
last year. “We have people who want that show off the air and people who want it to stay on,” Dulski says, “and they’re equal in size.”

Change.org hosts petitions about gravely serious matters, like preventing female genital mutilation and protecting Syrian refugees—and more lighthearted ones, like resurrecting Patrick Dempsey’s character “McDreamy” on ABC’s “Gray’s Anatomy.” (While the latter garnered more than 108,000 signatures, Dulski notes, “unfortunately, it was not successful—but some of the reasons people put for signing it were longer and more impassioned than on a lot of others.”) Although the company has a “.org” domain, it’s a for-profit enterprise; it earns revenue from petitioners who pay for additional exposure as well as from “sponsored campaigns” by companies, nonprofits, political candidates, and others. “We often say that the .org is about our mission, not our tax structure,” Dulski says. “We are a ‘B-corporation,’ which is a company for social good.” Its investors—to the tune of \$50 million—include such bold-faced names as Richard Branson, Bill Gates, and Arianna Huffington.

At change.org’s offices, located down the street from the famed Anchor Brewing Company in San Francisco’s Potrero Hill neighborhood, there’s a feature called the Values Wall. Polaroids of the staff surround the company’s seven operating principles—they include “We think big,” “We embrace openness,” and “We serve with passion”—which Dulski helped craft after her arrival in January 2013. In her modest office, two framed pictures embody her own essential tenets: be optimistic, and don’t be afraid to fail. One is a drawing noting that since a half-filled glass actually comprises both water and air, “technically, the glass is always full.” Another depicts one of Dulski’s favorite movie scenes; it’s from *Meet the Robinsons*, a 2007 Disney film about a time-traveling scientist. “He invents a gun that sprays peanut butter and jelly onto a sandwich, and he demonstrates it and it goes everywhere; his whole family is covered in PB&J, and there’s this horrible, painful pause. But then they all break into applause and say, ‘You failed! You failed! It’s amazing!’ ” Dulski says, her voice rising to mimic a cheer. “The whole point is to keep moving forward.” And in fact, she notes, change.org staffers are encouraged to highlight their unsuccessful ideas at a regular event known as the Festival of Failure. “The idea is, if you’re going to fail, make a big deal out of it. Celebrate it, so other people can learn from what you did. Because if all you do is say, ‘I failed and I don’t want to tell anyone,’ then nobody learns.”

As Dulski describes it, her personal history was the ideal training ground for her current job. From childhood, she got life lessons from her dad (Robert Huret ’65, a venture capitalist) such as, “Never apologize at the beginning of a sentence” and the pithy-but-effective “Don’t work with jerks.” Her mother was also a strong role model: she became a management consultant after earning an MBA at night while juggling two kids and a full-time job in speech pathology. In Sunday school, Dulski was a teacher’s assistant; as a teen, she taught English as a Second Language and volunteered with a nonprofit that helps prepare underserved students for college. “I’ve pretty much been a teacher-slash-coach ever since I was a kid,” Dulski observes. “My whole life has been about empowering other people to be their best.”

At Cornell, Dulski majored in psychology, marched against apartheid, and spent two years as a research assistant in Aegean dendrochronology, a field that uses tree rings to date ancient archeological sites. She also joined the fire department in Cayuga Heights, the village adjacent to North Campus. At five feet tall, she recalls, “I was smaller than anyone else who had ever joined, and they had to order custom boots for me. So that was my claim to fame—that I had to get the smallest pair of boots.” The fire-fighting gig was part of a conscious effort to get out of her comfort zone; another was spending her junior fall studying rainforest ecology in the Brazilian Amazon, a destination she chose after mining the study abroad catalogues for the most challenging program she could find. She learned



Featured speaker: Dulski at a London conference in 2015

Portuguese from scratch, slept in a hammock, had no electricity or plumbing, and foraged for food. Oh, and there were snakes. And tarantulas. “My theory was that I had this unique opportunity at Cornell to push myself in different directions and try different things,” Dulski says. “I had this mantra: ‘If I can do this, I can do anything.’”

After graduation, she taught high school and founded an educational nonprofit’s Pittsburgh branch. It was the mid-Nineties—the Internet’s infancy—and she still remembers the day that a colleague told her about a website called yahoo.com. “She actually wrote it for me on a Post-It note and stuck it to my computer,” Dulski recalls. “I started using it, and I just fell in love with the idea that the Internet could bring impact to people at scale.” She decided an MBA would help her launch a career in Silicon Valley, so she came back to the Hill, where she and her husband (Leonard Dulski, MBA ’99) both enrolled in the Johnson School. She went on to spend eight years at Yahoo in marketing and management, then founded a startup—Dealmap, a shopping-discount aggregator—that was acquired by Google in 2011. She worked in product management at Google for a year and a half before moving to change.org—an organization whose mission she describes as “exactly what I have been looking for the whole time.”

The mother of two teenage daughters, Dulski eschews the term “work-life balance.” Instead, she calls it a “work-life mash-up.” “I don’t feel like trying to find a balance is a reasonable thing,” she explains. “I do the best I can. I’ve learned over the years that the guilt I feel is within my control—

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so I choose to feel less. None of us can be perfect. There are times when I’m at work and I wish I could be home, and there are times when I’m at home and wish I could be at work. I don’t beat myself up over it, because that adds no value to anybody.” Dulski doesn’t bristle at queries about how she juggles work and family, though she has fielded them more times than she can count. “I am not actually offended by that question,” she says, “because people genuinely want to know what works.” But she has less patience about being boxed into the category of “women in tech” at panel discussions and on who’s-who lists. “It creates an excuse to not put women in other places where they should be,” Dulski observes. “It’s convenient at every conference just to have a ‘women in tech’ panel, and you can put the women there. We’ll know we’ve made it when we stop having lists and panels just for women. That’s the thing I’m working to change.” ■

Petition Drives

A sampling of change.org ‘victories’

Open Door Policy

After a mother appealed to the Boy Scouts of America to allow her openly gay son to become an Eagle Scout, the organization ended its ban on gay youth.

Supporter S: 479,736



Vital Organs

A policy change allowed adult lungs to be transplanted into children, saving the life of a ten-year-old girl.

Supporter S: 373,116

Fee Free

A twenty-two-year-old nanny convinced Bank of America to drop a \$5 per month fee for using a debit card.

Supporter S: 306,888



Justice for trayvon

The State of Florida brought murder charges against the neighborhood watch volunteer who killed unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin. (The man was eventually acquitted.)

Supporter S: 2,278,945

Water Logged

In the wake of concerns about the treatment of animals at Sea World, country star Willie Nelson canceled a performance at the park.

Supporter S: 9,198



Viva Vegans

Ben & Jerry’s pledged to introduce a non-dairy ice cream in 2016.

Supporter S: 28,432

Size Acceptance

When negative comments by Abercrombie & Fitch’s CEO about plus-sized teens sparked outrage, the company agreed to sell XL and XXL clothing.

Supporter S: 80,783



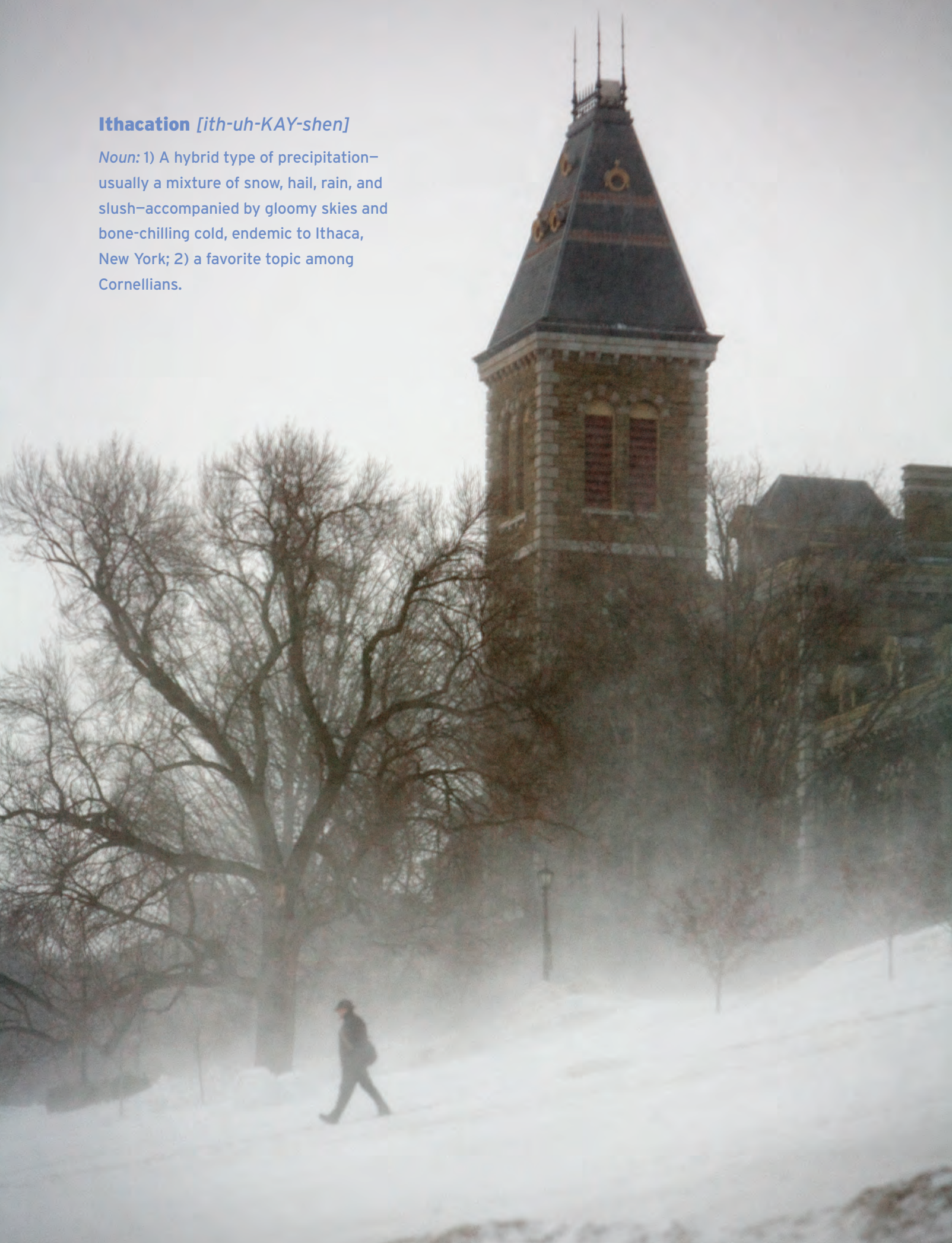
‘Bully’ Pulpit

The Motion Picture Association of America changed the rating of a documentary about bullying from R to PG-13, allowing affected youth to see it.

Supporter S: 523,461

Ithacation [*ith-uh-KAY-shen*]

Noun: 1) A hybrid type of precipitation—usually a mixture of snow, hail, rain, and slush—accompanied by gloomy skies and bone-chilling cold, endemic to Ithaca, New York; 2) a favorite topic among Cornellians.





COLD COMFORTS

It's winter in Ithaca.
Discuss.

BY ALEXANDRA BOND '12



For as long as the University has been standing above Cayuga's waters, Cornellians have been complaining about Ithaca's winter weather—not to mention the ordeal of trudging through deep snow and slush (uphill, both ways) to get to class. Last year, the grumbling was particularly loud. Although Ithaca didn't have the record-breaking snows that buried New England, it did suffer through brutally low temperatures, with the second month of 2015 going down as the coldest February ever recorded in the city. And that's official: the figure comes from no less an authority than Mark Wysocki, MS '89, the New York State Climatologist and a senior lecturer in earth and atmospheric sciences on the Hill.

With an average temperature of 10.1 degrees Fahrenheit, Wysocki notes, February 2015 beat the runner-up—1979—by

more than an entire degree. It got so bad, in fact, that the Ithaca/Tompkins County Convention & Visitors Bureau threw up its hands and transformed its homepage into a tongue-in-cheek recommendation to decamp to the Florida Keys. ("It was honest," agency director Bruce Stoff said at the time. "It was what people were thinking.") The post went viral, crashing the bureau's website and reaching an estimated 590 million people online.

As Winter 2015–16 settled in, CAM decided to embrace the inevitable by taking a lighthearted look at East Hill's weather woes and wonders, past and present. Have a Cornell-in-winter memory you'd like to share? Post it at cornellalumnimagazine.com. As Wysocki observes: "From a meteorologist's standpoint, you don't get bored living in Ithaca." >

Slippery Slope: At number twenty-four on CAM's original 1995 list of the "161 Things Every Cornell Student Should Do" is traying down Libe Slope—meaning "borrowing" a tray from a dining hall and using it as a makeshift sled. Though traying has joined swimming in the gorges as a once-beloved student pastime that is now illegal—and indeed, many of the dining halls have stopped providing trays—year after year, suspiciously smooth tracks down the slope are still known to appear overnight.



The Beebe Lake Rhino

As the (possibly apocryphal) story goes: one winter morning in the Twenties, Cornellians were surprised to find a set of large animal tracks leading across campus to a hole in the frozen lake, where the creature appeared to have fallen in and drowned. A zoologist examined the prints and determined that they belonged to a rhinoceros. At the time, the lake was the source of most of the drinking water on campus and many people refused to partake of it; those who did claimed it had a distinctly rhino-like aftertaste. The tracks turned out to be the work of infamous prankster Hugh Troy '26, who appropriated a professor's trash can—made from an actual rhinoceros leg—to fake the footprints.

Growing Season? Though most of Cornell Plantations' twelve specialty gardens are desolate at this time of year, its newest was designed to flourish from December to March. The Mullestein Winter Garden boasts more than 700 plants—including small conifers, birches, and willows—selected for their bark texture, winter fruit, cones, interesting growth patterns, and varied shades of green.





Remember the Blizzard of '93?

Cornell has a reputation for staying open even during the kind of nasty weather that closes schools and offices around Tompkins County—but a historic blizzard in 1993 actually forced it to shut down. At the time, Matthew Hammond '91 was working as the opening supervisor at Robert Purcell Dining and living a couple of miles away in the Village of Cayuga Heights. “The

University closed, but of course the students in the dorms had to eat, so dining didn’t close,” recalls Hammond, a government and history major who’s now an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. The county closed the roads—so Hammond had to get creative. “I borrowed my housemate’s cross-country skis and got up at four to ski into work,” he says. “It was just me and the snow plows.”

The storm, which dumped thirty inches of snow on East Hill, also looms large in the memory of Peter Saline '79, the recently retired director of the grounds department, where he worked for twenty-seven years. “I called Cornell Dining to ask them to bring us some food, and building care to get some cots for my crew,” Salino, a former environmental science major recalls. “I didn’t get home for three or four days.”



Icicles 101: NYS Climatologist Mark Wysocki offers a primer on the photogenic phenomenon, of which Ithaca seemed to have a bumper crop last winter. “If you don’t have good insulation in your attic, heat will rise up through the ceiling, warm the roof, and melt the ice,” he explains. “And if you don’t clear your gutters of the leaves from the autumn, then the water backs up, overflows, and freezes in the air as it drips off.”



“We had what I hope is our last out of door surveying lab this afternoon. In the way of clothes I wore a gauze combination, a woolen combination, a paper jacket, a corset, a muslin combination, and a petticoat and corset covering shirt waist, suit, winter coat, shoes and stockings, galoshes, gloves, muff, and hat. At 4 o’clock we decided we were too cold to stay out any longer.”

— The diary of Helen Bullard 1919,
December 3, 1917

Glove Box

A cardboard box at the Cornell Store filled with forlorn, mateless handwear seeks to help Cornellians “find that one darned lost glove that renders the remainder moot.” (The box also accepts mittens and other mislaid outerwear.) Comments on the associated Facebook page range from “Found this lonely glove right outside of B25 in Warren Hall” to “Not a glove, but Cinderella, you seem to have lost your slipper across the street from Rand and Milstein.” The latter is accompanied by a photo of a solitary women’s heel, perched atop a snow bank.

Blades of Glory

When Cayuga Lake completely froze over in the winter of 1911–12, Floyd “Flood” Newman 1912 and four friends decided to take advantage of the opportunity. They skated from the lake’s southern tip in Ithaca all the way to the northern end, roughly forty miles, before hopping on a train back home. Flood’s skates are now on display in Helen Newman Hall (which he endowed, along with Newman Lab and Newman Arboretum).



“The men here use something I never saw at home. They call them skis. They are about seven or eight feet long and they fasten one on each foot and with poles in their hands to guide them, slide down the steepest hills. It is rather dangerous, I believe, but they say it is lots of fun. Perhaps you know all about skis, but they were new to me.”

— A letter from Adelaide Taber Young 1899 to her mother, January 10, 1896



Snowy Aloha: Though Hawaii has many of the same retailers as on the mainland, “they sell summer clothes all year ’round,” notes Nicole Nakakura ’16, who hails from Kona. So Cornell’s Hawaii Club hosts an annual trip to the massive Destiny USA mall in Syracuse to help students shop for winter clothing.

“For a lot of us, when the first snow comes it’s a really magical experience,” says Nakakura, a landscape architecture major and the club’s co-president. “And then you talk to us a week later and we’re like, ‘Okay, when is this going to stop?’ ” Nakakura’s advice to incoming freshmen from tropical climes: invest in waterproof boots and a coat that covers one’s posterior. “They make all the difference.”



Heads up: An impromptu snowball fight, winter 010

By the Numbers: Ithaca Winters, 1894-2015



Average Temperature (Dec-Feb): 25.4°F
Coldest recorded temperature: -22°F
Coldest Winter (Dec-Feb): 1903-04, 19.0°F
Warmest Winter (Dec-Feb): 1931-32, 34.3°F

Last winter was the fifth-coldest on record,
with an average temperature of 19.5°F

Average seasonal snowfall: 64.4"
Snowiest winter: 1977-78, 120.7"
Least snowy: 2001-02, 25.2"



Average first day of measurable snow: November 8
Average last day of measurable snow: April 11
Earliest snowfall recorded: October 14, 1980, 0.3"
Latest snowfall recorded: May 24, 1931, 0.8"



Shovel Ready





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Lake Effect: Up until the early Fifties, when Beebe Lake stopped freezing over reliably, annual ice carnivals were held on its solid surface. Hundreds of people would attend to skate, hear bands, and enjoy refreshments in the warming sheds. Toboggan runs on the southern shore sent riders careening across the frozen lake and "broken arms and legs were not uncommon," says University Archivist Evan Earle '02, speculating that many of the injuries stemmed from collisions. Until Lynah Rink was constructed in 1957, Big Red hockey teams played on Beebe Lake, cleared by horse-drawn "zambonis" that would drag plow-like equipment across the lake to pick up ice shavings.




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This special section, a bonus issue of the university's Ezra magazine, highlights ways Cornell initiatives intersect with philanthropy and engagement of Cornell alumni, parents and friends.



DESTEFANO TAKES A LONG-TERM LOOK AT CORNELL'S FISCAL FUTURE

This past fall, President Elizabeth Garrett expanded Joanne DeStefano's role as executive vice president and chief financial officer for Cornell, adding risk-related departments to her portfolio. DeStefano discusses the university's financial challenges, access to education and the importance of philanthropy to Cornell. The full conversation is available at www.news.cornell.edu/cfo-QA.

How has managing Cornell's financial health changed in the 25 years since you joined the university?

We have seen the growth of the federal budget, at least for research, and now we've seen a decline; we've seen growth in state appropriations, and then they, too, have come back down.

We're a private university with a land-grant mission and four state colleges; therefore, we have the most diverse

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“WE HAVE THE MOST DIVERSE REVENUE SOURCES OF ANY SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY.”

revenue sources of any school in the country. This helps us during downturns because typically, with six main revenue sources (research, state appropriations, tuition, philanthropy, auxiliary services, clinical programs), it's unlikely that all six are going to be impacted at the same time.

The most significant change I have seen, though, in the past 25 years, is the university's growing presence in New York City. In 1990, the medical college represented only 25 percent of total revenues. Today, it's almost 50 percent, and that's not counting Cornell Tech. So when we think about the next 25 years, and building out Cornell Tech with an expected 2,000 students in total, the New York City campuses will generate more revenue than the Ithaca campus.

What challenges remain stemming from the 2008 financial crisis?

From an institutional, fiscal perspective, we're still coming out of the crisis. Back in 2008, Cornell was fairly highly leveraged, without much available working capital; we didn't have the flexibility to manage out of that situation. We've been fairly conservative since then, in an effort to build up our capacity, outside of the endowment, to manage market fluctuations. So we're in a much better position today than we were in 2008 or even five years ago.

One of the other balance sheet concerns is that our proportion of assets in physical plant is greater than that of most of our peers. About 30 percent of our assets is in bricks and mortar, instead of in endowment or cash or receivables, and that impacts our financial flexibility. And with a larger proportion of physical assets comes the cost of deferred maintenance, which is now a top priority here on the Ithaca campus.

Why did Cornell see the lowest return on its endowment among the Ivies in 2015?

One of the realities of our endowment is that we need to invest for the very long term, and some of our peers who have had higher investment returns invested in vehicles that

we didn't invest in until more recently. The chair of our investment committee and the chief investment officer are looking at how we can get into certain markets more than we have in the past.

How well have we done keeping a Cornell education affordable through financial aid?

We've done very well; the first initiative started just before the economic downturn, and then while we were facing the downturn, in 2009, President Skorton enhanced the program even further because he believed it was a priority to keep the cost of education affordable to any qualified applicant who wanted a Cornell education.

For undergraduate students who receive financial aid, the net tuition they are paying, on average, is less today than it was in 2008, in every aided income category. So that's something that I think Cornell should be really proud of. We've had tuition increases every year, though, so the unaided population has seen an increase in the cost of education. I think the initiative and the focus have paid off.

How does philanthropy affect Cornell's daily financial operations?

Philanthropy is extremely important to our fiscal success – particularly now, with our traditional revenue sources constrained. We depend on philanthropy, probably more today than ever before.

I think about how philanthropy contributes to our operations in three areas: the operating budget, which are funds for current use that we actually spend in a given year; facilities, to help with our construction; and gifts to endowment, which are extremely important, because they're there in perpetuity and the payout is what funds the academic programs.

Since 2009, we've been using short-term strategies to balance the budget, which is why we don't have as much financial flexibility as we would like. We need to think about our long-term strategy and, as we finish the capital campaign, focus on placing more long-term fundraising into the endowment. ■

33%

of undergraduate students borrow to finance their Cornell education in 2015; in 2007 it was 43%

\$23K

average undergraduate student debt at Cornell upon graduation in 2015; national average is \$28,000, and Cornell's median student debt incurred is \$16,000

125 Students who spent a November weekend on campus brainstorming, coding and meeting with local nonprofits as part of “Random Hacks of Kindness,” sponsored by Entrepreneurship at Cornell and Accenture.

The event included 10 non-profit partners who pitched their real-world problems to students, kicking off a 36-hour hackathon that ended with final presentations and diverse team solutions.

90 Age at which Benjamin Franco Suarez completed his sociology Ph.D. at Cornell this

past fall. He had been working on his doctorate at Cornell in 1972 and took what he thought would be a short leave of absence to get a job when funds grew thin.

“Encouraged by my son, Ben, by telling me ‘it’s never too late,’ in October 2014, I began to analyze the correlations data,” Suarez said of the demography study he had done in Bolivia.

His son, Ben Franco ’75, MBA ’78, helped by retyping the entire 244-page thesis into a computer so that it could be submitted and bound.

Suarez was honored at an Oct. 19 reception on campus.

\$1.5M

Bequest to the College of Arts and Sciences by scientist Marilyn Jacox, Ph.D. ’56, who died in 2013, to fund scholarships for female undergrads studying science and math.

Jacox spent most of her career as a pioneer and driving force in the field of matrix isolation spectroscopy at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. But she also was a champion and ardent supporter of young female scientists.

A LEGENDARY CORNELLIAN



Austin H. “Kip” Kiplinger ’39, chairman emeritus of the Cornell University Board of Trustees and a publisher, philanthropist and journalist, died Nov. 20.



Illuminated lectures

Thousands of projectable glass “lantern slides” in Cornell University Library’s Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections were once commonly used to give visual impact to classes in the late 19th century. They illustrated subjects such as architecture, art, botany, engineering, geology, physiology and more. The slides were the subject of one of the “Cornell Rewind” columns in the Cornell Chronicle this past sesquicentennial year, exploring the little-known legends and lore, the mythos and memories that populate Cornell’s history.



“Back then they were used in just the same way we use PowerPoint today.”

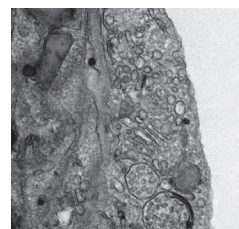
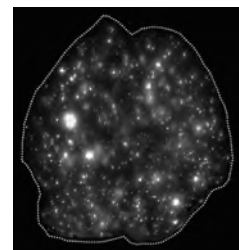
– Professor Brian Earle ’67, MPS ’71

Predicting cancer’s spread

It’s been a long-standing mystery why certain types of cancers spread to particular organs in the body. Now, investigators at Weill Cornell Medicine have discovered precisely how this happens, supporting a century-old hypothesis known as the “seed and soil” theory of metastasis.

In a study published this past fall in *Nature*, the scientists examine how protein signatures on the membranes of small, tumor-secreted packages contain the blueprints that drive cancers to distant organs.

The findings could offer physicians a powerful new way to detect whether a patient’s tumor will metastasize and where, providing critical insights into the estimated 1.6 million new cancer cases diagnosed every year. Ninety percent of all cancer-related deaths are due to metastasis.

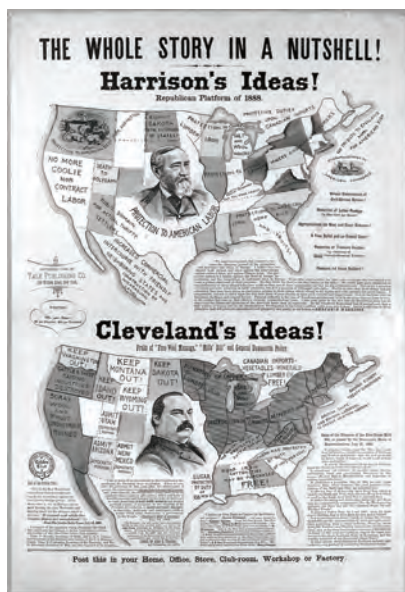


H₂O goes with the flow

Jennifer Hanley '06 was one of eight authors of a recent paper on the discovery that liquid water appears to exist on Mars.

In the next issue of Ezra

The spring issue of Ezra magazine will be published in April and will look at the successes and impact of the recently completed Cornell Now campaign, which set dollar and participation fundraising records for the Ithaca, Cornell Tech and Weill Cornell Medicine campuses.



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Number of maps in the new, digitized PJ Mode Collection of Persuasive Cartography at Cornell University Library.

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– Evan Dremluk '11, co-founder of Original Stix, a company that makes phone cases out of used hockey sticks.

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CLASS NOTES

NEWS OF FELLOW CORNELLIANs

45 We are saddened to learn of the death in August of **Thelma Emile Hunter**, whose rich classical piano artistry we first heard 74 years ago. Remember the romance that we watched of Thelma and basketball star **Sam Hunter '43** at that time? Thelma stayed in the musical field for her lifetime, playing in many ensembles and teaching. She played for us at almost all of our Reunions including our one last June (where she was also serenaded by one of the men's choruses), when she played a perfect rendition of the "Minute Waltz." In our class photograph she shares front row center with President **Maxine Katz Morse**, both elegantly dressed. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

Lena Struglia (Salem, OR) volunteers at the library and for church ministries. She plays the ukulele and performs at retirement homes with fellow strummers. She has a new Cornellian in the family, **Nigel Vanderwoude '17**, who joins his father, **Peter '81**, and cousin **Linda Schmidt '07**. **Madeline Hulse Beck** (Atlanta, GA) wishes she were able to write more books on the Bible. **N. Bruce Weir** (Cocoa Beach, FL) finds the pace of life in Florida slow but living by the ocean pleasant. **Joe McDonald** (Mashpee, MA) writes that he and wife **Mardell** are preparing to move to assist-living. He misses playing golf, but still enjoys bocce, bridge, and billiards. His most important "takeaways" from his Cornell years were studying Electrical Engineering and finding structure in life.

Alvin Silverman (Roslyn, NY) has retired after 66 years as a real estate attorney. Although a widower, he writes with joy of his eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He has a friendship with **Rachel Canick Schwartz '47**, BS HE '46, whom he describes as a "wonderful person." Those Cornell connections can be ongoing gifts. **Richard H. Allen**, BME '47 (Cincinnati, OH) has been married 66 years and has two great-granddaughters. "I miss skiing after all those years," he writes. **Walter MacFarland**, BCE '48 (Media, PA) writes that meeting his wife was the most valuable aspect of his Cornell years. **Bernard Mayrhoon**, BS '47 (Miami Shore, FL) sent a business card indicating that he is chairman of the board of the Mayrhoon Int'l Trading Corp. with divisions in Purchase, NY, and Miami, FL.

I, **Bob Frankenfeld**, BA '44, MD '47, had a summer of significant change. My wife, Betty, and I moved to an assisted living residence, and soon after, our great marriage of 66 years came to an end when Betty passed from this world on August 29. We celebrated a great marriage with our motto: Life is meant to be enjoyed. Do things that are worthwhile and love doing them, but most of all, love each other. We had four wonderful sons and a fruitful life. Betty played violin in the Long Beach Symphony and taught string instruments to beginners in the school system. She was also president of LB Medical Auxiliary and a member of Dames Club and the Symphony Auxiliary, and hosted fabulous dinners in our home. Our closest friends were **John Clements**, MD '47, and wife **Margot**, with whom we spent many great weekends playing tennis, swimming, listening to classical music, and eating gourmet dinners. We also traveled all over the world with them, motoring

in Europe (four times), South Africa, and North Africa and going on cruises to the Caribbean, Alaska, Japan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Marquesas Islands.

Please write to us with news about you and your loved ones. **Bob Frankenfeld**, 3737 Atlantic Ave., Apt. 900, Long Beach, CA 90807; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com; **Julie Kameron Snell**, 3154 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 111, Silver Spring, MD 20904; e-mail, julie.k.snell@gmail.com.

46 Happy Holidays and a very good year to all! Ex-V-12ers **Lloyd Slaughter** and **Bob Nist**, our co-Reunion chairs, point out that it's also the 70th anniversary of the completion of the US Navy V-12 program at Cornell. They were two of many Navy apprentice seamen who entered V-12, the Navy College Training Program, in 1943. Many graduated from Cornell in February 1946. Some decided to associate with Cornell's Class of 1946, some chose 1947. Lloyd and Bob invite the 87 surviving members of both groups to join together and renew old friendships next June 9-12 at Reunion. Widows are also warmly invited to attend. We're planning a special commemorative event for the joining of both V-12 groups. If invited by '47 to a similar V-12 celebration the following year, Lloyd and Bob would encourage classmates to join them in attending.

Travel arrangements are not finalized, but Lois and I have sketched an approximate itinerary. We'll fly from California to JFK five to six days before Reunion. We'll use time-share points for a Manhattan hotel, see friends and relatives, Broadway shows, and NYC museums, and visit a fine restaurant or two. So we'll take a mini-vacation before a round trip, deluxe bus excursion to the main event: our 70th Reunion on the Hill in Ithaca. We've got the ball rolling by reserving a "Traditional Double Double" room at the Statler on Campus for 6/9 arrival, 6/12 departure at \$260 per night. (For stays of three or more nights, our class treasury will pay for one night.) Scheduling and cost of the deluxe bus trip as well as registration and meals should be available shortly.

After 16 years of competitive duplicate bridge, I've graduated from life master and bronze life master to silver life master upon reaching 1,000 master points. Some friends were impressed and some wanted to know what my next target was. The next level is gold life master at 2,500 points, an additional 1,500 points. Extrapolating the 16 years to reach 1,000 points, I would be faced with 24 years to acquire the 1,500 needed. That sounds like an awesome task for a 91-year-old man.

If you have scrapbooks, diaries, letters, photographs, or mementos from the 1940s at Cornell, send them to **Evan Earle '02**, MS Ag '14, University Archivist: Carl A. Kroch Library, Ithaca, NY 14853-5302; tel., (607) 255-3530; fax, (607)-255-9524; e-mail, efe4@cornell.edu. Your survivors will probably toss out such materials, but the university might very well display them. It's better and more ecological to direct them to the university now. Former university archivist **Elaine Engst**, MA '72, advised that they have lots of

material from the really early days but very little from the 1940s.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, e-mail me at the address below. **Paul Levine**, 3273 Streamside Cir. #202, Pleasanton, CA 94588; tel., (925) 201-7575; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Happy New Year, everyone! This will indeed be a happy one, for our 70th Reunion is coming in June.

Joyce Manley Forney spent three beautiful days in New York City in late September with two daughters. They walked the High Line and visited Central Park, the area around the Battery, and the World Trade Center memorial. **Charlotte Fry** Poor spends time gardening, playing bridge, and enjoying her two great-grands. **Kathleen Smith Mancini** is still busy volunteering for two local groups: the Survivor Group (those who have lost spouses) and Teachers Retired in Florida (TRIF). She hopes to see classmates at the 70th. Kay was an only child and felt that she benefitted greatly from her sorority life (Kappa Kappa Gamma). **Anne Hodgkins Ransom** noted that she enjoys reading, family, and traveling around Georgia.

Jan Bassette Summerville was happy to see spring arrive in 2015. She says it was a very long winter in Sackets Harbor, NY. Let's hope that this winter will not be as bitter. She sees friends over the bridge table twice a week. Two granddaughters are active in crew: one, over 21, at the U. of Tulsa; the other, 16, rowing with a Pittsford, NY, crew. When I spoke with Jan this past October, she said that Sackets Harbor was having a beautiful fall. She is on oxygen at night now and handling COPD. On September 18, she was honored at a luncheon with a scholarship in her name by the Planned Parenthood Assn., thanking her for many years of service and leadership. She would love to hear from anyone who has a chance to write.

Margaret Chauvin Rinehart helps at the Costa Mesa Senior Center and assists at her church, mostly washing the linens. She enjoys her two grandchildren: Mason, an inventor of electrical equipment; and Carley, who works at Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf while attending Long Beach U. Peg would like to hear from **Ruth Sergenian** Di Angeles. At Cornell, she learned how to be a dietitian and coordinate employees. **Phyllis Stapley** Tuddenham lost her husband last winter and also fractured her hip. Let's hope that she is able to move around more freely now. She is most grateful for supportive children, their spouses, and grandchildren.

Mary Louise Rutan Snowden lives in a retirement home and is busy beading, knitting, doing crossword puzzles, and reading. Her daughters are retired, but had interesting jobs. One was a VP at Macys, one was a Playboy bunny, and the other was a financial advisor. She would like to hear from **Ann McGloin** Stevens and **Ray Tuttle '48**. Mary Louise learned to cook at Cornell! **Jeanne Quigan** Scott has a granddaughter who graduated from law school and a grandson busy writing a book. **Elizabeth Otten**, MS '48, recently moved into a little cottage in a very nice retirement community.

I found a letter (in my Cornell album of memories) from L.G. Balfour Co. dated April 5, 1943, advising that they had available exactly 79 Cornell rings for the women's Class of 1946. They were the last available for the duration at a price of \$12.00 plus 10 percent tax. **Kathryn Foote Shaw** was chairman of the ring committee. I was one of those lucky 79. Let's make 2016 a banner year for '46. Send your news to us and stay healthy for June! **Dorothy Taylor** Prey, 1 Baldwin Ave. #501, San Mateo, CA 94401; e-mail, dmprey@aol.com; tel., (650) 342-1196.

47 A most happy New Year to everyone, and may 2016 bring you good health and long life. I am writing this in October and we are having a heavy

‘There have been so many Cornell changes in recent years, but lovely memories as it was.’

Dorothea Dashefsky Fast '49

rainstorm, so being indoors is a good thing today. Hurricane Joachim passed us by and we are very thankful for that. And now, a note from **Paul Levine '46**, BS Ag '49, class correspondent for the Class of 1946:

Now Hear This: At its 70th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016, the Class of '46 will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the completion of the US Navy V-12 program at Cornell. Many V-12ers are already planning to participate, including Reunion chairs and committee members **Lloyd Slaughter**, **Bob** ("Joe" on campus) **Nist**, and **Gabe Pesce**, BCE '49, MCE '51, all who elected to be part of the Class of '46. They hope that many '47 V-12ers will join them on the Hill to commemorate the finest generation's contribution to victory in WWII and to enjoy, once more, being at Cornell together. For further information contact Lloyd (lslaughter594@aol.com) or Bob (bobnist@hotmail.com).

Eileen Farley McDonnell (Stow, MA) traveled to Alaska with one of her Ithaca High School classmates and then went to her grandson's wedding in Bermuda. She is still volunteering two days a week and says the highlight of 2015 was a surprise 90th birthday party thrown for her by all seven of her daughters. They traveled from five states and all the sons-in-law and ten of her grandchildren managed to attend. **Barbara Everitt** Bryant sold her Scottsdale, AZ, home after 12 "delightful and warm winters." She now lives in Ann Arbor, MI, and loves the live-wire atmosphere, full of concerts, art, and sports. She is retired from the U. of Michigan.

Carolyn Shaver Eisenmenger resides in a retirement facility in Wayland, MA. She has three daughters and eight grandchildren. She laments the fact that she had to give up gardening, but that has allowed her more reading time. I received a great letter from **Natalie Mann** Rosenstock, who said her career as one of the early (if not the first) female sports writers was highlighted on the front page of the *Albany Times Union* sports section last June 4, 2015. She keeps in touch with classmates **Carol Cole** Rothenberg, BA '46, and **Carol Shapiro**

Siegler in Boynton Beach, FL, where Natalie lives. She plays duplicate bridge and gives bridge lessons, many of which were learned in her days at Cornell.

I wish I could bring you more news, but this is all I have for now. There is always the next issue, so please write, call, or e-mail me! **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675, tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail, irashain1@verizon.net.

48 **Stanley Reeves**, MEd '55 (Largo, FL): "Busy with bridge, poker, and church activities. Saw a doctor ten times last year. I lost my wife, **Mary Lou (Seeley)** '49, MS HE '59. She was injured in a four-car, nine-person accident. She was on dialysis for two years and died on December 18, 2013.

Our '99 Buick was totaled in the accident and I'm now car-less. I'm on Medicare/AARP, using a cane and walker, and living in an assisted-living community in Largo. I like *Reader's Digest* and CBS-TV for news, and I ignore radio. Mary Lou was a great cook (HomeEc). No plans to travel, except to the cemetery someday."

Murray Heimberg, MNS '49 (Memphis, TN): "Although I'm retired and an emeritus professor, I continue to see patients (one clinic per week) and attend conferences, and am involved in resident teaching. With my younger colleagues, I try to keep involved in metabolic research. At age 90, this is what keeps me alive. I'm a lucky guy, see a doctor once or twice a year for routine follow-ups. I'm on Medicare and supplemental insurance, fortunate to be in good health, walking under my own power. I read the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* and the *New York Times*, much of it online, which makes it easier to read the small print. *The Atlantic* magazine, PBS-TV, and PBS radio are my favorites. I could use some of Mother's cooking. Unfortunately, my wife is unable to cook all the wonderful dishes she did in the past. I could write a book of unanswered questions. Visiting my nationally dispersed family keeps me well-traveled. One house is enough. I hope East and West will ultimately be able to meet. I've traveled in all 50 states and would like to take an 'around-the-world' cruise."

Jacqueline Smith Flournoy (Westport, CT): "I'm walking, doing crafts, and still secretary (for 31 years) at my yacht club. Health is good. Had six checkups last year. I'm on Medicare and AARP; no dental insurance, so trying to take care of teeth. I read the *Norwalk Hour* and *Westport News* (all local news) and get national and world news on TV, mainly ABC. My magazine is *Sail*. I listen to WLIW (public radio) for plays. Have three children and six grands. No great-grands yet as none show signs of marrying (not that that's a pre-requisite). I don't eat sweets and am pre-diabetic. So far, diet has worked. Why can't countries stop fighting? Our local disagreement is how to 'improve' the town beach. Niece Jean and family from

California visited while looking at college for son. She is the daughter of brother-in-law **Houston "Hugh" Flournoy '50**. I don't own a second home, but do own a 3H boat that costs just as much. Took granddaughter Maggie on a trip to the canals of the Netherlands in April."

Bob Harnett, BEE '47, BME '48 (Kettering, OH): "Trying to finally get to that 'downsized' home! Doctors are very close. I'm on Medicare and a federal plan, using a cane and walker. I'm reading the *Dayton Daily News*. It's the only one here, shrinking in size. More and more Internet news, some of it bad. My magazine is *Archaeology*, TV station is Fox. I'm a radio surfer. Wife Celeste creates great dishes, as did Mom. This part of Ohio is not faring very well. We should do like the New York pitch. That ISIS is really bad—scary! Have toured about half the states."

Samuel Seltzer (NYC): "Keep busy with Entrepreneurship at Cornell (founder of program) and Glamour Gals Foundation, tribe, travel, and the 31 Cent Club. Two hospital stays last year, 30 doctor visits. On Medicare and AARP and use a walker. Read the *New York Times*. We watch PBS and NBC TV and WQXR for classical music. Granddaughter is married with great-grandchild on the way. We've toured Antarctica, China, South Africa, and most of Europe. Our second home is in Putnam County, NY (Carmel). If we don't create 'one world,' we are going to destroy ourselves. Have been in 30 states; planning to visit Australia and China."

Martha Waller Smith (Mechanicsburg, PA): "Ex and only husband, **M. Dudley Smith Jr.**, died in January 2015 in Camp Hill, PA. I'm a volunteer ombudsman for Cumberland County Office of the Aging; in regular exercise program at Penn Rehab Services; church-related activities (choir, women's ensemble, quilt sewing, worship, and music committee); Women's Club of Mechanicsburg; antiques, literature, and drama group; DAR. Too many trips to doctors, but enough to keep me comfortable. I'm on Medicare plus the Retired State Employee Health Plan. No need to use cane or walker. Read the *Patriot News* (Harrisburg). Like its Letters to the Editor and opinion pages. Read *Central PA* magazine, get news from NBC, CBS, ABC, and Fox, and listen to WSBA radio, York, PA. I'm divorced, never remarried, no kids. Our new Democratic Governor Wolf is 'swimming upstream' vs. the Republican majority in the Legislature."

Larry Merson (Lake Success, NY): "Tennis, singing with the Great Neck Choral Society, walking, taking my wife of 64 years to medical appointments, classical opera concerts. For myself, only four doctor visits in 2014. I'm on Medicare, still walking unaided. Best paper available here is the *New York Times*. I read the *American Record Guide* magazine, watch PBS, and listen to WQXR classical music. We like commercial rice pudding and apple pie. Q: Will mankind ever live in peace with our divergent brothers? There has already been vast improvement. I think this will continue. I've been in all 50 states. A good place to visit is the New York Historical Society." **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobbersons48@gmail.com.

49 *Cornell Alumni Magazine* has created a new Alumni Photo Gallery! Share all the photos that we've never been able to fit in the class columns with your classmates and friends online. To post pictures of mini-reunions, events, travels,

tributes, and more, go to: <http://cornellalummi-magazine.com/photogallery>. We look forward to seeing them!

Our class president, **Jack Gilbert** (ingerjack@msn.com), attended the inauguration of new Cornell President Elizabeth Garrett with son **John J. Gilbert III '77** and grandson **John J. Gilbert IV '06**. Class VP **Jack Rupert**, JD '51 (rup18129@aol.com) attended with daughter **Kristen '74**, a Cornell trustee. From California, **Jan Schultz Moss** (jmoss@baymoon.com) writes that her husband has died. "I'm painting with oil and watercolor and reading a lot. Still in the house, which is good because it is a family center for birthdays, etc. My eldest son, 54, has my youngest grandchild, 2—six grandchildren in all, four boys and two girls, all unbelievably smart and beautiful!" Jan would enjoy hearing from **Joanie Dregger Nix**.

Dorothea Dashefsky Fast (Livingston, NJ; fastdotmom@aol.com) was married to the late **Sheldon, JD '50**. Reflecting on her Cornell experiences, Dot says, "There have been so many Cornell changes in recent years, but lovely memories as it was. Maybe being the first class after WWII and its horrors gave us perspective on what was really important to appreciate, our good fortune each day—still a valuable philosophy!" **Bob Nafis** (Ithaca, NY; rnafis@twcny.rr.com), married to June, tells us that granddaughter **Danielle Reed '18** is a freshman in the Hotel school—third-generation Cornellian. Bob says he would like to be vacationing in Hawaii, "where it is warmer than Ithaca." He would enjoy hearing from **Bill Brockway '50** of Sigma Pi. The most valuable thing that Bob learned at Cornell was that "hard work has its reward."

Marcella "Marcie" Shlansky Livingston (Lido Beach, NY; marcieliving@aol.com) writes, "Same old, same old—cryptoquotes, crosswords, reading, Hebrew class, creative writing group, old movies, and knitting for charity. Many e-mails from **Dolores Hoffman**, who gets many from **Arlyne Taub Shockman**. I visited **Marian Rubin** Cohen and husband Steve at their retirement home in Freehold, NJ. My son, **Michael Livingston '77**, is professor of tax law at Rutgers. Apparently he has enough free time to author *The Fascists and the Jews of Italy: Mussolini's Race Laws, 1938-1943*, published by Cambridge U. Press. Daughter Ellen received her doctorate at Teachers College, Columbia U. Three grandchildren are gainfully employed and the fourth is at U. of Rochester." **John Hosie** (Northport, NY; jshosie@aol.com), married to **Sylvia (Kilbourne) '48**, MNS '49, says that he is retired. "No work! I do woodworking (i.e., furniture, etc.). We go to Florida from January through early April." They have a home on Sanibel Island. John adds, "At 90 I'm happily alive, riding a three-wheeler, eating, and enjoying family for the nine months that we aren't in Florida." The most valuable thing he learned at Cornell: "How to court my wife. I really didn't need Cornell for that—except to meet her! That happened my second week at Cornell, after two-plus years in the service."

Howard Loomis, MBA '50, chairman of the Peoples Bank in Pratt, KS, writes, "I'm still checking the interest machine and attending board meetings at the bank regularly, as I have been doing for 52 years. We had our first great-grandchild in February 2015 and are hoping for many more before we check out. Since Lake Michigan is 33 degrees, I am glad to be in Pratt, where it is 72 degrees today." Howard says that the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell was a quote from Arthur Nilesen, finance professor in the business

school: "Realize quickly when you have made a mistake in judgment and correct it." **Wes Dempsey** (Chico, CA; wdempsey@csuchico.edu), married to Phyllis, writes, "I'm teaching seniors a class on trees and leading natural history field trips." Son David is chair of the geosciences department at CSUSFG; son Tom is a travel photographer (www.photoseck.com); son Paul is a Microsoft software engineer; and son Jim is a restoration scientist with the California parks. Wes would like to be backpacking and traveling the world. Wes said that Genetics class was the most valuable class he took at Cornell.

Martha Coler Risch (Warminster, PA; mcrisch@aol.com) wrote, "I'm on the residents' advisory council here at Ann's Choice retirement community in 'Penn Country.' So far, I've found three other Cornellians here. I remember the big Thanksgiving Day rivalry when Cornell played U. of Pennsylvania. We were winners in 1949 with **Hillary Chollet**, MD '54, our big star." **Ruth Humphrey Jensen** (Hampton, VA), married to Ronald, writes, "I've been keeping house—duties recently increased since my husband broke his back. I'm trying to keep up with world affairs and politics, especially Democratic. Granddaughter graduated VCU in dentistry; youngest granddaughter graduated VT with a master's degree in communications and is now developing educational programs for submarine sailors; grandson preparing for month-long trip to Taiwan and Japan with his family." Ruth says that she'd like to be doing yard and garden work—and visiting family and friends in the Fairport-Penfield area outside Rochester, NY. She adds, "My two roommates have passed on. My other favorite friend, I am still in touch with." The most valuable lesson Ruth learned at Cornell: "To be patient and tolerant with people, all the while I seek to make improvements in human relations."

A. Jerry Barash (Rancho Bernardo, San Diego, CA; jerrybarash@aol.com) writes, "I sold my publishing business ten years ago. Finally had to give up golf. My social life revolves around a daily dog park group and my cardiac rehabilitation group (17 years after full cardiac arrest)." Jerry adds that his wife, Mary Ruth, has dementia issues (not Alzheimer's) but is manageable. "We lost one of six grandchildren in a traffic accident and gained four great-grandsons, but so far, life is good. I attended the San Diego chapter of the Hotel school holiday reception in December and was the oldest class represented by 40 years!" **Richard Dietz** (Chadds Ford, PA; umsaskis@hotmail.com) writes, "Lost my lovely wife of 54 years four years ago. I'm selling my house of 31 years to move to a retirement community, but I'd rather be sitting on a beach in Belize. I keep in direct contact with Cornell friends and roommates like **Herb Twichell '50** and **Bob Piper '52**." Dick says that at Cornell he learned "the value of good teaching and associations of a great university" and added, "I am very proud to be a Cornell graduate."

Wendel Kent (Sarasota, FL) writes that he is in retirement and adds, "At 90 years old, I'm doing quite well for my age." He would enjoy hearing from **John Dirck Ten Hagen**. **Edgar Galsen** (Syracuse, NY; egalson@twcny.rr.com), married to Eva, is also in retirement. He writes, "I'm active with tennis, skiing, sailing, hiking, piano, reading, and community activities." Thanks to Jack Gilbert for having kept us up-to-date on the festivities for Cornell's 150th birthday.

Let's hear from all of you, '49ers, and please upload your photos! Send news to: **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow, 50 Grant St., Wellsboro, PA

16901; tel., (570) 948-9107; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 I write this column in the early morning of October 15 as my wife and I depart for a wander through the rugged, unglaciated part of northeast Iowa and southwest Wisconsin—among the tidy, prosperous farms, slowly through the sleepy villages and along the picturesque bluffs, and across the backwater islands of the wide Upper Mississippi River Valley, with maple and companion trees in majestic fall colors equal to the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire. It was a challenge to set such thoughts aside and think about November with Thanksgiving, and December with the winter holidays, all occurring before we receive the January/February issue in the slow, dark, early days of January.

Complicating it was the fact that for the first time in the 15 years I have been writing this column, we had on hand far more news reports than could be accommodated in the column (45, equal to a typical year's worth). Moreover, since we used the Sept/Oct column to report on our 65th Reunion, most of these reports are now out-of-date. So, if you have sent us a news report in the last eight months and are not mentioned in this column, consider sending us an updated report—no need to use the typical yellow reporting form. Instead use e-mail, which is easier for you to send and also easier for us to read. See our e-mail addresses at the end of this column.

Bill Kingston (Pittsford, NY; sjkingston@hotmail.com) retired from Kodak as director of architecture and engineering. He now serves on the YWCA board of directors and his church building committee, and enjoys family events, nature walks, and travels in New England. **Melvin Chernev** (Fair Oaks, CA; m.chernev@comcast.net) was president of a worldwide distributor of Christian Brothers brandy and wine. Now he serves as board president of Cogswell College in San Francisco, and on the board of governors of City U., Bellevue, WA. **Winifred "Freddie" Burr** Brinster (Seattle, WA; freddie.brinster@gmail.com) had a career as a theatre critic and now volunteers at the Seattle Playwrights Studio. Her play *Dark Force*, a comedy/drama/satire on violence, received a public performance. She writes, "My husband died in 2013, my vacation house in California burned down, and I fell and broke my hip—other than that, everything is swell!" **L. Newton "Newt" Thomas** (Charleston, WV; nannew1@frontier.com) had a career in the coal industry. In retirement he serves on the boards of seven foundations and 12 nonprofits. He has taken four family river cruises. He urges us seniors to continue to learn and to stay involved in challenging activities.

Roger Wolcott (Sandy Spring, MD) is retired from Westminster College, PA, where he was a professor of sociology. **Jane Humphreys Dieck** (Pittsford, NY) worked in sales of designer fabrics. She stays busy volunteering for the AAUW, the Women's Council of the Rochester Museum and Science Center, the Eastman House Council, and Christ Episcopal Church. Moreover, Jane is in her 45th year with Meals on Wheels, which she calls "the best volunteer job one can do—you know that you have helped others, you can see what you have accomplished, and best of all, no dull meetings!" Retired Air Force Brigadier General **Joseph Parr** (Lincoln, CA), an avid hunter/angler, now operates a 50-acre recreational fishing operation where local kids and

adults can catch and release trout, bass, bluegill, and catfish. **Edward "Bob" Wood** (Monterey, CA; helo609@att.net) worked as a university professor specializing in helicopter and dynamics engineering. He continues as a structural engineering consultant and expert court witness, and also coaches prospective engineering students.

In retirement, **James Cropsey** (New City, NY) grows vegetables for his local People to People food bank. **George Barton** (York, PA; ghb1946@msn.com) retired in 1993 from Barton Assocs., the mechanical and electrical design company he founded that became one of the top 100 consulting firms in the country specializing in health-care and educational projects. In WWII, George was trained as navigator/bombardier on B-29s, ready for service if the nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki failed to produce a Japanese surrender.

The generosity of our classmates is truly impressive. Over the 65 years since commencement, we've collected well over \$135,000,000! And that does not include 30 or more classmate-endowed scholarships. At our 65th Reunion in June we raised \$13,377,048! Nearly 40 percent of this came as a \$5.2 million gift from the family of deceased classmate **Stanford H. Taylor**, to establish a permanent endowment for the Society for the Humanities and to support postdoctoral fellowships in the humanities and qualitative social sciences. Although Stanford was a first-generation Engineering graduate, according to his son, **John '78**, he was "positively motivated by philosophy. He was a lover of knowledge and concerned about the lack of depth in the education of people without any education in the humanities."

We haven't had space for photos in Class Notes for some time. However, *Cornell Alumni Magazine* has created a new Alumni Photo Gallery. You may now share photos of weddings, grandchildren, reunions, tributes, travels, etc., at: <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery>. **Paul Joslin**, 13731 Hickman Rd., #4207, Urbandale, IA 50323; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, [pj Joslin@aol.com](mailto:pjoslin@aol.com); **Patricia Carry Stewart**, 2613 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream, FL 33483; tel., (561) 278-5387; e-mail, stewartpc@aol.com.

51 Happy New Year and welcome to our 65th Reunion year. **Joan Falconer** (Iowa City, IA): "After my fourth dory trip through the Grand Canyon last September, I'm staying home to restore order in my evergreen garden. Reunion next year? Uncertain." Her fondest memory of Cornell: "Singing in the Sage Chapel Choir under Donald Grout with Bill Austin at the organ."

Theodora Frizzell Frick (Charlotte, NC) writes, "I'm looking forward to Reunion. Spent a week with family at Kensal, Ireland—a great place to trace family who boarded there during the potato famine." Fond memory: "Returning to Cornell to see the new young trees in the Quad replacing the dead elms. I also met my first husband there." **Joseph Hesse** (Windsor, CT) writes, "I've been retired since August 1989 and am in moderate health. I stay busy with family genealogy research and family trips to London (2011), Ireland (1993, 1996), Germany (2004), and Denmark (2007)." Fond memory: "My professors were truly the best!"

Larry Smith, BArch '52 (Northport, NY): "I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of **Tom Nuttle**, a highly respected scholar, athlete, and fraternity brother at Phi Gam. Still blessed with good

health, I belong to a tennis club and play golf weekly. Closing in on ten years of retirement from my architectural practice and enjoying regular trips abroad. I escaped from the brutal past winter with a revitalizing week in St. Lucia and am looking forward to two and a half weeks in Eastern Europe in June (Prague, Budapest, Belgrade) and a river cruise along the Danube to Bucharest. Son **Mark '87** is now chief of plastic surgery at Mt. Sinai-Beth Israel in Manhattan, and daughter **Tami '89** is head of medical affairs for Spark Therapeutics in Philadelphia. Both are Cornell grads and have provided me with four grandchildren, ages 4-17.

Bob Siegfried (Cincinnati, OH) wrote, "In October our son and his wife moved in with us while they're fixing up a house five doors down the street. They took care of our dog while we cruised to New Brunswick. Now they are feeding me since my wife died in December." **Joseph Bertino** (Branford, CT) writes, "My wife, Patricia, died in 2011. Now have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and am still working almost full time. Looking forward to a trip to Florence and Sicily in June." **Don Victorin** (Horseshoe Bay, TX) now has two great-grandsons—"to add to our collection of six grandsons and one granddaughter." **Steve Rounds** writes, "I'm still active: help maintain the three houses here in Princeton Junction, NJ, summer cottage in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and Julia's family home in the small village in the rugged mountains of northwestern Greece. I split two face cords of wood every year to keep warm and continue to compete in the World Indoor Rowing Championships, winning my 20th gold medal in Boston in March." Fondest memory of Cornell: "Singing the Cornell songs and cheering our outstanding football teams in a packed Crescent."

Frances Goldberg Myers (Asheville, NC): "Granddaughter **Sarah '13** is using her Cornell degree working in national parks and forests, and daughter **Pam '78**, director of the Asheville Art Museum, is raising money for museum expansion. I am active in committees and groups in my condominium, and I travel. Recently had my first visit to New Orleans and traveled with son **Ken '77**, curator of the Detroit Inst. of Art, to North Carolina museums." Frances adds her fondest memories of Cornell: "From orientation week learning Cornell songs, to the registration madhouse, to the physicals and the side posture silhouettes (whatever happened to them?). And then there was Ag Engineering—learning to change a tire and do an oil check coupled with a lecture on atomic energy. Those were the days. A lifetime of memories for a girl whose family wasn't sure they could afford college; a lifetime spent with **Nat '49**, BA '51, retired from his Navy enlistment starting in 1950."

Kent Roberts, DVM '51, and wife **Shirley (Fulton)**, SP A '50-51, live in Williamsburg Landing, VA, a retirement community. "It's a real tourist mecca! Lots of nice folks, great staff, and a good dining room." Kent stays active playing tennis and pickle ball. His fondest Cornell memory: "Graduating with my DVM degree with my father, **Clarence**, DVM 1922, watching." **Bruce Widger**, DVM '51 (Marcellus, NY) writes, "I was recently honored with the Distinguished Achievement Award by the Masonic Grand Lodge of New York, a recognition given to one brother each year." **Bill Kay** (Downingtown, PA): "My wife and I have 23 grandchildren and three greats. My third grandchild is at Cornell as a sophomore. I skied in Colorado for three weeks in January and February 2015 and for two weeks in Val d'Isere, France (my second year)."

Jim Ballew (Jackson, NJ) reports, "Florence and I have three children, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, all well and a constant joy. I'm still enjoying downhill skiing, tennis, golf, and travel, plus three months in Florida." His current involvements: community planning board (28 years), Centrastate Medical Center (eight years), Westlake board (four years); Eagle Scout. He adds, "The entire four-year academic, Delta Phi fraternity, and athletic experience in football and soccer are fond memories." **Robert Williams**, PhD '62 (Goose Creek, SC): "I'm still enjoying investing in the stock market. I'm an old-fashioned stock picker." His Cornell memories: "Great teachers and walking across Alumni Field to the Ag campus." **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 I am sharing part of a letter I received from **Eli Manchester** that reminded me of where I was at a certain time. Wherever you were then, you, like me, Eli, Doc, and Ron, were young:

"Dear Joan: The July/Aug issue arrived today and your mention of **Doc Rufe's** death caused me to recall our service days in England. I was in London at the headquarters of what little US Army was still in England, and Doc was on an airbase a little north of London. He came to London often. We would have a golf game in the afternoon and enjoy London at night. In February 1955 Doc, **Ron Gebhardt**, who was based in Germany, and I went skiing for ten to 12 days in the Austrian and Swiss Alps. After meeting in Munich we spent the first night in a beautiful German resort hotel in Garmisch, Bavaria. The hotel had been taken over by the US Army and was run by a Cornell ROTC lieutenant who was a friend of Doc's in the Hotel school. I remember the cost of the night was \$1.50 in US military scrip." Now, Eli and his wife spend most of their time in Cohasset, a small seaside town 30 miles south of Boston, and they spend some time in Fox Hill, a retirement community 15 miles west of Boston. "Our two daughters and their families live near Fox Hill and all five grandchildren attend the same nearby school. We go to games, plays, and musical concerts almost weekly. We know that we are very lucky."

A note from **Jan Hofmann McCulloch**, our class secretary, included an August 2015 letter from Elsa Prigozy, classmate **Stephen Prigozy's** widow. "I recently donated Steve's telegraph collection to the Rare and Manuscript Collections at Kroch Library. It was his wish that it be donated to Cornell. The official name is 'Stephen Prigozy Telegraph Collection,' and a brief description of it appears on WorldCat. I believe that Steve first became interested in the telegraph while he was a student at Cornell. As you probably know, Ezra Cornell was a telegraph pioneer, and the money he made in the industry enabled him to endow the college." Thank you, Elsa, on behalf of all of us. Steve frequently let us know of the growth of the collection. It was a kind and generous gift.

Now just a little about Jan, who is still in Ashford, CT, with **Ed '51**, who is not well. Jan's hip, which she fractured in a fall while unloading her groceries, is mending. She wrote of a "nice vacation in a nursing home. Almost like a hotel stay." **Roger**, PhD '65, and **Joan Ganders Glassey** (Berkeley, CA; joanglassey@comcast.net) traveled east for the graduation of two grandchildren (**Alex Edholm**, MBA '15, received an MBA from Cornell,

and his sister Julia received a BA with honors from Amherst College), then north for another (Ken received a BS from U. of Washington). Joan continued, "We are both still playing what we call 'eighties tennis' (run when we can) and rejoice in having family in the Bay Area and Roger still doing a class for UC Berkeley." **Daniel Divack** (kkdivack@aol.com) is still in Great Neck, NY.

Dewitte Kersh, LLB '57 (Waterville Valley, NH; srkersh@yahoo.com) writes, "I'm happily living six months in northern New Hampshire and six months on an island off the coast of Savannah, GA. I cannot tell you how great it is." He has skied in seven countries in Europe, out West in the US, and in Canada, and traveled in at least 14 countries on various continents. He was looking forward to attending his granddaughter's graduation from Cornell as a pre-med. She is a third generation as his son was Class of '78 in Arts and Sciences. **Stafford '51** and **Joan Aten Beach** remain in Florida. Joan (joanabeach@gmail.com) writes, "Sandy and I had a great trip to Switzerland in June. It was a walking trip in the Alps and it was snowy, so of course I slipped and broke my clavicle. A nice German clinic gave me a sling and we walked right on. In July Sandy's kidneys gave up. He is on dialysis three times a week. Lots of doctors, but he's moving on." Their oldest, son **Jeffrey '76**, was home after nine years in Thailand and is writing a book about his experiences. Their daughter, **Diana '78**, has started her own foot-care business in Seattle, and their youngest, son Reginald, is an oceanographer and works for the Navy. Joan closed, "We're still playing golf, living in the same house in Atlantis, FL, and in general enjoying life and our friends."

Pearl Schwartzberg Hochstadt (Brooklyn, NY; phochstadt33@gmail.com) has just published her first book, *The Fables of La Fontaine: Books I through VI, Newly translated by Pearl Hochstadt*. After retiring from teaching, Pearl embarked on translating all 12 books of the *Fables of Jean de La Fontaine*. "I deliberately stretched out the task to carry me to the age of 80, and received very positive feedback along the way. Poet/translator Richard Wilbur described my translation as 'admirable' and some of my poems appeared in *Metamorphoses*, a journal of literary translation. After fruitless efforts to find a traditional publisher, I just self-published books I-VI with iUniverse this year." The book is available on Amazon or directly from the publisher. Pearl's husband, Harry, passed away in 2009, but fortunately she is still in good enough health to travel and stay in touch with friends and family. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers her. **Jerram Brown**, MA '54 (East Berne, NY) wrote, "In June 2015 we received a telephone call from a former student at SUNY Albany, Craig Benkman. He said, 'Do you remember me?' Of course I did—although I retired 13 years ago. He proceeded to tell me that I had won the Miller Award for Lifetime Achievement in Ornithology to be given by the Cooper Ornithological Society at a joint meeting with the American Ornithological Union at their upcoming meeting in Norman, OK. Craig was chair of the awards committee." Congratulations, Jerram!

Ann Coffeen Turner (Mendham, NJ; harann52@yahoo.com) writes, "I'm still tutoring at Gill St. Bernard's School, where I've been since 1978. Harvey died in June. We went to our 60th Reunion and he came down with leukemia a month later." In response to some of the online questions, Ann says that one of the best decisions she ever made was marrying Harvey. The best concert she ever

attended at Cornell: "Being in Sage Choir and discovering the *St. Matthew Passion* and the Brahms *Requiem*." She would like to hear from anyone from her corridor in Clara Dickson. **Francis Laimbeer III**, BS Ag '55 (flaimbeer@aol.com) writes, "I am now 86 years old. My wife, Rosemary, died ten years ago, but happily my four children have furnished me with six grandchildren, all who live

father, **Louis Bromfield 1918**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, wrote so famously when we were very young. She left Cornell to marry **Carson Geld '50** and farm in Brazil in 1953, which they are still doing. Ellen, like her dad, farms and writes. Her works have appeared in *O Estado de São Paulo*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Farming Magazine*. One of her ten books, *View from the Fazenda*, published

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within 20 miles of me here in Warrenton, VA. I spend most afternoons tutoring math to different students as I retired from the classroom 15 years ago after teaching full time for 55 years, thanks to my education from Cornell." **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com.

53 Homecomings are not what they used to be. They don't necessarily come in October with football against teams of the venerable vines of ivy. This last one fell less than two weeks after Labor Day. The leaves of Ithaca were mostly green. The long weekend included the inauguration of Mater's 13th president and first lady prez—the gracious Elizabeth Garrett.

She spent a very full weekend, to the delight of all those present, at many memorable events. She pulled on a Cornell football jersey, number 13, for a visit to the Schoellkopf sidelines after presiding over the unveiling of a bronze likeness of Cornell's first mascot—a little girl bear cub warmly known as Touchdown I. En route to the stadium during their traditional pregame parade, the entire Big Red team stepped out of line for a good-luck pat of the bronze bear. Homecoming '15's football date was with its seventh oldest football foe, Bucknell. The Bison pulled out a last-minute surprise at Schoellkopf at the centennial of its opening, Cornell's first national championship and first-ever vanquishing of the 'Vard, and the goalpost ascending TD's debut. At lectures, lunches, fine dining, and here and there, and on Friday, from the Arts Quadrangle (for the inaugural) to the Ag Quad (with thousands for a few acres of picnic), you might see folks like the **Bob Abramses**, **Lillyan Affinito**, the **Bill Bellamys**, the **Mort Lowenthals**, the **Bob Manns**, the **Jim Blackwoods**, the **Vince Giarrussos**, the **Al HARRISES**, and your humble correspondent, daughter **Susie '90**, and spouse Hat.

Bill Gratz took high honors at Homecoming as the 11th classmate to receive the prestigious Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. They are, in order of appearance, **C. Richard Jahn** and **Mort Lowenthal** (of the original six in 1995), **Dorothy Clark Free** (1992), **Patricia Gunderson** Stocker (1998), **John** and **Lea Paxton Nixon** (1999), **Lilyan Affinito** (2002), **Elliot Cattarulla** (2005), **Robert H. Abrams** (2011), well, moi (2014), and **Bill** (2015). We learned that Vince Giarrusso would speak for **Bill Whelan** at the Fallen Comrades presentation of the Cornell Football Assn. Awards before the Columbia game at Ithaca in November.

Ellen Bromfield Geld (Tiete, Brazil) came to Cornell from Ohio's Malabar Farm, about which her

by the Ohio University Press and Google-able, tells of farm and family. Her descendants include five children she raised while farming and composing, and 13 grandchildren. "Writing," she writes, "is what provides meaning and order for all else I do, and always has—from helicopter-running a farm to raising a family in the midst."

Retired teacher **Joan Schultz** Petroske (Manorville, NY), a tad farther out the island from her pre-Cornell home in Floral Park, has been board member of assorted groups, president of Half Hollow Hills Active Retirees, a theatre subscriber, and a lifetime member of South Bay Cruising Club. Son Clifford and family have moved into their Belle Terre, NY, dream home after two years' construction. Grandson Christian Petroske graduated with honors from Brown last May. Less joyous news, Joan and daughter Susan were recovering from auto crash injuries as Joan was reporting the above. Already known as one of the greater Cornellians, **Barbara Mestel** Schaeffer has become a great-great-grandmother to Evelyn Bea Rudner, Class of plus or minus '36, born to Rachel and Jeff Rudner. **Roberta Friend** Downey (Ashland, OR) has plenty to do settling into a new town and new home decorating. "I'm surrounded by kids, grandkids, and two great-grandkids, and have made many new friends in the Mt. Meadows Retirement Community—starting a new life."

Nobody's perfect department: Somehow the wrong e-address for **John Twiname** slipped into the mag. If you know people at the Bishop Gadsden in Charleston, SC, you could reach John at: jdtwine01@gmail.com. **Bill Ash**, PhD '60, maintains that he is aided in his efforts to stay healthy by hoisting his prescription vials as substitutes for weights at the Y. He says that "writing checks to pay all the bills" keeps him active. He also writes monthly articles for the Power Squadron news digest in New Bern, NC, in the name of nautical education. Interesting acquaintances? "The wonderful persons living in Trent Woods who have made my life exceedingly pleasant for the last 20 years." **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 "The time has come," the brown bear said, "to reflect on many things: of years gone by, of college friends, and Ithaca in spring." As Cornellians we have a rich and varied fabric of student life to recall. Cornell was truly unique, endowed by nature with a setting that is second to none and founders who believed in providing us with the opportunity to find instruction in any study.

I have been reading *A Story Historical of Cornell University*, written by Murray Edward Poole and published in 1916 by the Cayuga Press. It was written 100 years ago in recognition of Cornell's Semicentennial and dedicated to Andrew Dickson White, with this quote in the foreword: "There was a pale-faced young professor in a Western University who dreamed a dream: it was of a great university where there would be more liberal

in Galax, VA, which is about as far away from Alexandria as you can get and still be in the Commonwealth. **Martin Rosenzweig**, PhD '59, and Bernice have moved from their home in Rolling Hills, CA, to the Canterbury in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, a lovely and very active retirement community where they remain dedicated to supporting the local theatre, art center, and library.

Bill Pinchbeck left his rose business in his

students and taught 864 of them. Among them was Adrien Brody, who won an Oscar in 2002 for *The Pianist*.

Len Ladin remembered introducing his then-girlfriend to his parents at graduation, which turned out to be "not a big success." He also recalled a "toilet bowl punch party" on South Hill in the residential complex across from Morse Chain. Len is hoping for good health going forward, and a possible move to a retirement community in three or four years—"when climbing stairs and maintenance in my Upstate home become unmanageable." **Jack Massey** remembered having dinner with **Chuck Raches**, and driving to Mt. Holyoke on the weekends. Jack's hope for the future: "That Washington begins to behave like adults."

Tad Slocum proudly recalls being chairman of Cornell Spring Weekend 1955. Tad was also on the Cornell train from Ithaca to Ann Arbor for the Cornell-Michigan football game. His wish for the future: "Continued good health as I progress through my 80s." **Alan MacDonald** is looking for the same. He remembers dinners with **Bob Malatesta** and the "Hotel school group." And the one Cornell experience Alan will never forget: "My relationship (then and now) with my DKE brothers." **Ruth Carrozza** took a year off from school to work for a civil engineering company in New York City and graduated in June '56. Ruth's unforgettable Cornell experience: "Sitting in the front row at Bailey Hall to hear Louis Armstrong play."

Phyllis Birnholtz Melnick celebrated the 60th anniversary of her junior year in France by renting an apartment in Paris for a month. "It was idyllic: opening the shutters every morning to revel in the view of the Seine and the Pont Neuf. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to explore my favorite city at leisure." **Barbara Burg** Gilman was originally pre-Vet in an era when women were discouraged from that career. "But I used my background to teach biology in high school, and several of my former students, including women, have become veterinarians." The Gilmans were not at Reunion last summer because they were celebrating their 60 years together, having been married at Anabel Taylor the day after Barbara's last final. Barb enjoyed sophomore year, living in a "sunny suite" in Sage. "It was right in the middle of campus, and **Caryl Salomon** Bernstein was a great suite-mate."

Don Robinson reports that he's been a musician (organist, pianist, and choir member) at their church and retirement community for over ten years. He retired as a research chemist in 1996, and writes, "I'm still a member of the American Chemical Society and enjoy reading articles on chemical research." **Dick Schrader**, MBA '58's favorite class, cited by many, was **Clinton Rossiter** '39's American Presidency. Dick remembers dinners in the Llenroc dining room with **Linc Reavis**, **Tad Cameron**, **Nick Hathaway**, **John Harreys**, **Paul O'Connor**, and **Hans "Wolff" Duerr**, among others. On graduation day, Dick was sitting with **Phil Merrill**, "trying to figure out what to do once we completed military service!" **Donna Jean Avery** Darling, MS HE '61, wrote, "I recall walking over that bridge from the Knoll to the Arts Quad with four fraternity fellows behind me, walking in sync to make it really swing!"

Lorrie Pietryka Plamondon and her husband, **Peter** '54, started the trend, and now there are seven Cornellians in the family, spanning three generations. "Sorry we couldn't be at Reunion to see old friends, but our grandson was graduating from the Hotel school. What a wonderful, lasting

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Nancy Savage Petrie '55

teachings." (Most universities at that time were humanities based.) The wisdom of our founders that they passed down to us through these 150 years is worth pondering and thinking about in depth. The more I read, the more I admire their vision. And to add another bit of symmetry, as we know history tends to repeat itself: A.D. White resigned from the Smithsonian Board of Regents in 1916 having served just shy of 29 years.

One of the other little gems I discovered in my wanderings through Cornell's history was the fact that two Norway spruce in Delta Kappa Epsilon's front yard are on the New York State Famous and Historic Trees Register. Why, you may ask? Because they were planted and dedicated by then-Governor of New York Theodore Roosevelt. And now you know. I found the trees while checking buildings listed on the National List of Historic Buildings.

Robert Morrison was missed at our 60th, thus I was not brought up-to-date on all things wild in Florida, namely the birds, the fish, and the Florida panther. Bob moved to Largo, drawn by the good fishing and the warm weather. As with several of you, Bob's favorite spots for socializing were the fraternity, the Ivy Room, and Jim's. **Alden Reed** West is still active in community theatre and loves her hours reading to first grade classes. **Vincent Rospond**, LLB '58, put his law practice aside to attend our 60th along with **Len Zucker**, but then it was back to work and volunteering with United Way. Vincent said he had too many favorite professors to list and he enjoyed crew and Kappa Sig.

Steve Krauss and wife Carol moved from their farm to town several years ago to maintain closer ties with friends, continue with their multiple interests in the fields of art and music, and cut down on driving time. Steve paints full time, doing landscapes and portraits, but makes time for the tennis court and practicing Beethoven, when back surgery permits. **Betty Brown** Murray has lived in San Leandro, CA, since 1955. Sorry our paths never crossed. She is a great fan of their senior center both for meals with friends and for classes. **Hugh Schwartz** is preparing a booklet, "Behavioral Economics for Skeptics" (wish it was for the puzzled). He has been back in Uruguay teaching a course on the topic. Hugh is still using his knowledge to promote vocational education for the Virginia prison system.

I just read **Donald Ross**'s note saying that his daughter and 12-year-old grandson live with him and he is helping raise his grandson. Now that is a full-time job at our age. **Claire Schubert** Weston is still motor-homing, but has cut down on her distances. She has also added a summer residence

son's hands and moved north to Vermont a few years back, where, free of running his own operation, he has time for attending CRC and playing the clarinet and alto sax in a dance band, concert band, and orchestra. His interest in the Biosand Filter program for Peru via Rotary Int'l continues. **Richard Harley** resides in Harmony, FL, having moved north from Ft. Pierce a few years back. From **Don McCobb**, MBA '55, in sunny Naples, FL, comes an interesting bit. Don has gone back to work in real estate, believing there must be something else in life other than golf. And from the other coast of Florida came a note from **Stanley Sigel**, who still moves north to Cape Cod and south to Delray Beach each year, volunteers with several organizations, plays tennis and softball, and takes to the water as often as possible. Stanley's favorite place on campus was the Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity.

We love documentation of Reunion and other class events. If people have letters, diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, and other items relating to their Cornell experiences, we'd be delighted to include them as well. Send these to **Evan Earle** '02, MS Ag '14, University Archivist, 2B Kroch Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. Send news to: **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliereed@me.com. Class website, classof54.alumni.cornell.edu.

55 **Clive Usiskin** relayed an unusual Cornell experience that he'll never forget: building crude bombs and exploding them—"just for fun, no political agenda." One bomb was detonated in Beebe Lake. "We intended to disrupt the ROTC parade," he wrote, "but thank God we chickened out." Later, the *Ithaca Journal* ran a story with the headline Bomb Blasts Beebe Basin. Clive also recalled eating in Ithaca restaurants—"some as far away as Taughannock Farms Inn"—and the fact that T-bone steaks could be had at Cayuga Inn for \$3.75.

Dick Stratton, MBA '57, enjoyed eating dinner with his fraternity brothers at Beta Sigma Rho. He remembered going on the midnight train to attend the Cornell-Michigan football game in 1952—"and meeting my future wife in the Michigan Union." A welcome note from **Emilyn Larkin** Jakes recounted several family milestones, at the conclusion of which she stated, "We are just resting!" Emmie's hope for the upcoming years: "Continued good health and—as always—peace in our chaotic world." Las Vegas producer, director, and acting coach **Gerald Gordon** was nominated for a Tony Award for teaching acting. Since moving to Las Vegas in 1997, he's interviewed about 5,400

experience were my four years at Cornell.” **Eliot “Cot” Orton**, PhD ’71’s wife reports that Cot has memory issues, so trips are too difficult. However, she says, “He’s going to the gym, reading, eating enchiladas, and enjoying more daylight hours.” **Adrian Phaneuf** writes, “Sophomore year I was working for room and board and having dinner with **Elsie McMillan**’s family at the farm.” Now he lives in Homosassa, FL, known for its manatees and outstanding salt and freshwater fishing. “At 77, I got my Florida real estate license—we’re partners in residential new construction. Business is good; send some Cornellians down!” He adds, “Cornell made everything possible, and I am grateful.” Send news to: [Nancy Savage Petrie](mailto:Nancy.Savage.Petrie@optonline.net), nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, class of55.alumni.cornell.edu.

56 Remember the fun. Remember the friendships. Share them again. Remember the dates, June 9-12, 2016, for our 60th Reunion in Ithaca. Our Reunion chairs **Cid Brandon Spillman** and **Carole Rapp Thompson** want the Super Class of ’56 to know that our Reunion headquarters will be Mews, a fully air-conditioned dorm on North Campus with single and double rooms. There will be a ’56 lobster fest at Stocking Hall and an event at the new Klarman Hall on Saturday evening.

Norman Ross (Hamden, ME) completed eight years serving as the “public” (non-attorney) member of a panel of the Grievance Commission of Maine’s Board of Overseers of the Bar. **Bob Seraphin**, BEE ’62 (Annandale, VA) plans to be at Reunion. He is consulting for industry clients on operations of US Congress, his former employer, and still makes time to travel. Recently he took a river cruise on the Rhine that included a stop in Heidelberg, where he lived in the late 1960s. He and wife Barbara were planning a family reunion in Costa Rica for their 55th anniversary.

Allison Hopkins Sheffield spends her time gardening, volunteering for her church, and enjoying her four grandchildren. She wrote, “I enjoy visiting Cornell each fall with **Dave ’55**, BArch ’60, MRP ’61, when we attend the activities of Trustee-Council weekend. We enjoyed Dave’s 60th Reunion and look forward to a repeat visit next year with our Class of ’56 60th!” Look for a biography written by **Virginia Powell Street** (Northampton, MA) of her mother, Janet Travell Powell, MD, White House physician to President John F. Kennedy. **Virginia Poad Zechman** (Skaneateles, NY) has been retired from teaching for 20 years, but then worked as a consultant until 2007. She was recently inducted into her Lower Merion High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

Vera Johnson Winter Lee has been retired for 21 years and stays in shape with Tai Chi and yoga and walking up and down those San Francisco hills. When she wrote, she was planning a summer cruise to Alaska. **Betsy Collins Verbsky** (Seabrook, TX) started volunteering for a nonprofit cat and dog adoption group after she retired. From this, she wound up with two dogs and five cats. She writes, “I’ve been widowed for ten years and have had a ‘boyfriend’ for five. He puts up with my animals and I put up with his stamp collecting.” **Paul Snare**, MBA ’58, has written a book, available to all of us on Amazon/Kindle. It’s called *The Monticello Project*, the story of a construction project infected with corruption, murder, and drugs.

Arthur Hershey (Calabasas, CA) is active as a docent at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in

Simi Valley, CA. **Dick Miller**, MBA ’58 (Lake Forest, IL) is doing part-time work as supervisor of sorting operations with volunteers for one of the largest church rummage sales in the country. He will be at Reunion as music director of the Cayuga’s Waiters of the Fifties. Rev. **John Maltby** (Monmouth Jct., NJ) was recently honored at Dryden Masonic Lodge with a Dedicated Service Award. He writes, “My travels lately were curtailed by radiation cancer treatment (successful).” But he plans to reconnect with us and the Big Red Band at Reunion. **Betsy Jennings Rutledge** (Willmette, IL) was a private investor, and writes, “I do love staying in touch with quite a few Cornellians—especially Kappas. I travel a lot to different climates and family-oriented locations throughout the country. We prefer automobiles (like turtles!).”

Chuck Morris and wife Joan spend their summers overlooking Hayden Lake, ID. After getting a USAF commission through the AFOTC program, Chuck attended flight school and spent five years piloting F-86 Sabrejets, followed by another five in KC-135 tankers (modified 707s) that refueled other planes in the sky. Chuck served in the Vietnam War, and then spent 25 years flying for PanAm, retiring in 1992. He has stayed in touch with SAE classmates **Pete Huberth** and **Dave Mott**. **Peter Dirlam** (Southbridge, MA), with his two brothers, is still running JI Morris Co., as the second generation of a company formed in 1920 by their father and partner J. Irwin Morris. Peter writes, “Our precision miniature threaded parts and industrial polishing textiles are marketed worldwide. Daily problem solving keeps us both young and sharp!”

Craig Ten Broeck (Newtown Square, PA) is a retired electrical engineer, and now spends time grandfathering, doing computer work, and teaching genealogy classes at Main Line Night School. **Gideon Panter**, MD ’60 (Palisades, NY) is a gynecologist and teacher at Weill Cornell Medicine, with many Cornelian children and grandchildren following in his footsteps. **Laura Lawrence Good** (Portland, OR) recently moved to a retirement community, Halladay Park Plaza, and is now spending lots of time “unpacking and getting rid of stuff.” **Sandra Lee Ames Kallen** (Grand Ledge, MI) writes, “I’m just checking in so my friends from Cornell will know I haven’t checked out!”

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our classmate **Charlotte Edelstein** Gross, who died this past July. **Arthur Gast** moved from Plymouth, MA, to Sterling, VA, to be closer to family. **Dick Bushey** (Greenville, SC) enjoys golf, traveling, and visiting with family in Michigan. He recently downsized to a patio home. **Don Moon Jr.** (Waukegan, IL) retired as president emeritus of Shimer College in Chicago in 2011 after serving as president for 25 years. **J. Anthony Burton** (Amherst, MA) retired from law practice in 1994 and has been teaching Shakespeare and writing at the UMass, Amherst Center for Renaissance Studies. **Bob and Roberta Karpel Silman** were in Florence, Italy, this past summer, where Bob gave a speech to his engineers’ association (IABSE) on the dangers of present urbanization and growth. Send news to: [Phyllis Bosworth](mailto:Phyllis.Bosworth@phylboz@aol.com), phylboz@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof56.alumni.cornell.edu>.

57 The town of North Stratford, NH, was the scene of **Jim Brown**’s 80th birthday celebration. A 120-lb. pig was consumed and over a gross of beer cans were

emptied. Jim enjoys fishing and manicuring his 23 acres while continuing to breed black and yellow Labs. His three sons have produced five grandchildren. Auditions are now open for a larger pig for the 90th.

Gonzalo Ferrer (a mere 79) has sent along a wonderful summary from Puerto Rico of what he has been doing lately. After 30 years appraising real estate, he has backed off to managing several rental properties owned by his family. He was in Ithaca twice last year, once to take his grandson to look at Cornell as a possible next step and again to participate in the 150th anniversary of the university, involving a great fireworks show at a fairly packed Schoellkopf. He still spends time at his property in Woodstock, VT, in October to enjoy the fall colors. He has been a major force in his local Cornell Club in raising over \$1 million to provide assistance to Puerto Rican students at Cornell. Gonzalo hopes to see a big turnout at our 60th in 2017.

Tony, MBA ’58, and **Gail Lautzenheiser Cashen** are in the completion phase of moving to the Kendal retirement community in Ithaca, where their residence is the former farmhouse of the 100-acre Savage Farm, acquired several years ago from Cornell. They have had their eyes on this property for 12 years, and jumped when it became available. That triggered the sale of the 300-acre farm in the Hudson Valley, a family homestead for 75 years. Gail and Tony recently had Sunday brunch with the former dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (that, friends, is the current name for the Ag school), **Dave Call ’54**, PhD ’60, and his wife, **Mary (Gentry) ’54**, and dinner with **Marj Nelson** Smart. Tony advises those of us more mobile to start the retirement process by moving every five years to “overcome the habit of non-essential material retention.” [John Seiler](mailto:John.Seiler@suicase2@aol.com), suicase2@aol.com.

If it’s January it’s time for the class officers to join other alumni at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) in Philadelphia. As has been the custom for a number of years, there will be a class dinner on Friday, January 22, organized by **Jan Charles Lutz** (billjanlutz@comcast.net) and **Bert Grunert DeVries** (J2RDeVries@aol.com). Contact either one of them for a seat at the table. Bert and **Betty Starr** King had an eventful Road Scholar trip to Padua and Venice in September. For Bert, it was a visit with her granddaughter who is studying in Florence. For Betty, it was stepping wrong on an irregular sidewalk in Venice and winding up with a torn tendon. Fortunately it happened just before the end of the trip, so she and Bert had plenty of time to enjoy their two weeks in Italy.

I also participated in a Road Scholar program this summer—at the Chautauqua Institution (my first time there) for a week of informative lectures on the Middle East. What a beautiful setting. I can understand why **Ted Raab** spends summers there! As another part of celebrating my 80th year I saw some great tennis at Wimbledon in July and then weathered the wind and rain at St. Andrews to attend the British Open. **Bob ’55**, MBA ’57, and **Vanne Shelley Cowie** were on the CAU trip to Baja, CA, in April, where they did whale and seal watching and viewed rattlesnakes that don’t rattle. In July, the Cowies were on campus with their 10-year-old granddaughter, taking part in the multi-generational programs offered by CAU.

Beth Ames Swartz is having a movie made of her life as an artist. She was in NYC in September, where **Ruby Tomberg Senie**, BS Nurs ’75, hosted a reception for her. **Doris Blum Baker**, **Connie**

Santagato Hosterman, **Eda Green** Krantz, **Chris Zeller** Lippman, and **Judy Richter** Levy, LLB '59, were among the guests. **Barbara Kaufman** Smith continues to narrate books for the blind and physically handicapped for the State of Kentucky. Recently the Smiths sold their home on five acres in the country and moved to the town of Georgetown, KY, home of Toyota. One of the most valuable things that Barbara learned at Cornell was how large and diverse our world is, having made friends from Iraq, India, Germany, and Africa.

Now that **Susan Roseno** Fahrenholtz (Bloomfield, NJ) has retired from AT&T Bell Labs in Murray Hill (now Alcatel-Lucent), she is teaching physical science part time at Fordham at Lincoln Center. Also, as a member of the American Chemical Society, she is volunteering to arrange paid summer internships for low-income high school students in chemistry departments of universities. As for her time at Cornell, Susan values what she learned from Prof. Sahlein in chemistry and Prof. Nabokov in her writing course. Not everyone is retired these days. **Eva Klauber** Anderson is a psychologist in practice in Salisbury, MD. Happy New Year! **Judy Reusswig**, JCRuss@aol.com.

58 We have news! Thanks to everyone who sent news forms and e-mails! **Marilyn Drury**-Katillo has been traveling non-stop and still loves gardening and grandparenting. **Robert Mayer** retired five years ago and also loves gardening. He keeps busy with golf, bridge, traveling, community volunteerism, and lots of time with his "perfect" grandchildren. He spent a month in Florida for the first time and met the **Griffingers** and **Manginos** for dinner—all '58ers! They enjoyed it so much, they will go back for three months this winter! A trip to South America last spring was wonderful, he said.

Anita Podell Miller is teaching land use law at UNM School of Law and working whenever she gets a call, but is "mostly retired," she says. Last July, **Carol Boeckle** Welch traveled to Croatia with a community chorus to sing a series of concerts in the cathedrals of medieval walled cities along the Dalmatian Coast. A most memorable 11 days! **Louisa Copeland** Duemling is living on the farm, spending a couple of nights in Washington, and getting used to being a widow. Her grandson is at Cornell's Dyson School and studying Chinese; she is on the board of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. **Marie Burba** has been retired since 1993 and enjoys spending time with her family, cruises, TV, her iPad, reading, and photography. She travels less, now that she has retired from the Foreign Service.

Barry Bloom is counsel to the law firm of Drohan Lee. He is a member of a private equity firm launching an impact investment program to acquire and renovate real properties in sustainable and revitalized communities, and open employment to previously incarcerated persons. He is on the board of the Correctional Assn. of New York, a 170-year-old nonprofit that is unique in having a legislative mandate to monitor conditions in New York State prisons. Barry is also on the board of the Horticultural Society and took up the drums in 2005 after his late wife, Frances, died. The Barry Bloom Dream Band can be seen on YouTube—"and, yes, we are looking for gigs!" **John Brinsley**, JD '60, is sitting as a temporary judge, serving as a Pasadena commissioner for a firefighter and police retirement fund, acting as a mediator, and keeping up with his three grandchildren. He celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary in November.

Jack Dougherty is quietly retired. He lost his wife in 2011 and keeps busy making his home and yard presentable. Both his children are in San Antonio, where he resides. **Franklin Russell**, MBA '60, is active with Shriners Hospitals and the American Legion and is treasurer of the Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra, which he founded in 1972. He is co-chairman of the University Chimes Advisory Committee. **Sandra Schon** Mackay, BS Nurs '59, is still teaching public health (community health part time) at the San Francisco State U. School of Nursing. A widow, Sandra met, and is together with, a wonderful new man who also lost his spouse. She has three children and eight grandchildren. Send news to: **Janet Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com; or **Dick Haggard**, richardhaggard11@gmail.com.

59 Those of you who've completed class news forms may recall a recently posed question: "What has proved to be the most valuable thing you learned at Cornell?" Here are some answers: "The importance of communication, even though I had no specific classes in it" (**Charles Beck**, MS '61). "Keep learning" (**Ira Brous**). "Read widely, evaluate, do not be judgmental" (**Helen Pratt** Newton). "Hard work and study have their rewards!" (**Al Herschman**). "I learned to say, 'What do you mean by that?' and 'I don't understand'" (**Al Rosenthal**). "When facts change, change your focus and your aspirations" (**Renee Stern** Vogel). "Leadership skills and how to write a persuasive message" (**Ann Schmeltz** Bowers). "Value personal relationships, and maintain them" (**Rick Dyer**, MD '63). And from **Carolyn Babcock** van Leer, "The class that has carried me through life was Ag Engineering—Household Mechanics. It included auto mechanics, plumbing, sewing machines, and how to use pulleys, fulcrums, and levers to get things done the easy way." Carolyn is working on her family tree, which includes a bevy of Cornelliens; her great-grandfather, grandfather, father, brother, and son all attended the university.

From **Peter Hendrickson**, BArch '59, valuable advice to the young: "It's necessary to enjoy what you're doing if you're going to spend so much time doing it." Peter, an architect who retired in 2001, has continued to do small jobs since then. About three years ago, after living in Portland, OR, for more than a decade, he moved back to Southampton, NY. Last winter—"almost the worst here, and close to some in Ithaca"—has him thinking about living somewhere with no winter. **Dorothy Isaacs** Winick and her husband have moved to a condominium in Hollywood, FL, with beautiful views of the ocean and the intracoastal waterway. Dorothy is doing watercolor painting and enjoying her triplet grandchildren who live nearby. Retired veterinarian **Doug Dedrick** divides his time between East Aurora, NY, and The Villages, FL. "Life is joyous," he writes—especially with the birth of two grandchildren in 2015, bringing the total to three. **Robert Dann** and his wife, who have five grandchildren, also divide their year—between homes in Amherst, MA, and Vero Beach, FL. Robert is a semi-retired radiologist, still working about 30 days a year. Longtime Floridian **Joan Travis** Pittel of Boynton Beach continues to volunteer usher at the Kravis Center in West Palm Beach and is on the board of directors of her community. She and her husband travel as often as they can; recent trips include a visit to Amsterdam and a cruise around Antarctica. Joan's granddaughter is a sophomore at Cornell,

as is the grandson of **Saul '58** and **Helen Sugarman Presberg**, **Matan Presberg '18**.

Paul Marcus, MS '60, director of the food brokerage firm Paul Charles Ltd., is down to about three days of work per week. "I still enjoy seeing customers, and looking for the next home run," he says. His son, Jacob, is completing an MBA program at Columbia, while daughter Lenni is finishing up her master's at Smith. Last month's class column mentioned **David Kendall's** new book, *When Descendants Become Ancestors: The Flip Side of Genealogy*. In today's world, when one publishes, one needs to promote. David and his wife recently completed a three-month tour of five Southern states, doing workshops and presentations to promote the book. Next up on their itinerary will be the Northeast and Midwest. "Our lives are pretty much consumed with book promotions right now," he writes. "Everyone should be writing short stories of his/her life for the benefit of our family descendants and all future generations. It is the rank-and-file who must take charge of transmitting our culture, not just our leaders. Everyone matters!"

Pat Turnbull Keller and her husband live outside Denver at 8,700 feet, where wildlife viewing can be glorious. They recently traveled to very different climes—Indonesia—spending one week on a boat visiting various places on the nation's 1,700 islands, then enjoying another couple of weeks on Bali. **Ann Marie Behling** (Fairview, NC) traveled to Patagonia, Cape Horn, and Iguassu Falls for 18 days, and not long thereafter spent ten days in Belize, snorkeling and enjoying the sun. Considering the news form question, "Who is the old Cornell friend you would most like to hear from," she responded, "Anyone who remembers me."

Losing touch with friends from years gone by is a common occurrence, and some of you have requested contact information for classmates: "I'd like to get in touch with the people on my freshman corridor," or "I'd love to hear from the guy who once asked me to jitterbug in the Ivy Room." I may be able to help. Send me the name of the classmate you'd like to contact, include your e-mail address, and if I have an e-mail address for the other person, I'll let him or her know of your interest. (I only have e-mail addresses that have been provided to the university. Do they have yours?) Another suggestion, offered by Pat Keller: Look on Facebook, where she and other '59ers have a presence. **Jenny Tesar**, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 **Jim**, MST '65, and **Lois Lundberg Carter** live several months of the year at their cottage on Seneca Lake—"just across the hill from Ithaca," says Lois—and spend the winter months in Florida, regularly taking time out for travel. In 2014, they spent several weeks in Spain, where Jim had taken students for years when he was teaching at Elmira College, and then visited Costa Rica; in late summer 2015, they went to Newfoundland. At home, Jim, who had earlier served as president of the Utica Symphony, enjoys being a member of singing groups; and Lois, previously involved with Presbyterian Women at the national level, now does more with the group at regional and local levels. Lois says, "We are working with the local initiative to protect the water in Seneca Lake from pollution due to storage of LPG and/or natural gas in salt mine caverns under the lake (and directly across from our home!)."

Two classmates sent along the happy news of re-marriages in recent years. Some time after losing his wife, Randi, in 2009, **Bob McDermott**, who spent his working years in such far-flung places as Abu Dhabi, Indonesia, France, and the UK, met, and eventually married, Torill Helland, a Norwegian. Bob says, "She turned out to have spent more time in the US as an adult than I have!" Retired in Tiburon, CA, Bob reports, "Beyond gardening and house maintenance, I volunteer with the Town of Tiburon and at the San Francisco Yacht Club. Sailing is my passion. We took part in a regatta in Norway last summer along with the King of Norway. Life is good!" **Louise Clendenin** Watson (Jaffrey, NH) has married Bernard, whom she met years ago when both were playing piano on the QE2. Now, she says, "My husband and I play piano and sing every Friday and Saturday evening at Monadnock Inn, a lovely 200-year-old inn in Jaffrey Center. It is a lovely life, with music and laughter as our recipe for happiness."

Peddrick "Pete" Weis (New York City) says, "I'm enjoying my twelfth year of retirement from Rutgers"—where he was a professor at the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. His wife **Judith (Shulman)** '62 is a professor emerita from the biological sciences department at Rutgers-Newark. The couple, who met when both were still in school and doing research at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, have collaborated on many projects over the years and co-authored numerous scientific papers and book chapters. A 2013 article I ran across featured Pete and Judith's work on marine life in the New Jersey wetlands and the way it is affected by toxins in the environment. Pete says, "I still have my lab and am still editing journals, singing in two choruses, and enjoying our three granddaughters. I did a double vacation last winter—first, in the Galapagos, sharing a sailboat with family, then off to Myanmar/Burma for two weeks of a fascinating visit with various ethnic groups."

Marilyn Radinsky Deak (Carlsbad, CA; marilyn.deak@sbcglobal.net) writes, "Fifteen years ago, I retired from my work as a clinical psychologist." She had worked in this profession since receiving her PhD in the mid-1960s. "That allowed my husband, Gedeon, and me to move from Wilmington, DE, to wonderfully sunny Southern California, following our middle child to the San Diego area." For a decade Marilyn has been a representative of WomanHeart, an organization focused on education, support, and advocacy for women's heart health; she is also the coordinator for a local support group for women with cardiac concerns. "It has been a wonderful opportunity for me to be with women who are walking the same path as I, and, sadly, to learn about our healthcare system 'up close and personal.'" She invited anyone planning to visit Carlsbad to contact her, saying, "I can't travel to Cornell, but it is still very dear to me, and I enjoy hearing about it."

Walter Williamson reports that he continues full time as an attorney in NYC, having been of counsel at White, Fleischer & Fino LLP for a decade, using his prior experience as a physician on cases involving contested medical and technical expert opinion. His wife, Karen, is associate dean for medical student research at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. **Laurence Dornstein** (Beverly Hills, CA), also an attorney, says, "I have been slowing down the work now that I am approaching my 76th birthday, representing the bus company L.A. Metro as my only client." Still going full tilt is **Dick Thatcher**, MBA '62 (Gwynedd

Valley, PA), managing director of Fairmount Partners, where he is doing investment banking focused on technology and healthcare companies. Dick's two daughters are both Cornellians—**Kate Thatcher Barnwell** '84 and **Jill Thatcher Sautkulis** '87—as is his brother, **Jim Thatcher** '56, MBA '59.

Irene Kleinsinger (Tarrytown, NY) says, "I'm still involved in career coaching and writing. I've been searching for an outlet for my book, *Peter Pan Meets Retirement*, and trying to decide what to do when I grow up!" **Bob Cohen** reports, "I continue my late-onset acting career—fun and rewarding. I played Grandad Eric in an August production of *Dream Street* at the Pearl Theatre in Manhattan, and had a great time while in the city, also visiting with **Ginny Seipt**." Send your news to: jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Savannah, GA, played host to 27 classmates and guests October 9 and 10 to celebrate and plan our upcoming 55th Reunion. Save the dates of June 9-12, 2016 for your trip to Ithaca. Class president **Peter Greenberg** and Reunion chair **Pauline Sutta** Degenfelder led the weekend of activities including a reception at the home of **Doug Fuss**, followed by a dinner at the Landings Club, arranged by **John Sobke**. A breakfast planning meeting followed on Saturday including a conference call with **Ken Blanchard**, PhD '67, who counseled us to "Refire! Don't Retire." Copies of Ken's latest book of a like title were provided for everyone.

Following a leisurely day enjoying historic Savannah, our group reconvened for dinner at a restaurant in Market Square and a night of revelry. **Sue Rand** Garrett took numerous photos that

included committee members **Jay Treadwell** and **Larry Wheeler**. Visit our class website to see your hard-working committee in action. Sunday included a stay-over for some, and a trip to the airport and a return home for others. In addition to the normal Reunion organizing committee, **Doris Markowitz** Greenberg, practicing pediatrician and longtime Savannah resident, joined our group, along with **Don Martin**, who now resides in Bluffton, SC. **Neil Goldberger** arrived from Tampa, while **Jim Moore**, LLB '64, was traveling from Rochester, NY. The long distance prize went to **Doug Uhler**, who drove his RV from Canyon Lake, CA. This Cornell invasion followed on the heels of seven Fiji brothers arriving for a golf outing for their annual gathering. Again, John Sobke hosted this group at the Landings.

We received an announcement that Duane Morris partner **Allen Ross** has been selected by *Best Lawyers* as the "Lawyer of the Year" in New York City litigation-construction law for 2016. Only one lawyer in each practice area and city is given this honor. Lawyers are selected based on high marks received during the extensive peer-review assessments conducted by *Best Lawyers* each year. This is the second consecutive year that Allen has been named the "Lawyer of the Year." Allen has more than 45 years of experience practicing law in the areas of construction, litigation, and real estate, and has also developed a career in alternative dispute resolution in the construction industry.

We also received a note from **Jill Beckoff** Nagy. "I'm finally hitting my stride as a retiree: tutoring math for Literacy Volunteers, doing pro bono legal work, active in a couple of book groups, faithfully attending fitness classes at the YMCA, writing for a couple of weekly newspapers,




and back on the local League of Women Voters board. For the past nine months, I served on the Troy City Charter Revision Commission. We just completed work on a new city charter that goes to the voters in November. The commission was a diverse group of nine citizen volunteers. Despite a range of strongly held opinions on many issues, we managed to work harmoniously and draft a good document. I hope the voters will be as pleased with our work as we are. I also have a vegetable garden for the first time in 30 years. I have fallen in love with eggplant, a gorgeous

Last July, **Evelyn Eskin** (evelyneskin@mac.com) noted, "No visit to Ithaca is complete without doing the gorge walk in Enfield!" Evelyn and **Dave Major '61**, BA '60, were on campus for a tour with granddaughter Noa. **Paul '60** and **Gail Hirschmann Becker** are in Bloomington, IN, where Gail sells residential real estate (gbecker@homefinder.org). Granddaughter Hannah graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the U. of Colorado, Boulder. **Michael Miller** (mandl1@ptd.net) says he is "working about 15 percent of the time now" as a CPA at ConcannonMiller in Bethlehem, PA. He and

grandchildren and traveling, especially European river cruises. Retired Army colonel **Don Boose** (Carlisle, PA; boosed@pa.net) teaches at the US Army War College. His latest book, *The Ashgate Companion to the Korean War*, was published last year. Retired MD **Bill Jones** (biljones@q.com) is hoping to connect with Cornell Club activities in Fort Collins, CO, where he and his wife live.

The business card of **Ira Nelken** (iranrich01@aol.com) lists watercolors, pastels, and pen and ink as his specialties. Ira and Nan are retired in Pinole, CA, where they babysit their youngest granddaughters weekly and volunteer for nonprofits. **Paul Regan**, MBA '65, serves on four nonprofit boards. He and Susie live in Wellesley Island, NY, when not at their Florida beach home. **Hillel '61**, MD '65, and **Willa Radin Swiller**, BFA '62 (wswiller@gmail.com) are in White Plains, NY. Willa is a portrait painter who works in group shows. **David Lloyd** (Chevy Chase, MD) is "enjoying travel while retired." He's been to Barcelona, Madrid, Berlin, Brussels, Paris, Cuba, Mexico, and Alaska recently. When home, he enjoys the proximity of two grandsons, age 6 and 8. **Betty Kopsc** Bennett (beekbennett@comcast.net) and Roger are in Middletown, MD, where she has been adjunct anatomy and physiology instructor at Frederick Community College for the past 21 years. The Bennetts have six grandchildren ranging from high school senior to 1 year old.


Please start the new year by sending a note to update your classmates about you!  **Jan McClayton** Crites, jmc50@cornell.edu.

‘Enjoying the good life and spending the kids’ inheritance.’

Paul and Mary Davis Deignan '62

plant with purple-veined leaves and a beautiful complex blossom. The fruit is almost a bonus."

Nelson Spencer wrote, "I just received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the US Rugby Football Foundation Hall of Fame dinner in Chicago prior to the US-Australia match. I was first introduced to the game in the spring of my freshman year at Cornell, but didn't take it up seriously until ten years later back in Dallas. I founded the Dallas Harlequins Rugby Club, became president of the Texas Rugby Union and then the Western US Rugby Union. I served on the board of the US Rugby Union twice and received the President's Award in 1983. I was a member of the US over-40 team in 1979 (the Bald Eagles) and played in old-boys tournaments in New Zealand, Canada, the Cayman Islands, France, and Great Britain. None of this pays very well, so I never gave up my day job."

On a somber note, we learned of the loss of Kerstin Codrington, wife of **Garrett Codrington**, following a lengthy battle with cancer. We share his loss and extend our sympathies to Gary and his family. Thank you for responding to the news forms and keep it coming.  **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net; **Susan Williams Stevens**, sastevens61@gmail.com. Visit our Facebook page, "Cornell Class of 1961," and our class website, www.cornel61.org.

Linda live in Allentown, where he is active on community boards. Their daughter **Laurie Miller Brotman '86** received the 2014 Helen Bull Vanderbilt Award from the Human Ecology Alumni Assn. Condolences to **Ted O'Neill** (The Villages, FL) and to **Wendell Glasier** (wglasier@verizon.net), who both lost their wives in 2014.

Anne Kaczmarczyk Evans (Ashland, PA; evns25@ptd.net) is working limited hours as a counselor on Medicare health plans. Anne went to Italy and Toronto, ON, in September and was headed to Cuba in October. Her grandson is a sophomore at Lafayette College. She added, "Attending Cornell's Nursing school was one of the best decisions I ever made." Involvement in community activities in Heath, TX, keeps **John Curtis**, BCE '64, MCE '65 (johnandjanie@att.net) busy. He's chair of the city park board; other boards include Rotary, Boys and Girls Club, church foundation, and Diocesan Brotherhood of St. Andrew. John and Janie visited South Africa and Zimbabwe last summer with their grandson and his family—"Priceless!" The Curtis recently visited **David Harrauld** (daveharrauld@att.net) and Lettie in Sun Lakes, AZ. The Harraulds, who celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary last year, leave the summer heat of Arizona to visit Buffalo, where they lived for 14 years. **Bill '60**, BCE '63, and **Joan Kather Henry '64** also visited the Harraulds.

Retirement finds **Betty Lefkowitz** Moore (blm1@psu.edu) active in music, arts, theatre, sports events, grandchildren, gardening, hospital volunteer work, and Hadassah. Betty and John live in State College, PA. Their daughter was recognized as the best dermatologist in Manhattan last year. Retired United Airlines captain **Dick Monroe** (rem36@cornell.edu) continues his work with the Boy Scouts. He's a unit commander for the Northlakes district of Chief Seattle Council and works at Mountain Meadows of Duval to provide training and camping for scouts. Dick and Toni (Woodinville, WA) recently celebrated the arrival of their 12th grandchild. **Terry Baker** (reteyedoc@aol.com) and Lynne live in Truckee, CA, in the Sierra Nevada mountains near Lake Tahoe. Their son, **Jon '92**, has two young sons.

"Enjoying the good life and spending the kids' inheritance," writes **Paul**, MPS '74, and **Mary Davis Deignan** (Gettysburg, PA; pbd7@cornell.edu). The Deignans recently celebrated their 53rd anniversary. "Being lazy on a beach in Aruba" is the wish of **Bernard McHugh** (bmchugh2@verizon.net). He and Joni live in Woodbridge, VA, and enjoy

63 Happy New Year to all! How fast time flies as it gets closer to our 55th Reunion in 2018!

Several classmates are being honored this fall by the university. The Board of Trustees Committee on Alumni Affairs announced the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awards, which included classmate **Mary Falvey** and six other Cornellians. Congratulations to Mary, and thanks for your service to Cornell all these years. A reception and dinner was held last September at the Statler Hotel. **Charles "Jay" Abbe**, MS '65, is the recipient of the 2015 "Whitey" Mullestein '32 Leadership Award. Last October, the Mullestein Dinner was held to honor Jay. Established by the Cornell Rowing Assn. in 2004, the award was created to honor individuals who have exhibited extraordinary leadership and commitment to Cornell rowing. Coach **Todd Kennett '91** said, "As an alumnus Jay has helped to keep the crews funded, equipped, and housed. His recent leadership and financial support to help Cornell crew meet its new Annual Fund initiative simply made him special." Congratulations, Jay!

Ron Demer '59 sent me the following: "An October 6 *New York Times* article reported that although Mars is pretty clean, NASA has a PhD, **Catharine Conley**, PhD '95, whose job is to keep it that way and make sure not too many Earth spores from research missions to Mars are left behind. Her title is planetary protection officer. This reminded me that your classmate, **Jay Light**, BEP '64, had already done this in 1966 when he worked at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab at Caltech before starting his very successful career at the Harvard Business School. He even presented his plan at a space conference in Vienna at the tender age of 24. I sent Jay the article and posed a question: 'Didn't you already do this 50 years ago?' His reply: 'I thought that I had done that. Well, things can get messy after 50 years, I suppose.'" Thanks, Ron.

62 Happy New Year to all! When you read this, your class officers will soon be attending the annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC) and making plans for our Reunion next year, June 8-11, 2017. It's not too early (or too late) to become involved in the planning—contact **Neil Schilke**, MME '64 (neroschilke@aol.com) to volunteer.

While it seems like we just completed our 50th Reunion, there is less time to our 55th than has passed since our 50th. The 55th Reunion team is getting into action, which includes contacting affinity groups. Information on the upcoming event will start appearing in newsletters, class columns, e-mails, etc. However, personal contact from affinity leaders was very successful in getting people to attend our 50th. Now's the time to assemble a contact list of friends and people you know from your Cornell activities and suggest they put our Reunion dates on their calendars. There's only 18 months to go to get a large group of '62ers back on the Hill!

Charles Levine (St.-Laurent, QC) is a retired college teacher. "My daughter, Sara, lives in Israel and had her third child in July." Charles would like to hear from **Robert McDowell**. **Dennis Crawford** plays golf at Long Cove Club in Hilton Head, SC, and loves to bike and travel. His wife, Margaret, has opened an art gallery in Bluffton, SC. When asked what he would rather be doing now, he said, "Nothing—happy to be here." **Bruce Craig**, MEd '65, and his wife, Theresa Lambert, live in Heathsville, VA. Bruce is a board member of the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. He writes, "I serve as volunteer coordinator and volunteer builder, am a docent for the local fisherman's museum, and volunteer at a local used book store for the library. I have taken up piano lessons with an emphasis on learning jazz—no previous musical experience. I'm still active reviewing grant proposals for my old agency, the US Administration on Aging. Keeps my hand on important issues facing seniors." The most valuable thing he learned at Cornell: "Asking the right questions, keeping an open mind, and learning the value of history."

Aija Purgailis Thacher writes, "I'm getting back into quilting, regular exercise, and reading. I had been taking care of my husband, **Phil**, PhD '65, full time the last few years—he had Parkinson's. Phil passed away on June 30, 2014. My daughter lives and works in Albuquerque, NM, while my son and family live in Fort Worth, TX. I am now getting in touch with friends (Cornellians and others), folk dancing, swimming, and getting back into activities that used to be pleasurable, like volunteer work and possibly tutoring in a school again." Aija would like to get in touch with **Louise Star** Bergerson. The most valuable thing she learned at Cornell: "General knowledge, particularly scientific, that has been very useful in my work as a nutritional advisor in a health food store for 22 years." **Garret "Gary" Demarest** and his partner live in Palm Springs, CA. Gary is retired as of July 2014. "My partner and I have been enjoying our cats. Last year we showed our exotic short-hair named Brutus to ACFA's Cat of the Year." (ACFA is the American Cat Fancier's Association.)

Nathaniel "Neil" Garfield and his wife, Carol, live in Purchase, NY. Neil has been retired from day-to-day work for eight years, but is still director of the company he founded. "My sons, Ted and **David '01**, run the company now. My boys took Carol and me to Palm Beach last year—a first. We hadn't had a family vacation in a long time." When asked what he would rather be doing now, Neil said, "I've always done what I wanted, when I wanted." He also said he learned a valuable lesson at Cornell: "How to make friends and learn anything I put my mind to." That's all for now. Please e-mail me with your news: **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@gmail.com.

64 It's the New Year, so here's classmate news to (hopefully) get things started in the best light.

Kathleen Dunn Olson (Hilliard, OH), who has never been in this column, writes, "I continue to train ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers about once a month—enough to keep me busy and involved. I have published five books for ESL learners and am working on another one. Otherwise, I enjoy walking, biking, playing pickle ball, and traveling. Life is great!" **Ann Wilson** Rounds, last here more than 11 years ago, writes, "My husband, Tom, and I moved in August from our lovely home of 40 years in San Mateo, CA, to Louisville, CO, to be near

one of our daughters and our grandchildren. We are loving the mountains, the access to wonderful trails, and being with our family often. As a result of our move, I have been in contact with **Cathy Shull** and **Byron McCalmon '62**, MEd '70, who live nearby in Boulder. We also had a lovely visit from **Nancy Nelson**, who kept us energized and busy! We are eagerly looking forward to the November completion of our new home in next-door Superior, CO, and hope that classmates who are in the area will not hesitate to call or visit."

Patent attorney **Sonia Kosow Guterma**, MS Ag '67 (Belmont, MA) is still in business, although she now works just part time, thanks, she says, to an "excellent group of associates and paralegals." Sonia otherwise spends much time taking bicycle vacations with her significant other (husband **Martin**, PhD '68, is deceased), an ardent cyclist. The pair have taken cycling sojourns in Vermont and the Berkshires, and were "tooling up" for a spin in France. She writes, "I am contented with the great mix of mental, physical, and musical activities that enliven my days. However, one never gets enough Latin dancing." Rev. **Douglas Garland** moved last November to a new apartment in Hamlet Village, a retirement community in Chagrin Falls, OH. That done, in December he celebrated his 45th anniversary of ordination.

As of May 2014, **Jerome Rubin** was still working as a hematologist-oncologist, in a larger practice but still alongside his daughter, who is in the same field. In summer 2013, Jerry and wife **Suellen (Safir) '65** returned to Cornell for a CAU course in bird watching ("highly recommended"). He wrote, "I enjoy my time with my grandkids most and still enjoy going to local concerts here in Carmel, CA. Advances in cancer research still excite me. I take great pride in bringing the best care possible to my patients." Last year, **Lois Beach Conrad**, MEd '65, and husband **Jack '63**, MEE '69 (Thousand Oaks, CA) went on their third mission trip with the Christian Broadcasting Network, this time to Mongolia. Previous trips with CBN have taken them to gypsy camps in Ukraine and orphanages in South Africa. The Conrads also recently went to China for a seven-city, 16-day tour with 14 college students. Lois writes that they've also spent time with the CEOs of such companies as Google and Lenovo, but under what circumstances she doesn't reveal. They otherwise spend time with their two daughters and five grandchildren. After getting her master's degree, Lois taught various physical science subjects for 49 years, and now says, "We are extremely happy in our retirement."

Psychiatrist **Gerald Lazar**, who lives in Salt Lake City, UT, with wife Elise, cut work back to two to three days, totaling 18 hours a week at various outpatient clinics. He says he's loving it. He keeps active with the Unitarian Church, book clubs, wine tasting, a men's group he's been a member of for 28 years, and attending ballet, symphony, and opera. He also travels a lot, by his own admission—most recently two weeks in New Zealand (with an RV on the South Island), followed by four weeks in a rented house on Bali and somehow also Australia. The Lazars otherwise enjoy visiting their children and grandchildren in not-too-far-off Portland, OR, and Seattle, WA. And speaking of Australia, **Jane Rothman**, who lives in Sydney, writes that her dual-citizen son worked in NYC last year, so she took advantage of his presence to come back to the US, where she spent time with **Rick '65** and **Linda Cohen Meltzer**, **Richard '63**, BCE '65, MCE '65, and **Loretta DeMartini Brustman**, and **Jessica Kristal** Newmark and her

husband, Alex. Jane concludes by noting that her move to Australia is one of the best decisions she ever made.

Michael Goldstein (Washington, DC) shared that in January 2014, his law firm merged with the global law firm Cooley LLP, but that he remains co-chair of the post-merger firm's higher education practice. **Carol Wiley Bossard** is now retired from her position as director of the Schuyler County (NY) Office of the Aging. Since then, Carol's been doing freelance writing and community volunteering, and is the networking person for her family and two other groups. Carol and husband **Kermit '63** live in Spencer, NY, yet try to be "contributing parts" of the development of their two granddaughters, who live in South Carolina. Carol adds that the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell was "to be comfortable in leadership positions, to keep an open mind, and to enjoy diverse cultures and ideas." That's it for now. Please keep the news coming: **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net. Class website, www.cornell1964.org. Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/groups/cornell1964.

65 **Carol Bittner Altemus** (Bloomfield, NY; caltemus44@frontier.net.net) is enjoying spending more time with her granddaughters as well as serving as a Master Gardener volunteer. Her husband, **Jim**, MBA '66, volunteers at the Finger Lakes Boat Museum and is a cabinetmaker at Genesee Country Village and Museum. She would love to hear from **Lari Lynn** Hovermale Muller. **Thom Seaman** (artshakspt@gmail.com) reports that he and spouse Linda run an art gallery in the riverside town of Southport, NC. He is a metal sculptor and Linda is a painter. They created a compound nine years ago, consisting of residence, studios, gallery, and sculpture garden. They recently traveled in Portugal, Spain, and Morocco. Thom would love to hear from **Peter Kendall '68**.

Judith Rosuck Fox (JudithRFox@gmail.com) has been working as interim head at La Jolla Country Day School in La Jolla, CA. She is proud of grandson Charlie graduating from the U. of Pittsburgh. **Judy Gleicher** Seiff (jseiff@temple.rodefshalom.org) is enjoying retirement with spouse Hank, doing a good deal of travel and volunteering and enjoying their five grandsons. She is specially focused on making her community more senior-friendly. She would love to hear from **Deevy Greitzer**. **Carolyn Arvanites** Kennedy, MAT '66 (Menlo Park, CA; ckennedy43@sbcglobal.net) enjoys writing and photography, and her two grandchildren are the joy of her life. **Burr Vail** (burrmdudgeon@gmail.com) was putting his hotel, Hacienda Tamarindo on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, on the market and has been working with partners on opening a distillery called Crab Island Rum. He would like to hear from **Bill Van Duzer**.

Dave Bliss, MBA '67 (dave.bliss@swcu.edu), a member of the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame, accepted the position of men's basketball head coach at Southwestern Christian U., Bethany, OK, in April 2015. **Ed Kelman** (emknycc@aol.com) is still practicing entertainment law in New York City. He said that he loved our 50th Reunion. **Loren Meyer** Stephens (loren@writewisdom.com) is president and founder of Write Wisdom and Provenance Press and recently returned from travels in Italy and France. Loren was nominated for the 2015 Pushcart Prize for literary achievement, completed

a novel entitled *The Sushi Maker's Daughter*, and co-authored *Paris Nights: A Year at the Moulin Rouge*. She would love to hear from **Judy Hayman** Pass and **Phyllis Weiss** Haserot, MRP '67.

John Thomas Appgar (tandm7030@tds.net) practices dermatology and related fields, and is an adjunct assistant professor of dermatology at Emory U. in Atlanta. **William Weber**, ME '66 (wjweber3@SBCglobal.net) retired after 47 years at the NASA/Caltech Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which sent spacecraft to the other eight major planets in our solar system during his tenure. His latest passion is photography. **Joe Schneider** (joeschneider@earthlink.net) does volunteer work with St. Vincent de Paul Society, attends functions of the Southwest Florida Cornell Club, and enjoys golf, travel, dining, and family in Naples, FL.

Richard B. Evans (Sharpthorne, Sussex, England; Richardbevans@btopenworld.com) is an export development engineer at a company that manufactures quality grain-drying equipment. He enjoys working with young people, teaching them various life skills. He is also engaged in running a community-owned farm. He would love to hear from **Janice Perlman** and **Carol Newman**. **Norwig Debye-Saxinger** (Kinderhook, NY; norwigdebye@gmail.com) reported that after leaving Phoenix House, he embarked on a healthcare reform consultancy. He serves as president of Therapeutic Community Assn. of New York and is a member of the advisory board of the NYC Justice Center for the Protection of Vulnerable People.

David Dunn (dunn209@rcn.com) maintains his own law practice in Allentown, PA, and runs Things Said & Dunn, which conducts programs designed to increase public speaking ability. Recent publications include updated editions of *Why Businesses*

Fail and *The Speakers' Handbook*. He would love to hear from **Bob Kessler** and fraternity brother **Bill Newell** '67. **Robert Crafts** (5wcrafts@gmail.com) is engaged in the business of designing and constructing custom water features and rehabilitating older water features. He has completed some major projects in Sarasota, FL. **Judith Russell** Davidson (judithdavidson@comcast.net) plays cello in a piano quartet and sponsors chamber music concerts on Cape Cod, manages investments, and plays bridge and tennis. She is still on the board of the Cornell Club of Cape Cod, after having served as the club's president.

Marvin Foster (foster@rushenterprises.com) is engaged in fleet sales and leasing with Rush Truck Centers in Whittier, CA. **Diwan Kailash Chand** (chand2839@hotmail.com) resides in Ottawa. On a trip to Southeast Asia, he did some scuba diving and snorkeling in Indonesia. Send news to: **Steve Appell**, bigred1965@aol.com; **Joan Hens** Johnson, joanipat@gmail.com.

66 As the 50th Reunion approaches, we are delighted to hear from so many.

John Egger, ME '68, and **Nancy Fenster** learned they are seasonal neighbors, with summer homes only a few hundred yards apart on an Adirondack lake. A few years ago, John's late wife, **Helen (Perry)**, and Nancy discovered during an evening walk that they had been classmates when Helen asked about camp photos she had seen on the website of Nancy's son, **Philip Fibiger** '01. John continues to be a ham radio operator, as does Nancy's husband, Bill. **Louis Schwartz** (Lido Beach, NY; LouSchwartz@sandhmanagement.com)

is semi-retired as president of S&H Management Group. The most valuable thing he learned at Cornell: "Don't give up."

Robert Hahn (Rahahn5@gmail.com) lives in Atlanta, GA, where he is a scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He and wife Stephanie have two daughters, Anna and Leah, in college. He says that Cornell taught him how to learn. As an Engineering student, **Rich Stuebing** (rwstuebing@gmail.com) learned how to think, analyze, evaluate, and solve problems. Today, he says, that helps him continue his work with the accreditation of theological education in Africa. In 2014 he traveled to Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, and Kenya. Rich plays doubles tennis several times a week and also plays bridge. He discovered that the brother of one bridge player is classmate **Nick Zettlemoyer**. Rich is grateful for excellent health and his great wife, **Kathy (Winger)**, MS '67.

John Lovell (jlovell@johnlovell.com) continues his law practice focused on lobbying the California governor and legislature. John and wife Maria Elena have four rescue dogs. John competes in the Senior Games. His memories of a great education include the New Deal class taught by Frances Perkins and Henry Wallace. **Paul Anderson** (pkanderson@yahoo.com) has a new career as a personal trainer at 24 Hour Fitness in Vancouver, WA. He says it's a hoot to be almost three times the age of the average trainer. "Logical thinking" was his most valuable learning experience. The network of contacts developed at Cornell has **William Davidson** (willdale@frontier.com) wanting to be a full-time ambassador for Cornell. He continues to work at Frontier Communications. Although his wife, Alette, has retired as a CNA at Community Memorial Hospital in Hamilton, NY, each week she continues to be called in as a per diem. William is looking forward to our 50th Reunion.

Cesar Carrero, ME '67, continues to work. He had a health scare last year, but all is fine. He and Mayra enjoy travel and are planning a trip to France and Italy, followed by a Mediterranean cruise. He has learned the value of life experiences and being secure in what he does. **William May**, ME '67 (mayfl@msn.com) learned to have no fear and hold valued friends close. He and Carol exemplify that by cruising annually for the last 35 years from their home in Hutchinson Island, FL, to Sodus Bay on Lake Ontario. They also visit many fraternity brothers and spend time with grandchildren. Their granddaughter is at Emerson; their grandson is at ski racing school in Stowe, VT. **Debra Kirschner Wolf** reports that she and **Martin** '63, DVM '66, avoided last winter's ice and snow by spending four months in West Palm Beach, FL. There they were visited by **Sharon Family** Greenblath and her husband. The Wolfs also had dinner with a gathering of classmates at the home of **Norman Stokes** and his wife.

Having learned that opportunity is available all around us, **Peter Meyer**, ME '67 (callmepeter@hotmail.com) retired and now renovates old homes. He and son **Nathan** '07, BS '06, have begun a business helping people "trapped" in their homes to improve and sell them and move on with their lives. Peter and **Lauren (Procton)** '71 are selling their New York home and moving to New Jersey to be near a growing family. Peter would like to hear from **Bob Zemel**, DVM '69. **Barbara Allen** Ariano (ariano6161@aol.com) remains active in retirement. She and husband Anthony live in Clayton, NC. She is secretary of their homeowners association and works with a local group visiting migrant worker camps, providing extra

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clothing, bedding, and food. Their children both live in North Carolina: daughter Katherine is an RN in emergency medicine at Duke; son Michael works at Fort Bragg. The Arianos spend summers in Watkins Glen, NY.

Retirement is the “best job ever,” according to **Leonard Coburn** (lencoburn@gmail.com). He is a docent at the National Gallery of Art and also at Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens. Len and Evelyn’s passion is travel. They discovered cruising on the Seabourn Line. Past trips include the Mediterranean, Venice to Istanbul; across the Atlantic; London, ON, to Montreal, QC; the coast of France and Spain; and London to Lisbon. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary as we celebrate our 50th Reunion. How many of you are also celebrating 50 at the 50th? As we get closer to June 2016, we hope many of you will consider heading to the Hill. A ‘66 Reunion is a truly special experience, and this is one not to be missed! ■ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Peter Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebel** Gitner, Deanne.Gitner@gmail.com.

67 **Linda McMahon** Meskun (Shaftsbury, VT; lmeskun@yahoo.com) writes, “I have been retired from teaching since 2004 and have a full life. My husband and I had done a fair amount of traveling since then, but sadly he passed away last year. I am keeping busy with my work with the Lions Club, visiting my son and his family, who are stationed in Puerto Rico with the Coast Guard, and my daughter and her family, who live in Nantucket. I have recently reconnected with **Lonetta Swartout** and we hope to meet soon.”

Jim Trullinger (Naples, FL; jt84@cornell.edu) retired after years of running his own market research company. He is pursuing his love of international travel—50 countries to date and counting! His granddaughter **Ellie Trullinger** ‘13 graduated from Arts and Sciences. Jim plans to donate part of his Asian art collection to Cornell and is active in CAAAN and other Cornell groups. **Avram Chetron** (avram.chetron@gmail.com) reports, “I’m enjoying retirement from high school teaching in Ashland, OR, and doing some things that are deeply satisfying. I’m singing in several choral groups, teaching courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Inst., an adjunct program of Southern Oregon U., and doing volunteer work. I’ve taken up the guitar and am enjoying some opportunities to play and sing in various venues.” **Frank Sprtel** (Whitefish Bay, WI; fjsprt@hot.com) enjoyed the arrival of his second granddaughter in June.

Marvin Marshak (St. Louis Park, MN; marshak@umn.edu) is a physics professor at the U. of Minnesota with no plans for retirement. He has two new granddaughters: Ophira, born in January in Newton, MA, and Maya Lee, born in July in Cornell’s NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. His best decision: “To follow up on my aunt Min Siegel’s recommendation and arrange to meet Anita Sue Kolman, who has brightened my life for the past 45 years.” Last year, Marvin had dinner at the home of **Bart** ‘64 and **Nancy Dunhoff Mills** ‘64 in Manhattan Beach, CA. **Cliff Strahley** (Fair Oaks, CA; filcyelhearts@yahoo.com) started a new business importing fine art—Yelhearts Art LLC—and writes, “I’m still loving my psychotherapy work (half time) à la Dr. David Burns’s Feeling Good Inst.” His best decision: “Attending Cornell and keeping many wonderful friendships begun there.” Best concert at Cornell: “Bob Dylan.”

Margaret Willers, MBA ‘71 (Redondo Beach, CA; mewillers@gmail.com) writes, “This is really the first time I haven’t worked since I was 16. Moving to the beach and getting organized has been very intensive. I am looking forward to getting settled enough in our new community to look for work and volunteer opportunities. My husband and I just spent a year back in Upstate New York, during which time my mother died. Seeing the swans, the snow geese, and the ducklings on Cayuga Lake were some highlights of the trip. We also became avid watchers of the bird feeders in the back yard. The feeders attracted lots of birds, but also deer, squirrels, raccoons, and people.” Her best decisions: “Marrying my husband and moving to Britain, moving back to New York to share my mother’s last months, and leaving the cold and snow to return to California.” Best concert at Cornell: “It’s a toss-up between Ray Charles and the Stones.” She’d like to hear from **Myra Markowitz** Carpenter. **Les Glick**, JD ‘70 (Darnestown, MD; worldtrader8787@yahoo.com) says, “I’m actively working as a partner at Porter Wright law firm in Washington, DC, in the areas of international trade, customs, and food and drug law. I recently published a book entitled *Navigating US Customs Laws: What You Need to Know*, part of the Thomson Reuters QuickPrep series.”

Ken Bahm (Corea, ME; kenbahm@roadrunner.com) writes, “I have been semi-retired now for 15 years from healthcare administration in the US Public Health Service, with a couple of months a year consulting.” When he wrote last fall, Ken was planning a winter wedding with his partner, David Brass. His best decision: “Spending two years with the Peace Corps in Samoa.” Best concert at Cornell: “Nina Simone and Pete Seeger.” He’d like to hear from any and all classmates. **Hoyt Stearns Jr.** ‘66, MEE ‘67 (Scottsdale, AZ; hoyt-stearns@cox.net) is the principal hardware and firmware (FORTH computer language) engineer at Stimwave Technologies (stimwave.com). He writes, “I’m excited about the free energy technologies emerging soon, thus ending the petroleum and energy sectors of the economy for good and helping the environment immensely.” Hoyt’s best decision was to become a techie, and his best concert at Cornell was the Vienna Philharmonic playing Bruckner’s 9th. Send news to: ■ **Richard B. Hoffmann**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, derhoff@yahoo.com.

68 “Movin’ in; movin’ out” was an expression used on my side of campus as a mild jest about starting or ending a relationship (e.g., dating), or used more broadly about starting or ending involvement in some campus activity. What made the expression a jest, of course, was that it was said with a hint of sarcasm, which implied acknowledgment of some quasi-bold action, and with a body movement something like an abbreviated version of Chubby Checker’s twist. I think it’s an expression that should be reprieved as it is particularly well suited to the presidential race as we watch candidates rise and fall in and out of favor.


Movin’ in is **Gordon Silver**’s (gordonhsilver@gmail.com) daughter **Nicole** ‘08, who was married in Boston this past summer. **Steve**, MBA ‘70, JD ‘71, and **Sharon Lawner Weinberg**, PhD ‘71, class president **Jane Frommer Gertler** (jgert19@aol.com) and husband **David** ‘67, ME ‘68, and **Carla Ginsburg** ‘69 attended the joyous event. **Jane, Helen Karel Dorman**, BS HE ‘67, **Jane Friedlander**

Gerard, and **Steve Weinberg** were together at a Cornell Library Salon event in NYC, where Thomas Mills, the associate director for collections at the Cornell Law Library, presented highlights from the Donovan Nuremberg Trials Collection. These were generously donated to the library in 1998 by our classmates (who also attended the event) **Henry** and **Ellen Schaum Korn**.

Movin’ out and into retirement, after 40 years designing and building satellites for Loral Space Systems, is **Chris Hoeber**, MS ‘70 (cfh23@cornell.edu). Chris continues to work from his home in Los Altos, CA, for a startup company that hopes to launch four spacecraft for government use at a “tiny fraction” of the cost of past launches. “I am having a wonderful time in this last stage of a wonderful career. But I am going to miss the recruiting trips to Cornell that I have made in the dead of winter the last few years.” In 2011, Chris fulfilled a lifelong dream by cycling across the country, beginning in Newport Beach, CA, and, at about 112 miles per day, ending in Salisbury Beach, MA. Chris and his wife, Mary, who works as a docent for the Stanford Art Museum, have two children: Brian, a labor lawyer in Oakland; and Caitlin, who has just retired from her career as a dressage trainer to work more broadly with animals as a vet technician.

David Gorelick (davidgorelick1@gmail.com) is now a professor of psychiatry at the U. of Maryland School of Medicine after movin’ out after 24 years with the National Institutes of Health in October 2013. Both of David’s children—daughter Judith and her husband, Joshua, and son **Jonathan Gorelick-Feldman** ‘02 and his wife, **Orly** ‘02—joyously welcomed the birth of boys in 2014. **Dick Lamb**, ME ‘70 (dicklambsb@gmail.com) and his wife, Peggy, aren’t movin’ anywhere, having lived in Santa Barbara, CA, for the last 32 years. Now, after retiring, they have more time to enjoy biking, sailing, traveling, and Dick’s volunteer work for SCORE. Dick’s three daughters have finished or are in the process of completing grad studies. He fondly remembers going to Olin Library to study during his time on the Hill, and to Phi Psi for “fun and camaraderie.” **Judith Winter Andrucki**, MST ‘69 (JWA@Andruckilaw.com) and her husband, Martin, live in Lewiston, ME. Judith owns a small law practice, Andrucki & King, which specializes in family law. Their son teaches at Temple U.

Jim Ponsoldt (ponsoldt@msn.com) and his wife, Susan, live in Athens, GA. Jim has mostly moved out of his full-time law practice, though he still does litigation consulting. “I spend most of my time doing photography, remembering the ‘path not taken’ before law school, when I graduated from photography school back in the late 1960s.” He also keeps busy writing poetry and editorials, and editing screenplays for his son, Jamie. Jim writes, “Jamie’s fourth feature film, *The End of the Tour*, premiered in January at the Sundance Film Festival and will be distributed internationally beginning this summer. His prior three Sundance films were very well received. Jamie lives in Los Angeles, CA, with his wife and our first grandchild, John. Our daughter, Kate, is a social worker and lives near us in Georgia.” Jim’s favorite places to go on Cornell campus: “Noyes Lodge when it was loud—wrote much of my fiction and poetry there. Also Temple of Zeus in Goldwin Smith Hall.” **David Weisbrod** (david.a.weisbrod@gmail.com) is the CEO of LCH Clearnet LLC and senior officer for the London Stock Exchange Group in the US. David recently visited the Normandy beaches and says the experience was “very

moving." Please continue to send your news to me:  **Chuck Levitan**, clevitan22@comcast.net.

69 Our Annual Fund representative, **Lee Pillsbury**, writes, "I had the great good fortune to be in Ithaca for Elizabeth Garrett's inauguration and Homecoming in September. The weekend was uplifting and inspiring. Her acceptance speech was both a tribute to all that Cornell is and a vision for a very bright future. We are truly fortunate to have found such an exceptional woman to be our 13th president!"

Sandy Schroeder Bricker and husband Jeff sold their business in 2012 and are currently building a home near Ithaca, in the Lakewatch community. They just returned from France, where they attended the wedding of a former French exchange student. "Jeff and I are *les parents Americains*." The two best decisions Sandy has made: "Attending Cornell and marrying Jeff." She would love to hear from all of her freshman corridor-mates. **Marianne Goodman** continues to work full time as a psychiatrist in private practice, and sees no reason to retire. Her younger daughter has started her second year at New York Medical College and may follow in her mother's footsteps into surgery. Her best decision: "To have children, but later in life, after establishing a career that I continue to love." She would like to hear from **Margaret Ann "Paffy" Foody** Donald '68 and **Joan Weinstein** Pettis '68.

Larry Levy has been a TV writer all these years—he won the Writers Guild Award for "Seinfeld" and was nominated for two Emmys. He writes, "My first novel, *Second Street Station*, was bought by Random House/Broadway Books and came out this summer. It's based on the true story of Mary Handley, a young woman in Brooklyn in the late 19th century who was hired by the Brooklyn Police Dept. to sleuth a high-profile murder. It involves American icons such as J.P. Morgan, Thomas Edison, and Nikola Tesla. The second in the series, *Brooklyn On Fire*, will be out January 19. Hello to everyone."

Janine Wesselmann recently relocated her studio from Connecticut to Naples, FL. She spends her days painting and her nights tango and ballroom dancing. Happy New Year to all! Keep your news coming to:  **Tina Economaki** Riedl, triedl048@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

70 As a new year has begun, I assume we all have new 2016 calendars, unless you are more savvy and use your smartphones for appointments and memos! It is early to be thinking about our 50th Reunion; however, after the great party weekend presented by our 45th Reunion chairs **Bill**, ME '71, and **Gail Post Wallis**, we are looking forward to gathering in Ithaca once again in four and a half years! Our BIG 50th Reunion will be June 4-7, 2020. Please make note of the dates. It's not too early to begin contacting '70 friends and start plans for joining together on the Hill in 2020.

Gene Resnick, MD '74 (gene.resnick@gmail.com) lives with his wife, Susan, in White Plains, NY. He has written a brief history of his work life after our June 1970 graduation. Following medical school and practice in New York City, and a stint at big pharma, Gene started a pharma/biotech contract research organization in 1998. Through acquisition and merger, it grew to have 800 employees.


In 2014, the organization was acquired by ICON PLC, a top five CRO. Gene stayed on half time as senior oncology consultant and was happy to be without management or HR duties. Their son **Matt '01**, his wife, and their first grandson live in Nashville. Matt is on the urology faculty at Vanderbilt. Their other son, **Brad '06**, and his wife live in Philadelphia, where she is in her third year at Penn's vet college. Brad works in private equity in New York and Philly. Travels, for both business and pleasure, have taken Gene and Susan to Japan, China, Croatia, and India, as well as Russia, Southeast Asia, Central America, and Central and Eastern Europe. They spent January 2015 in Buenos Aires and so left the miserable winter in the Northeast behind. Gene is in his second term on the Cornell Board of Trustees as a board-appointed trustee, after first serving as an alumni-elected trustee. Gene says that Cornell is a fascinating, incredible place, and he feels this even more so from the trustee point of view. Isn't that terrific to hear? He enjoys playing golf and would love to hear from classmates and friends.

Keith Fuller (fullerssd@gmail.com) retired from the energy industry last year, except for some seminars and consulting. He and wife Gail have lived in San Diego for almost 24 years and still enjoy the weather. Much of their time is filled with grandchildren, travel, exercise, and volunteering. In 2011, **Jane Slater** Case (Claverack, NY; janecase57@gmail.com) retired from Kingston City Schools as vice principal of their middle school. In 2014, she returned to work as assistant principal of Taconic Hills Elementary School. Jane enjoys any free time with her children, Thomas and Jennifer, and her grandchildren.

Steve Ludsin feels that our years on the Hill from 1966 to 1970 were probably the most tumultuous at Cornell. He says that our time in Ithaca prepared him for the years that followed by teaching life lessons that helped him navigate the unpredictable events that are a part of life. While Steve works as a consultant to the Bloomberg enterprise, he enjoys his "bi-coastal life on the same coast" by traveling year-round between NYC and his home in East Hampton, NY. Steve says he feels fortunate to have served on the original President's Commission on the Holocaust and the first US Holocaust Memorial Council, in part thanks to some Cornell connections. This past April, he attended the Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust in D.C. Early in 2015, Steve served on the NYS Assembly Task Force on University and Industry Relations. The group spent a day at Cornell, which for Steve was the highlight of the many trips they made throughout the state.

Andrea Strongwater, BFA '70 (NYC; astrongwater@nyc.rr.com) has created a second Cornell puzzle. Her first (a souvenir for our 40th Reunion) and the new one are sold at the Cornell Store, and can also be found at Mockingbird Paperie on the Commons in downtown Ithaca, where some of her artwork was being featured. Using archival photos, Andrea has produced interior and exterior paintings of 85 synagogues that were destroyed during the Third Reich. Seventy-two of her paintings have been made into notecards that are also available at Mockingbird. Her project includes two published books, and she plans to print three additional books on the subject. The exhibit in Ithaca included both a reception and lecture about the synagogue project early last November. Another fun project she was working on was designing reusable bags for Ace Hardware Garden Centers. Last May, Andrea traveled to Hawaii: to Hilo to design a

garden for Cornell friend and Risley corridor-mate **Kathy Frankovic '68**; and to Kona to attend the wedding of her niece.

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71 Thanks to all of our classmates who sent in news! As of this writing, many report that they are still working.

Susan Phipps-Yonas (spyonas@yahoo.com) is a forensic psychologist and hopes to continue working for years. She has four grandchildren, all under 4 years of age. Susan and her husband hope to move to Phoenix in December 2016 to be closer to their children. **Bob Beleson** (bbeleson@gmail.com) is also still working—as managing director of Bulldog Gin. He recently concluded a worldwide distribution agreement with Campari to place Bulldog Gin in more than 100 countries around the world. Bob maintains friendships with his TEP buddies **Mike Kubin**, **Ted Grossman**, JD '74, **Marty Michael**, **Stu Oran**, **Richard Rice**, and **Marty Irwin**.

Tom Nally, BA '72 (tnally@abettercity.org) recently celebrated his 25th year as planning director of A Better City in Boston. This organization represents more than 130 businesses and institutions in the Boston area to support economic development and quality of life in the region by advancing transportation, land development, and environmental policies, programs, and projects. Tom's son is a high school junior, and the family is working on the pre-college application phase with all of its challenges. He enjoys weekends at his summer home on Cape Cod and is looking forward to retiring in five or ten years. At Cornell, Tom learned to be persistent, patient, opportunistic, and flexible and to realize that somehow, issues will work themselves out. Another classmate celebrating a professional anniversary is **Jeff Liddle** (jliddle@liddlerobinson.com). June 4, 2015 was the 36th anniversary of the opening of his law firm. He has ten partners and 11 associates, and the firm has locations in the Bay Area/Silicon Valley and in NYC. Jeff adds that he has no plans to retire! His daughter, Alexa, is a sophomore at the College of Charleston, and his son, Harry, is a junior at Suffield Academy. Jeff enjoys playing tennis and making wine.

Jerry Ostrov (geraldmostrov@yahoo.com) retired five years ago, but then began a new venture. He shared an article with us from *USA Today* referencing his current activities: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/columnist/brooks/2015/02/17/baby-boomer-retire/23168003/>. Jerry and **Aimee (Goldstein) '72** support the new Jacobs Technion-Cornell Inst. at Cornell Tech, which combines two of their passions. Jerry writes, "After HBS, I spent the last 40 years leading major consumer products businesses including Johnson & Johnson Consumer North America and J&J's global vision care business. Before retiring I was chairman/CEO of Bausch & Lomb. I became involved with many startups, particularly in Israel. I was distressed by the market research that showed how little most Americans know about and relate to Israel—a magnificent place, flaws and all. After all, Israel shares America's interest and values and provides the technologies for many of the products from which Americans benefit such as electronics (phones to computers), healthcare, and security."

"I was challenged to address this knowledge gap among the general American public, so Aimee and I created the reThink Israel Initiative, a non-profit focused on positively engaging Americans to better know, relate to, and ultimately support Israel on a mass level using social media and content marketing on the Web. In year one we effectively reached over eight million people and we can reach tens of millions this year. It is run by us (pro bono) and other professionals with expertise in the area. We are not political or religious at all. We surprise and delight our audiences, particularly the young and diverse, with information that they care about." Jerry and Aimee live in Long Branch, NJ, and Herzliya Pituach, Israel.

We hope that you are all making plans to attend our 45th Reunion from June 9-12, 2016. We look forward to seeing you in Ithaca in June, but please stay in touch over the next few months and send us some news about you. [Linda Germaine Miller, LG95@cornell.edu](mailto:Linda.Germaine@cornell.edu); [Gayle Yeomans, gay2@cornell.edu](mailto:Gayle.Yeomans@cornell.edu).

72 Gary Sesser was named co-chair of the litigation department at Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP, a venerable NYC law firm, in September. Gary is a commercial litigator with more than three decades of experience with cases ranging from art law to antitrust and from maritime law to trusts and estates. He has won notable victories in both state and federal appeals courts involving ownership of art, bankruptcy, and securities law. Gary regularly advises clients on corporate compliance issues, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and successfully assisted a shipping client in obtaining complete immunity from criminal prosecution for antitrust violations under the Justice Dept.'s Corporate Amnesty Program.

Reggie Haseltine retired in June 2014 from his 9-5 job in IT, and is now an adjunct professor at a few universities in Maryland. He keeps busy with two sons and five grandchildren, all in the local area. Reggie also travels and completed several half-marathons. Best decisions he ever made? "Attending Cornell; marrying Nancy (42-plus years now)." James Marquardt works for Bon Secours Richmond Health System in Richmond, VA, and divides his time between Richmond and his family home in Weston, MA. He is medical director of the Women's Specialty Center at Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center in Midlothian, VA.

Sally Leonard owns a non-medical home-care company in New Hampshire, is a new grandparent, and is an avid whitewater paddler. Vicky Dominy Cairns sings with the Delaware Choral Society and was recently elected president of its board of directors. Vicky and her husband traveled extensively last summer including a bus tour of the British Isles, a cruise of the Baltic, a cruise from Montreal to Boston, and to the Outer Banks. Their philosophy: "Do what you can while you can! You never know what tomorrow brings." Send news to: [Gary Rubin, glr34@cornell.edu](mailto:Gary.Rubin@cornell.edu); or [Alex Barna, alexbarna@comcast.net](mailto:Alex.Barna@comcast.net). Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

73 Happy New Year! Now that most of us have reached the once unimaginable age of the Beatles ("When I'm Sixty-Four"), I encourage you to start investigating your Medicare options. Also please

send photos of your sage selves to: cornellalumni@magazine.com/photogallery.

Leah Bissonette, MS HE '76 (lebissonette@cox.net) has her own business consulting firm, the Energy Biss. She has also been elected to the board of the Center for Sustainable Energy and appointed to the Environmental Commission for the City of Encinitas, CA. She would like to hear from Carolyn Mervis, PhD '76. Sandra Black (imagoPR@aol.com) is still president and CEO of her 32-year-old public relations consulting practice as well as a sales and marketing associate/IT systems analyst for Premedex LLC, which provides turn-key setup, program management, and patient interaction delivery information. She moved to the Atlanta region from New York four years ago and is enjoying the (somewhat) slower pace. She would like to hear from Mario Baeza '71.

Angela Robinson Boatright-Spencer (angela.spiritalk@aol.com) is serving as priest associate at St. Stephen's Church in Philadelphia. She has finished a photo book on her community of Camden, NJ, and is writing short stories. She shares that one of the best decisions she ever made was to answer the call to ordination. Bernice Cramer (bernicecramer@gmail.com) is working for Bose. She was recently promoted to general manager of the global wireless headphones business and is a member of its executive committee. Her youngest child, a high school senior, is a Cornell applicant; Bernice's fingers are crossed!

Abby Ershow (abbyershow@gmail.com) recently changed jobs at the NIH: after 25 years at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Inst., she has switched over to the NIH Office of Dietary Supplements as a senior nutrition scientist. In her spare time, she is busy with choral singing and bird

watching. She lives in Columbia, MD, with husband Hans Plugge, a toxicologist, and has two grown children living and working nearby (lucky gal!). Robert Friedman (rfriedmanmd@gmail.com) recently became associate medical director at Marworth Treatment Center in Waverly, PA, treating patients who suffer from alcohol and other chemical dependencies. He has relocated to northeast Pennsylvania, around 90 minutes south of Ithaca. He would like to hear from Diane Diamondstein, Joseph Sanger, Stephen Rubin, Michael Rabin, and Kirk Shepard.

Steven Fruchtman (smfruchtman@gmail.com) has been working for the past year as chief medical officer of a biotech company doing research in bone marrow diseases. Steven's older daughter works at Boston Children's Hospital and is taking graduate school science courses at Harvard; his high school senior twins both are applying to Cornell. He would like to hear from Charles Keibler. Norman Goldstein (normangoldstein@hotmail.com) is in solo internal medicine practice in Westminster, MD, now managed by Carroll Health Group and Lifebridge Health. He has one grandchild with another on the way, plus two sons who are emergency medicine physicians and another who is director of communications for the Dallas mayor. He would like to hear from George McManus.

John Mangiameli (north.whidbey.veterinary@gmail.com) still works as a veterinarian in Washington State and says he loves what he is doing and "will never stop." He also enjoys backpacking, skiing, mushroom picking, and motorcycles. Richard MacMillan, BS Ag '75 (leemac@yahoocom) has retired after 46 years in retail. He has bought 40 acres, removed red cedars, and planted poplar, arborvitae, lavender, and fruit trees. He

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also has miniature horses, goats, a deer chihuahua, and a barn cat. Wife Janet is a minister and they are developing a retreat center, Serenity Hollow, to help people with character-building, self-assertion, and a body-soul-spirit relationship with God. Richard would like to hear from **Mark Cukierski**, PhD '85.

for 21 years. Speaking of weddings, **J. Michael Knuff** is excited about his son's engagement and his growing family. He is a counselor with SCORE, an organization that mentors business startups. He enjoys golf and coaching football, and would like to hear from **Steve Ostrer**, MBA '75. The most valuable lesson he learned at Cornell: "Challenges

continue to enjoy judging. You might have read about John's rulings in the "Blurred Lines" trial. Our oldest, Jessica, is an assistant district attorney in Los Angeles and gave us the enormous joy of our first grandchild, Caroline, two years ago. Our son, **Erik '06**, is a management consultant and a member of the board of directors of the charter school system in which he taught before going to Stanford Business School. Our youngest, **Nicola '14**, is a first-year student at UC San Diego Medical School—the fifth generation of Bendix doctors. Send news to: **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Lucy Babcox** Morris, lucmor1433@gmail.com; **Jim Schoonmaker**, js378@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Mitch Frank '75

Mona Deutsch Miller (monadeutschmiller@gmail.com) continues to practice law, mostly criminal appeals, as state-appointed counsel for indigent convicted felons. She also continues to write plays and screenplays. "Hollywood hasn't discovered me yet, but hope springs eternal." Daughter Thais married Chad, a structural engineer from Ohio, on July 12, 2015 in a ceremony overlooking the beach in Malibu—Mona's "main creative project for the preceding year"—inspiring her to write about her experiences as the "Notorious M.O.B." She would like to hear from **Mussarrat Patel, Om Sehgal 'GR**, and **Shah Allam Khan, MS '73**.

Linda Wayne Morris, MAT '74, lives in Wyoming, NY, with classmate/spouse **Ernest**, BS Ag '77. Linda retired from Genesee Valley BOCES in 2014, returned to work for BOCES for six more months, and is now working a few hours a month on program plans and reports. Her son and his wife adopted a baby from Taiwan in 2014 who just celebrated her second birthday last June. **David Mulligan** (mulligan.a@att.net) retired in June 2015 as director of Connecticut Child Support Agency. He is still organist/choir director of the UCC church in Marlborough, CT, and now has more time for music, home projects, gardening, hiking, kayaking, and travel. David's wife, Shelli, retired at the same time, but David asserts that they are not getting in each other's way! He would like to hear from **Rob Pressberg**.

Susan Murphy, PhD '94 (susan.h.murphy@gmail.com) retired on June 30, 2015 as Cornell's VP for Student and Academic Services after 21 years in that position. As of July 1, Susan works 60 percent of the time for the Division of Alumni Affairs and Development, slowly easing into retirement! Thanks, Susan, for your service to our beloved alma mater. Send news to: **Pamela Meyers**, psmeys73@gmail.com; **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, phg3@cornell.edu; **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com.

74 Deborah Nelson Russell, BS Nurs '74, recently retired and is enjoying babysitting her grandchildren and volunteering for hospice. She would like to hear from **Helen Rinsdale**, BS Nurs '74. The most valuable lesson learned at Cornell: "The harder it is to achieve, the more valuable it will be once achieved." **Roberta Palestine** also loves being a grandma to "the cutest baby boy," and is busy with her dermatology practice in three locations in the D.C. metro area. She would like to hear from **Mariana Wolfner**.

Congratulations to **Marie Van Deusen**, who married Joseph Lyons, a trial lawyer, after dating

are opportunities to grow and learn." **Cathy Glick** is still working full time as a cardiologist in Michigan. She bemoans all the additional paperwork required by Medicare, but this has not discouraged her middle child, Erin, from going to medical school at George Washington in Washington, DC, after getting a master's degree in child development. Cathy muses that she'd like to be a docent in an art museum, but has no plans to retire. She would like to hear from **Christine Ryan** Conway.

Proving that it is never too late to learn, **Lynn Allinger** recently went back to school to obtain a master's degree, which has enabled her to work as a kindergarten teacher and reading specialist for the Chula Vista Elementary School District in California. She describes going back to school in her 60s as "invigorating." While she is looking forward to retiring in three years, she says she is happy doing exactly what she is doing now. She is in touch with **Stuart Feigenbaum** in the Netherlands and would like to hear from **Bobbie Lindsay '75**. The most important lesson learned at Cornell: "Education is the most important investment."

William Van Sweringen, MME '75, has informed us of the loss of his close friend and fraternity brother **Jeff Ellis** in April to a 17-year valiant battle with multiple sclerosis. He describes Jeff as "always upbeat" and the glue that kept groups of fraternity members and classmates close together since graduation 40 years ago. We heard more sad news, this time from **Douglas Fitzgerald**, MBA '80, who lost his father, wife, sister, and stepmother over the past three years. Douglas is VP of wealth management and a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley. He enjoys golf, wine tasting, and travel and would like to hear from **Ilene Fischer** Brucoleri and **Herman Seedorf**, MBA '80. Our condolences to the Van Sweringen and Fitzgerald families.

Stephen Coulombe, MEE '75, has the joy of seven grandchildren, including his oldest, a granddaughter who looks forward to her wedding in July. As Stephen writes, "Our family continues to grow." That is an understatement. He considers himself 75 percent retired and expects to work part time as a consultant and to continue enjoying life on the lake in eastern Tennessee. Cornell taught him that "to be successful, you don't have to be the smartest, just one of those who work the hardest." **Larry Pape**, MBA '75, tells us that Cornell taught him to "just enjoy life and all it offers." Larry is doing just that by traveling, playing with his three grandchildren, tapping trees for maple syrup, and raising honeybees.

My family is growing, too. As of the writing of this column, my husband, **John Kronstadt '73**, and I are expecting our second grandchild. We

75 The weather is finally turning cooler here in Orlando—but the leaves are really not turning at all. At times like this I really miss being on campus.

Elizabeth Grover (Palo Alto, CA) has been enjoying retirement, with lots of interesting travel overseas. One of her most unique trips was completing the Coast to Coast Walk last September, a 192-mile walk through rural northern England from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. She completed the walk in 13 days and admits it was a fairly grueling pace, with some days consisting of 20-plus miles of walking. She writes, "This was without a doubt the most physically challenging thing I've ever done, but the scenery was spectacular as we crossed through the Lake District and the Yorkshire Moors and Dales. We had terrific weather, tramped along public footpaths through more sheep pastures than I could count, and climbed over plenty of stiles, but generally there was a nice bed and breakfast and a good meal at the end of the day." In addition to teaching spinning classes, Elizabeth is taking regular tennis lessons—and is known particularly to have a great forehand crosscourt passing shot.

Bob Licht, formerly chief corporation counsel at Biogen, recently became partner in the life sciences group at Choate Hall & Stewart LLP in Boston. Bob has had extensive high-level experience in the life sciences industry, from corporate governance and finance/investor relations, to manufacturing and supply chain matters. **Sherilyn Burnett Young** (sby@rathlaw.com) is an attorney with Rath, Young and Pignatelli PC in Concord, NH. She and **Gary** are now the proud first-time grandparents of Winnifred "Winnie" Young. Son Garrett and daughter-in-law Erin are the "over-the-moon parents." Daughter Val married Nick last October on a beautiful fall day in New Hampshire, and daughter Lani lives in Denver and just bought her first house. **Loretta Graziano** Breuning has been retired (emerita) since she was 50 ("as soon as they let me"), following which she started a new career writing about the brain chemistry we share with animals (www.InnerMammalInstitute.org). Loretta's favorite part of Reunion was hearing that Prof. **James Maas**, PhD '66, has his face on a line of pillows at Bed, Bath & Beyond. Her son is an engineer at Solar City—"He wants to be a hippie when he grows up, but every year he decides to work one more year." How many of our kids know what a "hippie" is?

David Smith (seadog1193@yahoo.com) and spouse Suzanne really enjoyed Reunion. He had not been back since our 5th Reunion, "and this visit generated some real nostalgia." David is chief compliance officer for two broker-dealers affiliated

with USAA, a financial services provider in San Antonio, TX, that focuses on current and former members of the military and their families. His first career was as a naval officer for 20 years, including command of his own ship. He and Suzanne have a blended family with three sons, all in their 20s: one served two Army tours in Iraq and is now finishing a degree in cybersecurity, and the other two are working in San Antonio. **Kathy Ganss Grillo** (KEGrillo@bellsouth.net) is the director of dance costume at UNC School of the Arts, designing and building for ballet and contemporary dance. What would she rather be doing now? "Nothing! Still love my work, but do take a bit more time off for travel, kayaking, camping, and learning to relax." Kathy would love to hear from **Jeff Christensen**, **Jill Perzley**, and **Ted Wetherill**, BA '78. **Julie Ann Racino** (julieannracino@gmail.com) is the president and principal of Community and Policy Studies, a scientific and educational company in Rome, NY. She is the author of *Public Administration and Disability: Community Services Administration in the US* (2014). **Ralph Padilla** (whanimalclinic@yahoo.com) is a veterinarian and says he is trying to develop his "exit strategy." With tongue planted firmly in cheek, he would rather be living off his "royalties" for finding the cure for dog and cat shedding. Ralph would most like to hear from **Christopher Stamatelos**.

Deborah Whipple Degan, MAT '76 (debgan@tds.net) and husband **Michael** '70, BEE '76, live in Wilton, NH. Deborah just closed her business after 14-plus years and retired with the plan to travel and spend more time with the family. **Charlotte Russell** is teaching voice at St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA, as well as at Indian Hill Music (a community music school), and directs a group that sings for those who are sick or in hospice care. Charlotte writes, "I recently escaped New England in March to chapter one 25 delightful teenagers on a choir trip to Barbados." What was the most valuable thing she learned at Cornell? "College isn't everything." **Noel Kemm** (Salem, NJ; Noel.Kemm2@verizon.net) is busy in his retirement, volunteering at Salem County Humane Society Shelter and playing trumpet in two community bands. He would most like to hear from **Jan Dewitt Miller**. **Michelle Lissner** Beadle (michelleb@cjfm.org) is a ministry representative for CJF Ministries in New Orleans, LA. **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@gmail.com; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffka@shu.edu.

76 Our 40th Reunion is coming up and my husband, **Morris Diamant** '74, and I are planning to attend. We had a chance to visit with **John, PhD** '81, and **Connie Sosnoski Zack** '77, BS HE '79, when they were in our area for a wedding. We had a lot of catching up to do. Morris and I attended the wedding of the daughter of Faye and **John Gmeiner** '74 this summer.

Farrell Fritz congratulated partners including **Ilene Sherwyn** Cooper on being selected by their peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2016. Only 4 percent of the attorneys in the US are recognized with this honor. *Best Lawyers* is the oldest and most respected peer review publication in the legal profession. **Brian Boland** is senior VP, corporate counsel, UMB Financial Corp. He is the in-house corporate attorney for UMB Bank, National Assn. for its commercial banking services.

He enjoys his work and is not thinking about retiring anytime soon. Brian commutes between his home in Charlotte, NC, and his job in Kansas City, MO, and is renovating his home, bit by bit.

In early summer 2015, **Paula Davis** and her husband moved back to northwest Ohio for Paula's new position as director of corporate and foundation relations at Bowling Green State U. in Bowling Green, OH. She's enjoying the challenge of setting up a new program at this regional public university. She's also enjoying that Keith is now retired, which means she comes home every night to a home-cooked meal! Or they go out to one of the many ethnic restaurants in the Toledo area—especially Tony Packo's, made famous by Jamie Farr of "MASH." **Zed** and **Cheryl Parks Francis** are happy to announce that their son **Mike** '10 recently married **Rachel Baveley** '10! Rachel's parents, **Lorraine Baveley** '78 and **Tom Steinbugler** '75, are also Cornellians!

Some Class of 1976 fraternity brothers and their spouses joined **Joe Doherty** and his wife, Pat, at this year's Homecoming, which marked the 125th anniversary of Delta Tau Delta at Cornell. **Randy Kissell**, **Mike Dominiak**, **Larry Zamojski**, MCE '77, and **Joe Wilson** attended, but **Jeff Stam** was a last-minute cancellation due to a leg injury sustained on a work trip in France just a few days before the event. Please join us in wishing him a full and speedy recovery. **Marlaine Brem Darfler** is working full time as a massage therapist. She has two grandsons now, a toddler and an infant. She says one of the best decisions she made was marrying her husband and raising a family in Ithaca.

For 26 years, **Anne Kulak-Vernooy** has been a sales consultant in the animal healthcare industry and is currently working in northeast New York State. She is very involved with the Farm Bureau and Habitat for Humanity, and is professionally involved with the family equine sport horse industry. Anne writes that she is blessed to be doing all she could dream of and needs more hours in the day to add in family travel and more time in southwest Florida. **Brad Kalbfeld** celebrated the fifth anniversary of the startup of his company, Packard Media Group, which he co-founded with two former colleagues from the Associated Press. It publishes "Energy Guardian," an e-mail newsletter for energy professionals and policy makers. His daughter, Jessie, is a PhD student in sociology at NYU and won a fellowship from the National Science Foundation.

Work for **Wendy Schlessel** Harpham includes writing the "View From the Other Side of the Stethoscope" column in *Oncology Times*. Her son's art is now in the Nasher Sculpture Museum Shop. Send news to: **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, patrelf1@gmail.com.

77 The days are getting shorter and colder, and young goblins and witches and Darth Vader are at my door looking for candy. This means it is time for the next edition of our column.

Jeff Earickson, MCE '80 (Waterville, ME) is an ITS administrator at Colby College. What a beautiful place to live. Jeff spent last summer fixing up his coastal home and went on an Alaskan cruise. He says the most valuable thing he learned at Cornell is that life is too short for bad beer. **Randall Conradt** (Overland Park, KS) is the owner of Heart of America Locksmith. **Ned** and **Ellen Rifkin Dorman** are still selling cheese. Daughter

Maddy '05 and husband Ian had baby Blake Milo last January, Ned and Ellen's first grandchild. **Brian Dunn**, MBA '81 (Hampton Bays, NY) writes, "After 34 years as an executive compensation consultant, I have begun my transition into retirement. In 2015 I will be serving a few select clients. To help with the transition, my wife and I are spending six weeks in Kauai."

Eric Nesse, BArch '77 (Aventura, FL) is completing a luxury condominium project in South Beach, FL, and is about to break ground on construction of a 250-room hotel with 175 condominiums in a 45-story tower in Miami. Son Trevor is in his freshman year at Princeton. **Roy Nonomura** (Berkeley, CA) is manager, general affairs, at Mitsubishi Corp. and California Oils Corp., which specializes in gourmet food oil. Former class correspondent **Mark Petracca** lives in Irvine, CA, where he is married to **Terry (Schuster)** '76. He says his family life is very active. Daughter Gina (Bates '10) is finishing grad school at BU and son Joey (Colgate '13) is co-founder of Chicory in NYC.

Karin Suskin (Ithaca, NY) shared that her younger daughter was accepted to Cornell's Vet college. Her older daughter teaches in inner city Baltimore, MD. **Michael** and **Joan Salzman Grant** live in Scarsdale, NY. Joan is a contract lawyer in her own practice specializing in entertainment, publishing, technology, and new media. Mike is doing marketing and analytics for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Son **Steven** '12 is graduating from Columbia Law School and working for a NYC law firm and daughter **Allison** '15 graduated from the College of Human Ecology in May 2015. **Leslie Herzog** recently retired from Unilever, where he has continuously worked since graduation from Cornell. He was a manager and R&D food scientist with the foods division and will continue to be active in the Dept. of Food Science at Cornell as chair-elect of the Advisory Council. He will also continue student mentoring and may do a little consulting, but after working 70-80 hours per week for the last five years, he is ready for a little time for himself and wife Jacqueline.

Craig Gold (Los Angeles, CA) is deputy district attorney for the L.A. County District Attorney's Office. Craig is on the board of directors of the Assn. of Deputy District Attorneys of L.A. County, which is the largest certified bargaining unit of county prosecutors in California and the US. He will be leading efforts to get a new collective bargaining agreement with L.A. County. **Dennis Wells** (Fort Myers, FL) retired from his law practice in 2014. **Marc Schlusell**, MBA '78 (Teaneck, NJ) is a partner at Key Properties, a real estate developer in New Jersey focusing on commercial, industrial, and retail properties. Both of Marc's daughters were married in summer 2013. Daughter Katie married **Ezra Katz** '09, and daughter **Emily** '13 married **Josh Markovic** '12. Son **Adam** '15 will finish his degree in 2016.

Barbara Spector Hertzberg recently celebrated her 34th wedding anniversary with husband Mike. After Cornell, Barbara went to the Duke School of Medicine, where she now works as a professor of radiology. Her book, *Ultrasound: The Requisites* (third ed.), written with a med school classmate, was recently published and includes an e-book. Mike works as a psychiatrist and director of the PTSD clinic at the Durham V.A. Medical Center. They recently moved from Chapel Hill to a house they designed in Durham. Barbara's three sons are all grown up. Oldest son Brian graduated from Duke in 2008 and from UNC medical school and is now an anesthesia resident at Penn State-Hershey Medical Center. He and wife Erica

are parents of Barbara's grandchildren, Malcolm, 4, and Charlotte, 1-1/2. Middle son **Jeffrey '10** is working at the Inst. for Medical Research in Durham. Youngest son Andrew graduated from Duke in 2013 with a double major in mathematics and economics. He works for the Susquehanna Int'l Group in Philadelphia. Barbara and Mike have traveled around the world.

Have a Happy New Year! Please keep all of your news and views coming in via the online news form or e-mail. ■ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexel med.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

78 Happy New Year, '78ers! Only 2-1/2 years until our big 4-0 Reunion. Several of my D Phi E sisters and I attended the bat mitzvah of **Nina Silfen's** daughter, Sarah, in NYC in October. Among the revelers were **Lorri Lofvers** and husband **George Bradley '76** (Needham, MA), my former roommate **Anne Sierk** (Shaker Heights, OH), **Michele Braun '77**, and **Karen Benz Merns '80**. It was great to see longtime friends that I hadn't seen in years, and to celebrate Sarah's coming of age. Nina is in private trusts and estates practice. Anne practices pathology in a Cleveland Clinic hospital. Lorri and George live halfway between their twins in New Hampshire and New Jersey. On the way from my mother's in Hannibal to NYC, we stopped for a day in Ithaca and saw the (literal) ruins of the Chapter House and Royal Palms.

My mailbox contained several messages from classmates on the West Coast and beyond. **Leah Minemier MacLeod**, MS '83 (Concord, CA) reports, "Basically I'm a 'project manager' of our life," after retiring from teaching. Within the span of two months, her mother-in-law died, trees fell on her house and her son's car, their house had a small fire and subsequently tested positive for asbestos, and their cat suddenly died. Leah misses singing after dinner with her SDT sisters. **Byron Hancock**, BS Hotel '78 (Sonoma, CA) got married last summer after a whirlwind courtship of 31-plus years. He does asset management and life insurance, and has a Vacation Rentals by Owner property with a discount for Cornell alumni (www.vrbo.com/710596). **Nancy Anderson** Berman and husband Steve (Orange, CA) are enjoying a relatively empty nest now that the children are out of the house. She's working as a clinical research coordinator for a pharmaceutical company.

Kathy Landau (Joshua Tree, CA) is semi-retired and facing the challenge of a gastrointestinal stromal tumor and thyroid cancer. Despite this, she and partner Joel are traveling, eating at restaurants featured on "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives," and remodeling their house. Kathy would like to hear from **Julia Davenport** (send us all a line, Julia!). Off the West Coast, **Mary Rose Gallagher** retired to Lihue, Kauai, HI. She has some part-time businesses and would like to connect with fellow CALS grads or current students regarding organic, non-GMO food projects on this Garden Island. Mary Rose's domestic partner, a Dartmouth alum, has good taste in women: "All his girlfriends have attended Cornell!"

Back on the East Coast, **Mark Rust** (New Paltz, NY) has released his first album, "Our Families Came to Sing," remastered for CD. It features the original version of "Ithaca Sunset," which received wide airplay in the 1980s. **Steve Colm**, MBA '80, moved from Colorado to Decatur, GA, to work with

the Atlanta V.A. Medical Center and Emory Medical Center. When he filled out the news form last spring, Steve reported, "I hear the heat is coming." **Ron Frier's** younger son, **Daniel '19**, is in Information Science. His older son is a senior at Penn. Classmate and WVBR alum **Peter Schacknow** (Huntington Station, NY) has been a breaking news producer at CNBC since 2006. Peter says, "Our son, Justin, is a working actor in New York (believe it or not), and our daughter, Jordan, graduated from the U. of Miami last December and is an on-air TV reporter in Myrtle Beach, SC."

Daniel Forsyth, MILR '78, and **Larry Malfitano** practice employment and labor law at Bond, Schoenck & King in Syracuse, NY. Both were recognized as Upstate New York Super Lawyers in 2015. Lastly, **Alexandra Swiecicki** Fairfield, PhD '85, is a full professor in the biology department at Montgomery College after her retirement from the National Institutes of Health. She and her husband celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by taking their son and daughter, ages 23 and 21, to New Zealand for two weeks of camping, hiking, kayaking, and biking. Alexandra's son graduated from Oberlin, and they had the double pleasure of hearing commencement speeches from Michelle Obama and Marian Wright Edelman. Alexandra's daughter is a senior at Bryn Mawr. That's all for this issue. Keep the news coming!

■ **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com; **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net.

79 Welcome to the new year! **Brian Jones**, BA '78, writes that he is three-quarters of the way toward his goal of becoming a polyglot. He passed the highest-level Italian exam without going to Italy. For more information, here is a link to the story of how he did it: <http://brianjx.altervista.org/>.

Two of our classmates wrote from the Washington, DC, area. **David Langbart** (Arlington, VA) has worked at the National Archives since graduation. In his current position he has myriad responsibilities including helping researchers use foreign affairs records. He is always pleased to meet and assist anyone with a Cornell connection. Last year, David was interviewed by "60 Minutes Overtime" for a follow-up story to their segment on Sir Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who rescued almost 700 Czechoslovak children before WWII. You can read more about it at: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/1939-letter-found-plea-to-fdr-to-save-jewish-kids/>. **Lloyd Goldstein** lives nearby in Gaithersburg, MD, and continues to work in retail real estate, helping retailers, restaurants, and entertainment operators implement their strategies nationwide. He also works with landlords and developers to lease their retail and entertainment projects. His oldest daughter is at Indiana U. in Bloomington and his twins are in 12th grade.

David Greenbaum, BArch '80, and **Stacie Psaras**, BFA '79, updated us about their busy lives. David completed his master's in architecture at Yale and is a fellow of the American Inst. of Architects. He developed a practice that designs cultural projects, museums, collections care, and performing arts. Some of his projects include the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, the Normandy American Cemetery Visitor Center, and the new 430,000-sq.-ft. Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC (<http://museumofthebible.org>). For more than 20 years, Stacie ran a successful graphic design studio, Psaras Design, with her twin sister, **Maria Psaras**. Maria unfortunately

died in 2007. Currently, Stacie is happy to be working on mixed-media and fine art projects. Their children, like David and Stacie, are charting their own way in the allied professions of engineering and design. Son **Jamey '18** is enjoying his classes (despite the often-challenging workload), his professors, and even Cornell dining; daughter Sophia has graduated from the U. of Michigan and is a graphic designer at Population Services Int'l in D.C.

Karen McIntosh Daniels received her PhD in computer music from UC San Diego in June 2015. Karen is now an associate professor of computer science at UMass, Lowell in Massachusetts. **Judah Kraushaar**, MBA '80, and **Michele Blumberg** live in Chappaqua, NY, and Judah splits his time between farming and advancing sustainable agriculture in the Hudson Valley. He also promotes social entrepreneurship in Israel by serving on the board of the Israel Venture Network. All three of their children live and work in NYC, which is a joy for them. With the belief that you can never stop learning, Judah has gone back to school at Columbia, studying 19th-century American history. At the time he wrote, **Richard Bobrow** and wife Holly had three children at Cornell: **Rebecca '15** (Arts), **Tucker '19** (CALS), and **Kelsey '19** (HumEc).

Jeffrey Hirsch and wife Deborah live in Needham, MA, and Jeff is still the managing partner at Hirsch Roberts Weinstein LLP, a boutique labor, employment, and higher education firm with 15 attorneys. Deborah is working for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation on a project to start a graduate school for teachers in Boston. Son Jake, 25, is working at Dick's Sporting Goods headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA, and son Nate, 22, is a software engineer at Zynga in San Francisco. Jeff added that an ILR prediction came true: "Some of the most difficult negotiations actually occur within your own team." **Susan Schapiro Caplan** is married to **Gary '62** and is an assistant professor at Rutgers. She writes that she'd most like to hear from **James Seltzer '80**, MBA '83, **Elizabeth Hyde**, and **Jody Shevins '77**. Susan enjoys gardening, painting, and traveling in her spare time.

Bruce Burstein is living in Laguna Niguel, CA, and working at Infor. He celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary last year and has a daughter in college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. **Yanti Sukamdani** Hardjoprakoso and spouse Pudjiarso live in Indonesia, where Yanti is a member of Parliament in charge of education, tourism, sport, and youth. She is also the chairperson for the Indonesian Tourism Promotion Board. Their son **Aryo '16** is a senior.

Cindy Hahn (Spokane, WA) has her own private practice in neurosurgery. In her spare time, she enjoys riding her four horses and practicing dressage and jumps, as well as bicycling, backpacking, and mountain climbing. Cindy would like to hear from **Sally Weir Fundakowski** and **William Schweizer '77**. **Lisa Barsanti Hoyt** is a development officer at Montclair State U., representing the College of Science and Mathematics. Husband **Lon** is the music director for *On Your Feet*, a new Broadway play. Their daughter, **Lisbeth '09**, is a physical therapist in NYC, and their son is working as a production assistant in television.

Connect with our class online through Facebook (Cornell University Class of 1979) and LinkedIn (Cornell University Class of '79), and send news to your class correspondents to keep this column filled. ■ **Cindy Shea**, cindy.shea@sothebyshomes.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; and **Linda Moses**, mosesegurevitch@aol.com.

80 On today's episode of "What were they thinking?!" we look back on the Rums parties of the late '70s. For the responsible members of the audience, or for those with memory issues (and who could blame you), a little background: Fraternity groups and rum marketers hosted parties in Barton Hall and provided Cornell students with as much rum as they could drink. A yellowed ticket from "Rums III" (November 18, 1978) reveals that the Greek system teamed with the "Rums of Puerto Rico," *Penthouse Magazine*, and others to host an Animal House-themed toga party. At the parties, bands blasted music while numerous stations featured rum drinks. There was a rum and coke table, a rum and tonic table, rum punch, and so on. Incredibly, there was even a rum Bloody Mary table, a concept best forgotten. Even those of us who thought the parties were a good idea at the time, people not unlike myself, wonder how this stinker got past the grown-ups. On the next episode of "What were they thinking?!" we present "Disco: Heartbeat of Satan?"

Clifford Lau writes that he is working hard building government facilities for the City and County of Honolulu, HI, as the head of the facilities division in the Dept. of Design and Construction. His daughter is a working engineer, and his son is finishing his engineering studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. **Kathryn Christ Haupt** recently moved to San Diego and is looking forward to being "bicoastal" for a few years between there and her digs in Kiawah Island, SC. Kathryn's husband, **Bruce**, joins her in wishing their older daughter, Vivien, luck in her new life as a married woman. Kathryn values her time at Cornell and says it taught her discipline, patience, critical thinking, and social skills.

Geoffrey, MBA '81, and **Kathleen Coté Snyder** are grandparents. Kathleen is a fashion consultant and owns a Pilates studio. She yearns to live in a warmer climate, at least warmer than New Jersey where she lives now, and wants to travel more. She is grateful to Cornell for helping her acquire wisdom and confidence. **Ira Halfond** and family have moved to a lake cabin overlooking Robinson Pond, in Copake, NY. Ira continues to pursue his winter hobbies of snowshoeing and snowmobiling, and in warmer seasons he and wife **Ellen (Kaplan)** tend to their organic vegetable garden. Their son, Matthew, teaches at Binghamton High School, and their daughter, Paula, is in college. Ira plans to phase out his law practice, complete a master's degree, and teach history. He reports that Ellen is just now completing the needlepoint projects she started during sorority chapter meetings in the '70s, and this writer is guessing that Ira didn't clear that nugget with Ellen before sending in his news form.

Guy Fusco, VP of human resources at Baxter Healthcare, and his wife, Carol, are happy to be stateside and thus closer to children and other family members. Guy was with Baxter in Singapore for 18 years. **Marjorie Werner Stein** is an attending physician in radiology at Montefiore Medical Center, the university hospital for Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She's also the clerkship director for the college and has worked there for more than 20 years. She and her husband, Mark, a urologist, live in New Rochelle, NY, and have two adult sons. She would like to hear from her old friends **Kathy Juceam Keller** and **Jane Bossard Marton**. At Cornell she learned "not to complain about the cold," which in Ithaca is as pointless as complaining about gravity.

Dik Saalfeld is retiring from federal service and moving from the District of Columbia to Florida with his lovely bride. In between picking up consulting gigs, he will fish, travel, and complain about the state of the world, about which he will do exactly nothing, having already tried. Send news to: **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, Leonabarsky @ aol.com; **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu.

81 Happy New Year! Mark your calendars for our 35th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016, in Ithaca. To kick off the anticipated celebration, our class sponsored a wine tasting at the Cornell Club of New York on October 8 along with the classes of '76 and '91. **Alyse Mizia '09**, a champagne specialist with Moët Hennessey, presented several wines from around the world. The event was fabulous, and our class had the best turnout. It was enjoyable to spend the evening catching up with one of my former roommates, **Cathy Cosentini Bonczek**, as well as **John D. and Laura Dake Roche**, **Lisa Kremer Ullman**, **Sue Cooper Potters**, **Rich Lovely**, **Fred Cohen**, **Monique van Perlstein**, and others.

It was great to see news from another of my former roommates, **Catherine Popkin Donoway**, whose daughter **Elizabeth '19** is a freshman in Arts and Sciences. Cathy writes, "I'm so proud. She is very happy and loving Cornell." **Cheryl Spinner** Kravatz's son **Nigel '19** started CALS last fall. Cheryl lives in Plainview, NY. **Tyrone Taborn** (Reisterstown, MD; tdt7@cornell.edu) was re-elected secretary of the board of regents of Morgan State U. (<http://news.morgan.edu/board-of-regents-re-elects-leadership-team>). **Diane Wishengrad Wilson** (East Warren, NJ; diane.wilson@marriott.com) works for Marriott Int'l, focusing on total account management for corporations with a Northeast presence. Daughter Hilary works for NBC-12 in Richmond, VA, in digital sales, while son Evan, a graduate of Syracuse U., works for CAA in NYC in music talent.

Guillermo Arbe (guillermo.arbe.c@gmail.com) released *Ithaca: A Novel*, about our time at Cornell. He writes, "The story takes place between 1977 and 1981 and is about free will and power and how they affect relationships, with a bit of philosophy and romance. The story is fictional, as are the characters; however, the setting, locations, and even occasional events are less so. Hopefully, it will bring back some fond memories! The book is available through Amazon.com." **Michelle Goldstein Dresner**, MD '85 (Boca Raton, FL; mcgdresner1@gmail.com)

gmail.com) writes, "I'm still doing anesthesia at an outpatient surgery center specializing in ophthalmology in Boca Raton." Son Samuel, 24, is in his third year of medical school at New York Medical College. Daughter Rebecca, 23, is in her second year at UPenn Dental School.

Last summer, **Christopher Mossey** joined Fermilab as deputy director and project director, responsible for managing all aspects of the long-baseline neutrino facility project. Along with a colleague, he acts as Fermilab's ambassador to the world for this initiative. Chris has more than three decades of experience leading the design and construction of environmental and facility programs for the Navy. He holds an MS in construction management from Stanford U., completed the executive management program at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, and is a fellow of the Society of American Military Engineers, serving as the organization's president from 2010 to 2011. **Lisa Johnson** (lisajohnson2005@aol.com) writes that after living in New York City and working in the publishing industry since graduation, she moved from Lower Manhattan to the hill towns of Western Massachusetts. She and her husband are building an energy efficient solar home and look forward to moving into it soon.

Adam Petriella wrote, "What interesting times! We just moved to Rye, NY, from NYC so our 11-year-old can have some peace and quiet, a yard, and a dog, and walk to school." Adam just celebrated 24 years with wife Alicia and is executive VP in the capital markets group of Coldwell Banker Commercial Alliance real estate in New York. He sees other Cornellians around town and says he gets "big thrills" when he sees the Cornell bus or walks past the club or the medical college—especially because for the 20 years he lived in L.A., he was devoid of any visual reminders of Cornell. Adam writes, "I'm attempting to freeze the visual memories of the campus and Statler as they were during what was one of the greatest experiences of my life." **Marianne Van Sicklin** Knight (Waterdown, ON; mvscknight@gmail.com) has undertaken a new adventure in education—an MS in information and knowledge strategy at Columbia, a hybrid online-residency program. She will add this degree to her MBA with an information systems designation. Marianne was thrilled to be back on campus last October for the Rowing Revival. She connected with a few classmates from Willard Straight Dining on Facebook and would love to hear who is planning to attend our 35th Reunion.

Diane Gnagnarelli (Brooklyn, NY; dgnagnarelli@saintannsny.org) is teaching theatre and



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coordinating community service at Saint Ann's School. She had a role in Jon Abrahams's upcoming indie feature, *Two for One*, due out soon. One of the best decisions Diane ever made, she says, was adopting her daughters from China. She would like to hear from anyone from the Class of '81. See you all in June! [Barb Amoscato Sabaitis](mailto:Barb.AmoscatoSabaitis@hotmail.com), beachba@hotmail.com; [Joann Minsker Adams](mailto:Joann.MinskerAdams@budadams.net), joann@budadams.net; [Betsy Silverfine](mailto:Betsy.Silverfine@comcast.net), bsilverfine@comcast.net.

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Linda Harris Crovella '82

82 Happy New Year greetings! I hope, as I write this message on a beautiful fall day in New England, that when you're reading this column, the snow isn't piled high and the forecasters are wrong about their prediction of record-breaking snow for the winter of 2016!

Bruce Cohen (Woodbury, NY) continues to enjoy his HR role at Citi, which has given him the opportunity to travel to several of the 100 countries where the company has a presence. He reports that he and his wife, Jodie, enjoyed a mini-reunion with **Wally**, MBA '83, and **Judy Chiang Hlawitschka** and **Paul Holbrook** and wife Lori at the Hlawitschkas' home in Westport, CT. **Eve Klein Samson**, JD '85, sent a note by snail mail from Port Washington, NY, where she and husband Martin live. She just had her 18th anniversary as a labor and employment law partner at Duane Morris LLP. Son **Justin '11** is finishing his third year at the Duke law school, and son Evan (Lehigh '14) is working as an investment banking analyst at DNB Bank USA.

Linda Harris Crovella (Crovella.linda@gmail.com) has been a supervisory field attorney in the Washington, DC, resident office of the NLRB since May 2011. In October 2010, she ran the Dublin Marathon with Team in Training (TNT), the fundraising arm of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She writes, "Yes, in Ireland—I figured if I were going to run that far, it should be in another country." Linda was halfway through training for the San Diego Marathon when she received the promotion and had to move from Brooklyn, NY, to the Washington, DC, area. Linda continued, "After two years of sitting at a desk, I decided it was time to be active again, so I once again sought out TNT, but I shifted my focus to triathlon." She completed her first triathlon in 2013 in D.C.; in 2014, she completed Rev3 in Williamsburg, VA; and in September 2015, she once again competed in the Nation's Triathlon in D.C. She added, "Swimming in the Potomac was the toughest part!" Congratulations to Linda, who is nearing her \$10,000 mark in fundraising, and having a great time meeting people while staying fit! Next year she hopes to get her TNT "triple crown" by doing a century bike race.

Linda also wrote that she is getting close to being an empty-nester. Her identical twin boys are seniors in high school—"We are going through the college application process, times two." She has already been through this twice before with her two older children, **Ben '07** and Emily (NYU Tisch

'11). To help Linda get through the adjustment period of having no children at home, she is going on a tour of China with a friend from law school in November 2016, which includes a cruise on the Yangtze River. She would love to get in contact with other Cornell alums in the Washington, DC, area who graduated in the late '70s or early '80s.

Nancy DuBoise (nfd3@cornell.edu) wrote that older son **Eli Weiner '16** will graduate from CALS in December, and younger son Sam is now a

freshman at Vassar College. She added, "Sadly, I could not convince him to join his brother in Ithaca." Although their nest is now empty of children, Nancy is enjoying the newest addition to her family, a 2-year-old rescued golden retriever named Leo. **Miriam Akabas** (mha9@cornell.edu) wrote that her mother, **Shelley Epstein Akabas '51**, received the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award and that she was in Ithaca for the presentation. At that time she was able to visit her daughter, **Ariel Kaminsky '19**, and nephew, **Lev Akabas '19**. In answering some of our recent questions, Miriam writes that the best concert she ever attended at Cornell was the Grateful Dead, but she couldn't say if it was the first time or the second that was better. She added, "Patti Smith was excellent, as was Bruce Springsteen. None of the classical music concerts were memorable enough." She'd like to hear from **Karen Lynn Schafrik Powell** and **Leslie Carole Storm '83**.

Susan Drange (susan.drange@gmail.com) recently accepted a position with Columbia U. arts and sciences as director of faculty development and diversity. Her plan was to move to NYC in November to start this new job, having completed her PhD in education (higher education and organizational change) at UCLA in March 2015. Susan would love to hear from any classmates or KD sisters in the NYC area! "After 32 years in L.A., moving to NYC is going to be a huge transition." **Judith Van Osdol** (judith.vo@gmail.com) was called to serve as director for Evangelical mission and assistant to the Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA, to begin in October 2015.

Lastly, **Terry Kilmer** wrote that **Jon Poe**, **Bob Ramin**, MBA '85, **Teri Williams** Harvey and son **Chris '15**, **Nate Rudgers**, **Greg Busby**, co-correspondent **Mark Fernau**, **Liz Magill Billingsley '84**, and **Julie Kolm Gibbs**, BA '80 (now officially a member of our class), were at the '82 and '81 Homecoming tailgate. Moreover, it's time to start thinking about Reunion in 2017! [Nina Kondo](mailto:Nina.Kondo@cornell.edu), nmk22@cornell.edu; [Mark Fernau](mailto:Mark.Fernau@cornell.edu), mef29@cornell.edu; and [Doug Skalka](mailto:Doug.Skalka@nprmlaw.com), dsalka@nprmlaw.com.

83 Greetings, Class of '83! It was great to hear from so many of you this month. We'd love to hear from more of you for the next edition, so send in your news.

Jon Chapman (jsschap@verizon.net) writes, "In October, I'll have worked for the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources for 23 years, 13 with

the Maryland Environmental Trust. As stewardship manager, I oversee 1,070 conservation easement properties statewide. In September, my wife, Sanya (U. of Puerto Rico '84), and I celebrated the wedding of our son J.R. to fellow MIT graduate Christine Hazlett in Cambridge, MA. Family from Puerto Rico, Iran, China, and Korea attended the wedding at the MIT chapel." One of the best decisions Jon ever made: "Taking the road less traveled by, and striking out for my first post-graduate job with the U. of Puerto Rico at the Int'l Inst. of Tropical Forestry, where I met Sanya. International travel and work with scientists from a variety of countries was valuable experience for such a recent grad. Having knowledge of biological systems and the ability to run an Apple computer were the primary requirements. Broad perspectives from Biology and Society major at Cornell were helpful."

We heard from **Chuck Ruebling** (chuckruebling@gmail.com), who says he's busy as the assistant headmaster at Delbarton School in Morristown, NJ. He was recently selected to be a coach for the US men's national U19 lacrosse team. The team will compete in the World Championships in the summer of 2016. He has fond memories of attending the Police concert in the fall of 1979. Another classmate remembers that concert as well. **Lisa Esposito Kok** (lisakok2@gmail.com) writes, "I'm still advising private clients on the college admissions process, living in NYC, cherishing the last years my daughter is home before she goes off to college, and enjoying lectures and events on philosophy and theology, and quite a few Cornell events, too. My son, **Nicholas '16**, is a senior in the Engineering college, but is heading for Wall Street and a career in quantitative finance. My daughter, Pippa, is a sophomore in high school and is hell-bent on Cornell (and I am not discouraging her—visiting the Hill as a parent the past four years has been wonderful, and if I get to repeat the experience, I will have won the lottery!)." I understand that feeling, Lisa, as I'm enjoying having two of my daughters at Cornell this year.

Classmate **Sherrie Nachman** says she is now a contributor for *Forbes*, specializing in family travel. Check out her posts at: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/sherrienachman/>. **Michael LaChapelle** (mlachap61@gmail.com) writes, "My wife, Peggy, and I have enjoyed visiting our boys, **Daniel '16** and **James '18**, on campus over the last few years and attending their Cornell Symphony concerts. It was great to catch up with my Chi Phi fraternity brothers **Bob Ramin '82**, MBA '85, and **Tom Hall '84** at Homecoming."

Julie Doig McPeck (jjbskmcpeek@msn.com) reports, "My husband, **Jeff '82**, and I are still living in Deer Park, IL. We just finished building a log home in Breckenridge, CO, and are looking forward to spending time there over the holidays with our family. Our daughter **Brenna '13** is currently getting her MFA in creative writing at Columbia U. and working for us at Provisor Marketing. Shannon is a senior nursing student at Purdue U. and looking for a place to start her career—preferably working with children in some capacity. **Kiley '18** is currently a sophomore in the Dyson School and playing on the varsity volleyball team. All is good here. Would love to visit with any classmates in the area!"

Last, but definitely not least, we got a press release from Charles River Assocs. in Boston, a global consulting firm specializing in litigation, regulatory, financial, and management consulting, who announced that **Andrew Parece**, MBA '89, has rejoined the firm as a VP in the Life Sciences

Practice based in Boston. Andrew has more than 30 years of consulting experience. His work in pharmaceuticals has focused on brand/franchise strategy, pricing, contracting, and market access. He regularly speaks at professional conferences and writes about pharmaceutical and life science topics for such publications as *Pharmaceutical Executive*. Congratulations, Andrew!

Well, that's all for this month. We hope you will all keep in touch and let us know what's new in your lives. Please e-mail your news to: **Barb Warner** Deane, barbdeane@barbdeane.com; or **Jon B. Felice**, jbfelice@jbfelice.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

84 Happy belated Zinck's Night! The 2015 Int'l Spirit of Zinck's Night was observed on October 15. Did you celebrate? If so, let us know where your local event was held and who you saw. **Kevin McCormick** went to the Cornell Club of Rochester, NY, event that was held at Murphy's Law in downtown Rochester. He saw **Brian Heppard '90** among other Cornellians. If you didn't attend a Zinck's event this year, you may want to find your regional celebration next year to connect with Cornellians in your area.

Dennis Mitchell, BA '86, is vice provost for faculty diversity and inclusion at Columbia U. Columbia and Cornell were the only two Ivy League institutions to receive the 2015 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award. Dennis was responsible for submitting Columbia's award-winning application. According to the *Columbia Daily Spectator*, *INSIGHT into Diversity* magazine distributes this honor, which recognizes an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion. According to *INSIGHT's* press release, considerations include "all aspects of diversity, including gender, race, ethnicity, veterans, people with disabilities, and members of the LGBTQ community." Congratulations to Dennis and Columbia!

Clare Lise Kelly (Gaithersburg, MD) has authored a forthcoming book, *Montgomery Modern*, a study of mid-century modern architecture in Montgomery County, Maryland. Clare is a recipient of the American Inst. of Architects 2015 Kea Medal for the Potomac Valley Chapter. She writes, "I recently received a promotion at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to my new position of master architectural historian." She has been with the M-NCPPC Montgomery County Planning Department's historic preservation office since 1990. **Judi Hemphill** Galusha is working as a student services specialist for the Chandler Gilbert Community College in Chandler, AZ. Judi's daughter is earning her associate's degree at Chandler Gilbert CC, while her son is earning college credit through his high school. In response to our online news form questions, Judi reports that one of her best decisions was to go to Cornell and continue on to earn her master's degree.

Greg Garner writes, "Daughter **Selby '19** is entering her first round of prelims at Cornell and texting Mom and Dad almost every day. What would we have done with the texting capability 35 years ago? Being from Colorado, she's experiencing her first prolonged stretch of cloudy, rainy days—and starting to wonder why her folks are always so nostalgic. She'll see." Lastly, **Michelle Schaap** (Millburn, NJ) continues to practice law with Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi (formerly known as Wolff & Samson). Her primary practice is in construction and software/cloud computing. Her

daughter, E. Maggie, just graduated from Haverford College and is a software engineer with Amazon in Seattle. Son Josh will graduate from DeVry and work in IT. The other student in the family is her husband, John, who is "reinventing himself" by studying to become a physician assistant. Michelle says, "He is working hard but loving school."

Thanks to all who sent news! Our news supply is low, so please send us an update on your family, work, hobbies, or travels. The Class Notes in the CAM is a great place to network with your classmates. **Catherine "Kitty" Cantwell**, catherinej.cantwell@gmail.com; **Janet M. Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

85 It is mid-October as I type this. Most of us have sent children back to school, driven them to their college, or maybe even set up their "old room" while they are job hunting. The weather is getting cooler, the leaves are changing color, and football season is in full gear. I always love this time of year: the crisp air, shopping for school clothes and supplies. I was ALWAYS that geeky kid that looked forward to school starting. It seems fitting to inform you all about classmate news.

John Baetz (Columbus, OH) continues to work at Ashland as director of sales for their packaging and coatings business. His two children, Nicholas, 15, and Kara, 13, keep him very busy. **Martin Lubell** (Wooster, OH) has recently completed his master's in bioinformatics at Johns Hopkins U. Son Xavier, 15, is looking to the Naval Academy for his future, and younger son Julien, 13, will be at the Cornell teen program this coming summer. As part of the "sandwich" generation, Martin's "quite lucid and fit" 90-year-old father will be coming to live with them. **Julie Frost Goldblatt** works for Mondelez Int'l in sales and marketing, and her husband works for Active Broadband Networks. They have two sons: TJ, a tenth grader who plays high school baseball, and Ben, a fourth grader enjoying tennis, baseball, and basketball. Julie spent her study time at Cornell in Mann Library and has hosted Cornell externs for the past 20 years! Big thanks!

Greg Schneider (Norfolk, MA) is a partner in a global talent recruiting firm, Egon Zehnder. He is married to **Kristen (Daly)**, MBA '94, and they have three children, Garrett, 16, Katrina, 11, and Brent, 6. They have, he says, a "perfectly typical suburban life" 30 minutes outside of Boston. His memories of Cornell include studying in the stacks of Olin and meeting friends at the Straight. He returns often to Ithaca as his parents live there. **Cathy Mauro** Chicks (Durham, NC) is the optometrist at Costco in Charlotte. She has two growing/grown-up boys, which she says is a weird and difficult thing to accept. It is both "sad and nice." (I totally understand.) She says she would like a long conversation with her 17-year-old son as well as a residence in NYC for her 19-year-old, who will be studying musical theatre dance at CAP21. Cathy heard the Cornell women's choir in Raleigh and hosted several members overnight.

Karen Silverman Anderson has started her own jewelry design and creation business. Sea Ranch Jewelry has handmade, colorful, woven cotton and beaded leather jewelry for men and women available on Etsy, Handmade at Amazon, and in boutiques in her local area in Maine. Congrats on the new biz, Karen! **Marjorie Riemer** Setchko wrote that after 20 years of being a stay-at-home

mom, she is now working outside the home. Marjorie is the coach for the novice men's California Lightweight Crew Club at UC Berkeley, and, though it has been a huge adjustment, she's loving it! She is even excited to get up at 4 a.m. **Amy Smith** Linton (Tampa, FL) recently took a three-month journey in a motor home with her husband, touring Maine and Canada. Amy would love to hear from **Simon Fill**.

With the advent of Facebook and the Internet, we have all, most probably, been able to reconnect with friends we had and "lost" over the past 30 years, which is an amazing gift. I personally have many of you on my Facebook newsfeed and LOVE reading of your travels, accomplishments, pride in your children's progress, or pics of your vacations, dinners (LOL), or your 4-year-old blowing out the candles on her cake. Our lives are in very different stages and places now. We used to all be moving at the same pace (18-22 years old), studying, maybe working for pocket money, doing our own laundry, partying on the weekends, hitting the Hot Truck, and basically learning to be adults. Personally, I don't think I passed that course. But that's where we are now. Seriously adults. Hope you are all still enjoying life and finding the silver lining in the rain clouds. Please send any news or information you would like to share to: **Joyce Zerkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; or **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com.

86 Reading through this month's news, the breadth of the interests and accomplishments of our classmates brings to mind a quote from *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss: "You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great sights! You'll join the high fliers who soar to high heights."

Kevin Wrenner, ME '88, and his 14-year-old son aimed high when they launched a high-altitude balloon in July to see what Vermont looks like from 20 miles up. Video of the balloon's ascent and descent (complete with music) taken by its on-board camera is viewable at: tinyurl.com/wrenhab1. This news was reported to us by Kevin's wife, classmate **Irene (Molnar)**, who is the vice chair of the Town of Essex, Vermont's selectmans board. Irene started a home-based venture called Personal Puzzles in 1993, which creates crossword puzzles in unique shapes for business promotion and personal celebrations. She also marshals her town's annual Memorial Day parade.

Check out the gorgeous pieces created by **Emily Mathes** Kuvin, MD '95 (kuvin@comcast.net), who is working full time to build Emily Kuvin Jewelry Design (www.emilykuvin.com). She specializes in custom work, sources her materials from around the world, and was recently the guest jewelry designer on the Oceania *Insignia* cruise from Singapore to Hong Kong for over 16 days. Emily's daughter is a senior at their local high school in West Newton, MA, and her son just started ninth grade at boarding school in Connecticut. In July, Emily went to her summer camp reunion and spent time with **Melissa Madenberg** Gibson. "It was great to see her and catch up on 30 years," she writes. **CJ Glynn**, ME '87, MBA '88, had the good fortune to be in Cuba on a photography workshop in December 2014 when the US and Cuba announced the re-establishment of diplomatic relations. According to his website, CJ is a San Francisco-based photographer, author, and educator who specializes in expressive, natural-light travel, landscape, and fine art photography.

Janet Elie Faulkner (Reading, MA; jeefaulkner@verizon.net) is in the second year of managing her own law practice, Faulkner Legal Consulting, focusing on employment law, education, and data privacy. She has a son in seventh grade who is an avid skateboarder and a son in tenth grade who is focused on guitar and soccer. Janet has been involved in CAAAN since 1987 in Washington, Boston, and now the Boston suburbs, and she attends Harvard-Cornell hockey and soccer games. She's in touch with many Cornell classmates including **Mike** and **Maggie McNamara Jackson**, **John** and **Shelley Kaplan Nickles**, **Suzanne Rowan Kelleher**, **Jean Peterson Wanlass**, **Moirá Dolan** and **David Mandelbaum**, **Sudip** and **Joan Button Thakor**, **Julie Chen**, **Laura Ansell**, and **Laurie Rosseau Flowers**.

Playing bass and guitar on the Beatles' birthday in Strawberry Fields in Central Park occupies **David Bertke** (dbertke@hotmail.com). He also works at Credit Suisse, but really, he says, he'd rather be on the roof at the Beta house as the soundtrack from *Koyaanisqatsi* (music by Philip Glass) plays from speakers perched on the chimney. **Amy Sharp** Hammerstedt (manorgate9@aol.com) is in her 23rd year teaching science at Buena Regional High School in Buena, NJ. She would like to be riding horses and spending more time on the beach and boardwalk in Ocean City. Her oldest son is at St. Joseph's, where he is a competitive rower. Amy gives a shout-out to the **O'Hara** boys (**Joe '87** and **Mike '88**) and **Denise Pisatowski**.

While living for the past 25 years in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and working for the Dept. of Revenue, **Jonathan Julian** (julian12jon@hotmail.com) created two varieties of hybrid hibiscus plants and

won a first-place award at a West Palm Beach hibiscus show. He also appeared on a couple of South Florida television commercials. Every December he made his way to Estero, FL, to watch the Cornell men's hockey team play in the annual hockey tournament. Jonathan left Florida and returned to Ithaca in September to help his family and look for new employment. "I guess that officially makes me a 'townie' once again," he writes.

Which calls for another Dr. Seuss quote: "You're in pretty good shape for the shape you're in." Please e-mail us: **Nancy Keates**, nancy.keates@wsj.com; or **Michael Wagner**, michaelwagner@wowway.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

87 Happy New Year to the Class of 1987! I hope you're sitting somewhere warm and cozy while reading this column.

Hadley Harper Witcher, BFA '87, lives in Villanova, PA, with husband Robert and their two children. She's working toward her MFA in creative writing at Rosemont College and is in the throes of drafting her first novel. Hadley says she had a great time at our 25th Reunion but wishes more old friends had been in attendance. She asks, "Where have all the Fine Artsies gone?" **Alissa Aaronson** Horvitz reports that she started her own law firm, Roffman Horvitz PLC, after spending 25 years in two of the nation's well-respected labor and employment law firms. Her ten-person firm helps government contractors stay in compliance with the laws and regulations that the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs enforces. The

firm, which is 80 percent female, 20 percent minority, and 30 percent working mother, would meet OFCCP's veteran hiring benchmark, Alissa says.

Elizabeth Brown, JD '90, **Cheryl Berger** Israeloff, **Victoria Lazar**, and **Whitney Weinstein** Goodman met in Chicago in September to jointly celebrate their 50th birthdays. They highly recommend the architectural boat tour. **Christina Minuth** Norton, MPS '88, reports that for four years she has been working at Revenue Management Solutions, a company founded by former Cornell professors Tom Kelly and George Rice. She says the best decisions she has made have been moving to Switzerland and then to Tampa, FL. **Astra Groskaufmanis** recently published *Offside by a Mile: Confessions of a Hockey Mom*, a book filled with tales of her 16-year (ongoing) odyssey as a hockey mom of three. The book is available at Amazon or from the publisher, FriesenPress.

Class president **Tom Smith Tseng**, MCE '94, and his wife, Rebecca, recently began their new positions with the U. of Hawaii Foundation. They both serve as VPs for development and campaign co-chairs for the foundation, with Tom supporting the UH Mānoa and regional and international programs and Rebecca supporting the health sciences colleges and programs and the seven U. of Hawaii system community colleges. **Yelena Baranova** Crescimanno started a new job in January 2015 as senior SQL engineer at Sungard Availability Service. Yelena and her husband traveled to San Francisco in September to visit daughter Jacqueline, who moved there recently. While in the Bay Area, she visited **Galina Patil** '89, ME '90, and her family. Yelena's son **Daniel** '12 co-founded a software startup, CommitSwimming, that provides a workout-tracking application for swimming coaches and athletes. Son **Matthew** '17 is a junior at Cornell studying Linguistics and Computer Science. Her daughter Daria is a freshman at Austin Peay U. in Tennessee.

Gail Stoller Baer and husband **Michael** '88, MBA '89, attended the wedding of **Richard Friedman** and Nancy Goldstone at the Pastures in Southfield, MA. Many other Cornellians were in attendance, including **Doug** '86 and **Gayle Reichler Mazlish** '86, **George** '86 and **Deborah Cohen Dickstein**, **David Kalman**, **Avery Katz**, **Davy Zonerach**, and **Will Richmond** '85. **Debra Pollack** writes that daughter **Caroline Wollman** '18 is a sophomore in CALS, where she is studying Biology and planning to go to vet school. The family's horse, Cody, is at Cornell too! **Laura McMichael-Cady** is a per diem hospital social worker and a board member of the Eden Area Village for seniors in central Alameda County, CA. Laura and her husband, **Conrad Cady** '86, met up with fellow alums **John Satterlee** '86, **Jamie Morrill** '86, **Steve Kratzer** '76, PhD '84, **Karen Smith-Kratzer**, **Jaea Hahn**, **Karen Schmidt**, **Mary Bowman**, and **Rebecca Russell** Notowitz in Annapolis, MD, for a mini-reunion/50th birthday celebration. Laura says that the best decisions she ever made were attending Cornell, moving to the San Francisco Bay Area, and having her two wonderful kids.

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88 Greetings, classmates! We know that some of you reconnected at Homecoming this past fall and look forward to seeing others at the Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), January 22-23 at the Philadelphia Marriott. The event will feature informative sessions with dynamic speakers, an address by President Elizabeth Garrett, and social dinners arranged by classes, clubs, and other groups.

Victor Seidel brought his family back for Homecoming and enjoyed a fun reunion with **Tom Baxter**, MS '89, and his family. Victor and Tom, both former members of the Marching Band, dusted off their trumpets and marched side by side as part of the Alumni Marching Band on Schoellkopf Field. As part of the day, Victor enjoyed speaking with fellow band alumnus and former trustee **David Fischell '75**, PhD '80, who, along with his wife, **Sarah (Thole) '78**, ME '79, supported the development of the Fischell Band Center on campus. At the center after the game, Tom was asked to conduct the Alma Mater, and Victor was called upon to lead the band in the "I would found an institution . . ." cheer that started a tradition in the band 30 years ago. A further highlight was heading to the clock tower on Saturday, where Victor's son, Corbin, was invited to help ring in the noontime chimes. "Given my son's enthusiasm for the task, everyone on campus will have heard somewhat accelerated chiming that day!"

We continue to hear from classmates traversing the country for new and exciting opportunities. **Janet Helms**, MBA '07, moved to Washington State, where she is the dairy technical services veterinarian for Zoetis in the Pacific Northwest, focusing on healthy cows and a healthy food supply. She also works with her company to develop learning structures for colleagues and customers in these areas. Janet recently traveled to Sicily and looks forward to planning her next vacation in the sun. She reminisces that the best concerts she ever attended at Cornell were Suzanne Vega and Echo & the Bunnymen. We hear you, Janet. Love that '80s music! Janet would like to hear from any Class of '88 or EMBA '07 classmates.

Jacques Boubli changed jobs about a year ago. He is now an investment advisor with the Portfolio Strategy Group in White Plains, NY. He moved to Katonah, NY, with his family (children Sophia, 12, and Jeremy 10) after 23 years living in Manhattan. Jacques reports, "It is very different up here! I left the city kicking and screaming, but in reality it was the best thing I could have done for my family." The most valuable lesson he learned at Cornell is to always shoot higher—"Cornell continues to inspire me to do my best and always try to improve."

In other career news, **Chara Haeussler Bohan** (Marietta, GA) reports, "I was promoted to professor of education at Georgia State U. My niece **Sophie '19** is a freshman at Cornell." Chara would love to hear from classmate **Mary Ann Naples**. **Jennifer Sanchez** Goebel is the new public affairs officer for NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Region in Gloucester, MA. Son Ben is studying film and television at NYU's Tisch School. She gives a shout-out to **Kim Claypoole** Farrell, **Jeannie Ngai**, and **Cathy Boer-Johnson**.

Karen Kao is a health inspector and part-time physical therapist in Northern California by day and a fledgling artist by night, sketching animals almost every night. She also has a knack for teaching, including beginning piano and swimming at a summer swim school that she started last year. Another creative classmate, **Ilene Altman**, shares that she recently became a Master Gardener in Maryland.

Cheryl Yancey-Biron is very excited to be named a Top 25 Leading Woman Entrepreneur. Cheryl was recognized for this prestigious achievement at an awards ceremony at the Liberty House in New Jersey for her success with her company, One Horn Transportation, and her activity in the business community, particularly helping women in business. Cheryl is also excited about the new software company, Stratebo Technologies, that she launched with her husband, Louis, to sell the software Louis wrote for One Horn Transportation to corporate shippers and other transportation companies. Cheryl's son, Alexander, is a freshman at Rutgers engineering, where he is part of the inaugural Honors College. Her daughter, Genevieve, is a sophomore in high school.

Please continue to send news to: **Andréa Meadow** Danziger, alm46@cornell.edu; and **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes>.

89 Since ecology and the life of critters in the natural world dominate many conversations around my house, I'm beginning this column by highlighting an animal-focused literary accomplishment detailed from **Doug Emlen** (doug.emlen@mso.umt.edu), a professor at the U. of Montana. He was the recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award in science and engineering from the Office of Science and Technology Policy at the White House, multiple research awards from the National Science Foundation, including their five-year CAREER award, and a Young Investigator Prize and the E. O. Wilson Naturalist Award from the American Society of Naturalists. His is the author of *Animal Weapons: The Evolution of Battle and Evolution: Making Sense of Life* (co-authored with Carl Zimmer, Roberts & Co. Publishers, 2nd edition 2015).

Doug's research has been featured in the *New York Times*, National Public Radio's "Fresh Air" and "Science Friday," and YouTube's SciShow. Robert Krulwich, science correspondent for NPR and co-host of "Radiolab," described *Animal Weapons* (which won the Phi Beta Kappa Prize in Science) as "a fascinating account of how animal weaponry, both offensive (claws, horns, teeth) and defensive (armor, shelter, thorns, claws again) parallel human weaponry, both offensive (arrows, lances, swords, missiles, A-bombs) and defensive (armor, castles, spies). It's a compelling, fun, often scary analysis." Interestingly, both Doug's father, Stephen Emlen, and grandfather, Ernest Merritt, were on the science faculty at Cornell: 40 years in Neurobiology and Behavior, and dean of Physics in the 1920s and '30s, respectively.

Amy Pfannenstiel Bunszel is the VP of Autodesk and currently working with **Michele Marut**, MS '01, on a project to leverage design thinking methods and pilot innovation programs to represent the customer in design. You can check out their design gallery at: <http://www.autodesk.com/gallery/visit-us>. **Sherri Bredenberg**-Hostage, BS HE '91 (sherri.hostage@gmail.com), originally from Western New York, also shared a bold entrepreneurial career move. She writes, "After spending over 20 years in the apparel industry I am poised to launch my new company, LilaFIT, this fall. This will be the first athletic company designed especially for the size 12-26 consumer. It is a breathtakingly hectic time, but also incredibly exciting." Fantastic, Sherri! Recently, **Peter Jones** of Bond, Schoenack & King PLLC received

an exceptional professional honor when he was selected as one of five Cornellians for the 2015 Upstate New York Super Lawyers list. This list identifies lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement in their careers.

Sue Ulman Kravitz (suekravitz@comcast.net) works in commercial property management at Jones Lang LaSalle. She and hubby Marc have three daughters, ages 6, 9, and 12. She says that one of the best decisions she ever made was applying to Cornell ("and marrying my husband!"). The Erasure concert in 1989 was the best one she attended while on the Hill. CALS Natural Resources major **Tim O'Connell** (tim.oconnell@okstate.edu) quips that he is still "molding (or moulding) young minds at Oklahoma State U." Tim deems best the Foresight concert in 1985 in the West Campus Dustbowl. He and bride **Tracey (Davis)** ("that cute girl in Cascadilla Gorge, with whom I just celebrated a 25th wedding anniversary") have moved to a new location in Stillwater, OK.

Rebekah Sale (rzsale@gmail.com) writes, "I am actually about to visit alma mater this weekend with my daughter who is a high school senior and is applying to Cornell! I am interested to see how different things are around campus and in Collegetown. I can't wait to have some Purity bittersweet ice cream, as I have never found that flavor elsewhere, and I am staying for the first time at the Statler Hotel! I run a nonprofit program called the Broadway Green Alliance that works with Broadway and other theater professionals to make theater more environmentally friendly; a great job that merges my two passions. I recently got to see **James Whitley '87** in Boston, where he is the assistant dean/campus director, Boston Campus, Springfield College, and am long overdue a date with the amazing actor (and classmate) **Antoinette LaVecchia** to see what she has been up to." We would love to hear more, Rebekah, and thanks for the news!

Len Feldman (lfeldman67@gmail.com) shared that they were looking forward to daughter **Madie '19** starting in HumEc—third-generation Cornellian! He also noted, "I enjoyed a nice visit with **Kathleen O'Connor** in London; she has relocated there with her family and is doing great." **Trevor "Jamaican Mon" Steer** (tsteer@sbcglobal.net) made me smile ear to ear when I read his news: "I guess it's time to make the announcement that I am now a first-time dad! Merrick Lloyd was born on July 28, 2015. As of this writing, he is just over nine weeks. Little fellow is doing excellent. His mom is Monnika." Congratulations!

I am thrilled to wrap up with a first-time update from one of my oldest and dearest Cornell friends. **Alisa Schmitz** (AlisaLEvans@gmail.com) was the maid of honor in our wedding and we remained close through the years. Most recently, she moved from Phoenix to Dallas for a new position as executive director of Alive at Last in 2014. She has been a leader in advocating for the vulnerable for more than 15 years by resourcing and training churches, individuals, schools, and businesses in effectively ending poverty. She currently serves as board chair for Mending the Soul, a ministry that equips communities to respond to abuse. Alisa holds a master's from St. Mary's U. and the U. of Texas, San Antonio, and a Master of Divinity from Phoenix Seminary. Alisa also made another big change: on July 30, 2015 she wed Lewis Evans in Dallas, TX. Congratulations, Tex!

Send a note with an update on you—the joys of any volunteer efforts you serve, your vocational

or avocational news, or whatever else you think might be fit and fun to share. ■ **Lauren Kidder** McGarry, laurenkiddermcgarry@gmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Kristina Borovicka** Gerig, kgerig@columbus.rr.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

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Akemashite omedeto from Kobe, Japan, classmates! That's the local way of wishing you a Happy New Year. 2015 was truly a special year for Cornell and our class as we marked our 25th year as alumni. I am still receiving news of reunions that took place before, during, and after the big party in Ithaca.

Although he was unable to make it to Ithaca, **Kevin DiCerbo** enjoyed a golf weekend reunion in Las Vegas last May with his fraternity brothers **Kevin Kilgore**, **Craig Galloway '91**, **Darren Sullivan**, **Paul Gardner**, **Kevin Hoffman**, and **Roy Strand**. They were joined by 1989 alums **Doug Gennardo**, **Drew Lawrence**, **Wes Atamian**, and **Tom Ritchie**. A resident of Southern California, Kevin is director at Celibre Medical Corp. and enjoys spending time with daughter Elena and son Kieran.

Up the coast in San Jose, CA, **David Cohen** is a senior manager at Lam Research, a semiconductor equipment manufacturer. A year ago, he visited with **Siew-Wei Ngiam '89**, ME '90, MBA '91, in her home country of Singapore on his way back from a business trip in Bangalore. He also enjoys traveling with his family and in recent years has visited Tanzania, Ecuador, and the Galápagos Islands. Reunion was the first time David had been back to Cornell with his wife, **Shelli (Bodnar) '91**, MD '95, since their wedding at the A.D. White House, and it was the first time their children visited campus. "They had a really good time, kayaking on Beebe Lake, zip-lining over the gorge, hiking in Cascadilla Gorge, eating ice cream at the Dairy Bar, and spending time at Kids Club." I feel like we should pay him to promote Reunion 2020!

Fellow Bay Area resident **Paul Tauber** is a partner in the business practice group at Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP in San Francisco. In February 2015, he traveled to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a representative of the Pacific Council on Int'l Policy. There, he observed a week of the pre-trial hearings in the case of US v. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who stands trial along with four others in a military tribunal for the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

A belated hats-off to **Rob and Sue Portman Price**, MRP '91, who collected photos from classmates and put them together into fantastic slideshows that were played during dinner in Barton Hall. It's on the Cornell Class of 1990 Facebook page for your viewing pleasure, anytime you wish to relive the memories. Rob is president of Edible Arrangements and was selected to be inaugural cohort of the Braddock Scholars Program, a new initiative of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. Sue keeps busy as the family talent agent. Perhaps their three talented sons will wind up on TV like their uncle **Dave Price '87**.

It's always a kick to catch up with **Mark Tanouye**. An approaching July typhoon prevented me from seeing him perform as tour bassist with Def Tech in Osaka, but last October he was back for a show in Kobe. After crashing the band's after-show dinner, we went on an unsuccessful search for a late-night Kobe beef snack and instead found an R&B club to chillax at. Former U-Hall 4 resident **Nick Kolias**, PhD '96, was in Kyoto for a business trip for Raytheon, but unfortunately I

could not show him around. He promised there would be a next time soon.

Roman Dreyer writes, "Continuing the family tradition, my son, **Edward**, is attending Cornell as a member of the Class of 2019." We hope Edward has enjoyed his freshman year so far! Meanwhile, **Jennifer Henze** Otto was taking a break at the beach during a college tour with her daughter in Santa Monica, CA, when they spotted actor Rupert Grint, better known as Ron Weasley, who was kind enough to pose for a photo. "Had a great time at Reunion with **Rachel Korn** Goldberg, **Andrea Lee Carboni**, **Jennifer Demsey**, **Kurt Fenstermacher**, and **Nick Tiliakos** and their families."

Speaking of college tours, it's the time of year when the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) needs volunteers to speak with high school students who are applying to our alma mater. Unlike when we were seniors, the computerization of the Common Application now makes things a bit easier, but at the same time, the college entrance process has become more impersonal. CAAN volunteers help to put human interaction back into the equation for anxious Cornell hopefuls. It is also a fun way to relive your days on the Hill, now that the stress of prelims and finals is in the distant past. To find out more about CAAN, please visit <http://caan.admissions.cornell.edu>.

Lastly, congratulations to **Cecile Bouchard-eau** Weiland (Garrison, NY), who won a Bronze Telly award for "The Mummy" episode of "A Haunting, the Series." Cecile has served as showrunner (a combination of head writer, executive producer, and script editor among other things) for the last two seasons. You can catch the series on Destination America, a Discovery channel. Cecile and her husband, Scott, recently celebrated their son's 5th birthday. Personally, I don't know which is scarier: Cecile's series or the amount of pages assigned to us by Prof. LaFeber in the supervised reading class we had together senior year. Don't worry, classmates, I won't be leaving the hotel industry for comedy writing anytime soon.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous Year of the Monkey! ■ **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Allan Rousselle**, agr2@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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Happy New Reunion Year to you all. I hope your holidays were festive and relaxing. We start off with **Elin Piorkowski** Barton, who writes from Vestal, NY. She shares, "I now own a marketing firm called White Knight Productions, which specializes in leveraging the power of video for promotion across both digital and traditional platforms. We're launching a new branch of the company that is focused on using interactive video for education and training purposes." On the family front: "Our older daughter, Zoe, just graduated high school and is a freshman at American U. in D.C.; our younger daughter, Sophie, is a sophomore in high school and is simultaneously missing having her sister at home and enjoying being an only child."

Todd Leong (NYC) is celebrating the opening of the Leaf Lounge (<http://www.leafbarandlounge.com>), Flushing's first craft cocktail bar on the roof of the Hyatt Place Hotel. Over on the other coast, **Drew Kossoff** writes from Los Angeles about his big news: "My company, Rainmaker Ad Ventures Inc., just ranked #400 on the Inc. 5000 List of America's Fastest Growing Private Companies!" Congrats to Drew!

Russell MacAdam, ME '92, writes that he is now in Coopersburg, PA. Another alum from the Keystone State, **Michael Edwards** (Bala Cynwyd, PA) joined Temple U. in April 2014 as associate professor, chief of general and minimally invasive surgery, and director of TUHS Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Program. However, Michael's life is not all work and no play, as he and his wife are getting their first dog. He adds, "I enjoy hanging with my three daughters and spouse." Looking back, he states that the best thing he learned from Cornell was the value of preparation, which has clearly served him well. **Hallie Goldman** Hohner (Chicago, IL) writes, "Doug and I spent the summer traveling in Europe. We went to Italy for three weeks and took our daughter to London for a week. Hallie also celebrated her son's bar mitzvah in October with a multitude of Cornellians including classmate **Daniel Appelbaum**, **Gail Hohner '86**, Ms Ag '88, and a slate of members of the Class of '92: **Joe Gatto**, **Jon Weis**, **Janelle Piccone** Styles, and **Drew Ries**."

We close with a note from Reunion chair **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, who was in Ithaca for Trustee Council Weekend in October. He shares the following: "25 years? Did we really graduate 25 years ago? Reconnect with your classmates and Cornell at our 25th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016. Rally your friends, bring your family, or just come solo. There are more than 600 scheduled activities on campus (and plenty of unscheduled ones) to ensure an unforgettable weekend! Online registration will begin in March. Visit <http://alumni.cornell.edu/reunion> and navigate to our class website for info, schedules, and updates. Our class rocks—and routinely sets Reunion records for attendance and giving. We hope you'll join us!"

Remember there will only be two more columns before Reunion, so to find more information, go to: <http://cornellclassof1991.com>. Thank you for keeping us up to date. Send news to: **Charles Wu**, ccwu@mac.com; **Tom Greenberg**, twg22@cornell.edu; **Wendy Milks** Coburn, wmlkscoburn@me.com.

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Lots of news from classmates in New York State this issue. Thanks, New Yorkers! Come on, everywhere else in the world, let's hear from Cornellians everywhere. (Pardon my stilted attempt to use an Internet meme here in print format. As my teenage daughter will attest, I'm hopelessly square and not very funny at all.) By the time this issue comes out, there should be snow on the ground and chilly students bundled up against the cold wind of an Ithaca winter that's just getting started. The news form asked classmates to recall a favorite concert on the Hill, so this is a musical column this time around!

Peter Stein moved in summer 2014 to Rochester, NY, to become the senior rabbi at Temple B'rith Kodesh. He's loving the opportunity to lead the historic congregation and enjoying being in Western New York, with Ithaca wonderfully close by. (Sounds like an easy Reunion trip to me!) Peter now has two high schoolers, one of whom recently passed her road test and received her driver's license. He remembers a fabulous Canadian Brass concert in Bailey Hall, and having the chance to spend time talking with the musicians before and after the concert. In nearby Fairport, NY, **Kelly O'Brien-Fairley** is pursuing her master's degree in information and library science at the U. of Buffalo and working for Monroe #1 BOCES.

Her oldest daughter, Regan, has now graduated from Fairport High School and is employed full time. Thinking back on life's big decisions, Kelly cites becoming a foster parent as a path to parenthood as one of her best. Her favorite concert at Cornell? "Tracy Chapman."

Further south in Goldens Bridge, NY, **Ondrea Levitt** Schiciano is tearing up the international tennis scene. In July she represented the US as a member of the Master's Women's Tennis Team at the 14th European Maccabi Games in Berlin. The European Maccabi Games is the largest Jewish sports event ever held in Europe, with over 2,000 of the world's best Jewish athletes from over 30 countries competing in these Olympic-style games. Ondrea won the bronze medal in singles! Pretty cool, and made better by the fact that her husband and two children, Hanna and Logan, joined her on the amazing trip. **Subhash Viswanathan** has been named one of the 2015 Upstate New York Super Lawyers by *Law & Politics* magazine. The list identifies lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Subhash works at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, a law firm with 230 lawyers serving private and public sector clients and individuals in a broad range of practice specialties. Congratulations, Subhash!

And speaking of honors, **Evan Frazier** has been elected to the board of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. The commission, established in 1904 by Andrew Carnegie, recognizes civilian heroism in the US and Canada with its Carnegie Medal, which has been awarded to nearly 10,000 people who have risked or lost their lives to save others. In his day job, Evan is senior VP of community affairs at Highmark Health, where he oversees corporate giving, sponsorships, community programs, employee volunteer activities, and the Highmark Foundation. He's also on the boards of the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Central Catholic High School, the Jefferson Region Foundation, the Pittsburgh Foundation, the Shyne Foundation, and the U. of Pittsburgh's Inst. of Politics. **Sharmila Basu** Mann hails from Lafayette, CO, where she is a senior policy analyst focusing on college access and success at the national education nonprofit organization the State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO). She and her husband, Ben, welcomed the arrival of their first child, daughter Isabelle Annora, on May 4, 2015. The happy couple was particularly pleased that she arrived on Star Wars Day. May the Fourth be with us all! Her best decision ever? "Accepting Ben's marriage proposal!" Best concert at Cornell? "10,000 Maniacs." Sharmila would love to hear from **Jeremy Stone**, **Elizabeth Abrams** Reid, **Karin Abell '93**, **Toni Scime** Kamsler '94, and **Mattheus Dahlberg '93**.

Dylan Willoughby, MFA '95's music project, *Lost in Stars*, recently premiered a new EP on Earmilk (<http://bit.ly/1BT5EVw>) and on KCRW radio in Los Angeles. The songs have received major airplay across the country, charting on many stations' top 40 lists, including reaching #1 on 91X KXUL's top 40, an influential college radio station. BitTorrent selected the EP as a featured bundle in August. Music videos are in the works for early 2016, so stay tuned! Dylan's best concert? Attending the Cecil Taylor concert with Wendy Walters. My husband, **John Torrance '90**, and I just completed our fifth pilgrimage to the Entomology department's "Insectapalooza" event with our daughter, Emily, 13! By now we've seen thousands of bugs from the world's second largest collection (and the largest in the US). The community

outreach and education is impressive, and the event draws hundreds of people each year.

Please keep in touch so we have more to share with you! Feel free to e-mail any of us or use the online news form: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>. Thanks!

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93 **Kim Azzarelli**, JD '97's new book, *Fast Forward: How Women Can Achieve Power and Purpose*, came out last October and includes a foreword written by former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Through the data and stories of dozens of women, this book examines how women can harness their growing economic power to achieve meaningful success. It is available on Amazon.

“By now we’ve seen thousands of bugs from the world’s second largest collection.”

Megan Fee Torrance '92

David Walend writes, "I'm pretty sure we forgot to announce that daughter Caroline was born back in 2013. We're all well. Strange, busy days." **Ellen Ho** Ongchin, BArch '93, says she is enjoying the excitement of being a self-employed architect. Son Justin is in eighth grade and daughter Caroline is in sixth. **Winnie Rieder-Su** recently left the corporate world to become an entrepreneur. She writes, "I am now enjoying my Lego business for kids."

In summer 2015, **Lisa Scanlon** studied the ecosystems, the array of unique desert plants, and the diversity of life at the Bahía de los Ángeles UNESCO World Heritage site and in the waters of the Sea of Cortez. Lisa, the owner of Home Zoo Pet Care in Ithaca, NY, took the graduate course as part of Miami U's Earth Expeditions program.

Whether it's a special event or an everyday occurrence, we'd like to hear about it. Send your news to: ✉ **Theresa Flores**, taf6@cornell.edu; **Mia Blackler**, miablackler@yahoo.com; **Melissa Hart** Moss, melimoss@yahoo.com.

94 If you ever check out our Class of '94 page on Facebook, you might have seen my post about my padded "lunchbox" from Wines class. I had recently noticed that the kit was missing a glass, and I wrote that its absence left me bereft, akin to the feeling we class correspondents get when we're short of updates. The good news on both fronts: I ordered a replacement glass online from the Cornell Store (I am, once again, fully picnic-ready)—and my plea resulted in a handful of lovely e-mails, as well as expressions of regret from those who never had the chance to take that famous course.

It's not too late! As **Elizabeth Gonzalez-Marcellino** wrote, "For those who did not take Wines, it's never too late. This past summer I took a bird-watching class as part of Cornell's Adult University. The Wines course was offered the same week I was there. My 12-year-old daughter was

enrolled in an architecture class and my 9-year-old son had fun building remote-controlled robots and rockets out of household items. It was great fun being in Ithaca for one week in July. CAU is Cornell at its best: great weather, cool classes, and no prelims or papers." Speaking of Ithaca, **Sung Woo**, whose second book, *Love Love*, was published in September, made the odyssey back to the Hill to read from his new novel at Buffalo Street Books. He wrote, "I'm happy to tell you that on this little tour of mine, I got to see two Cornell friends I hadn't seen in over 21 years. And in L.A., I got to be on a panel at a Beverly Hills house (held on their tennis court!) with fellow Cornell alums **Lawrence Levy '69** (who's written for 'Seinfeld'), and **Bill Weinstein '98**, a partner at Verve Agency, representing such talents as Colin Trevorrow (*Jurassic World*, director) and Michael Arndt (writer of *Toy Story 3* and *Little Miss Sunshine*). Crazy, right? Only in L.A."

Which leads us right to our West Coast alumni. **Jessica O'Toole** is a co-executive producer and writer on the acclaimed TV show "Jane the Virgin." **Jason Saculles** is returning to Disney as senior manager of customer engagement marketing on the corporate brand management team in Burbank. "More specifically, I'll be managing customer retention for the Disney Visa card. I'm very excited to be going back." In East Coast news, I heard from **Barry Alexander**, a partner in the New York office of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis: "I have a beautiful wife named Susan and an amazing 2-1/2-year-old daughter named Lauren. We live in Livingston, NJ."

Kathleen Taylor Soukup wrote from New Hampshire: "I've been a happy and productive hydrogeologist since graduating Cornell and just celebrated 18 years with my employer. I completed my second Ironman in Lake Placid this summer, hike as much as I can with my husband and our dogs, and try to be a firm but fun stepmom to my husband's two daughters. Life is great!" I was happy to hear that this was Kathleen's first contribution to the Class Notes—I don't think I've ever written about a hydrogeologist, so it was a first for both of us. In Florida, **Tim Simpson** checked in from the delightfully Arthurian-sounding Lady Lake. A director for Cushman & Wakefield, based in Orlando, he was recently appointed to the corporate board of directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lake and Sumter Counties in addition to serving as the board co-chairman for the Lady Lake unit. As for his children, Jordan, 9, is involved in competitive dance, and Taylor, 22, is nearing the completion of her nursing degree.

And now for the Garden State. **Erica Andersen** Conway wrote, "I have had a big year. I'm living in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, with my three children and am busy with my own professional organizing/efficiency training business. I work with people in their homes and businesses to help them learn to let go of their attachments to physical objects

and the emotional symbolism behind them. It is an incredibly rewarding experience for me to work one-on-one with people in a way that brings transformation to their physical space and their lives as a whole. I also just got certified as a yoga instructor here in northern New Jersey. I recently went on a solo adventure to New Zealand to explore the South Island and found it to be a life-changing experience. Somewhere between jumping

I owe my journalism and writing career to the three years I worked for the *Cornell Daily Sun* as a reporter, assistant arts editor, and finally a features editor. A fellow Sunnie, former managing editor **Lee Gjertsen** Malone, also lives here in Massachusetts (specifically the People's Republic of Cambridge, as it's affectionately known). A freelance writer and editor herself, this month she celebrates the publishing of her debut middle-grade

Laurie Woolever (lauriewoolever@gmail.com) writes, "I have just completed work on the manuscript of *Appetites*, a cookbook co-authored with writer and TV host/producer Anthony Bourdain; it will be published by ECCO/Harper Collins in fall 2016." She adds, "My son, Max, is in second grade on Roosevelt Island and is eagerly watching the Cornell Tech campus come to life."

Whether it's a special event or an everyday occurrence, we'd like to hear about it. Send your news to: **Liam O'Mahony**, liamom@yahoo.com; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

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off cliffs, paragliding, and hiking through the ice caves on a glacier, I got back in touch with my love of travel and adventure and am so excited to keep traveling and exploring the world!" Another of our global citizens is **Allison Hamilton-Rohe**, who checked in from Europe: "I am in the Netherlands with my two kids, husband, and dog and am still loving my business, DailyOutfit. Breaking news: we have a bunny! We traveled to Hawaii, Rome, and Sardinia and got to visit with **Ali Kleger-Ramsey** and **Mara Leff** Wood while back in NYC this summer. Oh! And we sold our house in Jersey City. It's been a very good year!"

As for yours truly, I got to indulge in a little armchair wanderlust last summer as the production editor for Frommer's *EasyGuide to Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi'an*. Next year, we should all participate in Cornell's Adult University. See you there! If you're feeling the Cornell love, don't forget to share your photos at <http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery/>. Send news to: **Dika Lam**, dika.web@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jar1229@yahoo.com.

95 Hello, everyone. **Scott Lajoie**, your other new class correspondent, here, writing this installment of the Class of 1995 updates from Cape Cod, where I live with my wife, Wendy, who works in sales for PepsiCo, and our three children, Willow, 8, Miles, 6, and Sawyer, 2. Yes, people do live here all year long. We actually have a very active Cornell Club (although I believe I am the only one who is from the Class of 1995; nearly all of our members are retirees). Summers are magical, with a lake within walking distance, but winters are, well, New England winters (way too long).

I work as a writer and editor for the Int'l Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), where I manage the blogs that appear on our website (www.ifaw.org) and produce various other forms of collateral, from newsletters to the annual report. Up until a couple of years ago when I joined IFAW, I toiled in magazine journalism. I worked for *Condé Nast Traveler* in NYC after graduating, *Forbes* magazine in the San Francisco Bay Area during the height of the Internet boom, then finally a good, long turn as editor of *Cape Cod Magazine*, a lifestyle glossy. I didn't say goodbye to journalism completely; I still write freelance and was actually lured back into publishing by a friend who started a new publication in Massachusetts called the *South Coast Almanac* and invited me to moonlight as its editor.

novel, *The Last Boy at St. Edith's*. She has circulated the cover art on social media in advance, and it looks cool!

Classmates are sending their children off to college more and more. In the case of **Nathan Merrill**, he returned to the Hill in August to drop off his and wife Judy's oldest, **Hannah Rose '19**, for freshman move-in day! He says, "It seems like yesterday I was moving into 222 Mary Donlon. It was so helpful knowing my way around in the car—we snuck in the back way through Forest Home to avoid move-in day traffic jams!" He reports that he is still running the family dairy farm, which includes the frequent milking of 250 cows. And they are growing, adding a second farm in a nearby town in 2012.

David Anderson worked hard last winter to earn Level II certification from Professional Ski Instructors of America, which means if you need a ski instructor, he's the one to call. In the meantime, he is overseeing the rapid expansion of his screen-printing business, Imprint Revolution, which has grown 1,500 percent over the past eight years. David says he is looking forward to teaching his 4-year-old daughter the many joys of skiing this coming winter, while introducing his youngest to advanced snowman construction techniques (dry land training has been with Lego bricks, Lincoln Logs, and various household items). Send news to: **Scott Lajoie**, scottlajoie@hotmail.com; **Steven Strell**, strells@mac.com. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

96 Happy New Year, Class of 1996! Save the dates and start planning your trip back to the Hill for our 20th Reunion this summer, June 9-12, 2016! For more information about lodging, events, and logistics, or to volunteer your time, contact Reunion chairs **Katrina James** (kej2@cornell.edu) and **Carlton Griffin** (cg10@cornell.edu). See you there!

Alyson Lewis (alyson.lewis@hotmail.com) writes, "Life continues to have interesting twists and turns as I delve into my third career since leaving Cornell. Gov. Jerry Brown appointed me to the Sacramento Superior Court in 2012 and I am truly enjoying this next chapter in my life." **Justine Harrison** (jharrison@harrisoncounsel.com) is primarily practicing aviation law these days. She adds, "I'm co-building an experimental aircraft (AirCam), which should be flying before the end of the year."

97 **Kirsten Newbold-Knipp** writes, "I joined Gartner in January 2015 and am a research director helping marketing leaders with strategy and decision making in the areas of digital commerce marketing, content marketing, and marketing management. It's an amazing role where I get to apply all my learning and experience to a variety of challenges while staying abreast of all that is happening in the dynamic marketing industry."

Kirsten adds, "My husband, John, and I invented a product and commercialized it with the help of Kickstarter last year. RingSafe (www.ringsafe.com) is a modern accessory that helps married people who have to take off their wedding ring for sports, work, or hobbies keep the ring close—so they stay out of the doghouse. RingSafe keeps us busy several evenings a month as we try to grow it as a side business." Her best decision: "Moving to Austin, TX, in 2005. I've found a real home full of amazing friends and a city that we've grown to love (except in August when it's way too hot)." When asked what her favorite concert at Cornell was, Kirsten succinctly wrote: "Guster. Epic." She would like to hear from **Carl Mittleman**, **Dana Becker-Anderson**, and **Mark Canlis**.

Thevaki Thambirajah Chranowski (thevaki.tc@gmail.com) reports that she started the Cornell Executive MBA Metro New York program last fall. Please share your news. Whether it's a special event or an everyday occurrence, we'd like to hear about it. **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

98 Music transcends everything—natural boundaries, country borders, language barriers, and cultural differences. It is a gift that can be appreciated by all. Do you remember the music you listened to while you were "far above Cayuga's waters," or, better yet, the music you created and performed?

Some members of the Class of 1998 shared their answers to the question, "What do you think was the best concert you ever attended at Cornell?" **Anne Savage** Malenfant, ME '99: "That is a tough one! Since I was on CCC, I went to all the shows for the bands I was already a fan of. Blues Traveler and Rusted Root were two amazing shows—credible energy with the audience. For an artist I wasn't as familiar with, Tito Puente totally blew me away. Truly an amazing artist and great showman!" **Sheeleza Bacchus** Deba: "Wu Tang!" She adds that her trio is becoming a quartet soon.

Lucie Macelova Ayres: "Cayuga's Waiters." She writes, "My interior design business has been doing incredibly well, so I brought on an East Coast partner—fellow DEA alumna **Larina Kase**. Super excited about collaborating and taking this business to another level!" Lucie also shares that starting her own business was one of the best decisions she ever made. **Lynne Gadowski**: "Sage Hall classical series—so much talent, and free!" Having relocated to the Philippines for a three-year assignment, Lynne revels in having found a career that allows for interesting travel and rewarding opportunities. She notes, "There are lots and lots of Cornellians in the Philippines!" She and her husband have two "wonderful and energetic" children: Lara, 6, and Caleb, 3.

In spring 2015, **Amy Snyder** Kaminski completed her PhD in science and technology studies at Virginia Tech. She is a senior policy advisor in the Office of the Chief Scientist at NASA headquarters in Washington, DC. At the end of 2014, **Jennifer Chung** began working in the legal department at Time Inc., where she manages the company's trademark and patent matters in the US and abroad. Jennifer is also very active with CAAAN, continuing to co-chair the committee that oversees Stuyvesant High School in NYC, as well as co-chairing the Metro-NYC CAAAN committees. She is always on the lookout for more volunteers for CAAAN in the NYC area! **Alvin Liu** is finishing his ophthalmology residency at Johns Hopkins and is currently interviewing for his retina fellowship. **Jennifer Woodard** Reynolds left her position as VP of training programs at Cesar Millan and moved to the East Bay of California, where she and her husband purchased a doggy day care/cage-free boarding business in July 2015. Congratulations to her stepdaughter on her engagement!

Thank you for sharing your news with us. Please keep in touch! E-mail either of your class correspondents; we would love to hear from you! **Uthica Jivrit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; and **Toni Stabile** Weiss, TLS9@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

99 First, a personal thanks to the handful of fine classmates that have written in with updates. I am closing in on my tenth year of writing this column, my longest-ever volunteer job. It is a pleasure to gather your stories, do a bit of googling on you, and then (try to) cobble together a narrative (not always easy). Not to sound like your grandma, but I could always use more mail.

Let's start with the very good news: In Los Angeles, director and producer **Nathan Marshall** was promoted to Head of Story at Blue Giant Entertainment, a production studio that does branded entertainment for Disney and Marvel. In late summer, he sold a graphic novel to Oni Press in collaboration with Hazy Mills Productions, and last year, his first feature film (that he produced and directed) was sold to Cinedigm Releasing and Devolver Digital. Follow him on Twitter at @saynathaniel.

Another writer, two-time Cornellian **Douglas Krisch**, MRP '03, founded the New York-based Urbanmonks Thinktank in 2014. His purpose? To shift society's approach to emotional health from a reactive, individual-oriented one, to a proactive, system-based approach. The Natural Resources grad wrote, "I began to study wisdom in search of a solution, a solution to the high rates of anxiety,

depression, and addiction in our culture." You can find his street cart, with literature, chai spices, and other inspirational items, on the street in Chelsea, Union Square, or Washington Square parks. Check out his website at <http://www.urbanmonksthinktank.org>. **Tamara Nedjar** and **Michael Botelho**, who have been together for more than 17 years and have lived in the Philadelphia area, recently celebrated their child's first birthday. Tamara writes, "Friends in or near New England, look us up. We're finally moving back."

Adarsh Shah (Toronto, ON) writes that a tragic fire last year resulted in a total loss of his business. He has spent more than a year rebuilding and navigating through insurance procedures, and both his foam factory and adjustable bed showroom reopened last summer. "While the rebuilding will still take another year," he writes, "the silver lining is that we re-equipped the business for e-commerce and now have an even better home for our employees." **Jessica Aleman** (Hackettstown, NJ) switched from working as a registered dietitian to working as a registered nurse on a medical surgical floor at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center. She writes, "I'm looking to combine my two professions somehow." Son Isaac James is now 7, and daughter Mylah Anjalie is 4.

As always, I welcome tips and gossip sent via e-mail and snail mail. Please send your news to: **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; or **Heather Hollidge** Madland, hmadland@gmail.com.

OO Happy New Year, classmates! I hope 2016 is filled with good cheer for all of you. Congratulations to actor and theater director **Sam Gold**, who won the 2015 Tony Award for Best Direction of a Musical for the Broadway hit *Fun Home*!

Courtney Hull Pareti is a department chair and science teacher at a prestigious private school. She was married on the grounds of West Point in 2014, and she and her husband welcomed their first child in 2015. She has kept up with Cornell hockey and recently enjoyed visits with fellow classmates **Michelle Fischman** Levy, **Jenn Rice** Markov, and **Stacey Felton** Claridge. **Jason Quinn** is currently working at Trumid, a financial technology startup.

Rahul Roy is the deputy CEO of Greenshield Insurance Brokers in Dubai, UAE, and keeps busy with two children, ages 3 and 6. **Nicholas Phillips** was chosen as a 2015 Fellow of Immigrant Justice Corps, the country's first fellowship program dedicated to meeting the need for high-quality legal services for immigrants. Nick works to fight deportation, obtain citizenship for immigrants, and keep families together. After graduating from Cornell, **Scott Rosen** pursued his entrepreneurship class project, MDabroad, which provides travel assistance and financial services for large international insurers and world-class hospitals throughout the world. The organization was founded in 2000 and has been running strong since then with offices in Miami and Buenos Aires. Scott has a 2-year-old son and enjoys frequent travel. He says one of the best decisions he ever made was attending Cornell!

Scott Strazik was appointed VP of GE and chief financial officer for GE Power and Water's power generation products. Scott joined GE in 2000 as part of GE's Financial Management Program. In 2011, he was named chief financial officer for aviation's commercial engine operations prior to being named chief financial officer for power generation products in 2013. **Joy Johnson** (Charlotte, NC) is in her second year of a Master of Divinity

program at Gordon Conwell Seminary. She welcomed a son, Samuel, in February. Another budding theologian, **Max Dionisio**, began working toward a master's in theology at Wycliffe College in Toronto in September 2014. He and wife Catherine recently celebrated two years of marriage.

Hilary Schroeder graduated from both an MD and MBA program in 2015 and started a residency in New York in June. In addition, she writes, "I started a lawn care and snow removal business about six years ago. We have now expanded into trucking/hauling and recently purchased our first semi-truck." While in Illinois, Hilary was active in local alumni activities in the Champaign-Urbana and Chicago areas and also reunited with a number of fellow members of the co-ed a cappella group Class Notes. In March, **Anna Gravino Salerno** welcomed her fifth child, daughter Elisa Grace, with husband **Matthew '98**. Elisa joins big brother Matthew and big sisters Isabella, Amelia, and Alexandra. **Howard Katzenberg** also shared news of his expanding brood, reporting that he and wife Annie welcomed their third boy, Sawyer, in November 2014. Howard is the CFO of OnDeck and took the company public on the NYSE in December 2014. His favorite place to go on campus was the Hot Truck.

After quitting his job in 2009, **Randy Hsiao** is now a happy entrepreneur, focused on developing iOS apps. **Kimberly Rothman** married **Jennifer Alford '96** in December 2014, and the couple recently welcomed twins—a boy and a girl. **Erica Allgyer** Davila is VP and assistant general counsel at JP Morgan Chase. **Tom Richards** spent most of 2014 building a raw material supply chain for Armstrong's new ceiling tile manufacturing plant in Alabuga, Russia. He says he is excited to move to Lancaster, PA, after 15 years in Macon, GA. Tom will continue working for Armstrong as a senior procurement manager. In Boston, **Sarah Mayer** is an associate editor at America's Test Kitchen, which publishes *Cook's Illustrated* magazine. She develops recipes for their cookbooks. **Matt Varble** recently accepted a position as director of labor relations for the Manitowoc Co. He and his wife live in Wisconsin.

Further north, **Brian Mula-Howard** recently sold his business intelligence firm, Phantom Shoppers, to TideSmart Global in Falmouth, ME. The company was renamed Confidential Consumer (www.confidentialconsumer.com), and Brian accepted a position with them as director. Brian writes, "My wife and I have been married for eight years and have two beautiful boys, Griffin, 7, and Landon, 3, and have made our home in the small coastal community of Kinney Shores, ME. We are active in the community through my Rotary membership and just finished erecting a greenhouse at our son's elementary school."

Have some fun photos of your cute kiddos or a recent trip? We can now share photos through CAM's newly created Alumni Photo Gallery! Submit your pics at: cornellalumnimagazine.com/photogallery. Looking forward to seeing your pictures and reading your updates! **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu.

O1 Happy New Year, Class of 2001! It's a Reunion year for us, so we hope you're all getting ready to come back to the Hill for our 15th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016. Until you see our classmates at Reunion, here's some news about what's new in their lives.

In the fast lane, **Jeff Curtis** just started working for Furniture Row Racing, the only NASCAR team not based out of North Carolina. He works from home in Winston-Salem, NC, but travels with the team to races. Jeff says that the best thing he learned at Cornell was analytical thinking skills and how to be a problem solver, both of which he uses at his new job. He and wife Jennifer had their first child, Alexander, in December 2014. In late winter, a host of women's rugby ladies—including **Kirsten Myers '04**, **Nicole Tellem**, **Phoebe Lee '03**, **Emilia Deimezis '03**, **Sara Delaney Studer '04**, **Lindsey Ehinger '05**, **Maisie Wright '06**, **BA '05**, and **Jess Lee**—met up in Las Vegas to watch an International 7s tournament. They all missed **Amanda Waack Kempf '00**, BA '01's attendance! This past fall she had a small roomie reunion with **Sarah Brian** Derstadt and **Kelli Terry** Bronski. She hopes to see the rest of Nine-o-Fun in 2016 as well as at any rugby reunions that crop up!

Hotelies reunite! **Ryan McCarthy**, **Richy Petrina**, and **Phil Auerbach** traveled to Croatia with their wives last summer. It was the third trip that the guys have made, but the first time with their wives. Other trips were to Romania in 2003 and Turkey in 2005. Also enjoying an exciting summer, **Jill Newman** Schaffer, ME '02, started an innovative summer program for middle school students in Deerfield, MA, where she lives with husband Tim. **Sara Williams** Tucker (Washington, DC) recently left the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to start a small consulting firm working on water policy, conservation, and public lands management. As expected, she now reflects that the most valuable lessons she learned from Cornell were in her Environmental Policy class. She and her husband, Matt, have two kids, ages 3 and 5.

Tom and **Amy Galebach Crone** check in from outside Annapolis, MD, where they live with their two children, Caeden, 5, and Zoe, 4. Amy is the founder and executive director of the nonprofit Maryland Farmers Market Assn., and Tom is a project manager with Arcadis. Their lives are busy with school, soccer, and fun, but they try to stay in touch with many of their fellow Cornellians and hope to make it back up to Ithaca in the near future (possibly reunion in June?). **Brad Jester** checks in from across the world in Hong Kong. He is developing solar PV power plants in towns throughout Myanmar to help reduce the use of diesel generators in order to lower the cost of electricity to the local residents and factories. He says that choosing to live and work in both India and China, back to back, gave a fascinating glimpse at how complicated and different the two countries and their development paths are, and adds that this great decision helped him see both what is great and flawed about the US.

Entrepreneur **Joe Chrisman** started a new business with two partners, one of whom is **Sean Shannon '06**. Joe is living in Hermosa Beach, CA, with wife Kelly and two sons, Joe and Colt. In his spare time, he's been playing tennis after a seven-year hiatus. **Faye Caronan** Chen has finished her sixth year as an assistant professor in the ethnic studies department at CU Denver. Her first book was published by the U. of Illinois Press last June, titled *Legitimizing Empire: Filipino American and US Puerto Rican Cultural Critique*. She gave birth to the next Class of 2037 student, Phoenix Edward, on May 12, 2015.

James Lyons is the president/CEO/owner of Continuum Technologies, a business management and private equity company. He's building a house in Chester, NJ, and has been busy with his bigger

project, his two sons, Brayden, 4, and Asher, 1. In Miami Beach, FL, **Sharon Ellis** Palmer is working as a commercial real estate broker specializing in tenant representation with a focus on office and retail leasing. She also handles high-end residential real estate transactions. She says the Miami market is on fire with development and international investors as well as domestic investors, which is keeping her very busy! Sharon and her husband, Brent, welcomed the birth of Lily Rose in January 2014. She says she loves being a mom and is fortunate to have her own company so she can make her own hours and spend time with her daughter. Prior to having Lily, Sharon traveled to Southeast Asia and visited Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. Recently she visited Peru including Machu Picchu. She's also planning a trip to Spain, Croatia, and Turkey.

We love getting your updates, so keep them coming! E-mail your news to: **Lauren Wallach** Hammer, lew15@cornell.edu; or **Nicole Neroulis** Gupte, NicoleMN6@gmail.com. Between columns, we're posting your photos, event invitations, and other news on Twitter (@Cornell2001) and Facebook (facebook.com/Cornell2001).

02 Classmate **Evan Earle**, MS '14 (Ithaca, NY; efe4@cornell.edu) has been appointed the Dr. **Peter J. Thaler '56** Cornell University Archivist, where he will help preserve the history of the university in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. He also successfully finished coursework and examinations to become a certified digital archives specialist through the Society of American Archivists and is the consulting archivist for the Int'l Motor Racing Research Center. Congratulations, Evan!

From San Jose, CA, **Christine Marchuska** (cmarchuska@gmail.com) writes, "I moved to the Bay Area from NYC a little over two years ago and made a switch from Wall Street to Silicon Valley. I am now doing investor relations for Verifone in San Jose and have become involved in the Cornell NorCal board of directors as the director of social media." Christine adds, "A big move—like changing coasts—is never easy, especially if you have lived your whole life in New York, but connecting with great Cornellians out in the Bay Area made it feel more like home. Recently, our group of friends (including **Nate Pollack '07**, **Beth Heselowitz '99**, and **Nicole Sroka '05**, MS '06) took a trip to Mendocino, CA, for hiking and wine tasting. Even though we didn't know each other while at Cornell, the alumni bond, along with being ex-New Yorkers, made it inevitable that we would all be fast friends." **Jacquelyn Nelson** Harrington (Ithaca, NY; jln23@cornell.edu) writes, "I continue to be employed as a research support specialist at the Baker Inst. for Animal Health."

Thomas Archibald, PhD '13 (Blacksburg, VA; tgarch@vt.edu) is the Chief of Party/Director of USAID/Education and Research in Agriculture, a Virginia Tech project in Senegal. **Jason Wyatt** (jason.wyatt@gmail.com) is a trusts and estates attorney living and practicing in New Jersey. He and wife Beth recently moved from Summit to Red Bank, where they are close to the ocean. Jason writes, "Beth and I welcomed our first child, Joy, in April. Within a few weeks, our close friends **Reza Watts**, **Alex Pearson**, **Jason Kelly**, and **Eric Pearson '05**, each welcomed their own little ones, so we have a nice "Little Red" contingent going (Class of 2037?). We winter in Vermont, skiing as much as possible, a carryover from

our days in the Cornell Ski Club. We are also very much looking forward to the annual Cornell hockey game at MSG, which we have attended every year since inception. Any Jersey Shore-area Cornellian classmates should drop me a line!"

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03 **Allison Goodman** told us she recently became a principal engineer in the non-volatile memory and solid state drive group at Intel Corp. Plus, she adds, "**Brett Owens** and I just had a baby girl in November named Ava. We've been doing really well lately, and Brett and I lead the Sacramento alumni association."

Vincent Pinelli is managing director, COO, and head of audit operations for MUFG, America's internal audit. He has a new addition to the family as well: Mia Ann. **Kathy Voutsinas** Aiello also wrote with baby news: "Had our first child, George Phillip, on July 18, 2015 in Stony Brook, NY." **Jennifer Giuseffi** writes, "I'm working as a cardiologist at Wellstar Medical Group in Georgia." Jennifer married Jeff Merkel and they have a 2-year-old. She would love to hear from **Molly Burke** Freyer and **Tamar Hiram** Arisohn and says she would "love to be sitting on a beach." Congratulations to all on the new additions to the families!

Our classmate mini-feature returns this issue with **Sudha Nandagopal**. Sudha wrote, "Since graduating, I've continued on the social, racial, and environmental justice path I started on at Cornell. In my career I have worked on high-profile political and issue campaigns, helped build organizations, and brought a strong movement-building lens to all of my efforts. Most recently, I joined the Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment, where I am leading the city's first-of-its-kind Equity and Environment Initiative. I'm bringing to this work many of the skills I have cultivated over my career: story-based strategy, community building, stakeholder engagement, communications, and policy analysis."

"Mayor Ed Murray launched this initiative to ensure that all people and communities benefit from Seattle's environmental progress, and I am honored to help transform our programs to better serve people of color, immigrants, refugees, people with low incomes, and those with limited English proficiency. Personally, I love living in Seattle, where I get to hike with my dog, Jammu, try my hand at gardening, cook dinners and entertain with friends, ride my bike to wine tastings (and use my somewhat rusty Wines knowledge), write poetry, and rock climb. Like Ithaca, Seattle can have a few too many gray days, so I also enjoy traveling and getting out to see the world."

Looking back at Cornell Sudha reflected, "I explored a variety of topics and issues in my Biology and Society major, and the interdisciplinary focus allowed me to learn how to connect science, community, writing, and policy. As a Cornell Tradition Fellow, I interned with the Wilderness Society in Washington, DC, where I cut my teeth on environmental advocacy. The Cornell Tradition program, my senior thesis project, as well as courses such as Race, Power, and Privilege, provided a strong social justice foundation for me to be able to do my work at the intersection of many issues

and bring culturally relevant strategies to environmental policy-making and program design. Cornell gave me a strong writing foundation through the Writing in the Majors program, and that has helped immensely. I enjoy writing occasionally on topics of issue intersectionality with the Seattle Globalist and Grist.org."

To current Cornellians Sudha offered this advice: "Explore lots of topics—the information I learned about myself during Acting 101 and the fun nuggets of information I got from Wines have both helped me post-Cornell. While my policy and science classes were useful, I wish I had taken more opportunities to connect with great professors and explore more topics. I don't think I realized how many different subject areas Cornell has to offer and how many of these would end up having relevance to my career." She added, "I hope Cornell continues to cultivate a strong activist and social justice vision. Now more than ever we need graduates who are committed to working together to make our world healthier and better for all of our communities."

Sudha is also involved in several activities and organizations. "I'm the board president of OneAmerica Votes, a political organization that focuses on building power for immigrant and refugee communities. I also serve on the board of the Washington Bus, an organization that works to engage young people in the political process. I would have loved being involved in an organization like that at Cornell! I'm also involved with the South Asian community here and participated in a local production of *Yoni Ki Baat* (South Asian version of *The Vagina Monologues*) a few years ago."

Finally, Sudha reflected on time since graduating: "I am happy to have stayed in touch with many Cornell friends including former co-correspondent **Sam Buckingham Noonan** and her husband, **Pat '00**, who live here in the Pacific Northwest. I am also grateful for the continued connections with some of my stellar professors including Prof. Harry Greene and visiting professor Mahesh Rangarajan." Thank you, Sudha, for sharing the activities you are passionate about.

If you or somebody you know would make a good mini-feature, please let me know! I look forward to hearing about the great things our classmates are doing via news and notes submissions. Until then, all the best: **Jon Schoenberg**, jrs55@cornell.edu.

O4 Hello, classmates! **Carissa Mirasol Nee** and her husband, **Kevin '05**, welcomed their second daughter, Audrey, on September 16, 2015! **Danielle Burgs Escobar** is excited to announce the birth of her first daughter, Juliette, born on September 21. Danielle currently works as a management consultant at Bain & Co. A big "congratulations" from the Class of 2004 to Carissa and Danielle and their growing families!

Alexander Koch (Las Vegas, NV) was promoted to corporate director of

operations and development for Eureka Casinos. Alex has worked with Eureka for six years and helps lead the organization alongside **Andre Carrier '92**. **Alita Howard** is living in Ithaca and recently started working with graduate students and student teams in the Civil and Environmental Engineering department at Cornell. Alita and family recently bought an unfinished tiny house to fix up for a guest house on their property and will be working with a local women's carpentry school to use it as a teaching medium. She says one of the best decisions she ever made was to limit her work hours to be more involved with her children while they are young. The best concert she attended at Cornell was Pao Bhanga! And she still goes every year.

If you are interested in volunteering at Cornell, consider joining the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). CAAAN volunteers worldwide meet with Cornell applicants to put a personalized face to the university, to answer questions students have about Cornell or the college application process in general, and to chat about your experiences at Cornell. Please refer to the website for additional information (<http://caaan.admissions.cornell.edu/>). The more news, the better! E-mail me or use the online news form. **Jessi Petrosino** MacMeekin, jessipetrosino@gmail.com. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

O5 I hope everyone is warm this winter! As time passes, it gets more and more difficult for me to understand how I survived Ithaca winters. I'm in the Bay Area now, and I confess to shivering sometimes when it's below 50 degrees. (To be fair, though, there is a reason why this Mark Twain quote exists: "The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco.")

Hands down, my favorite Ithaca season is fall, which is when I was back in the area for **Nate Shinagawa**, MHA '09's wedding! The wedding ceremony and reception took place at Madeline's on the Commons, and **Svante Myrick '09**, Mayor of Ithaca, officiated. Everyone had a lot of fun. In the days leading up to the wedding, we hiked in Taughannock Falls State Park, visited the farmer's market, and hung out in the newly renovated Commons. I had not been back to campus in five years, so I also made sure to squeeze in a run/walk through campus to visit our old stomping grounds and see all of the newer buildings and sites. The saddest yet most fascinating off-campus site I visited was the Chapter House, or rather, what was left of it after last April's fire. Remember the popcorn they used to have out on the bar? Well, a bunch of corn kernels must have scattered during the fire, because when I stopped by, I saw a mini-cornfield next to the building! (I posted a picture of

Matchmaker, Matchmaker

Erika Ettin '03

Unlike most business owners, Erika Ettin actually hopes to lose her clients as quickly as possible. Ettin runs A Little Nudge, a consulting service that helps singles navigate the world of online dating. "I want turnover," she explains, "because if someone leaves me, it means they're in a relationship."



Based in Washington, D.C., Ettin aims to help clients craft an optimal profile on dating sites like Match.com and OkCupid. She helps hopeful daters choose photos, select potential partners, and craft correspondence. Though she tallies some fifty long-term relationships and more than a dozen marriages among her successes, she says that her ultimate goals are to get clients out into the dating world and help them put their best foot forward. "You need to stand out," says Ettin, who has been featured in national media such as the *Washington Post* and NPR. "Let your quirks shine. If there are two profiles, and one just says, 'I like to laugh and have fun,' while the other says, 'I have some obscure hobbies that grandparents do; I play mahjong and tap dance, but I also love a good cocktail'—that's the person who someone would want to reach out to."

A veteran online dater in her own right, Ettin estimates she has worked with 550 clients and is coaching fifteen to twenty at any given time. She penned *Love at First Site*, a guide to online dating published by River Grove Books in 2014, and writes a blog in which she ponders such questions as "Texting and dating: how much is too much?" Ettin attributes her vocation, in part, to her background as an economist; after majoring in economics at Cornell, she worked for Fannie Mae for seven years before starting A Little Nudge in 2011. "I'm all about probabilities, and you have a higher probability of meeting more people online," she says. "I don't like leaving things to chance. Of course, the dream is to meet on an airplane or in the frozen foods aisle—and it's lovely if that happens. But I don't believe in luck, and I don't believe in chance. I believe in doing the hard work."

— Elisabeth Edokwe '17

it at: www.cornellalumnimagazine.com/photo-gallery.) It was sad to see the Chapter House in its burnt state, but this literal "rise from the ashes" scene brought a smile to my face.

Kristin Perkins and **Zeke Hill** got married on August 1, 2015, in Dover, MA. Other Cornellians in attendance included classmates **Gwendolyn Doyle**, **Shiva Goel**, **Jason Hnatko**, **Walter Kwong**, and **Stephanie Lin**, as well as **Chloe Hill, MD '10**, **Nao-mi Hill '17**, **Ben Polk '02**, and **Lauren Popovitch '06**. In other exciting family news, **Christen Pulicare** Cermele writes, "Our first child, Charlotte Georgiana, was born March 30, 2015." **Jamie Houston** writes, "My husband, Robert, and I welcomed a

professional desire to teach, and currently does so at both Whitworth U. and Eastern Washington U. LaToya also launched a diversity and intercultural consulting business this past year. Check out her website at: www.brackettperception.com. **Adam Weg** is excited to share the news of his vibrant baby daughter, Pauline Parrott. Pauline loves her "Mommy and Me" classes with her mom, Patricia. Adam says that she is truly the love of their lives. And while Adam loves spending as much time with his daughter as possible, he also enjoys time on the golf course.

Lily Bonga says the best decision she ever made was getting her PhD. Currently she is doing

can't wait to see you. Write us with your updates: **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu; **Katie DiCicco**, Katie.dicicco@gmail.com; **Tory Lauterbach**, tory.lauterbach@gmail.com.

‘Jennifer Hanley is a key person in determining if liquid water is in fact on Mars.’

Nicole DeGrace '06

baby girl, **Scarlet Addison**, on November 20, 2014. She is an absolute delight with her curious attitude, enthusiastic demeanor, and infectious giggle." Jamie also achieved new credentials in her financial planning career: MDRT (Million Dollar Round Table) for 2014, CLU (Chartered Life Underwriter, awarded by the American College) in July 2015, and CLTC (Certified Long-Term Care) in August 2015.

We also received an update from **Kate Kastenbaum** (Kate.Kastenbaum@gmail.com), who writes, "A year ago I moved to San Francisco. It's allowed me to reconnect with many old friends, including **Victoria Ng**, **Janice Yuen '06**, **BS Hotel '05**, and **Lindsay Broad**. I'm working in human resources at IDEO and it's as amazing as they say—I get to be inspired every day." A couple of classmates let us know what they are up to abroad. **Chris Mitchell** is pursuing his MBA in London, and **Kim Le** recently volunteered with the Orbis Flying Eye Hospital in Vietnam. Orbis trains local ophthalmologists, nurses, and anesthesiologists in low-resource settings worldwide. You can learn more at can.orbis.org.

Life update? Move recently? Change jobs or careers? As always, we welcome your news! You can submit updates online or send them to your correspondents. We love hearing from everyone!

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06 Another year passed, another year older. Who remembers that time Snoop Dog played on Slope Day? That was over a decade ago! General consensus from our classmates who sent news for this edition said that this was the best concert they ever attended. I have to agree; that warm, sunny day in 2005 was filled with amazing company and fantastic memories! Can you believe this year we will celebrate our 10th Reunion? I can't wait to see you all there. Until then, here are a few updates to keep you going!

LaToya Brackett has been keeping busy with a range of activities in the Spokane, WA, area. She has recently shifted gears to pursue her true

archaeological illustration in Greece while searching for a job back in the States. **Megan McSherry** started as a postdoctoral research fellow at Princeton U. in October 2014. **Angela Zavala** Wells made a move from Chicago to Houston recently. She is currently savoring every moment raising son Andrew, born August 14, 2015.

Stephanie Abrams co-founded the social media and PR agency Socialfly in New York City. She recently co-authored the book *Like. Love. Follow.: The Entrepreneur's Guide To Using Social Media To Grow Your Business*. She says the best decision she ever made was starting her own business. **Julia Schlenker** Bovenzi continues to work as a high school science teacher at a school in Washington Heights, NY. Her husband recently finished his residency in optometry and teaches as an associate professor at the SUNY College of Optometry. Julia is looking forward to seeing old friends at our 10th Reunion!

Marielys Garcia lives in Washington, DC, and transitioned in July 2015 to dean of culture at E.L. Haynes Elementary Public Charter School. Marielys says that the best decision she ever made was becoming a teacher in 2006! **Jason Clemmey** works at Regions Bank as a commercial real estate portfolio manager, and recently reached his five-year anniversary with them. Congrats, Jason! Outside of work, Jason has been traveling. The best decision he says he ever made was joining the Marines when he graduated high school.

Carson Krislov Quinn loves her new city of Indianapolis, IN. She moved there for her husband's position with Anthem's corporate strategy team. Carson was able to return to TV news as a reporter with WISH-TV. Spot her on the air weekday mornings from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. on TV or at WISHTV.com! Carson is also involved with the (small but mighty) Cornell alumni group in Indianapolis. She hopes to attend our 10th! **Jennifer Hanley** is doing some amazing work in science. She is a key person in determining if liquid water is in fact on Mars. Read the full article about her work here: <http://www.buffalonews.com/feed/city-honors-grad-played-key-role-in-determining-water-exists-on-mars-20151002>.

Thanks to all for sharing your news! Save the date for our 10th Reunion, June 9-12, 2016. We

07 In September, the Cornell Class of 2007 held the latest in its New York City-based breakfast series.

The event featured Prof. Isaac Kramnick in discussion about the Willard Straight takeover, with special guests **Andrew Tisch '71**, a member of the Board of Trustees, and former alumni-elected trustee **Martha Coultrap '71**. Co-hosted with the Class of 2012, the breakfast was well-attended by class officers and other '07 classmates.

Congratulations are in order for **Jennifer D'Amato-Anderson** and her husband, who recently purchased their first home in Salem, OR! **Lauren Trakimas** writes that she's spending a year of her East Carolina U. general surgery residency at the U. of Rochester, doing research in vascular surgery. **Matthew Pace** is also in academia, having just completed his PhD in botany from the U. of Wisconsin, Madison in May 2015. He is now the assistant curator of the herbarium at the New York Botanical Garden, and his research focuses on the evolution, systematics, and conservation of orchids. **Richard Liao**, ME '07, is busy working as the CEO of his family business, and writes, "Being CEO in a family business at age 31 is very challenging—with shareholder structure, family succession, and managing a 3,000-person company. Asian family businesses typically do not have good systems and structures in place, so being the person to manage the turnaround process and establish the systems is a lot of pressure. Life, indeed, is not an easy road and it makes me miss my Cornell days even more!" Richard adds that going to Cornell and landing a job on Wall Street were the best times of his life. He would love to hear from the spring '04 Pi Delta Psi fraternity MU class.

Evan Delahanty writes, "I recently launched a social good snack company, called Peaceful Fruits. Having a startup is surprisingly like having a baby, but with fewer diapers!" One of the best decisions Evan ever made: "Not taking a 'normal' job after the Peace Corps—keep the adventure going!" Send your news to: **Nina Terrero**, nt58@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

08 Happy New Year to the Class of 2008! Here's to a fantastic 2016, full of globetrotting, new personal and professional achievements, adventures, and, of course, reconnection with all things Cornell. In this year that we collectively turn 30, our classmates are marking the end of one decade and the beginning of a new one with many exciting life markers: weddings, babies, new jobs, publishing books, and new fields of graduate study.

Ashley Stewart and **Michael Bolling** (Miami, FL) were married on September 26, 2015 in Miami, and Cornellians in attendance included **Ted '07** and **Kari Kucera Sonnenberg '07**, **Jeff Rosage**, **Drew Alston '11**, best man **Loren Rosenberg**, **Anneliese Schrottenboer**, **Leslie Gregory**, and **Megan Rutledge**. As Entomology majors and athletes at Cornell, Michael and Ashley met on a field trip for an Entomology class while Michael was on the football team and Ashley was on the gymnastics team. Ashley is now a nurse and Michael recently passed the Florida Bar exam. Congratulations!

I had the opportunity to celebrate the wedding of another '08er who married a newly minted attorney (who passed the Bar this past August). On August 8, 2015, **Scott Rosenthal** married Sarah Molinoff in Scott's hometown of Portland, OR, affectionately known as the "Ithaca of the Northwest." Scott is currently a third-year law student at NYU School of Law and was a summer associate in 2015 at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, and Sarah is a recent graduate of NYU Law and current litigation associate at WilmerHale. They live in Brooklyn, NY. Cornellians in attendance included **Dan Schiff '05**, **Andrew Kimmel**, and myself. Scott and Sarah's wedding was truly a star-studded affair, featuring Scott's former boss, US Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Scott's beloved ILR professor, Michael Evan Gold. Prof. Gold's attendance was a true highlight of the weekend and proved that the ties that are made in the halls on the Hill are ones that bind. Mazel tov, Scott and Sarah!

Just three weeks later, Scott, Sarah, and I had the opportunity to celebrate the nuptials of another classmate when **Nicole Silver** married Jeremy Kohansimeh at the Four Seasons Hotel Boston on August 29, 2015 in a beautiful Jewish ceremony that incorporated Persian traditions. Nicole and Jeremy live just two blocks from my old apartment in the West Village of Manhattan. Nicole is a senior account executive at Operative, and Jeremy is a software engineer at Flatiron Health. Nicole was accompanied down the aisle by many fabulous Cornellians, including maid of honor **Ilana Sclar Krieger** and bridesmaids **Rachel Musiker '07** and **Regina Myers**, BS HE '07. At the wedding, I caught up with **Josh Krieger**, who is a fourth-year PhD student at the MIT Sloan School of Management studying the economics of innovation, and Ilana, who just started a new role as an analytical lead at Google in Cambridge, MA, in June 2015, after working at Digitas in strategy and analysis for six years. Josh and Ilana were married in Boston on August 16, 2014 and are enjoying living across the river in Cambridge. I also had the chance to tear up both the dance floor and the photo booth with **Dana Mendelowitz**, who is loving her role as a senior integrated marketing manager at *Harper's Bazaar* and exploring her relatively new neighborhood, the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

Sara Martinez writes that she and Jeffrey Davis tied the knot in May and that her maid of honor was classmate—and fellow flute player in the Big Red Band—**Samantha Spindel**, ME '08. Sara and Jeffrey (St. Louis, MO) are very excited for their honeymoon in Japan this spring. Sara reports that she works at the St. Louis Science Center as an evaluator of exhibits and programs. **Jacqueline O'Reilly** reports that she got married on October 24, 2014, and is currently an account supervisor for HeBS Digital, a digital marketing and technology agency, where she leads the Red Lion Hotels account from ongoing marketing to website development. Although she now calls the Upper West Side of Manhattan home, Jacqueline writes, "The best decision I ever made was quitting my job and moving to Australia with my then boyfriend and now husband. We worked in Australia for a year and backpacked the Western Hemisphere for eight months." Jacqueline fondly remembers Slope Day 2005 and its performance by Snoop Dogg and the Game. She'd love to hear from Hotelie classmates.

Phil Caruso, who also reports that the Snoop Dogg concert was a highlight of his time on the Hill, recently entered a dual degree program at Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School and

moved to Boston to pursue his studies. **Bobby Kanefsky** graduated from the MBA program at Washington U. in St. Louis in May 2015. He writes, "I had a great two years in the Midwest, but am thrilled to have moved back to NYC. I'm excited to begin my new career in the management associate program within Citibank's consumer bank, where I will focus on the area of Citi cards." Lastly, **Maren MacIntyre Caulfield** and husband **Matthew** and their two young children, Charlie and Ada, live in Harvard, MA. Maren recently self-published a novel, *Benjamin Ringer and the Lost Sock*, which is available on Amazon. When she's not writing books, she works as a reporter for her local newspaper. She looks back fondly at her time on the Hill, where she was an active member of the Big Red Marching Band and Pep Band.

How are you celebrating your 30th birthday? Send us your news! We'd love to hear from you. [Elana Beale](mailto:Elana.Beale@cornell.edu), erb26@cornell.edu; [Libby Boymel](mailto:Libby.Boymel@cornell.edu), LKB24@cornell.edu.

09 I hope this winter finds you in a warmer climate than Ithaca, NY! As I settle into NYC and temperatures slightly more moderate, I am delighted to share news of a few of our classmates, their careers, graduate studies, and personal news. For example, **Alex Berg** is staying busy as a producer at HuffPost Live, the Huffington Post's streaming news network, where she produces segments about politics, entertainment, and national news, and hosts segments about LGBT, social justice, and feminism issues. This past August, she produced an in-depth series on campus sexual assault anchored by Zerlina Maxwell. In her spare time, Alex plays roller derby and is a mentor for Girls Write Now.

Earlier this fall, **Kojo Degraft-Hanson** left his position as an IT business analyst to start his MBA at Georgia Tech, with concentrations in management, information technology, and entrepreneurship. Best of luck in your studies, Kojo! **Adam Almaraz** has been promoted to director of admissions at Arizona State U.'s Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Adam is also training to become an Ironman certified coach. **Andy Cochran** and wife Pam are creating a custom clothing startup called Label in NYC, with plans to expand to Charlotte, NC. Start making space in your closets now! Andy looks back fondly at the Cornell concerts he attended. Motion City Soundtrack played a free concert on the Quad freshman year that he said was his favorite.

Fellow Hotelie **Sky Fogal** is now the president of Action Escapes, a holding company for a myriad of outdoor adventure companies. An adventurer through and through, Sky enjoys spending his time traveling to countries considered dangerous by many, insisting, "You'll never get a true, unadulterated experience unless you go off course." Safe travels! **Tyler Herman** wrote from Silver Spring, MD, before he departed for Brown U. for a joint degree from Trinity Repertory Co. for an MFA in acting and directing. Tyler still recalls his time at Libe Café and the Schwartz Center's green room, as well as more recent returns to the Hill for Homecomings and Last Call a cappella concerts.

Nancy Campos Flores Bell recently founded a nonprofit organization called Mayor Potencial, that focuses on improving access to education in rural Latin America, helping small agribusiness owners expand to global markets, and providing affordable experiential learning opportunities that expose Cornell students to social entrepreneurship

and its impact on impoverished communities. She writes, "We are building a high school in the rural community of El Rodeito, Honduras, to help children have access to education." Nancy adds, "I just had a baby boy this summer! Scotty Jr. is growing so fast." Best wishes for a happy and healthy winter . . . and for spring to come early. Send news to: [Rebecca Robbins](mailto:Rebecca.Robbins@cornell.edu), rsr38@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

10 By the time you read these words, the magic of fall at Cornell will have slipped from your memory as you remember the fortifying winters that have since made living anywhere else a breeze.

While those of us in the Northeast are bearing down for winter, some of our classmates' thermometers never register the temperatures of Ithaca in January. For example, **Courtney Song '09**, BArch '10, after working abroad in the Netherlands and UK, is heading back to her home state of California to work at IDEO in Palo Alto. **Michael Bennett** (Tampa, FL) would be among those who typically don't need to worry about the temperature, except that Michael is the weekend meteorologist at Fox13!

Forget the chimes—wedding bells were ringing this past summer for a number of Cornell couples, including **Jaclyn Faneuil** and **Matthew Gorman '07**, **Lauren Goldberg** and **Jeremy Rothstein**, **Brittney Shulman** and **Michael Zimmerman**, **Joanna Miller** and **David Shapiro '09**, and **Charlotte Aronin**, BS HE '09, and **Mathew Birnbaum '09**, among other newlyweds. Congratulations to all!

Are you as tired (read: jealous) of seeing photos of the exotic trips your Cornell friends currently in business school have been taking around the world as they pursue their MBA? Rest assured that with the graduation of **Heather Levy**, **James Brennan**, and **Joseph Magdovitz** from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth this past June, we'll only have their future successes to be jealous of. One business school trip photo I've yet to see is from the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, but perhaps **Kris Olsen** could photoshop some classmates into any photos he has from when he, **Benjamin Finkle**, **Li Zhang**, **Steven Matthews**, and **Pauline Li '12** summited Africa's highest mountain.

A number of our classmates have continued their educations at locations across the US. **Hanna Smith Breunig** received her PhD in environmental engineering from UC Berkeley in May 2015 and has now begun a postdoctoral fellowship at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, studying distributed generation and biomass energy—all while raising a son who turned 1 this September! There's something to be said about Cal and multi-tasking, because **Elizabeth Peters** completed a master's degree in information and data science from the distinguished UC, graduating as part of the inaugural cohort of the program, while continuing to work full time. Elizabeth is now in Washington, DC, at a new job with 2U (www.2u.com).

Another D.C. denizen is **Connor Benton**, who graduated from Georgetown U. School of Medicine in May and started his residency in internal medicine in June at Georgetown U. Hospital. Our nation's capital is also home to **Allie Perez**, who completed her Master of Social Work degree this past May from the Catholic U. of America and started a new job as a clinical specialist at an agency that works with families made through foster care

or adoption in the D.C. area. **Cheng “Michelle” Zeng** has one year of training to go for her residency in family medicine at the U. of Calgary, after which she will be looking to start practicing medicine independently. She credits going to Cornell as one of the best decisions she’s ever made. **Caroline Hugh** was working at a fuel cell energy company, but in August she moved back to New York to attend Columbia U. Mailman School of Public Health to obtain an MPH in epidemiology.

Our class correspondent position is now being run by a triumvirate who hope to broaden the reach of our class to keep each other connected. Stay tuned for updates from the Class of 2010 Facebook page (follow it if you don’t!) and contact us with any updates! We would love to feature you. [Jeff Katz](mailto:Jeff.Katz@gmail.com), jeff.allan.katz@gmail.com; **Amar Kelkar**, ahk24@cornell.edu; **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu.

“I’m living every Midwestern girl’s dream of working in fashion in NYC.”

Susan Freeman ’13

11 Happy New Year, Class of 2011! Save the dates and start planning your trip back to the Hill for our 5th Reunion this summer, June 9-12, 2016! For more information about lodging, events, and logistics, or to volunteer your time, contact Reunion chairs **Ashley Jeanlus** (aj239@cornell.edu), **Lindsay Peterson** (LNP9@cornell.edu), **Christopher Mejia** (chrismejia@gmail.com), or **Elizabeth McInnis** (mcinnis.elizabeth@gmail.com). See you there!

Ben Bissantz (bpb53@cornell.edu) is studying computer science at North Carolina State U.—“a big change from ILRI!” He adds, “Homecoming 2015 was amazing; I’m really looking forward to Reunion in June!” **Rebecca Smith** (resmith72@gmail.com) is a third-year law student at U. of Chicago Law School. Last summer she worked in Washington, DC, at Covington & Burling LLP and the White House Council on Environmental Quality. She says that going to Cornell was one of the best decisions she ever made.

Joelle Bazaz is a first-year surgery resident at the U. at Buffalo and working at U. at Buffalo Counseling Services. **Lisa Opdycke** (Hyattsville, MD; lno4@cornell.edu) graduated from Brown U. with a master’s in public policy. She finished her fellowship at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in August and moved to the D.C. metropolitan area, where she is a healthcare analyst at the US Government Accountability Office. If you are in the area, give her a shout as she is working on adjusting to yet another new city and making friends.

Whether it’s a special event or an everyday occurrence, we’d like to hear about it. Send your news to: [Lauren Rosenblum](mailto:Lauren.Rosenblum@cornell.edu), LCR46@cornell.edu; and **Kathryn Ling**, KEL56@cornell.edu. Online news form, <http://alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>.

12 **Hannah Westfall** writes to us from NYC, where she is working as a certified physician assistant at NewYork-Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital. Hannah believes that one of the best decisions she

ever made was to go to Cornell for her undergraduate degree, and then to continue her education as a physician assistant at Pace U. She has fond memories of the Fun concert in Barton Hall in the fall of 2011.

Zachary Newkirk, currently at Duke Law School, writes: “**Meaghan Cassin** and I were married on October 31 in Wilmington, NC. We met during Orientation Week in 2008 outside of Dickson Hall and dated through college and beyond. We are excited for a mini-Cornell reunion in North Carolina!” Best of luck to Meaghan and Zachary! Classmates **Nicole Mormilo** and **Matt Koren** have started a nonprofit called the Bottle Foundation. Nicole and Matt are combatting homelessness through recycling in NYC. The Bottle Foundation was founded as a way to employ homeless and low income New Yorkers who are struggling to find work, while directly increasing recycling rates city-

wide. They welcome any questions or comments as they work to start their nonprofit.

As always, make sure to keep your classmates up-to-date on your life after Cornell by sending any information you would like to share to your class correspondents: [Emily Cusick](mailto:Emily.Cusick@cornell.edu), egc43@cornell.edu; and **Peggy Ramin**, mar335@cornell.edu. Go Big Red!

13 I, **Dan Kuhr**, am writing to all of you readers as I try to find time to enjoy all of the autumnal activities like apple picking, wearing sweaters, and making jokes about pumpkin spice lattes. This time of year always makes me nostalgic for my time on the Hill sitting outside on the Ag Quad as the foliage changed colors, reading before class. As the “Song of the Classes” goes, “Oh to be twenty and back at Cornell.”

Well, one of our classmates who found his way back to Cornell is **Mikhail Grinwald**, BArch ’13. He moved back to Ithaca after studying for his MArch and his master’s in the history and philosophy of architecture at Harvard. He is teaching first-year Architecture students with a small team of professors and young professionals, reading admissions essays for the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, and writing a book review of a faculty publication. He is also the principal violinist for the Cornell Chamber Orchestra, and is traveling to Salt Lake City with the ensemble over the winter break this January. Just across campus in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall is **Lauren McGuinness**. She recently left her job as an analyst for Nielsen to pursue her master’s in health administration in the Sloan program in the Dept. of Policy Analysis and Management. She is focusing her studies on healthcare, design, and policy.

Also under the Cornell umbrella is **Claire Oh**, who is currently pursuing her PhD at the Weill Cornell Graduate School in the pharmacology department’s immunology lab. She reports coming to appreciate the full power and generosity of the Big Red alumni network since graduating.

FSAD alumna **Susan Freeman** writes, “I’m living every Midwestern girl’s dream of working in fashion in NYC.” She works as an assistant buyer at Eileen Fisher for their Midwestern, West Coast, and Canadian stores. Every month, she and her fellow FSAD friends meet to catch up over cronuts and wine. **Annie Gao** is in NYC as well and is currently an economist in the tax and accounting division at Thomas Reuters Corp. Her responsibilities include advising multinational corporations in establishing robust international tax structures that comply with various tax jurisdictions around the world and writing reports proving to the IRS that these companies are complying with US tax laws. When she’s not in the office, she is blowing off steam in her Ultimate Frisbee league, involved with her church, or hanging out with her friends from Cru Cornell.

Rebecca Stewart is down in Dallas, TX, where she currently works with the financial planning and analysis group at American Airlines. She was working at US Airways when they merged with American, and she reports, “Seeing the merger between the two airlines firsthand has been an incredible and amazing opportunity.” She and **Peter Brogan**, who works for EY Transaction Real Estate Group in Dallas, try to travel as much as possible, having recently visited Hawaii, New Orleans, and Tulsa. **Gabriel Torres** is working at NOHMs Technologies, a lithium ion battery startup based in Rochester, NY, that was spun out of labs at Cornell. The company was recently awarded a \$1.5 million grant by the Dept. of Energy to partner with A123 Systems along with FCA, GM, and Ford to develop next-generation battery chemistries for electric vehicles. One of his favorite parts of the job is working with Cornellians every day, and he recently attended an informal reunion with 30 other 2013 Chemical Engineering grads in Boston.

John Redos has been across the pond at Oxford U. pursuing his master’s degree these past two years. He and his fiancée, **Suzana Markolovic**, are still living in England while she finishes her PhD in chemistry. He now serves as the head of psychology in Greene’s Tutorial College in Oxford and as the head coach of the men’s rowing team for one of Oxford’s 38 colleges. Down in Chapel Hill, NC, is **April Aviles**, who is pursuing her MPH in maternal and child health at the UNC Gillings School of Public Health. The former Biology and Society major focuses her studies on child food insecurity and health disparities. She is currently working on a research project that focuses on a social marketing campaign promoting healthy living messages among 3- to 4-year-old children at childcare centers in North Carolina, and volunteers with a local organization focusing on child food security and nutrition education.

Chengya Liang, MBA ’13, finished her leadership development program at Thermo Fisher Scientific and became a senior product manager at Thermo Fisher’s Next Gen Sequencing (NGS) business in the San Francisco Bay Area in July. Her responsibilities include organizing and leading the company’s first Infectious Diseases Summit in 2015. She was recently featured in the Spring 2015 issue of *AWIS Magazine* (Assn. for Women in Science), which discussed women and leadership and obstacles facing women in STEM fields and how they can be overcome.

As always, we want to hear about what you’ve been doing and if you have news to share with our classmates! E-mail us with your news: [Dan Kuhr](mailto:Dan.Kuhr@cornell.edu), dk453@cornell.edu; and **Rachael Schuman**, RASchuman@gmail.com. Online news

14 Happy New Year, Class of 2014! We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! Congratulations to **Hannah Weaver** and **David Kim**, who were married October 10, 2015 in Hamilton, MA. Among the many Cornellians present were bridesmaids **Nicole Brennan**, **Camelia Hssaine**, ME '15, and **Lane Wendel**, best man **Jonathan Kim** '16, and groomsmen **Casey Leamon**, **Alan Marcus** '15, and **Timothy Shao**. Hannah and David honeymooned in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. Following their honeymoon, Hannah relocated to Washington, DC, where they are both working. Hannah has continued her job as a legal assistant at the Brattle Group Inc. out of their D.C. office, and David is going into his second year as a financial analyst at Fannie Mae.

Stephanie Long, an Art History graduate, is working in Silicon Valley at Vango, a company that runs an online platform for buying and selling art. Last fall, Vango was featured on the Syfy Channel's series "Bazillion Dollar Club." Asked about her job, Stephanie said, "You always want your company to improve people's lives in some way. It's endlessly challenging, but little by little, we see artists making a living off our platform and buyers falling in love with their first piece of original art. That's the magic of building a company from scratch." Since graduation, **Christian Shaw** has co-founded Plastic Tides, an organization that combines adventure and science through stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) research expeditions that raise awareness about plastic pollution. On Labor Day, Plastic Tides held a SUP/kayak/canoe race and barbecue at Stewart Park in Ithaca. Check out their website (plasticitudes.org) for more information about plastic pollution and how you can help reduce plastic waste.

Ethan Cramton is now acting as the youth services program manager for Trumansburg, NY, and the Town of Ulysses. In this position, he will manage the middle and high school youth programs. Ethan's previous work with children's programming includes teaching sailing on Cape Cod and working at an afterschool program at Fall Creek Elementary School in Ithaca. **Danny Bernstein's** musical, *Far from Canterbury*, originally performed at Cornell in April 2014, made its NYC debut last fall in the New York Int'l Fringe Festival. *Far from Canterbury* is inspired by "The Wife of Bath's Tale," one of Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, and tells the story of a shy knight who, after being accused of a crime, must prove his innocence by answering this riddle: "What is the one thing that women desire the most?" Other 2014 graduates that worked on the project for the festival included producer **Dana Lerner**, assistant director **Jesse Turk** '13, and cast member **Bianca Di Cocco**. The musical had an extremely successful run at the Fringe Festival in August and won the Overall Excellence-Musical award, earning the show a place in the Fringe Encore series that took place in October.

In other theatre news, **Spencer Whale** directed the play *100 Aker Wood* at the Thespis Theater Festival last August. *100 Aker Wood*, written by **Theodore Wolf** '13, tells the story of freshman Christopher Robin running away from college to the Hundred Acre Forest, where he runs into Winnie the Pooh and friends. But things aren't quite as he remembers from his childhood. Keep sending us your news. We love hearing from you! **Samantha Lapehn**, SRL76@cornell.edu; **Tejal Thakkar**, tdt42@cornell.edu.

ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

- '34 BA—**Doris Chappell** Hollister, Rochester Hills, MI, July 14, 2015
- '35 MA, PhD '43—**Lillian Jaffin** White-Stevens, McKinney, TX, July 5, 2015
- '36—**Stephen I. Fellner**, St. Petersburg, FL, September 15, 2014
- '36—**Evelyn Schlenger** Grossman, Edison, NJ, December 14, 2011
- '36 BS Ag—**Daniel I. Manch**, Seminole, FL, September 29, 2012
- '36, BA '35—**Jerome Sherk**, Arlington, VA, April 20, 2013
- '36 BA—**Jerome J. Weissman**, Palm Beach Gardens, FL, December 31, 2013
- '37 BA, MD '41—**Clifford A. Bachrach**, Gaithersburg, MD, June 1, 2015
- '38 BS HE—**Mary Kelly** Northrup, Palm Beach, FL, September 4, 2015

- '39 BS HE—**Priscilla Buchholz** Frisbee, Stuyvesant Falls, NY, July 14, 2015
- '39 BS HE—**Elizabeth Rogalsky** Vikre, Schenectady, NY, May 16, 2015

1940s

- '40, BS Ag '46—**Seymour Kaufman**, Mayfield Heights, OH, December 16, 2014
- '40 BME—**Henry M. Rose**, Bay Head, NJ, July 12, 2015
- '40 BA—**Lawrence W. Wheeler**, Santa Fe, NM, June 12, 2015
- '41 BA—**John R. Borst**, North Wales, PA, August 21, 2015
- '41 BA—**Jane Fennelly** Detmold, New London, CT, July 20, 2015
- '41 BS Hotel—**James T. Schmuck**, San Mateo, CA, January 23, 2015
- '42 BA—**Thomas M. Flanagan**, Norwich, NY, July 4, 2015
- '42 BA—**Caryl Jennings** Gustavson, Athens, OH, August 24, 2015
- '42 BS Ag—**Bertram King**, Franklin, TN, July 31, 2015
- '42-43 SP Ag—**Richard M. Lewis**, Gilboa, NY, September 5, 2015
- '42, BME '43—**Paul E. Luce**, Allentown, PA, June 2, 2015
- '42 BA—**Ann Godfrey** O'Brien, Washington, DC, May 25, 2015
- '42—**Eleanor Santalucia** O'Dea, Kirkwood, NY, September 10, 2015
- '42—**Raymond Russo**, Kingston, MA, July 2, 2015
- '42 BCE—**Richard L. Wagner**, Boca Raton, FL, June 19, 2015
- '43 BA—**Caroline Norfleet** Church, Lenox, MA, August 6, 2015
- '43 BME—**Robert C. Krehbiel Jr.**, Cincinnati, OH, June 8, 2015
- '44 BS HE—**Ruth Leonard** Claassen, Santa Rosa, CA, July 8, 2015
- '44, BME '43—**Bard Quillman**, Nashville, TN, June 5, 2015
- '44 BS HE—**Ruth Russell** Shriver, Towson, MD, August 22, 2015
- '45, BA '44—**Alma Morton** Blazic, Cincinnati, OH, June 17, 2015
- '45, BME '44, MME '47—**Daniel Hartley**, Maplewood, NJ, July 29, 2015
- '45 BA—**Thelma Emile** Hunter, Saint Paul, MN, August 18, 2015
- '45 BA—**Roberta Johnson** Kemp, Sherrill, NY, May 23, 2015
- '45, BA '47, MBA '49—**Paul C. Kilby**, Lakeland, FL, May 22, 2015
- '45—**Joseph S. Klockner**, Paramus, NJ, August 1, 2015
- '45—**Isaac J. Levine**, Cincinnati, OH, May 28, 2015
- '45, BS HE '44—**Marjorie Beha** Lopez, Westport, NY, August 30, 2015
- '45 MS HE—**Margaret Steinmetz** Mosher, Auburn, NY, July 4, 2015
- '46 BA—**Betty Miller** Barrett, Biloxi, MS, May 21, 2015
- '46—**Vincent A. Deluca Jr.**, Madison, CT, August 25, 2015
- '46, BS ILR '48—**George R. Didio**, Utica, NY, August 12, 2015
- '46 BME—**Emmett W. Hines Jr.**, Sykesville, MD, April 25, 2015
- '47-49 SP Ag—**August E. Andersen**, Long Eddy, NY, July 4, 2015
- '47 BA—**Joyce Bach** Berlow, Long Island, NY, May 25, 2015
- '47, BS HE '46, MEd '48—**Gertrude Miller** Gleek, Alameda, CA, June 16, 2015
- '47 BS Ag, MS Ag '57—**Russell Hodnett**, Lockport, NY, June 25, 2015
- '47—**David M. Holly**, Onsted, MI, August 26, 2015
- '47, BCE '46—**William W. Lawrence**, West Caldwell, NJ, September 7, 2015
- '47 BA—**Sheila dePasquale** McKibbin, Honolulu, HI, July 15, 2015
- '47 DVM—**Elmer L. Robinson**, Saratoga Springs, NY, August 25, 2015
- '47—**Nellyanne Hicks** Smyth, Beaufort, SC, July 20, 2015
- '47, BS HE '48—**Muriel Elwin** Zepp, Arlington Heights, IL, July 5, 2015

'48 BS Ag—Walter J. Banker, Plattsburgh, NY, June 23, 2015
 '48 MS Ag—Floyd R. Blaser, Canandaigua, NY, June 27, 2015
 '48 BA—June Jacobi Gillin, North Palm Beach, FL, August 22, 2015
 '48 BA—Peter C. Higbie, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, August 9, 2015
 '48-50 SP Ag—Lillian Wong Kwok, San Francisco, CA, July 21, 2015
 '48 B Chem E—John D. Lewis, Piney Flats, TN, August 25, 2015
 '48 MS Ag—Richard P. March, Exeter, NH, July 25, 2015
 '48 BS Ag—Barbara Stryker Pratt, Wallingford, CT, July 26, 2015
 '48 BA—June Hadlock Rees, Glen Ellyn, IL, September 21, 2015
 '48 BA—Joanne Halla Watkins, Boulder, CO, August 13, 2015
 '48 BS Ag—Russell H. Yamaga, Costa Mesa, CA, July 21, 2015
 '48 BS HE—Edith Trice Younge, Seattle, WA, January 15, 2015

'49 BS ORIE—Thomas I. Baldwin, Annapolis, MD, July 30, 2015
 '49 JD—Joseph Boochever, Albany, NY, August 1, 2015
 '49-50 SP Ag—Owen K. Burt, Hinsdale, NY, June 28, 2015
 '49 BCE—Roger S. Chapman Jr., Madison, CT, May 25, 2015
 '49 BS HE—Frances Lown Crandall, Princeton, NJ, July 14, 2015
 '49 PhD—James R. De Haan, Boulder, CO, August 1, 2015
 '49 BS Ag, PhD '54—John R. Dezeew, Hilton Head Island, SC, August 22, 2015
 '49 BEE—Nathan Ehrlich, Morristown, NJ, August 27, 2015
 '49 BS ILR—Edward T. Hennelly, Gloversville, NY, July 25, 2015
 '49—Wallace B. Jansen, St. Michaels, MD, August 28, 2015
 '49 BA—Ruth Sovocool Kleinman, Long Valley, NJ, July 1, 2015
 '49, BCE '51—Angelo Leparulo, Los Angeles, CA, June 20, 2015
 '49 BA, MA '50—Ted M. Levine, Rye, NY, August 6, 2015
 '49 BS Ag—Glenn E. Maddy, Helena, OH, August 19, 2015
 '49 BS Hotel—Gerald D. Mannis, Wappingers Falls, NY, August 12, 2015
 '49 DVM—John E. McCormick, Bradenton, FL, August 16, 2015
 '49—Virginia Fortin Schwint, South Pasadena, FL, September 4, 2015
 '49 BCE—William B. B. Smith IV, Roswell, GA, July 22, 2015
 '49 MD—Edmund T. Welch Jr., West Hartford, CT, May 28, 2015

1950s

'50 BA—Helga Andrews, Sudbury, MA, May 18, 2015
 '50 BArch—Raymond E. Ashley Jr., Pinehurst, NC, July 6, 2015
 '50 MS HE—Alice Featherstone Caldwell, North Las Vegas, NV, June 19, 2015
 '50 BS Ag—Arthur C. Chadbourne Jr., Utica, NY, July 24, 2015
 '50 LLB—Edward P. Clark Jr., Larchmont, NY, February 25, 2010
 '50 BME—Donald E. Conaway Jr., Portsmouth, RI, July 27, 2015
 '50 MS ILR—Alfred Goldberg, Teaneck, NJ, July 31, 2015
 '50 PhD—Ellis I. Hormats, Maitland, FL, May 1, 2015
 '50—George Logdon, Lancaster, PA, August 15, 2015
 '50 BME—Eugene M. Martone, Hobe Sound, FL, July 25, 2015
 '50-51 GR—Jack D. Mauersberg, Hilliard, OH, June 26, 2015
 '50 BEE—John E. Owens, Hockessin, DE, June 27, 2015
 '50 BS Ag—Stanley H. Pogroszewski, Hilton, NY, July 26, 2015
 '50 BS HE—Janet Hatch Shear, Thornton, CO, July 19, 2015
 '50 BA—John P. Timmerman, Lakeview, OH, July 12, 2015
 '50 BS HE—Dorothy Schmitt Toleman, Saratoga Springs, NY, July 21, 2015
 '50 BS ORIE—John J. Ullman, Pittsboro, NC, August 13, 2015
 '50 PhD—George Warfield, Vergennes, VT, July 23, 2015

'51 BA—William H. Arnold, Holland, MI, July 16, 2015
 '51 MEd—Annabelle Spann Boykin, Lancaster, SC, July 20, 2015
 '51 BS Ag—Priscilla Fayer Hafner, Plymouth, MA, March 14, 2015
 '51 BS Ag, MFS '52—Frederick J. King, Wenham, MA, August 10, 2015
 '51 MS—Warren H. McKeon, Nashua, NH, May 11, 2015
 '51—Karl A. Ratzsch Jr., Carefree, AZ, August 13, 2015
 '51 BA, LLB '54—Edward R. Reifsteck, Pittsford, NY, August 24, 2015
 '51 BS HE—Mary Strawson Ross, Westfield, NY, June 24, 2015

'52 BS Hotel—Michael C. Aiduk, Lewiston, NY, June 7, 2015
 '52 M Chem E—Ralph T. Cline, Carson City, NV, May 1, 2015
 '52 BS Ag, MS Ag '56—George J. Conneman, Ithaca, NY, July 13, 2015
 '52 BA—Jack Eisert, Sleepy Hollow, NY, May 11, 2015
 '52 DVM—Wendell K. Loomis, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, June 9, 2015
 '52—Richard M. Lowe, Trumansburg, NY, May 22, 2015
 '52 BS Hotel—Thomas C. Marshall, San Francisco, CA, August 31, 2015
 '52 BA, MD '56—Mary Newhall Mathews, Ithaca, NY, June 29, 2015
 '52 BS Ag—Thurl A. Merritt, Middletown, CA, June 10, 2015
 '52 BS HE—Marylou Bussing Morrow, Medford, NJ, June 4, 2015
 '52 PhD—Blaine R. Porter, Provo, UT, August 4, 2015

'52 MS HE—Ruth Romaine Van Haitsma, Holland, MI, July 29, 2015
 '52 PhD—Don C. Wood, Sandy, UT, July 6, 2015
 '52-54 GR—Eric V. Youngquist, Menomonie, WI, August 27, 2015

'53 MNS—John L. Barnwell, Boonton, NJ, July 17, 2015
 '53 MD—Carl H. Brennan Jr., Savannah, GA, August 10, 2015
 '53, BME '54—Howard Colm, Wilmington, DE, July 27, 2015
 '53, BEE '55—Robert H. Kern, Danvers, MA, June 4, 2015
 '53 BS ILR—Peter V. Lent, Ithaca, NY, July 15, 2015
 '53—Nancy Heinzman MacDonald, Delmar, NY, August 19, 2015
 '53, BME '54—Richard J. Potter, Edina, MN, June 24, 2015
 '53 BA—Joan Hinman Seidensticker, Verona, PA, July 20, 2015
 '53, BME '54—Richard W. Wambach, Pittsford, NY, December 11, 2014
 '53 BA, JD '55—Bernard West, New York City, July 28, 2015
 '53 BA—John H. White, Pittsburgh, PA, July 28, 2015

'54 LLB—John P. Callanan, Montour Falls, NY, June 25, 2015
 '54 BS Ag—Eric R. Cronkhite, Sparks, NV, July 15, 2015
 '54—Peter M. Heard, Yarmouth, ME, May 11, 2015
 '54—David R. Hershey Sr., Savannah, GA, May 23, 2015
 '54 MEd—Albert W. King, Westfield, NY, June 19, 2015
 '54—Burt G. Lewis, Bristol, RI, March 4, 2015
 '54 BS Ag—Howard V. Martin, Union City, TN, August 3, 2015
 '54—William A. Mericka, Browns Summit, NC, September 3, 2015
 '54 BA—M. Robert Radin, Staten Island, NY, December 27, 2014
 '54 BA, PhD '64—Arthur P. Wolf, San Francisco, CA, May 2, 2015

'55 BA—Howard A. Berman, Kingston, PA, June 26, 2015
 '55-57 SP Ag—Charles D. Buck, Jefferson, NY, May 26, 2015
 '55 BS Ag—Robert C. Daniels, Prospect, NY, June 20, 2015
 '55 BME, MBA '57—David B. Findlay Jr., New Canaan, CT, Sept. 1, 2015
 '55 MD—Reginald H. Isele, Austin, MN, May 31, 2015
 '55 BS Hotel—Earle Milner, Grosse Pointe Park, MI, December 17, 2014
 '55 BA—Paul M. O'Connor Jr., Darien, CT, September 10, 2015
 '55 BA—Gary R. Ozaroff, Sarasota, FL, August 21, 2015
 '55, B Chem E '56, MBA '57—Edward B. Pollak, Stamford, CT, August 9, 2014
 '55 BS Ag—Mary Unger Ray, Peabody, MA, June 21, 2015
 '55—Betty Shenton Stewart, Santa Cruz, CA, June 10, 2015
 '55 BA—Jane Tyroler Sweeney, Cutchogue, NY, July 12, 2015

'56 BA—Richard Fitch, Santa Fe, NM, August 9, 2015
 '56 BA—Charlotte Edelstein Gross, South Orange, NJ, July 22, 2015
 '56 BS Hotel—Stephen S. J. Hall, Sarasota, FL, July 30, 2015
 '56 BS Hotel—Johan H. Krohn Sr., Kviteseid, Norway, May 22, 2014
 '56, BS Ag '57, DVM '59—Keith H. Orts, Wernersville, PA, June 30, 2015
 '56 BA—Linda Hudson Scanlan, Virginia Beach, VA, May 13, 2015
 '56—Emily Evans Wingert, Little Falls, NJ, August 15, 2015
 '56, BEP '57—Edwin H. Wolf, Phoenix, AZ, July 30, 2015

'57 BA—Rita Feldman Cohen, Livingston, NJ, August 18, 2015
 '57—Edwin Guest Jr., Penn Yan, NY, October 11, 2014
 '57 MS, PhD '60—Dwain D. Gull, Gainesville, FL, May 17, 2015
 '57, BS Ag '59—Barbara L. Martin, Puerto Viejo de Limon, Costa Rica, May 13, 2015
 '57 MS—Anne Matthews Rawson, Swarthmore, PA, May 2, 2015
 '57 BA—Roger T. Wickers, Wolfeboro, NH, July 1, 2015

'58 BS Ag—David E. Austin, Selkirk, NY, July 4, 2015
 '58 BS Ag, MBA '60—William A. Chater, Asheville, NC, August 30, 2015
 '58 BS Ag—William L. Irwin, Guilderland, NY, July 11, 2015
 '58 PhD—John C. Moser, Pineville, LA, August 26, 2015
 '58 BS Ag—Edgar L. Vaughn, Orange, CT, June 30, 2015

'59 BA—Richard W. Avazian, Suffern, NY, July 14, 2015
 '59 BS Ag—Kenneth L. Johnson, The Villages, FL, July 28, 2015
 '59 MS—Gerald A. Neher, Carbondale, IL, May 25, 2015
 '59 BS ILR—James W. Rider Sr., Wilmington, NC, June 28, 2015

1960s

'60 BA—Abbey Berkowitz Boklan, Glen Head, NY, November 3, 2012
 '60, B Chem E '61—William R. Foltin, Latham, NY, July 6, 2015
 '60 BA, PhD '68—Robert R. Kowal, Madison, WI, August 3, 2015
 '60 BS Ag—Schuyler R. Smith, Manlius, NY, September 11, 2015
 '60, BS Ag '65—William M. Woityra, Churchville, NY, July 16, 2015

'61 BA—Thomas F. Boyle, Carlisle, PA, July 5, 2015
 '61 BS HE—Joyce Kitts Connelly, Cottonwood, AZ, July 20, 2015
 '61, BME '62—Donald A. Gaertner, Pensacola, FL, July 18, 2015
 '61 BA, PhD '69—Alan D. Kraus, Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 1, 2015
 '61—Edward J. Kurtz Jr., St. Charles, IL, June 29, 2015
 '61—William F. Moebus, Milford, NJ, May 23, 2015
 '61 MS—Richard P. Quinlivan, Binghamton, NY, May 29, 2015
 '61 BS Ag—Edward F. Solazzo, Hughson, CA, June 2, 2015
 '61 MPA—Jack E. Stiles, Lincoln, NE, July 14, 2015
 '61 DVM—Merritt B. Wooding, Hope, NJ, August 1, 2015

'62—Bernard D. Broeker Jr., Spicewood, TX, April 28, 2015
 '62 PhD—Diane Lewis Chaney, Santa Cruz, CA, August 13, 2015
 '62 DVM—Donald C. Gay, Fiskdale, MA, June 11, 2015
 '62 BA—Kent R. Kreider, Denver, CO, June 15, 2014
 '62 PhD—Francis W. Schlaefer, Wrightsville, PA, July 12, 2015

'63 BS HE, MS HE '65—Karen Bruner Hull, Westerville, OH, May 26, 2015
 '63 BS Ag—Charles S. Jayne, Sayre, PA, August 7, 2015
 '63 BA—H. Joseph Mello, New York City, August 19, 2015
 '63 PhD—William R. Meredith Jr., Greenville, MS, July 2, 2015
 '63—Hattie-Jo Pursglove Mullins, Silver Spring, MD, July 15, 2015
 '63 MEE, PhD '66—Chan H. Yeh, Los Altos, CA, August 25, 2015

'64 DVM—David S. Engstrom, Hamden, CT, July 24, 2015
 '64 BS HE—Phyllis Blair Lowrie, Richmond, VA, July 22, 2015
 '64-66 GR—Nicholas J. Mravich, Alliance, OH, December 16, 2014
 '64, B Chem E '65—James A. Sweet, Punta Gorda, FL, June 18, 2015
 '64 BA—Lisa Anderson Todd, Washington, DC, July 25, 2015

'65 BS Ag—Roger L. Eckhardt, Hancock, ME, July 9, 2015
 '65 BA—Edward C. Epstein, Salt Lake City, UT, August 16, 2015
 '65 BS Hotel—Alan D. Fleischman, New York City, September 14, 2014
 '65 MD—Jeremy J. Kaye, Nashville, TN, July 4, 2015
 '65 BS Ag—Oliver J. Thrall II, Windsor, CT, August 1, 2015
 '65 BS Ag—Bryan J. Westfield, Ann Arbor, MI, July 5, 2015

'66 BS Hotel—Mary Bethel Binder, Westminster, MA, July 24, 2015
 '66 BEE, MEE '67—John M. Dublanica, Simsbury, CT, August 8, 2015
 '66 MS HE—Constance Klier Fowle, Oceanside, CA, May 10, 2015
 '66 JD—Barry J. Geller, Utica, NY, July 23, 2015
 '66 MST—David J. Olney, Mattapoisett, MA, July 29, 2015
 '66 JD—William L. Panagulis, Aurora, CO, December 31, 2012
 '66 ME, PhD '71—Kenneth J. Plotkin, Vienna, VA, July 17, 2015
 '66 MS Ag, PhD '71—Hans D. Van Etten, Tucson, AZ, August 1, 2015

'67 EdD—Eldon G. Scriven, Longmont, CO, July 27, 2015
 '67, BS Ag '69—Alan M. Wright, Ann Arbor, MI, July 2, 2015

'68—Steven M. Elkman, Ridgefield, CT, May 8, 2015
 '68 MRP—V. K. (Michael Edmunds) Leary, Cobb, CA, April 20, 2015

'69 BA—Mark D. Birnbaum, Bethesda, MD, August 29, 2011
 '69 BA—Paul E. Krochmal, Branford, CT, August 25, 2015
 '69 MArch—Terrance R. Williams, Brooklyn, NY, May 16, 2015

1970s

'70, BA '71—Peter C. Kozachek, Franklin, MA, August 5, 2015
 '70 MRP—Margaret Earner Wall, Annapolis, MD, August 7, 2015

'71 MS Ag—Harley M. Albro, Homer, NY, July 25, 2015
 '71 MBA—Gary E. Ayash, Columbia, SC, July 7, 2015
 '71 PhD—Mary M. Bechtold, Belmont, MA, August 10, 2015
 '71 MST—Mark J. Skertich, McKeesport, PA, July 20, 2015

'72 MME—Sullivan S. Chen, Huntington, NY, February 8, 2013

'73, BA '76—David S. Sauberman, Oakland Gardens, NY, July 14, 2015

'74 PhD, MD '84—Jacqueline Schuker Winterkorn, Roxbury, CT, July 11, 2015

'75-76 GR—Edith M. Schneider, Aurora, CO, July 28, 2015

'75 MS, PhD '78—Elliott A. Treadwell, Tallahassee, FL, June 20, 2015

'76 BS Hotel—David H. Callen, Tampa, FL, July 14, 2015
 '76 BS Ag—Michael E. Moore, Novelty, OH, August 23, 2015

'77 BA—George C. Drew, Canandaigua, NY, July 1, 2015
 '77 MD—Robert M. Hemm, Roanoke, VA, May 29, 2015
 '77—Gary L. Krasnow, Cheshire, CT, June 30, 2015
 '77 BS Chem E—William D. Steers, Charlottesville, VA, April 10, 2015
 '77 BA—Laurie A. Stowe, Groningen, Netherlands, August 5, 2015

'78, BArch '79—David H. Bennett, Brooklyn, NY, May 11, 2015
 '78, BEE '79—Michael J. White, Birmingham, AL, July 3, 2015

'79 BS Nurs—Richard C. Baldwin, Schenectady, NY, August 28, 2015

1980s

'80 BS Eng—Susan E. Cunningham, Jupiter, FL, September 3, 2015
 '80 BArch—James R. Martin, Centerbrook, CT, July 12, 2015
 '80 BS Ag—Eric J. Ott, Trumansburg, NY, August 18, 2015
 '80 BA—Keith H. Williams, Danville, VA, November 2, 2013

'81 BS Chem E—William C. Rippe, Westport, CT, July 21, 2015

'82, BEE '91—Eugene N. Bose, Kaneohe, HI, July 11, 2012
 '82 PhD—Fred D. Sack, Columbus, OH, August 1, 2015

'83 MD—Nicholas J. Gonzalez, New York City, July 21, 2015

'85 MS, PhD '88—Paul D. Garrett, Sturbridge, MA, July 12, 2015
 '85 BS HE—Jacqueline Steele Maiorana, Plainview, NY, January 1, 2014

'86—Monte C. Phillips, Winston-Salem, NC, January 26, 2015

'87 BA—Micheal P. Halloran, Brooklyn, NY, February 14, 2015
 '87 BS Ag—Jeb E. Koerber, Lake Forest, CA, August 30, 2014
 '87 BS Hotel—Michel Y. Mahe, Shelburne, VT, July 21, 2015
 '87 BS Hotel—Kevin C. Nicholson, Willingsboro, NJ, July 27, 2015
 '87—Walter M. Pratt III, Singer Island, FL, May 3, 2015

'89 MS Ag—Adam D. Weiss, Kansas City, MO, June 9, 2015

1990s

'90—James M. Gaines III, Plainsboro, NJ, May 13, 2015

'92 BS Ag—Joshua S. Rakosky, New London, CT, August 22, 2015

'94 BA—Karen E. Brewer, Cazenovia, NY, December 21, 2014

'98, BS Ag '10—Amy Walls Bates, Chatham, MA, July 25, 2015
 '98 BS Eng—John W. Knight, Cape Elizabeth, ME, July 25, 2015

2000s

'03 BS ILR—Ann T. Sageer, Liverpool, NY, August 27, 2015

2010s

'10 MAT—Dawn Lizzio George, Ithaca, NY, May 17, 2015
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Ringin' True

Many love the McGraw Tower chimes—but few get to play them



Chime in (clockwise from left): A performance on the main stand; bells in the tower; and a newly restored set in 1908, waiting to be installed.



"One who has lived for a time in sight of Cayuga Lake and its valley and hills can never forget the chimes," wrote Albert Smith, Class of 1878. "This music of the bells becomes a part of the emotional memory of Cornellians; and when they return, the first sound of the bells brings back unforgotten days."

For the denizens of East Hill, the chimes are the mellifluous soundtrack of daily life, their ringing marking the hours and the seasons. On graduation weekend, "Pomp and Circumstance" peals from McGraw Tower; during finals week, the bells have been known to ring out "If I Only Had a Brain." And every day, Central Campus hears the three Big Red standards: the morning "Jennie McGraw Rag" (named in honor of the benefactress who donated the nine original bells in 1868); the afternoon Alma Mater; and the nightly "Evening Song."

Although many enjoy the chimes, few have earned the honor of playing them. Each spring, the current crop of chimesmasters—there are twelve for 2015–16—choose two or three new members from dozens of hopefuls who undergo a rigorous ten-week selection process. There are two basic requirements: the competitors (dubbed "compets") must know how to read music and also be able to climb the McGraw Tower stairs. The bells—most of which are located in a cage inside the tower's spire—are played on an instrument, called a stand, that resembles a large wooden organ with foot pedals and long levers in place of keys; cables run from its back and up through the ceiling. The compets spend a month learning the ropes on a practice stand before seven finalists are selected to perform a series of try-out concerts for the whole campus to hear. "Learning to play the chimes was one of the most nerve-racking

experiences I've ever had," recalls the current head chimesmaster, Charlie Xu '16. A biological engineering major from Corning, New York, Xu cites the 549-note "Jennie McGraw Rag" as his *bête noir*. "It's a really fast and technical piece, and it was probably my Goliath in the competition," Xu says. "I had practiced it for so long and I could play it really well—but then every morning I'd go up there and make a mistake somewhere."

Over the decades, roughly 2,700 songs have been arranged for McGraw Tower's bells, which underwent their most recent restoration in 1999 and now number twenty-one. Tunes range from Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" to the Star Wars theme to the Beatles' "Here Comes the Sun" to Pharrell Williams's 2014 hit "Happy." Excluding the three traditional Big Red songs, the playlist on any given day is largely up to the chimesmasters. Cornellians and visitors alike can watch the musicians in action: their thrice-daily concerts are open to the public, the only price of admission being a 161-step vertical commute. The chimesmasters even take requests from the audience—among the most popular tunes, unsurprisingly, is "Happy Birthday"—as well as via e-mail. "With equal measures of musicality, imagination, playfulness, and athletic endurance," observed a book marking the tower's centennial, "the chimesmasters offer their fellow Cornellians a unique gift: the music of the bells." ■

—Alexandra Bond '12

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