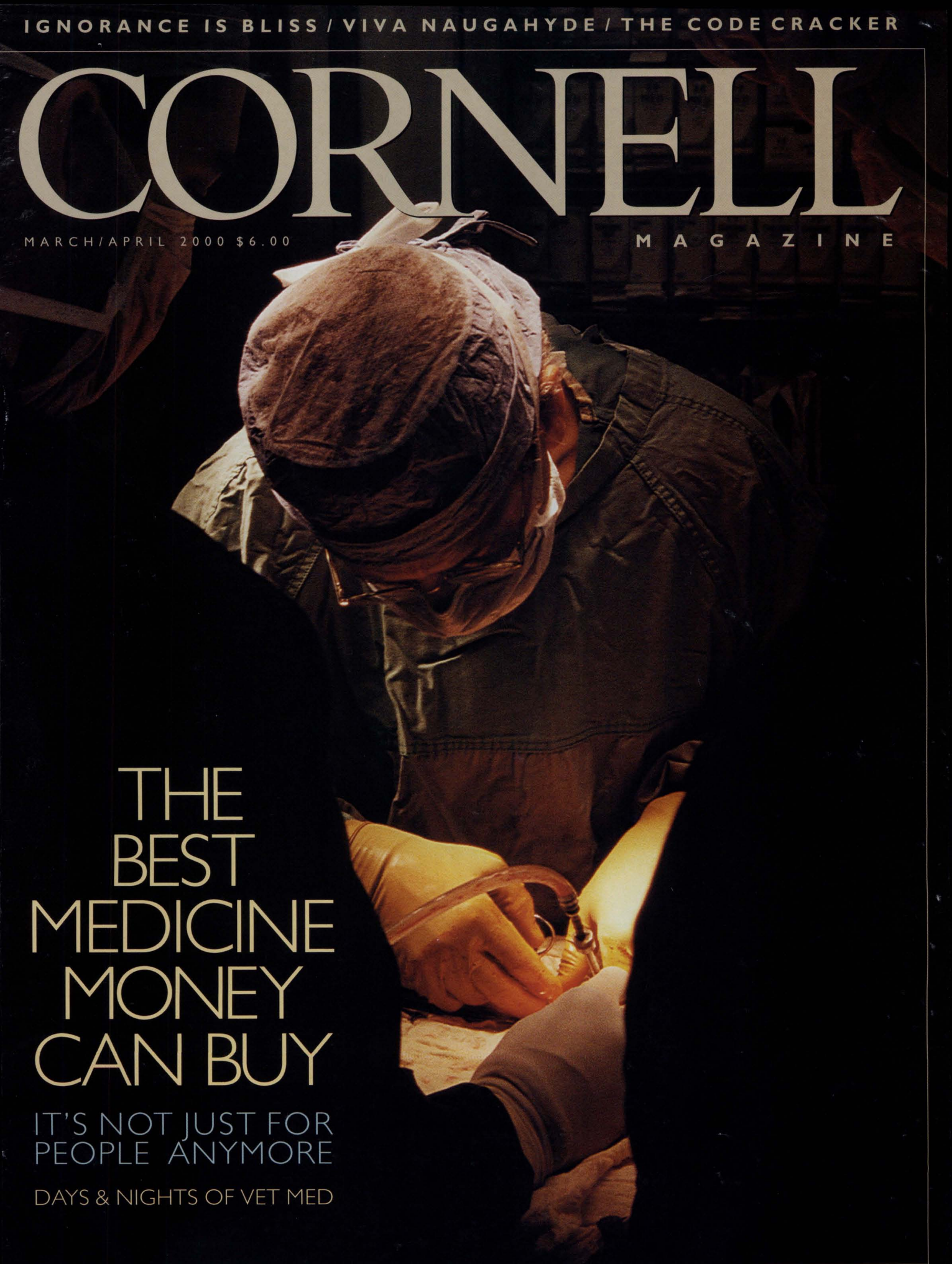


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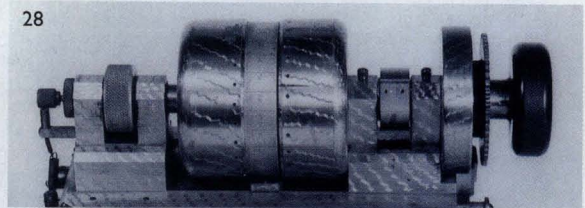
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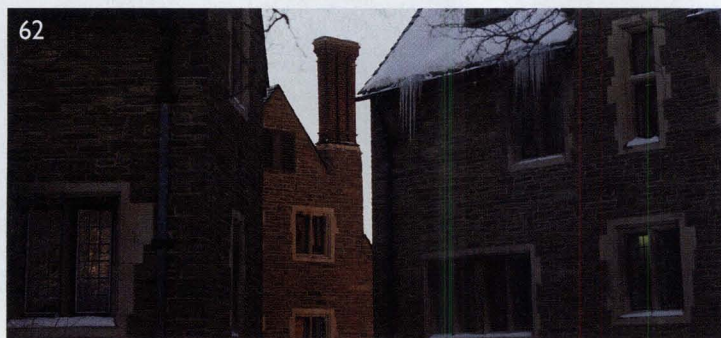
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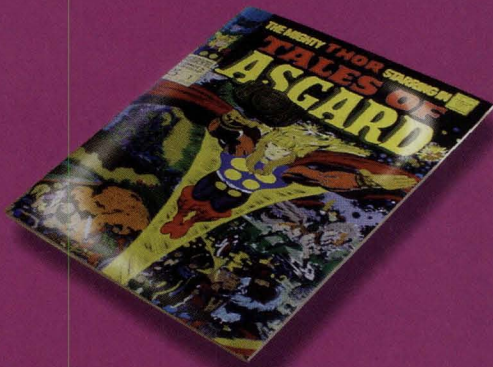
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"THE CATERPILLAR AND THE Corn" (January/February 2000) belongs in a time capsule so future generations can marvel at the mean-spirited priorities of environmentalists who want to ban genetically engineered food that could help poor people in the Third World, but at the price of endangering the monarch butterfly.



Felicia Ackerman '68
Providence, Rhode Island

to call it John Muir Woods. When Rockefeller established the University of Chicago, he refused to have it named after himself. When Oseola McCarty, the aged washerwoman in Mississippi, left her life savings to the local university for scholarships, she too wanted no publicity (though she received plenty when news of her actions leaked out).

In contrast, a \$100 million gift to Cornell two years ago resulted in a name change for our magnificent, one-hundred-year-old medical school. Which donor is more generous?

Alexander Stevens, MD '46
Seattle, Washington

WHY DID JOHN LOSEY PUBLISH HIS work as a letter to the British journal *Nature*, rather than as a peer-reviewed paper in a U.S. professional journal appropriate for a research entomologist? Was he seeking to avoid peer review, or looking for a "greener" venue?

John Turrel '43
Mt. Vernon, Illinois

John Losey responds: Maureen Carter, Linda Rayor, and I chose to submit our paper to *Nature* because it is the most prestigious, respected, influential, and widely cited journal in the world. *Nature* publishes only research of sufficient quality and importance to be of interest to a broad spectrum of scientists, while research of interest primarily to entomologists is published in journals specific to our field. Our paper was peer reviewed before publication. In fact, *Nature* is the most difficult journal in the world in which to have a paper accepted. The section of the journal where our paper appeared, "Scientific Correspondence," comprises short, peer-reviewed papers and should not be confused with non-reviewed letters to the editor. Our main finding, that pollen from *Bt*-corn can harm monarch caterpillars, has now been confirmed by several other studies, and the EPA has incorporated protection of non-target butterflies into their new regulations for *Bt*-corn.

RAISE THE LID

I HAVE SEEN A CORNELL TOILET SEAT (Cornelliana, January/February 2000). The late Allan H. Treman '21, JD '24,

had it in his house on the Knoll, above Thurston and Stewart Avenues. On its top was the university crest in Carnelian red on a white background. When one raised the lid, the trademark bear could be seen leaning on the "C." The seat was red.

According to the late Pauline Bird Treman, Allan's widow, an entrepreneur tried to market this seat in the 1950s, but was rebuffed because it was "not dignified enough." Pauline said Allan scoffed at this, that he "loved it," and that he bought the salesman's model, installing it prominently in their powder room where guests could not miss it. "Cornell isn't Harvard and never intended to be," Allan would say. Despite his loyalty to Cornell, he was unpretentious and saw no harm in having fun.

The university ought to lighten up. Cornell toilet seats could be a money-maker. Offhand, I can think of dozens of alums who would purchase them.

Jon Wardner '79
Ann Arbor, Michigan

ON CHARITY

CORNELL HAS RECEIVED A MAGNIFICENT gift of \$100 million to support the transformation of West Campus (From the Hill, November/December 1999). The unusual feature of this gift is that it is anonymous—pure charity. There are few similar examples. In 1908, Congressman and Mrs. William Kent donated to the federal government 295 acres of beautiful woodland north of San Francisco for use as a park. When President Roosevelt proposed naming it after the donors, they declined, preferring

IT'S IN THE WATER

IN THE MAYORAL ELECTION, TWO Cornell alum candidates debated which one of them extracted the most from the university for its Lake Source Cooling project (From the Hill, November/December 1999). This while other alumni are being asked to give. It appears something is wrong with some attitudes in Ithaca.

Tyler Todd '54
Houston, Texas

'INTELLECTUAL STEROIDS'

MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT Sagan's popularization of science, particularly astronomy ("Carl, Cornell, and the Cosmos," September/October 1999). However, his habitual use of illegal, hallucinatory drugs is troubling. What message does it send to students, faculty, and the public? The use of these drugs is the equivalent of "intellectual steroids." Had Sagan been an Olympic athlete he would have been banned from competition.

David Culbertson '50, MBA '51
Vero Beach, Florida

STOP THE MUSIC

THE BAND MAJOR DEPICTED IN THE November/December 1999 Cornelliana was misidentified. He is Matthew French '95, BS '96. We regret the error.

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BOOK 'EM

In the Campus Store, the usual displays of sweatshirts and Big Red stemware have been replaced by row after row of hulking metal bookshelves. Downstairs, the checkout line is fifty-deep, snaking back on itself four times like the queue for Space Mountain. Shoppers have evolved into hunter-gatherers, negotiating an obstacle

course of people and shelves and baskets in search of their prey: textbooks for the spring semester. "I have never done or seen anything in retail this

harsh," says one temporary worker, "not even at Christmas."

The twice-yearly trek to the bookstore is a student tradition, one that has

stayed pretty much the same for generations. There are still the same crowds elbowing their way to stacks of *The Marx-Engels Reader*; the same little yellow cards listing required and optional books for each course; the same sticker shock at that (now \$150) organic chemistry tome. "It's a pain, because they're all really heavy, and they're ridiculously expensive," says sophomore Jana Fuller, whose basket is already overloaded with books for her government, economics, music, and German studies courses. "But," she adds with a smile, "that's mom and dad's concern."

Technology has simplified the shopping process. Reading lists are posted on the Web, so students can find all the titles in one place—from the comfort of their dorm rooms—instead of perusing the shelves. While the store used to field 10,000 questions a semester about issues like book availability, Cornell business services director Rich McDaniel, MPA '75, MBA '78, estimates the online system has cut that number by 85 percent. (Or, as Fuller puts it, "the new computers are awesome.")

The Internet has also begun to introduce another wrinkle: more widespread competition. With the rise of e-commerce, students are surfing the Web for bargains, eschewing the Campus Store for dot-coms like Varsity Books, ecampus, BigWords, and Amazon. Take John Wang and Eileen McComiskey. The senior mechanical engineers are on their eighth and final book-buying trip, so they know the ropes. Only freshmen think you have to get all the optional texts, they say, and everyone knows you can live without the books for the first couple of weeks of class, since they're usually on reserve in the library.

But even so, the two seem a little dazed at the reading list for MAE 470, a computer simulation course whose required books add up to \$206.50; six optional titles bring the total to a whopping \$657. "We're taking more specialized classes," Wang says, "so the books are getting more expensive."

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Their strategy: write down all the names and prices, then comparison shop online. Other students are even wiler, buying all their books on campus to make sure they don't miss out and repairing to the Web to see if they can find them cheaper. Then they take advantage of the Campus Store's liberal return policy—pristine books can be redeemed within the first three weeks of the semester, no questions asked—and get their money back.

The Campus Store has known for some time that it's got competition, long before VarsityBooks.com parked a mobile billboard on Tower Road offering GEOLOGY TEXTBOOKS AT ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES on the first day of the spring semester. The online firm, founded by two former law students at George Washington University, is angling for a slice of the \$3 billion a year textbook industry. In addition to the roving billboard, its Cornell efforts included distributing fluorescent bouncy balls and offering free lattes at a Collegetown coffeehouse. (Citing an impending IPO, the company refuses to release any Cornell sales figures.)

The Campus Store has responded by becoming more user-friendly, creating the online system and streamlining the checkout process to get customers through in a speedy five or six minutes. Temporary staff keep the shelves stocked and help students find books, while retirees in red aprons hand out maps showing where each department's titles are kept. So far, the e-competition hasn't affected the store's bottom line. According to McDaniel, Cornell has the second-highest sales per square foot of any campus bookstore in the country, behind UCLA. "We're very aware that online booksellers are targeting Cornell, but we haven't seen much impact," says Margie Whiteleather, strategy manager for Cornell Business Services. "Many students have tried to shop online, and we hear a lot of feedback about the inconvenience."

The store has also generated some feedback of its own, posting articles on

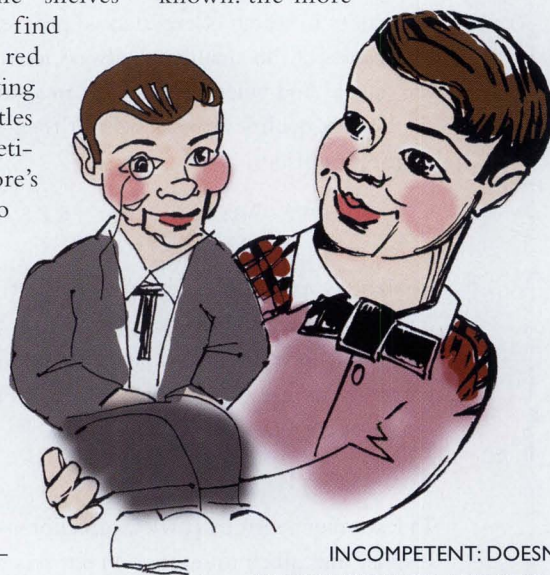
the downside of e-commerce on its website. The pieces, including one on an informal survey by *U.S. News & World Report*, argue that not only can online shopping be a hassle, it often doesn't prove much of a bargain. Shipping charges can add up, the magazine noted, particularly if students have to order from more than one site to get all the titles they need. Convenience remains the campus store's competitive edge—one-stop shopping for 150,000 volumes, new and used, covering 6,000 titles for 2,000 classes.

"I was thinking about going on VarsityBooks.com," freshman Katherine Ryan says as she wanders the aisles in search of twenty-three textbooks, "but I'm just too lazy."

— Beth Saulnier & Sharon Tregaskis '95

DUMB & DUMBER

THAT SOUNDS LIKE MY BOSS," people tell David Dunning, a professor who studies the psychology of human failure, social foibles, and the inflated self-confidence of the wrongheaded. Dunning and his co-author, former grad student Justin Kruger, are documenting what teachers, driving instructors, and cocktail party-goers have long known: the more



INCOMPETENT: DOESN'T KNOW HOW LITTLE HE KNOWS

inept a person is, the more adept he *thinks* he is. "I'm surprised," says Dunning, "at how wise people are about the incompetence of others."

The weakest students push hardest to convince their professors that a wrong answer is actually right. Accident-prone drivers blame the other guy. Boors think they're charming. "Not only do these people reach erroneous conclusions and make unfortunate choices," say the psychologists, "but their incompetence robs them of the ability to recognize it."

To learn why, Dunning and Kruger (a professor at the University of Illinois who earned his PhD on the Hill in 1999) studied Cornell undergraduates' ability to predict their success in three fields: grammar, logic, and humor. For extra credit in psychology classes, their subjects answered grammar questions from the National Teachers Exam, solved logic problems from the Law School Aptitude Test, and rated the humor of jokes by Woody Allen and others. Then the students guessed how well they had done on each assignment and how their performance compared to that of their peers.

The researchers found that their least successful subjects, those they dubbed "incompetent":

- *overestimated their ability.* Although they scored in the twelfth percentile, the weakest grammarians, logicians, and jokers estimated their performance at the sixty-second percentile.

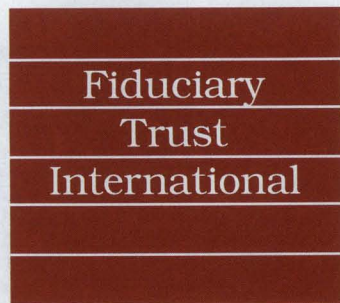
- *couldn't recognize success.* When asked to grade the work of others, they didn't know right answers from wrong.

- *had no more insight into their failures even after comparing themselves to others.* After seeing high-scoring tests, the weakest students still failed to adjust their relative standing.

- *recognized their shortcomings only when they became more competent.* Only after undergoing training that improved their logic skills did students realize how badly they had done on the first logic test.

The study, which took four years to complete, was published in the December issue of the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*. Now Dunning and Kruger are looking at real-world incompetents, including people who self-medicate or change their doctor's orders.

Fearing that they might have fallen prey to the same over-confidence displayed by their subjects, though, the



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researchers close their article with a disclaimer. "Although we feel we have done a competent job," they write, "our thesis leaves us with one haunting worry that we cannot vanquish. That worry is that this article may contain faulty logic, methodological errors, or poor communication. Let us assure our readers that to the extent this article is imperfect, it is not a sin we have committed knowingly."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

DAD, IT'S ITHACATING

AN E-MAIL FROM TAMARA Lynn Miller '02 to her father, Ken Miller '68, in Santa Ana, California, January 26, 2000: Dear Dad, I am writing with some concerns about the human race. These concerns are based on the people who reside in Ithaca, New York. If their minds are at all similar to those in the rest of the world, we are done for. Dad, the people in Ithaca must all be mentally ill if they think for one second that this God-forsaken place is even near hospitable.

Slowly but surely, the students have talked themselves into thinking this

weather is natural. I fear I am the last mentally healthy individual left. I still remember something about a big, warm, yellow ball in a blue sky, but people say the sky has always been this blinding grayish-whitish color. I hope they're wrong.

I am still searching for proof, but I think it's the Cornell administrators who are behind all the lies; Ezra Cornell was definitely a cult leader. Today should've been a snow day. It was for

the public schools in Ithaca. But no. I had to trudge along in freezing cold weather that peels my face off. The wind rips through my jeans and coat. Snow blasts in my face and eyes so I can't see. It's piling up against our windows and doors, threatening to shut us in, but we must move on to our next class.

Dad, the Cornell administrators either must be bribing the city workers not to plow the streets and shovel the

sidewalks, or holding them hostage somewhere. Don't worry; I have people looking.

Do you know how hard it is to walk on top of six inches of a mixture of ice, slush, and snow? My shoes have no traction, and I'm surprised I haven't sprained my ankle. Snow drifts come up to my ribs. If I



BRUCE WANG / UP

"TODAY SHOULD HAVE BEEN A SNOW DAY. BUT NO."

fell, no one would find me. EVER! I'm worried that animals and small children have already died out there. I saw a squirrel come down from a tree in one of the shallower spots, and it didn't come out for a half an hour. It never found the nut it was looking for. The squirrel population is plummeting.

With conditions like these, how can anyone in his right mind say Ithaca is a hospitable place to live? And how could anyone be as cruel as the Cornell administration to make us go to class? They're out to get me, Dad. This might be the last time you ever hear from me. I'm honestly surprised that the word hasn't gotten around to the penguins and the polar bears about this place. I'm telling you, when the north and south poles become overpopulated, Ithaca is the first place they're going to come. Maybe by then I'll have lost my mind, and will think this weather is normal.

Concerned and almost lost in a snow bank, Tammy.

MY LAST BIG TEST

SOME TIME BETWEEN MIDDLE School and Middle Age, I was abducted by aliens and had my algebra removed. I have no memory of this event, but I know it happened because one week before Christmas 1999 I found myself in front of a speeding GRE, unable to solve for X. Oh, I had studied the requisite math problems beforehand, and wound up with a lot of π in my forty-something face.

The latest GRE prep materials do not address the special needs of the mid-life examinee, for whom bubble tests are as foreign as bubble gum. I was taking the exam to apply for fall 2000 admission to a master's program in the Cornell English department. My last big test was in 1975. Do the math. Please.

To heighten the challenge, I signed up for a Computer Adapted Test (CAT), given in Ithaca at a place called Sylvan Technologies Center—the Educational Testing Service equivalent of a convenience store. Clearly, it would have made more sense to take the test the

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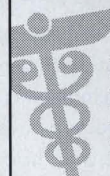
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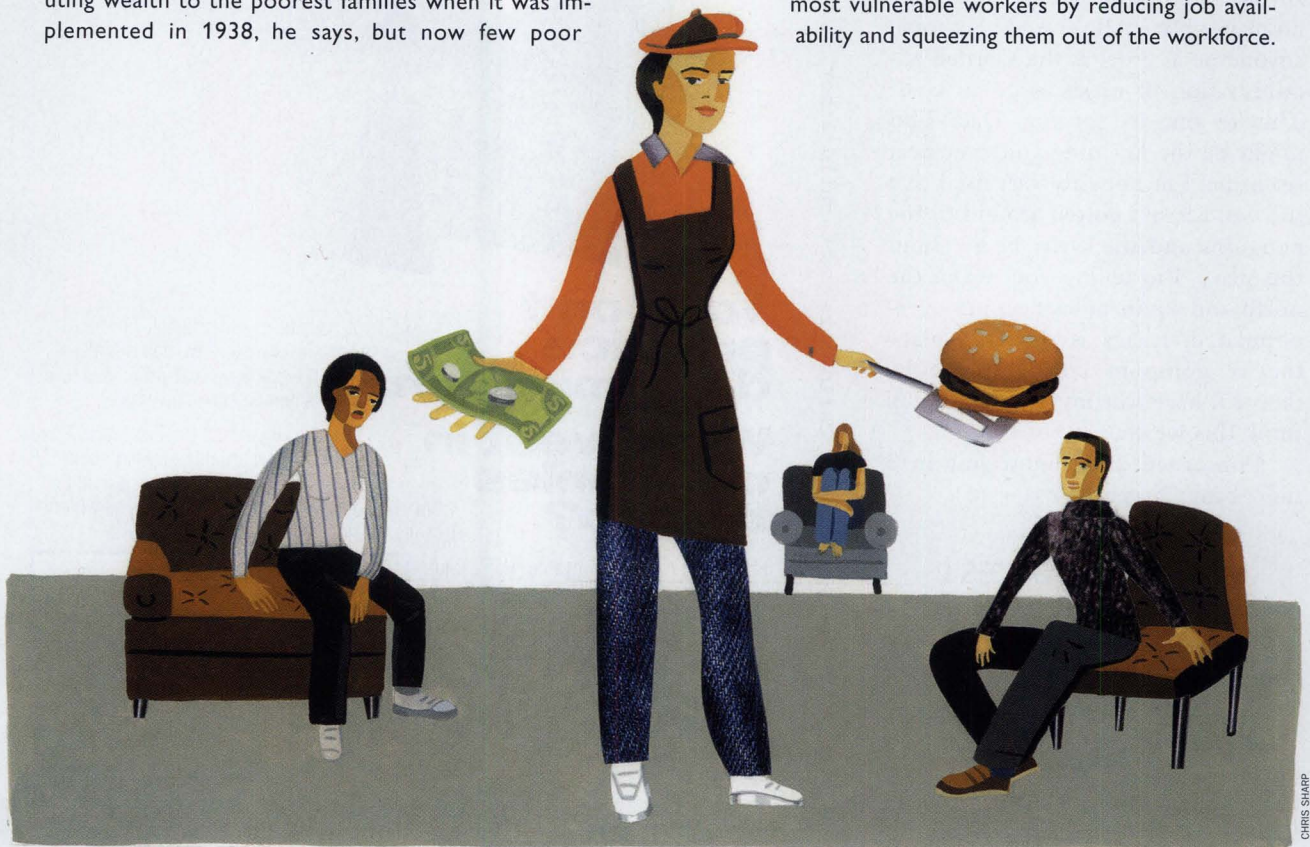
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THE VALUE OF A DOLLAR

The House and Senate debated increasing the minimum wage throughout their fall sessions, but it wasn't until February that they reached a decision—a one dollar raise. Economist Richard Burkhauser says they were wrestling with the wrong question. The minimum wage may have been an effective policy for redistributing wealth to the poorest families when it was implemented in 1938, he says, but now few poor

households include minimum wage workers. His research shows that those earning \$5.15 are primarily single, young adults without children or second or third wage-earners in non-poor households. The chairman of Human Ecology's department of policy analysis and management, Burkhauser argues that increasing the minimum wage hurts the most vulnerable workers by reducing job availability and squeezing them out of the workforce.



CHRIS SHARP

What has your research taught you about the minimum wage?

Wages in the U.S. are determined in the market, and only ten percent of workers in the U.S. earn the minimum wage. Ninety percent earn more. That's why, in some sense, minimum wage is not as major a program as it was fifty years ago. The majority of minimum wage workers do not live in poor families, and the majority of workers who live in poor families earn more than the minimum wage. The main reason families are poor even if they're working is because their hours are low. If you want to help poor workers, increase their hours.

Why are you against wage increases?

They hurt some of the very people we're

trying to help—workers who have the least experience or training or the lowest productivity, including teens, high school dropouts, and African Americans. Their employment is most sensitive to rises in the minimum wage, even from \$5.15 to \$6.15, and in terms of redistribution, it's just not very effective. We have other programs developed over the last twenty-five years that target workers in low-income households, provide them with benefits for working, and do not have negative employment effects. I have become more unhappy with the minimum wage because there are alternatives that could do the job better, and I believe if the public understood what was going on there would be much less support for the minimum wage.

Why do most Americans support it?

The typical American feels that people who work hard ought not to live in poverty. That very sensible social view has been linked to raising the minimum wage as the solution to insuring that people who work hard, in full-time jobs, don't live in poor families. I think that may have been true seventy years ago, but it's mostly symbolic now. Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech about one-third of the country being in poverty was all part of a New Deal that had the minimum wage as its core. Now it's 2000, not 1932, and the world is a much different place; this old New Deal isn't a very effective policy. In 1932, a '32 Rolls Royce was a pretty good car, but I don't think it's the best car we can buy in the year 2000. Political

instruments are the same as other things—they're not universally good forever.

What has changed since then?

In the first part of the twentieth century, you could describe the typical household as a primary worker, usually a male, with everyone else in the household relying on that person. In such a world, raising the minimum wage is raising the earnings of a household. But the world at the beginning of the twenty-first century is radically different. Today there are more families with two or more workers than with one. That means the relationship between the wage rate of an individual and that individual's household income is much looser than it was back in the old days, so raising the wage rate is not an effective way to get money to the working poor.

What would you recommend instead?

The Earned Income Tax Credit makes sense for the twenty-first century. It's a much more effective mechanism of targeting working people who live in low-income households. Rather than looking at an individual's wage rate, we look at the income of the household. Then we provide a tax credit to working people in poor households. It's a much more effective way of targeting benefits, and the credit effectively increases the minimum wage, if you want to think about it that way. The employer pays \$5.15, and then the tax credit adds on another 36 to 40 percent, depending on the number of children in the family. If you want to do something about low-income workers, expand the Earned Income Tax Credit and give it to people who don't have kids as well.

Do you advocate eliminating the minimum wage entirely?

No. I think the best thing is just to let it slowly become less relevant as inflation reduces its real effect. I don't think there would be a tremendous impact if we got rid of it, but I'm not particularly pushing that. I'm just opposed to raising it any more.

What about state-mandated minimum wages?

If we are going to raise the minimum wage, it makes more sense to do it at the state level than at the federal level. In California, where the market is better for low-skilled workers, maybe it makes sense to raise it—although again, the reason people get wage in-

though I've heard lots of people say that.

Do you feel like you're spitting in the wind? Senate Democrats and Republicans have already agreed to raise the minimum wage by \$1.00 over the next three years, to \$6.15 an hour. There's no one out there saying, 'No, wait.'

That's why I'm not a politician. I'm a researcher who believes scientific evidence has an impact on the political process. Maybe it won't happen next week or next year, but it will eventually, as the facts become clearer. This is a difficult issue to educate the American public on, and it's easier to go along with something than fight it because there's so much political symbolism. There are a lot of reasons the government

is increasing the minimum wage over the next three years. But it is happening in spite of the facts, not because of them.

What will increase wages in the long run?

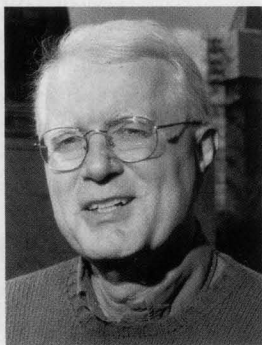
Both the minimum wage and the Earned Income Tax Credit are patches. Ultimately, the way that people who earn the minimum wage will earn more in the marketplace is the way the other 90 percent do it—by gaining greater skills, either through increased time on the job or by increased education. Let's invest in schools. Let's make it easier for firms to provide training to the workers. Let's make sure we have a strong economy where the demand for workers continues.

We've had seven years of uninterrupted economic growth, the lowest unemployment since World War II, and the strongest economy since 1992. Times are very good. That's the other reason the political types aren't so worried. If you're going to raise the minimum wage, the best time to do it is during an expansion when wages would probably have gone up anyway. You gain symbolic credit for caring about low-income workers when it won't affect anything.

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

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creases is not because President Clinton tells employers they have to. Most of us earn wages above the minimum because that's what our skills bring in the marketplace. I think it's very sloppy thinking and naive to believe that governments can effectively raise people's wages. I'm not all that excited about raising anyone's wage through government fiat.



RICHARD BURKHAUSER

ROBERT BARKER / LIP

Does the minimum wage influence what the rest of the country is making? Does it set a floor that trickles up?

A lot of people believe that if you increase the minimum wage it will ratchet up the wages earned by everyone else. Easily said, but hard to prove. I've seen no evidence that that is so,

GREENHOUSE EFFECT



FRANK DINEO / UP

EVEN WHEN THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL, CORNELL'S NEW computer-controlled hydroponic greenhouse produces crop after crop of Boston lettuce—up to 350,000 heads per year. Located off Route 13 in Dryden, the \$500,000 experimental facility has glowed green and summery around the clock since it opened last June, a futuristic sight right out of *The X-Files*. In January, the greenhouse saw an invasion of the Earthly kind: an infestation of aphids required the destruction of an entire crop. "It's not any particular thing with the system," says Louis Albright, professor of agricultural and biological engineering. "It's just something that happens in agriculture." Since the growing time from seedling to salad is thirty-five days, the lettuce was back in local supermarkets within weeks. Cornell researchers hope the experiment will be a boon for New York farmers hampered by the relatively short growing season. A California grower can harvest forty-five tons of lettuce per acre annually, while the new system can produce more than eight times that much. "If this project works," says Robert Langhans, professor of floriculture and horticulture, "it's going to be spectacular."

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old-fashioned way: with paper and pencil. But the traditional test required more planning, a long drive . . . and lots of pencils.

On the CAT, the examinee must answer the questions in sequence, as they appear on the computer screen. There's no scanning the sections to figure out the easiest point of entry. Worse, there's little margin for error. On the CAT, a wrong answer is forever; you can't go back and fix it.

We were sealed off in a small, bright room equipped with a dozen work stations, like study carrels. Two women proctored from behind a

soundproof (bullet-proof, too, I imagine) Plexiglas wall. You waved for help. Or oxygen. Video cameras monitored for sneaks and cheats. The quantitative section loomed on the screen. For me, the biggest problem was short-term memory. You see, there's a vast wilderness between the computer screen and the scratch paper. Yes, the folks at ETS still provide powder blue scratch paper and pencils, but the confluence of these ancient

tools and modern technology only confounded me. I'm right-handed. The mouse pad was on my right. I had to put the scratch paper a little beyond the mouse pad—too far from my brain. In the nanosecond it took me to read the questions, scrawl, and return to the screen, I forgot the question. If I remembered the question, I could not decipher my scrawl. This happened with disturbing frequency during the analytical section. The logic games became a form of mental torture:

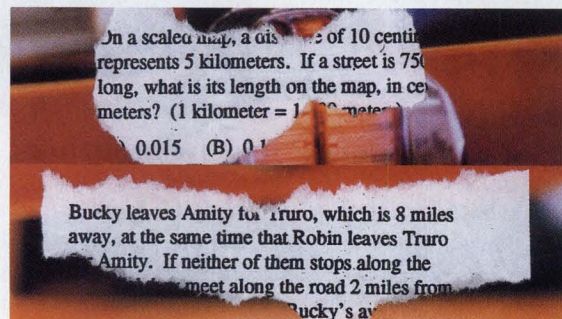
The green ball is always under cup three. Got it (jot-jot). The red ball is always adjacent to the orange. Easy enough (jot). If the yellow ball is under cup six, then the magenta ball can never be under cup two. Duly jotted. If the blue ball is under cup two then the yellow ball must be next to the black ball. Fine (scribble, jot).

The magenta ball is under cup seven. What is the color sequence of the balls? Huh?

No one over forty should take the GRE without a note from their doctor. This note should be printed in large type on highway-hazard yellow paper and pinned to the GRE score report so graduate admissions officers don't spew hot coffee out their nostrils when they read it.

There are two good things about the CAT: you get your test scores right away and you can take it again. And again. I would have preferred a blindfold and cigarette before issuing the fateful keystroke that revealed my shortcomings. The verbal score was okay—it better be, since I write for a living—but the quantitative and analytical wouldn't get me into a Montessori preschool, never mind a graduate program.

What happened? Honest: I think



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aliens stole my algebra to solve the math problems Carl Sagan planted on *Voyager 1*, launched in 1977. Coincidentally, that was the last time I remember using math, to calculate how many happy hour specials I could get on my school loan.

When I tell friends my GRE scores, they rush to my defense, offering all kinds of excuses. *You can't possibly be that dumb, there must be some explanation.* It's not because they feel sorry for me. They feel sorry for themselves. We all want our friends to be the best and the brightest. When they flop, the implications are unflattering.

Sure, the GRE only tests knowledge of the GRE. But smart people prep hard for the GRE; I was betting heavily on Lady Luck. Such frivolous celebration (GRE-word) only proves one thing: I am a nincompoop. I already knew that. But now it's been documented.

— Franklin Crawford

MAZEL TOV

AT A ROUND TABLE IN THE Kosher Dining Hall, Florence Natter is eating a tuna melt and talking about the bad old days. When the senior chemical engineering major first came to campus, mainstream Jewish life at Cornell was in a serious slump. Although the orthodox community was unified through the Young Israel house, conservative and reform students felt adrift. Events sponsored by Hillel, the campus-based organization dedicated to promoting Judaism across all branches of the faith, drew only a tiny fraction of the more than 3,000 Jews on the Hill. "At an orientation, there'd be twenty people eating bagels," she says. "That was it." Things got worse her freshman spring, when plans to build a Hillel house—the focus of hopes for a renaissance of Jewish culture on campus—fell through, and a

potential donor walked away with his \$2 million pledge. "Jewish life was under-respected, under-appreciated," says Natter. Adds classmate Seth Goldstein from across the table: "There couldn't have been less energy. It had nowhere to go but up."

Three years later, Natter is Hillel's co-president—and Jewish campus life is thriving. Students flock to events ranging from free ice time at Lynah to retreats on kabbala (Jewish mysticism) to concerts by the Chai Notes, a three-year-old *a cappella* group. Hillel's \$300,000 fund-raising campaign wrapped up in the spring of 1998, and a \$2.75 million gift from Bernard Yudowitz '55 and his wife, Evelyn Margulies Yudowitz '56, allowed the organization to double its space in Anabel Taylor Hall, expand its programs, and hire a full-time executive director, Vally Naomi Kovary '77. Three named professorships were added to the Jewish Studies Program in 1998. A new Hillel rabbi has been hired after a three-year vacancy. When a benefactor

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sponsored a free ten-day trip to Israel over winter break for Jewish college students nationwide, Cornell had more applicants—400-plus—than any other school; sixty were chosen. “Now, people are bumping into each other, sitting on the floor,” Goldstein says of attendance at Hillel events. “It’s exciting.”

The resurgence of Jewish life on campus is due, in large part, to the efforts of students like Goldstein and Natter—young people who came from active Jewish communities (both grew up on Long Island) and wanted to stay in touch with their faith as undergrads. But enriching campus culture isn’t just a Jewish issue or a Hillel issue, they say; it’s also about recruitment. Both came to Cornell despite, rather than because of, its formal Jewish offerings. The university is the only one in the Ivy League without a dedicated Hillel house. Despite the recent gains, its Hillel branch is small by comparison to those on other campuses. “Harvard,

which doesn’t have as many Jewish students as we do, spends three times as much,” says Kovary, whose annual budget is \$460,000. “We think Cornell Hillel has the potential to be one of the strongest in the country. But for our size, we’ve been one of the weakest.”

The nadir for Cornell’s Jewish community, many on campus say, came in February of 1997, when plans for a Hillel house were scrapped in a disagreement over the choice of an architect. The donor, a non-Cornellian who’d helped fund a Hillel facility at Tufts, withdrew his pledge—and, Kovary says, cost Cornell Hillel nearly \$2 million more in promised matching funds. Alumni were alienated, and the longtime rabbi resigned. “Hillel was completely falling apart,” she says. “The whole Jewish community was up in arms.” But hard



FRANK DINEO / UP

RABBI JEFF SULTAR: “THE MAJORITY OF JEWS ON CAMPUS AREN’T BEING SERVED.”

times turned out to be a catalyst for change. “Once the building didn’t happen, the alumni finally stood up and took notice,” says Natter. “They said, ‘Jewish student life isn’t getting the respect it deserves.’”

In the intervening years, Cornell Hillel has established an alumni advisory council, built a fund-raising database,

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and strengthened its internal organization by several orders of magnitude. As sophomore Dan Jossen proffers a blue-and-white calendar listing four months of Hillel events, Goldstein and Natter recall how hard it once was to plan something just a few days in advance. Says Goldstein: "We used to go from crisis to crisis." The improved organization—giving students a wide choice of activities and an easy way to find them—has helped Hillel up its numbers. A welcome-back party, for example, drew 300 people for live music and a barbecue on Helen Newman Field last fall. Even that sort of laid-back social gathering qualifies as "doing Jewish," a loose concept of religious and cultural interaction that's a basic tenet of the Hillel philosophy worldwide. "It's getting to know other Jewish people," says sophomore Rachel Isaacson, director of the Chai Notes. "It's getting Jewish people together to do things—not necessarily Jewish things."

Despite the successes, Kovary says, Cornell Hillel has a long way to go. With no endowment, even raising enough money to make its annual budget is a challenge. "We are way behind our peers," she says. "We are very much swimming upstream." And although conservative student involvement is on the rise, Hillel rabbi Jeff Sultar worries that the many reform and secular Jews at Cornell still feel alienated. "The majority of Jews on campus aren't being served," says Sultar. "They don't see Hillel as being relevant to them."

Out of necessity, Hillel is no longer focusing on a house as the answer. Rather, it's working from the opposite direction, trying to build an organization whose size and energy will necessitate its own building. "There's often a sense that having a house will solve all your problems," says Sultar. "A house does make a huge difference. Since we don't have one, I don't want to say it's impossible. But to have a home, which houses the pluralism of Judaism, makes a profound statement." Goldstein, who has made umpteen trips to New York to woo alumni to the Hillel cause, pauses from his vegetable stir fry to make a declaration. "We absolutely need a building," he says with a smile, "or we need all of Anabel Taylor."

— Beth Saulnier



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THE GREAT FLOOD

A FEW MONTHS AGO HE WAS a respected, though relatively unknown, fiction writer. He had published several works of prose and poetry, all well-received by the critics and his colleagues. But until January 18, when Robert Morgan got a phone call about his novel *Gap Creek* from "a woman with a little book club," he had never tasted fame.

"I didn't really know who was calling," Cornell's Kappa Alpha Professor of English recalls. "I was thinking it was somebody down in South Carolina, so I said I'd be happy to come and talk to her book club if I'm in the area. Then she asked where I was, and I told her. And she said, 'Oh you're up north. I'm up north too. I'm in Chicago.' And that's when I knew."

The woman was Oprah Winfrey, and she was calling to tell Morgan that his novel was the latest selection for the Oprah Book Club. *Gap Creek* had become an Oprah book—in today's culture, the ultimate prize for fiction.

Morgan's novel, the story of an Appalachian couple whose young marriage is tested by a near-apocalyptic flood, is the thirtieth Oprah book, reviewed on the show's February 17 episode. But back when he got the call, way before the show was taped or the furor began, Morgan enjoyed simple bliss. "I told her, 'You've really made my day,'" he says. "When I told my wife, she asked, 'Well how many copies does this mean?' I said ten to twenty thousand. My editor called me a few minutes later, and he said they had already received more than half a million orders."

A few days after Oprah announced the selection of *Gap Creek* on her daytime talk show, Algonquin Press of Chapel Hill printed and distributed hundreds of thousands of copies. Suddenly, the book surged up all the bestseller lists. At the online retailers amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com, where sales rankings are updated hourly, *Gap Creek* soared to number one. Pre-Oprah, it had been ranked so low on Amazon's list that nobody at Algonquin thought to make a note of the number.

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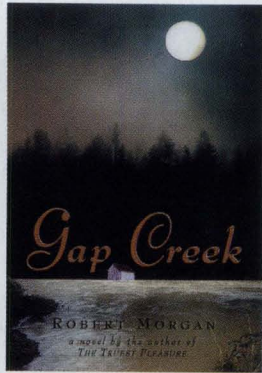
Once upon a time, writers hoped for the Nobel. It confers about a million dollars upon its recipients, and legendary status in the arts. But Oprah's upstart monthly prize, which began with her September 1996 selection of Jacquelyn Mitchard's *The Deep End of the Ocean*, has usurped the Swedish one—if not in status, then in its power to generate instant wealth and fame for authors who receive it.

Toni Morrison, MA '55, who won the Nobel in 1993, got a bigger sales boost from Oprah's selection of her novels *Song of Solomon* and *Paradise*. The book club brought another Cornell au-

thor, *Vinegar Hill* scribe A. Manette Ansay, MFA '91, from respected obscurity to a full-page spread in *People*.

The taping itself proved to be fairly relaxed, Morgan says. It was done without a live audience, in front of a few cameras and producers. Winfrey then showed clips from the conversation to her studio audience and a few other guests, including filmmaker Rory Kennedy, who had made a documentary on life in the Appalachias. "As it turned out, I didn't have to say very much," he says. "The other people on the show did most of the talking."

— Farhad Manjoo '00



POST-OPRAH,
SALES SOARED

UNDER ALL HUMANITY

IT SAT ON THE ARTS QUAD FOR NEARLY A CENTURY, THEN SPENT A decade under a tarp outside Sibley Hall. But this spring, Goldwin Smith's memorial bench will be returned to the south portico outside its namesake building. Copied at a cost of \$45,000 (raised by the Class of '77), the bench is carved from six pieces of northern Pennsylvania bluestone; the original rock came from Ezra Cornell's quarry. "Ithaca stone isn't as good as it used to be," says project manager Jeff Lallas '73, BA '78. "It wouldn't matter so much if we were just doing interior work. But since this will be exposed to the elements, we needed a higher quality."

The bench cost \$275 in 1871. Like its newly carved clone, it was engraved with a paraphrase from the famed classics professor's inaugural lecture: "Above All Nations is Humanity." Reduced to shards during the winter of '87, it was rescued en route to the dump by historic preservation professor Mike Tomlan, PhD '83. Thirteen years later, he plans to use the remains as a teaching tool on the foibles of stone restoration. "There were a number of mistakes made in previous repairs," he says. "It's a good example of what *not* to do."



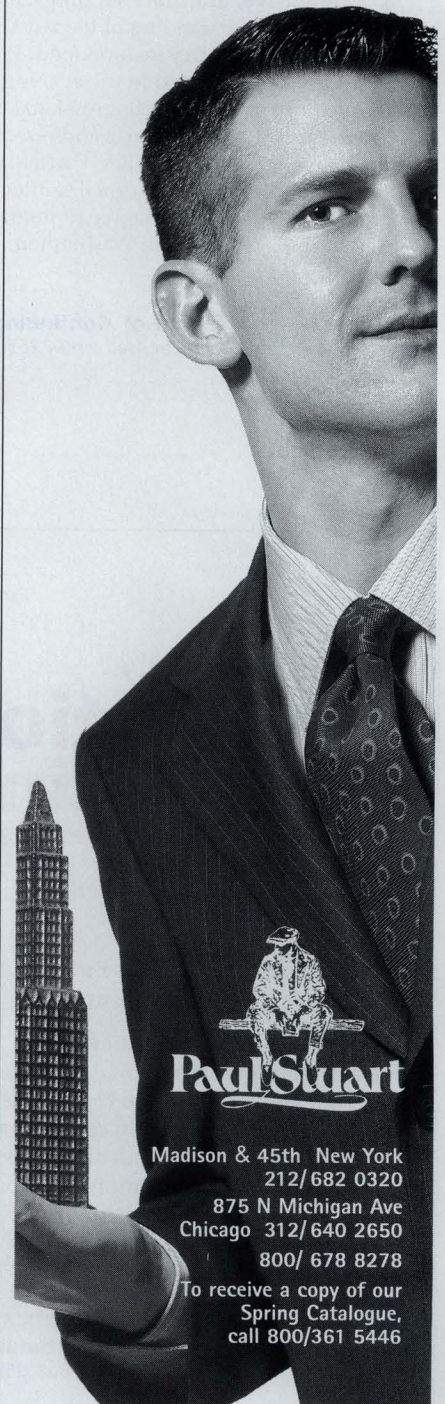
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LINGUISTIC PRESERVATION

OF THE 6,000 LANGUAGES left in the world, at least half will vanish within the next century. Many will leave no trace, but at least one obscure tongue will be preserved thanks to the efforts of Jay Scarborough '67, JD '77. For four years after college, Scarborough taught English at a Vietnamese boarding school. While visiting his pupils in their villages, he noticed manuscripts in the Cham language, which developed five thousand years ago from Malaysian roots. "I was a library maven and very interested in rare books, so I was intrigued," says Scarborough, now general counsel for JLT Holdings in Albany, New York.

The Cham were the first in Southeast Asia to use written language, fashioning their script from Sanskrit, the lingua franca of the ancient elite from India to the South China Sea. Their first writing surface may have been the dried and lacquered ribs of palm fronds, or traditionally crafted paper, perhaps brought from China. As each set of manuscripts succumbed to the humid climate, the priests would rewrite them afresh; in recent years, they've used cheap school notebooks, or paper cut from the likes of cement bags and stitched together. Those were the sorts of documents Scarborough saw. "I couldn't very well ask people to give them to me," he says, "and to have them photocopied in Vietnam would have been way too expensive."

Scarborough came back to Cornell for law school in 1973, but during the summer of '74 he went to Vietnam with 120 rolls of film, enough to photograph sixty manuscripts. He gave them to the Echols Collection at Kroch Library, where they now constitute the only microfilm collection of Cham manuscripts in North America. He returned to Vietnam the following January on a Ford Foundation grant with enough film to shoot 600 documents. "I did it blind," he says. "I had no idea what I was filming, or how important any particular document was." Scarborough was halfway through the project when the final offensive of the

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DYING TONGUE: AN ILLUSTRATION FROM THE MARGIN OF A CHAM MANUSCRIPT

Vietnam War began. He was captured by communist forces and spent eight months in a POW camp. The film was lost. "I was disappointed and felt like I had failed in my commitment," he says, "but I had plenty of other things to worry about."

More than a quarter-century after Scarborough copied those sixty manuscripts, several Cornellians are studying them for their grad work in such fields as linguistics and art history. History grad student Brian Ostrowski is focusing on the script's basic grammatical patterns, using an 1899 primer cross-referenced in French and Vietnamese. "The script itself has a sacred quality for the Cham," he says, "They don't want it to be disseminated carelessly."

Today, though, not even many Cham know what the writing means. Centuries of war have driven them out of Vietnam, and even the 25,000 or so who still live there barely speak it. "Losing a language is like losing a species; we can't recuperate it," says professor John Wolff '54, MA '55, an expert in the Austronesian language family that includes Cham. "Every language tells us something about human nature. When we lose our language, we lose a way of being. Then all that's left is nostalgia. The essence is gone."

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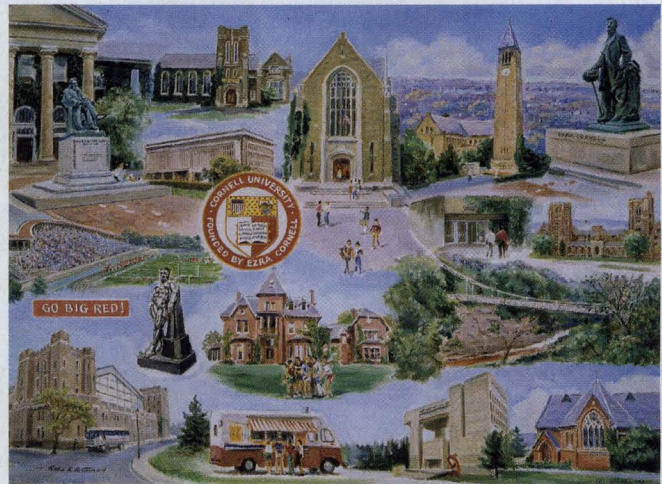
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FROM THE HILL

NEWS & VIEWS FROM ITHACA & BEYOND

MASTER BUILDER, AND SMASHER

ROBERT WILSON, 85

ROBERT WILSON, THE Manhattan Project physicist who designed Cornell's particle accelerator, died January 16 at his home in Ithaca. He was eighty-five. Born in Wyoming, Wilson joined the Cornell faculty in 1947, retiring in 1980; his career included the design and directorship of another famed atom smasher, Chicago's Fermilab, during an eleven-year leave of absence from the Hill. Cornell's Wilson Synchrotron Laboratory bears his name.

"Bob built accelerators because they were the best instruments for doing the physics he wanted to do," says Boyce McDaniel, a professor emeritus of physics and Wilson's successor as director of Cornell's Laboratory of Nuclear Studies.

"No one was more aware of the technical subtlety of accelerators, no one more ingenious in practical design. No one paid more attention to their aesthetic qualities. He thought of accelerator builders as the contemporary equivalent of the builders of the great cathedrals in France and Italy, but it was the phys-



ACCELERATION: WILSON IN THE SYNCHROTRON, 1967

ics potential that came first."

FIRST WOMAN

NEW PROVOST NAMED

CAROLYN "BIDDY" Martin, a professor of German studies and women's studies who has served as senior associate dean of the Arts college since 1997, was named the university's new provost in February. She succeeds Don Randel, who assumes the

presidency of the University of Chicago this summer. Martin is Cornell's first woman provost, and the first openly gay person to serve as provost of an Ivy League university. On the Cornell faculty since 1983, she has a doctorate in German literature from the University of Wisconsin-



MARTIN

sin, Madison, and a bachelor's in English literature from the College of William and Mary. Her books include *Femininity Played Straight: The Significance of Being Lesbian and Woman and Modernity: The (Life)-Styles of Lou Andreas-Salome*.

TUITION HIKE

SMALLEST SINCE '65

IN JANUARY, UNIVERSITY trustees approved a 4.2 percent increase in endowed tuition, the smallest hike since 1965-66. Undergraduate tuition for 2000-01 will rise \$1,000, to \$24,760; housing rates rise 5 percent, to an average of \$4,951; and the full-plan dining contract rises 6 percent, to \$3,328. Statutory tuition rates await review of the New York State budget.

IN THE MONEY

NEW FUNDS

THE UNIVERSITY RECEIVED the following major grants this winter for research:

- A three-year, \$3.5 million award from the Sloan Foundation for the Cornell Employment and Family Careers Institute. The institute, which was established in 1997 with a previous \$3 million grant from the foundation, is dedicated to understanding the relationship between work and family.
- A \$3.8 million, four-year USDA grant for Cornell's Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station and the University of Vermont, to nurture small food-processing ventures into viable businesses.
- Three New York State grants totaling more than

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\$390,000 for the University Library, to help preserve endangered research materials such as books, maps, photographs, and architectural drawings.

NEW GATEWAY

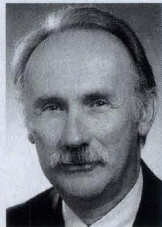
RAND HALL REDUX

IT IS ONE OF CORNELL'S central ironies. Rand Hall, housing the university's acclaimed architecture program, is overcrowded and in serious disrepair—so dilapidated the profession's national overseeing body has threatened to rescind the program's accreditation. But thanks to a \$10 million grant from Irma and Paul Milstein (parents of three Cornellians), the old Rand will be replaced by a structure that will also serve as a university gateway between central and north campuses. The construction date has yet to be set.

HIGH FINANCE

CRAFT NAMED CFO

HAROLD CRAFT JR. '60, Cornell's vice president for facilities and campus services since 1993, has been named the university's chief financial officer and vice president for administration. Craft replaces Fred Rogers, who held the job of CFO and senior vice president. On the university staff since 1971, Craft earned two degrees on the Hill: a bachelor's in electrical engineering in 1961 and a PhD in radio astronomy in 1970.



CRAFT



MY WORDSWORTH

Paul Betz, a Georgetown University English professor who earned a Cornell PhD in 1965, has been gathering artifacts from the life and times of William Wordsworth since grad school. This spring, his collection is on view at Kroch Library. "Wordsworth and the Romantic Imagination: A Scholar's Collection" includes a fragment of carved limestone from the ruins of Tintern Abbey (immortalized in the poem), one of the writer's childhood textbooks, a bottle of laudanum, and a nineteenth-century watercolor copy of William Blake's portrait of St. Matthew (above), part of the Pre-Raphaelite revival of Blake's work. The show runs through May 30.

GLORY DAYS

1,000TH FOLK SHOW

BOUND FOR GLORY," WVBR's Sunday night folk music show, celebrated its 1,000th live broadcast in February. The show, created and hosted by Phil Shapiro, MA '69,

has aired live from an Anabel Taylor coffeehouse since 1967. Such folk luminaries as Bill Staines, John Gorka, and Patty Larkin have appeared on the program—and always for free. "They get paid in magic," Shapiro says. "Our live audience is known far and wide as the best folk audience in the country."

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These Cornellians in the News

Edgar Rosenberg '49, MA '50, professor of English and comparative literature at Cornell, whose Norton edition of Charles Dickens's *Great Expectations* has been chosen by the Sorbonne as required reading for its doctoral and post-doctoral students.

A. Manette Ansay, MFA '91, author of *Vinegar Hill*, and English professor **Robert Morgan**, author of *Gap Creek*, whose novels were chosen for Oprah's Book Club.

Yurij Pawluk, a junior in the College of Human Ecology, one of two students nationwide selected to intern at the U.S. Supreme Court this spring.

Geoffrey Coates, assistant professor of chemistry and chemical biology at Cornell, named by *Technology Review* magazine as one of 100 innovators under thirty-five "who exemplify the spirit of innovation in science, technology, business, and the arts."

Roger Rollins, PhD '67, professor of physics and astronomy at Ohio University, elected a fellow of the American Physical Society.

Graduate students **Johnny Guzmán** (math), **Jesús Francisco Rodríguez** (math), **Ernesto Javier Martínez** (English), and **Kim Williams** (government), winners of Ford Foundation Fellowships for minority scholars.

R&D

Small communities can revitalize downtown areas by attracting a single high-density employer, say Cornell MBA students. In a study comparing Ithaca with thirteen small U.S. cities, the students also found that infrastructure improvements are essential to a vital downtown.



Cornell researchers in plant pathology and entomology say tydeid mites, which live on grape leaves, have potential as a biological control of destructive powdery mildew. They found that plants treated with mites and fungicide had lower disease levels than those without treatment.



Following suggestions to take a break can improve a worker's accuracy, says design and environmental analysis professor Alan Hedge. His study found enhanced productivity in workers who used software which reminded them to assume good posture, stretch, or take a short break.



Children in 4-H clubs may be more motivated than those in other group activities, according to a study by researchers from the departments of policy analysis and management and rural sociology. The study revealed that members of the youth club do better in school, are more willing to help others, and have higher self-esteem.

HOCKEY TOGS

NOT 'CANDY CANES'

THE NEW UNIFORMS sported by the Big Red women's hockey team this season come courtesy of their classmates. Last spring, textiles and apparel professor Susan Ashdown, MS HE '89, charged her apparel design and pattern development class with creating new hockey togs that would satisfy players, coaches, fans, the athletic association, and the manufacturer. "Also, the uniform had to make the women look tough," says Ashdown, "not like candy canes." After a fashion show, the players selected their favorite outfit, designed by Adrianna Hirtler '99. The uniform includes a lightweight nylon jersey, numbers on the shoulders for visibility to fans, and an old-fashioned tie eyelet once popular in the NHL.

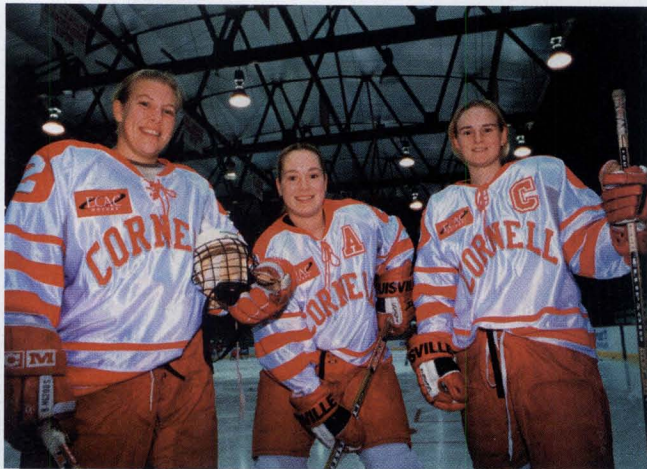
STORK SANFORD, 96

A CREW LEGEND

ROLLIN HARRISON "Stork" Sanford, who led the Big Red heavyweight crew from 1937 to 1970, died December 4. He was ninety-six. Elected to the Rowing Hall of Fame as an oarsman and a coach, Sanford coached the U.S. fours and pairs at the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki. His achievements on the Hill included four straight Intercollegiate Rowing Association titles starting in 1955, and a perfect 1957 season capped by a win at the Henley Royal Regatta. He was named to Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1979.



CHARLES STANTON '57



CHARLES HARRINGTON '01

FASHIONISTAS ON ICE: FROM LEFT, ERICA OLSON '01, COLETTE BREDIN '00, AND ALISON STEWART '00

BONES ABOUT IT

CU BUYS MASTODONS

LAST FALL, STUDENTS and faculty got the chance to help excavate two mastodon skeletons in nearby Chemung County; now they'll be able to gaze at them indefinitely. In January, the university acquired the remains from the family that discovered them while dredging a backyard pond. The property owner, a retired air-traffic controller from Pine Valley (halfway between Elmira and Watkins Glen), had initially posted the skeletons for sale on the internet auction site eBay for \$4.5 million, hoping to attract a wealthy collector. None took the bait, and the university bought the remains—one

80-percent-complete skeleton, believed to belong to a thirty-five-year-old male, and a less-complete skeleton belonging to a smaller animal—for an undisclosed sum.

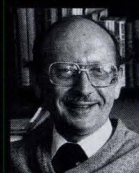
QUANTUM LEAP

RAU WINS MARSHALL

ALEXANDER RAU, A senior physics major from Baton Rouge, won a Marshall Scholarship for at least two years of study in England. One of forty students awarded the scholarships nationwide, Rau is a former Goldwater Scholar, White House intern, and crew coxswain. He plans to earn a D.Phil. in physics at Oxford, studying the boundary between quantum mechanics and classical physics.

KERMIT PARSONS, 72

KERMIT PARSONS, MRP '53, WHO wrote the definitive architectural history of the campus three decades ago, died December 9. He was seventy-two. He joined the city and regional planning faculty in 1957 and was dean of the Architecture college from 1971 to 1980. C.U. Press published his book, *The Cornell Campus: A History of Its Planning and Development*, in 1968.



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FROM JAPANESE CIPHERS TO SHAKESPEAREAN TRAGEDIES, CRYPTOLOGIST WILLIAM FRIEDMAN LIVED FOR A GOOD PUZZLE.

On the morning of December 7, 1941, it seemed as if the Japanese flew directly out of the rising sun. At the American naval base on Oahu, the U.S. Pacific fleet was riding defenseless at anchor. No antiaircraft guns were manned. A radar warning had been misinterpreted and ignored. At 7:55 a.m., the first bomb hit Pearl Harbor. Within two hours, eighteen U.S. ships had been sunk or badly damaged, 188 planes destroyed, and 2,323 servicemen

and sixty-eight civilians killed. As the news hit the West Coast, frightened citizens worried that an attack on the U.S. mainland was next. The rest of the nation wondered how such devastation could have been allowed to happen. In the White House, President Franklin Roosevelt prepared a declaration of war against Japan in the wake of the "day that will live in infamy."

But in a modest house in Chevy Chase, Maryland, as William Friedman listened to the horrific radio reports, he had a very different

WILLIAM FRIEDMAN CREATED A FIELD HE WAS NEVER QUITE COMFORTABLE IN. RIGHT: AT WORK IN 1923

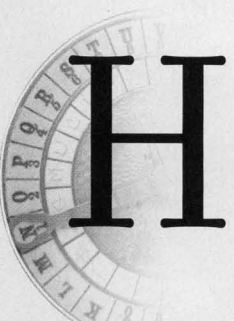
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response. As the story goes, he paced back and forth across the room and muttered over and over, “But they knew, they knew, they knew . . .”

In a defunct motel just off Route 32 from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is the most unlikely of tourist spots: the National Security Agency’s museum. The agency itself is so clandestine that the 1952 executive order creating it was classified, so purposely nondescript that it was thirty-seven years before anyone deigned to put a sign out front of its headquarters. “Next to the NSA,” the *Washington Post* once explained, “the CIA is Geraldo Rivera.”

Yet there sits the National Cryptologic Museum, a monument to the NSA’s chief responsibility—intercepting and decrypting government and military signals. Cryptology is the science; cryptography is the art of writing the codes and ciphers thought to be unbreakable; cryptanalysis is the art of solving them. All one really needs to know about William Friedman, to start, is that he coined those terms, that he revolutionized the science, and that the tasks performed by, say, the Cray XMP-24 mainframe supercomputer on display at the museum were originally performed by an introspective man in a bow tie and two-toned shoes using a sharp pencil and an even sharper intellect. “He was a giant, and he’s revered by everybody,” says Jack Ingram, the museum’s curator. “He definitely is second to none in the history of this business.” Which is why Friedman, along with his wife Elizebeth, has a place in the National Cryptologic Museum’s Hall of Heroes. The curious thing is this: toward the end of his career, Friedman himself began to question whether his contributions were really heroic at all.



HE WAS BORN WOLFE FRIEDMAN IN 1891 in Kishinev, Russia. His father, Frederic, a Romanian Jew from Bucharest, spoke several languages and served as an interpreter for the Russian postal service. But in the summer of 1892, anticipating the pogroms to come, Frederic Friedman sailed for America, establishing himself as a door-to-door salesman of sewing machines. His wife, Rosa, his son, and a daughter followed a year later, traveling steerage. They escaped just in time. Within a decade, hundreds of Jews would be killed and injured and 1,300 Jewish homes and businesses destroyed in Kishinev alone.

The household, which grew to include two more brothers and a resolutely Orthodox grandfather, settled in Pittsburgh, where they constantly struggled to meet their debts. Wolfe, who was renamed William by the time he was six, became a naturalized citizen and, like many American schoolboys at the time, a fan of Edgar Allan Poe. In particular, Friedman enjoyed Poe’s short story “The Gold Bug,” in which the author used an enciphered message as a clue to the discovery of buried treasure. Friedman was mesmerized by the tale, but he could find no better use for his newfound knowledge than the exchange of cryptic love notes with a classmate. He did, however, show an early interest in telegra-

phy, even going so far as to set up wires and instruments with two of his friends so they could send messages from home to home.

Over the next several years, Friedman continued to sample passions that might translate into a profession. After trying his hand in an ironworks after high school graduation, he decided farming was in his future and enrolled at Michigan Agricultural College. He stayed there six months, before his attentions turned to more scientific aspects of agriculture. He left the college and, in 1911, borrowed train fare and made his way to Ithaca, where he studied the new science of genetics in Cornell’s College of Agriculture. The 1914 *Cornellian* noted that “Eugenics Bill,” as he was known, “comes to his work with the inquiring mind of a thinker.”

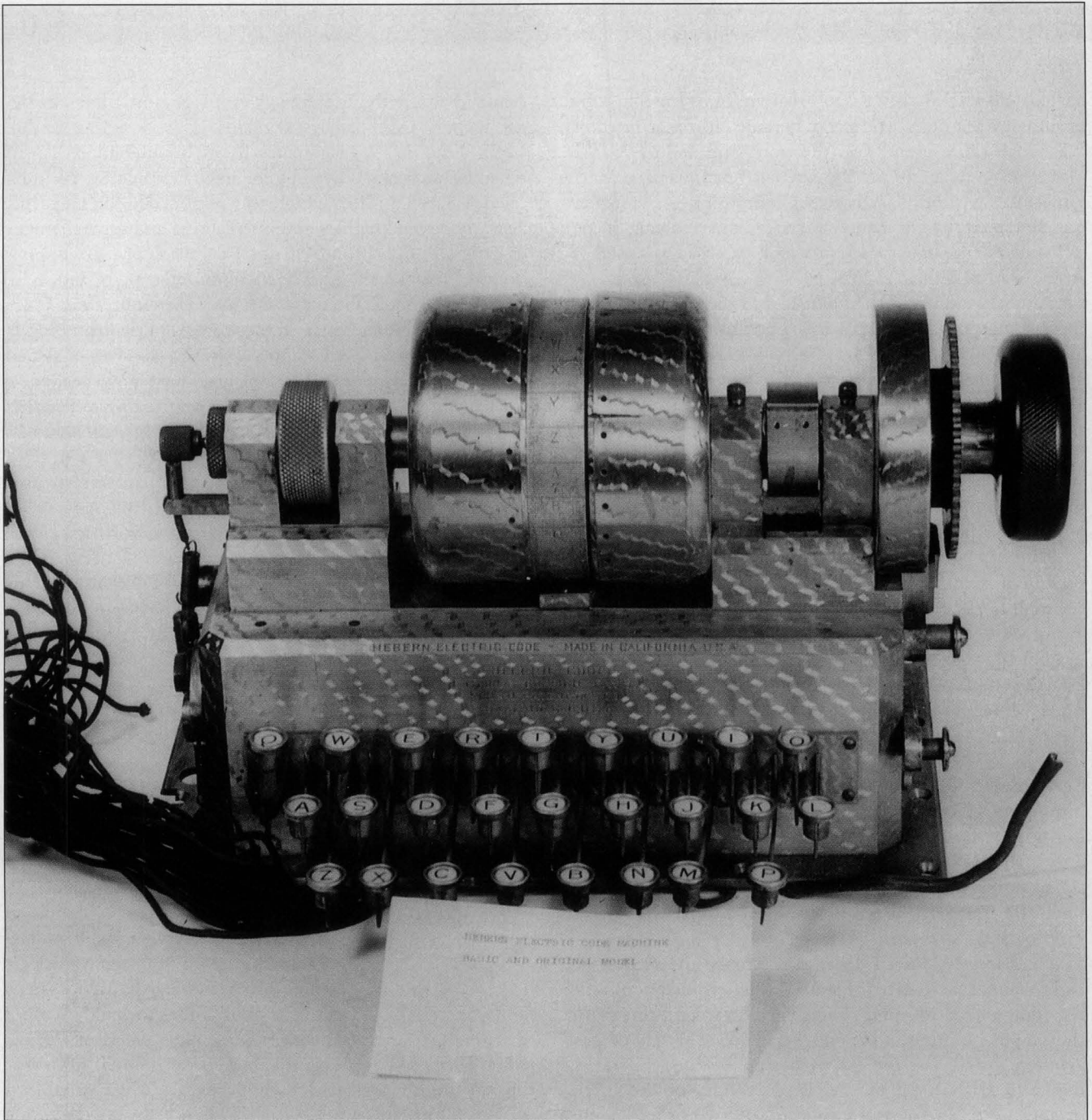
Fully expecting to pursue an academic life as an agricultural geneticist, Friedman enrolled as a graduate student on the Hill. But in the spring of 1915 he met George Fabyan, a wealthy textiles tycoon who ran a 500-acre farm just west of Chicago. Hoping to improve crop strains, Fabyan had gone hunting for a geneticist and found Friedman. “What do you raise on your estate?” Friedman asked when offered the job. “I raise hell!” replied Fabyan, whose grounds included a Japanese garden, a Roman bath, a Dutch windmill, a private zoo of bears, wolves, and coyotes, and a roving chimpanzee. All the furniture in the house hung on chains from the ceiling. When Fabyan wasn’t surveying the scene from his favorite chair, which was suspended from a huge tree before a massive open-air fireplace, he could be found riding in a carriage pulled by a team of zebras.

Fabyan grew more than just crops on his estate; he grew knowledge. Though he had little formal education himself, the Colonel (as he called himself despite no military experience) hired others to do research in fields ranging from acoustics and perpetual motion to chemistry and cryptology. He called his farm on the Fox River “Riverbank Laboratories,” explaining, “Some rich men go in for art collections, gay times on the Riviera, or extravagant living. But they all get satiated. That’s why I stick to scientific experiments, spending money to discover valuable things that universities can’t afford.”

In the autumn of 1915, Friedman set up quarters in Riverbank’s windmill as the director of the genetics laboratory. But he found himself drawn to another department on the estate, where Elizebeth Smith, an Indiana native and one of the few other young people at Riverbank, was among a group working on one of Fabyan’s pet projects—an attempt to decipher messages supposedly hidden in the text of Shakespeare’s plays revealing the true author as Francis Bacon. Intrigued by the field of study (if not necessarily convinced about the anti-Stratfordian goals), Friedman began to read the scant information that was available on codes and ciphers at the time.

Within two years, Smith was his wife and Friedman was head of Riverbank’s Department of Ciphers. “When I came on cryptology, something in me found an outlet,” he later recalled, adding that his initial interest stemmed from “an inherent curiosity to know what people were trying to write that they didn’t want other people to read.”

As World War I loomed, Colonel Fabyan—ever patriotic



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THE ORIGINAL HEBERN ELECTRIC CODE MACHINE, FRIEDMAN'S TOOL FOR CRACKING CIPHERS IN THE 1920s.

and impulsive—discovered that the U.S. military had no organization for intercepting enemy communications, let alone deciphering them. He offered the services of his crew, and, until a Cipher Bureau was set up in Washington, Friedman's department essentially served as the cryptologic service of the U.S. government. Having been drawn to the field by historical mystery, Friedman had now entered a world of moral ambiguity. "I was seduced," he said, "from an honorable profession to one with a slight odor."

During the early days of the war, Friedman trained eighty-four officers, who were then dispatched overseas to become the American force responsible for translating garbled cryptic messages into plain text. But the Friedmans themselves emerged as the last line of defense. When enemy messages arrived that the Army was unable to decipher, they

were forwarded to Riverbank. The same was true for Allied attempts at creating codes, such as the time the British government made a final check of a proposed crypto-system by running it by the Friedmans. Though they received just six short messages (making decipherment all the more difficult), in a matter of hours the Friedmans solved the opening line: "This message is absolutely indecipherable."

Over the next months, Friedman began the process of revolutionizing what had long been more alchemy than science. He introduced the laws of probability and statistical analysis into the field, eventually publishing eight booklets on the subject, including "The Index of Coincidence and Its Application to Cryptography." "The results can only be described as Promethean," writes David Kahn in *The Codebreakers*, "for Friedman's stroke of genius inspired numerous,

varied, and vital statistical tools that are indispensable to the cryptology of today." It quickly became clear that Friedman was much more useful near the front, and in July 1918 he was sent to Chaumont, the French headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces. Commissioned as a lieutenant, he joined the German Code and Cipher Solving Section of Military Intelligence, a unit which emerged as a vital cog in the war machine.

After the war, Friedman returned to the War Department in Washington, D.C.; what was supposed to be a six-month assignment would last nearly thirty-five years. In late 1921, Friedman officially became Chief Cryptanalyst to the War Department, a post he was to occupy for a quarter of a century. "The vast American cryptologic establishment of today, with its thousands of employees, its far flung stations, its sprawling headquarters," writes Kahn, "this gigantic enterprise is a direct lineal descendant of the little office in the War Department that Friedman started all by himself."

While her husband was working for the War Department, Elizebeth was employed by the Treasury Department, unscrambling codes used by rum-runners during Prohibition. Eventually, the department decided to set up a full-time cryptologic unit, which she ran for eighteen years (she later established cryptographic communication for the International Monetary Fund and the OSS, predecessor to the CIA). Often, her role as an expert witness thrust her into the headlines: in 1938, she deciphered twenty-seven Chinese-code cablegrams, enabling Canada to break up an opium-smuggling ring. "My mother got a lot of press in those days, but not my father," says John Friedman, their second child and a 1950 Cornell graduate. "I knew he worked in the signal corps and had something to do with codes and ciphers, but I never realized how important that was. He was kind of a shadow man."

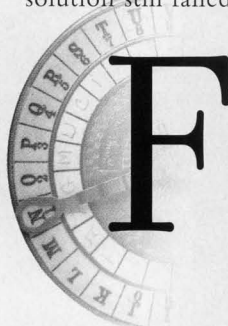
Occasionally, William Friedman escaped the shadows. As early as 1924, he testified before a congressional committee regarding coded telegrams exchanged between principals in the Teapot Dome scandal, which involved the sale of government properties for use by private developers and led to the imprisonment of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and the resignation or expulsion of two other Cabinet members. Years later, another message decoded by Friedman foiled a massive Ohio State Prison escape plot. When the Smithsonian Institution needed a list of the thousand commonest words in the English language for burial in a time capsule, it turned to Friedman. When a millionaire died and left a series of codes and ciphers as his will, Friedman was called in.

Still, his primary focus was on the ultra-secret world of diplomatic and military cryptograms, and as the technical complexities of the job increased so did Friedman's ethical struggles. Promoted to major in 1924, he began to grapple with the clash of philosophies between military tradition (don't question authority) and the scientific process (question everything). An outgoing man, he constantly battled the need to watch what he said—even to his wife, whom he called his "divine fire." In 1927, at about the time he contributed an article on codes and ciphers for the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and began work on a four-volume *Elements of Cryptanalysis*

(which became the U.S. Army's cryptographic Bible), he began seeing a psychoanalyst regularly.

In June 1930, Friedman's focus became more covert when he was named head of the newly created Signal Intelligence Service (SIS), which was responsible for preparing Army codes and ciphers and intercepting and solving enemy cryptograms in wartime. One of Friedman's primary responsibilities was to train a new generation of experts, and so his staff grew as radio intercept stations were set up from Capitol Hill to the Philippines. In the words of Friedman biographer Ronald Clark (who also chronicled the lives of Albert Einstein and Bertrand Russell), Friedman now headed "a small, dedicated band of specialists, working on the frontiers of knowledge, acquiring information which was vitally to affect the coming war."

In 1937, the U.S. encountered a diplomatic cipher used by the Japanese Foreign Minister to protect his most secret telegrams to and from his ambassadors. Two years later, with the U.S. readying for war with Japan, Friedman, by then a lieutenant colonel, was directed to work exclusively toward breaking the cipher—codenamed Purple. It would become the most famous crypto-system in history, due primarily to four factors: its remarkable complexity, the effort required to crack it, the enormous impact its decipherment had on the war, and the infamous event that its solution still failed to prevent.



FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS, FRIEDMAN and a team of nineteen cryptanalysts, led by a former schoolteacher named Frank Rowlett, channeled their combined intellect at Purple. The hope, as always, was to find some regularities in the jumble of enciphered letters. The regularities would lead them to overriding laws regarding the cipher's general system; those laws might allow them to build a cipher machine that produced the cryptographic effects of Purple. "The task was not unlike that which Einstein faced in trying to find the regularities which revealed the natural laws of the Universe," writes Clark. "There was, however, one great difference. As Einstein described his efforts to discover God's laws, 'God is subtle, but he is not malicious.'" Purple was both.

Finally, after months of analysis, Friedman's team deduced the character of the Purple machine. With less than \$700 worth of parts, they constructed a whirling assortment of dangling wires, and on September 25, 1940 (the day after Friedman's forty-ninth birthday), they produced the first significant, ungarbled Purple plain text. The message was a whopper, indicating that Japan was about to join Germany and Italy to form the Axis. Soon after, a deciphered telegram from Baron Oshima, the Japanese Ambassador in Berlin, revealed that Hitler was planning to attack Russia within six months.

Late in 1940, Friedman was promoted to full colonel in preparation for a visit to England, during which the U.S. was to trade cryptographic secrets with Britain. But the stress of the previous two years had taken its toll. In January 1941, he

entered a neuro-psychiatric hospital ward, where he was diagnosed as suffering from extreme fatigue "due to prolonged overwork on a top secret project." Friedman spent ten weeks in the hospital, and upon returning home was informed that he was being honorably discharged by reason of physical disqualification. He protested, to no avail, and returned to his work as a civilian, to be restored to his former rank only after the war.

During the war, however, the deciphered Japanese messages proved to be even more valuable than expected. While the Purple disclosures (codenamed "magics") provided foreknowledge of Japanese moves, they were most effective, ironically, in the war against Germany. Believing the cipher unbreakable, Baron Oshima continued to use it in his dispatches from Berlin, listing German troop strength in the Balkans, describing new German jet fighters, even cabling a

detailed description of Normandy defenses that proved invaluable on D-Day. It has been estimated that the breaking of Purple may have shortened the war by months, perhaps years, and saved millions of American lives.

But there was one fateful failure. By the autumn of 1941, the intercepted and deciphered magics indicated that Japan would likely soon attack British possessions in Asia and possibly U.S. possessions in the Pacific. In late November, Friedman's crew even decoded a message from the Japanese premier to Oshima directing the ambassador to inform Hitler that there was "an extreme danger that war may suddenly break out between the Anglo-Saxon nations and Japan through some clash of arms" and that this might "come more quickly than anyone's dreams."

Friedman expected war at any moment, as did Roosevelt. In fact, on the night of December 6, several cryptanalysts in

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HERE IS AN ART IN DEVISING CIPHERS, AND AN ART IN BREAKING THEM DOWN," WROTE WILLIAM and Elizebeth Friedman in *The Shakespeare Ciphers Examined*. "But in setting out his results, a cryptologist is above all a man of science. The validity of his solutions depends on the same kind of objective tests as other scientists use, and the steps in his reasoning are subject to the same criteria. He, like them, goes through the whole

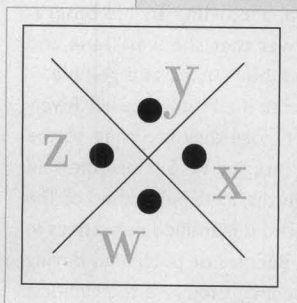
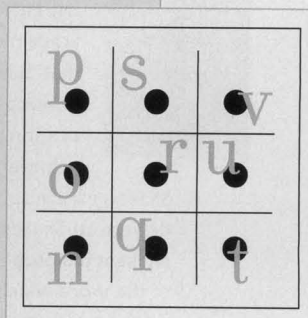
process of observation, hypothesis, deduction and induction, and confirmatory experience."

Cryptograms can be codes or ciphers, each quite distinct. In code systems, a letter, word, sentence, or string of numbers stands for a specific word or phrase in the message. "Silver" might mean "attack at dawn," 7584 might translate to "police force." In a cipher system one letter usually (though not always) corresponds to one letter in the message. In a transposition cipher, the letters of the plain text message are rearranged, as in an anagram. So "CHARGE THE LINE" might be sent as "CANE RIGHT HEEL." In a simple substitution cipher, the letters of the message are replaced by other units. Thus "CHARGE THE LINE" might be "KOBFIM SOM DURM."

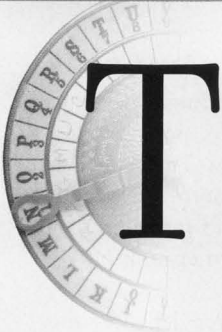
Both types of ciphers are controlled by what is called the key—the fact, for instance, that "K" stands for "C" in the above cipher. Sometimes the key is that simple; sometimes it is quite complicated. Occasionally it is remarkably obscure, tied perhaps to a specific word on a specific page of a second edition of a book that wasn't even published in the United States. But the key to the key is this: it must be ambiguous.

While smaller so-called cryptograms would seem easier to decipher, they are actually more difficult because they may offer various solutions. For example, "ABCDDEFG" could be "solved" as "CHALLENGE," "BY OFFENSE," or "IS TO ORDER." The Friedmans estimated that about twenty-five letters are needed in a mono-alphabetic cipher before the cryptanalyst can be sure that his is the only possible answer. "Just as there is only one valid solution to a scientific or mathematical problem, so there is only one valid solution to a cryptogram of more than a very few letters which involves the use of a real key," the Friedmans explained. "To find two quite different but equally valid solutions would be an absurdity."

However, though he single-handedly turned cryptology from a craft, as his biographer put it, "run predominantly by guess and God to one in which certain scientific principles had to be rigorously followed," Friedman still believed intuition was a significant part of the process. "A cryptologist without creative insight," he claimed, "is only half a cryptologist."



the SIS went so far as to sleep at the headquarters fully clothed. Surely, American forces throughout the world, and particularly in the Pacific, were on special alert—if not before December 7, then certainly that morning, when it was dawn on the East Coast and the final part of a fourteen-part message was decoded announcing that U.S.-Japanese diplomatic negotiations had ended. Upon hearing that the message had reached Pearl Harbor too late to prevent widespread destruction of the U.S. Pacific fleet, Friedman's first reaction was disbelief. "My father had been agitated for a number of days," John Friedman recalls. "I had noticed that the first thing he usually did when he came home was turn on the radio and listen to news broadcasts. That Sunday morning, he got up late because he had worked very late. I was sitting on the living room floor reading the comic pages. He came down in his bathrobe, and he turned on the radio. All I remember when word came of the attack was that he left the room to get dressed."



THE YOUNGER FRIEDMAN HAS NO recollection of his father muttering in frustration ("They knew, they knew"). But the legend persists. Clearly, Friedman knew that the U.S. high command was nearly as well-informed about Japanese policy-making as the Japanese themselves, and he believed the deciphered messages leading up to Pearl Harbor were obvious warning signs that an attack was imminent. But he couldn't accept the notion, suggested by conspiracy theorists, that Roosevelt deliberately ignored the warnings as an excuse to enter the war. Friedman preferred to blame, as he told a later congressional investigation, a "series of accidents that contrived together to prevent due warning." Indeed, twenty years later Friedman wrote to an inquiring nephew, "there were no messages which can be said to have disclosed exactly where and when the attack would

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OR MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED YEARS, SKEPTICS, academics, and conspiracy theorists have contended that Shakespeare's plays weren't actually written by Shakespeare, arguing that the Bard's origins and education are a flimsy foundation for such vast literary achievement. The result: a parade of would-be

Shakespeare suspects, from Christopher Marlowe and Edward de Vere to Shakespeare's wife and even Queen Elizabeth. The eminent philosopher and politician Francis Bacon has been one of the more widely speculated candidates since a letter to Bacon was unearthed, late in the eighteenth century, stating, "The most prodigious wit that ever I knew . . . is of your Lordship's name, though he be known by another."

The first published Baconian theory appeared around 1856, and was soon followed by the creation of several societies and periodicals devoted to the claim. Among them, a new anti-Stratfordian tack appeared: the suggestion that ciphered messages embedded throughout the plays (apparently for the benefit of future cryptanalysts) proved Bacon's authorship. Several researchers delved into the mystery, including one who discovered in *Love's Labours Lost* the word "honorificabilitudinitatibus," which forms the anagram "Hi ludi F. Baconis nati tuiti orbi." ("These plays, the offspring of F. Bacon, are preserved for the world.")

By 1916, the investigation had found its way to George Fabyan's Riverbank Laboratories, where it was led by a Baconian scholar named Elizabeth Wells Gallup. (Her assistants included Elizebeth Smith, the future Mrs. William Friedman.) Her examination centered on the fact that Bacon was an amateur cryptographer who had created what's known as a bilat-

eral cipher involving the use of two letters to represent any letter in the alphabet. The letter A would be represented by aaaaa, the letter B by aaab, the letter C by aaaba, etc. Gallup suspected the Shakespeare texts used this cipher in the form of different kinds of typeface. She hoped to determine which letters and fonts were of the "a" form and which of the "b," there-

by discovering the hidden messages. Though the differences in letter types often seemed imperceptible, Gallup believed they could be seen more clearly with photographic enlargement of the text, which is how Friedman, a self-taught photographer, became involved. His early verdict on Gallup, according to his biographer, was that she was "sane and honest, but misled and gullible."



THE OTHER BARD:
SIR FRANCIS BACON

After the Friedmans left Riverbank, it was another thirty years before they returned to the Shakespeare controversy. In the interim, W. S. Melsome had added fuel to the Baconian fire with the 1945 publication of *The Bacon-Shakespeare Anatomy*, in which he identified references in Shakespeare's plays to works by Bacon not published during Shakespeare's lifetime. But the Friedmans focused their efforts on the various cryptographic theories. Within three years, they had compiled a 1,000-page manuscript on the subject, which won the Folger Shakespeare Library Award in 1955. Two years later, Cambridge University Press published an edited version of the manuscript as *The Shakespearean Ciphers Examined*, a

be made. Hence I do not see how President Roosevelt could have avoided the attack by advance knowledge from reading such messages.”

It’s possible that Friedman was more troubled by another piece of information revealed through Purple prose: the Americans knew, before the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, that the Japanese were putting out peace feelers. “If I only had had a channel of communication to the President,” Friedman would later say, “I would have recommended that he not drop the bomb—since the war would be over within a week.”

Friedman once noted that “a necessary requirement for happiness, as a cryptanalyst, is a passion for anonymity.” But in 1944, he was one of the first two members of the War Department to receive the Commendation for Exceptional Civilian Service. Two years later, President Truman awarded him the Medal For Merit, the nation’s highest civilian honor. Only two people had ever been awarded both it and the

National Security Medal, which Friedman received in 1955; the other was J. Edgar Hoover.

Friedman served as the top cryptanalyst for the Department of Defense after the war, and when the country’s many cryptological resources were consolidated with the establishment of the National Security Agency, Friedman was named special assistant to the director. But he still felt overlooked and undercompensated. When he attempted to declassify certain patents on the valuable ciphering machines he had created years earlier, he encountered bureaucratic roadblocks. He became frustrated, both personally and financially, and took ill again. At one point, he entered the psychiatric unit of George Washington University Hospital for electroshock therapy.

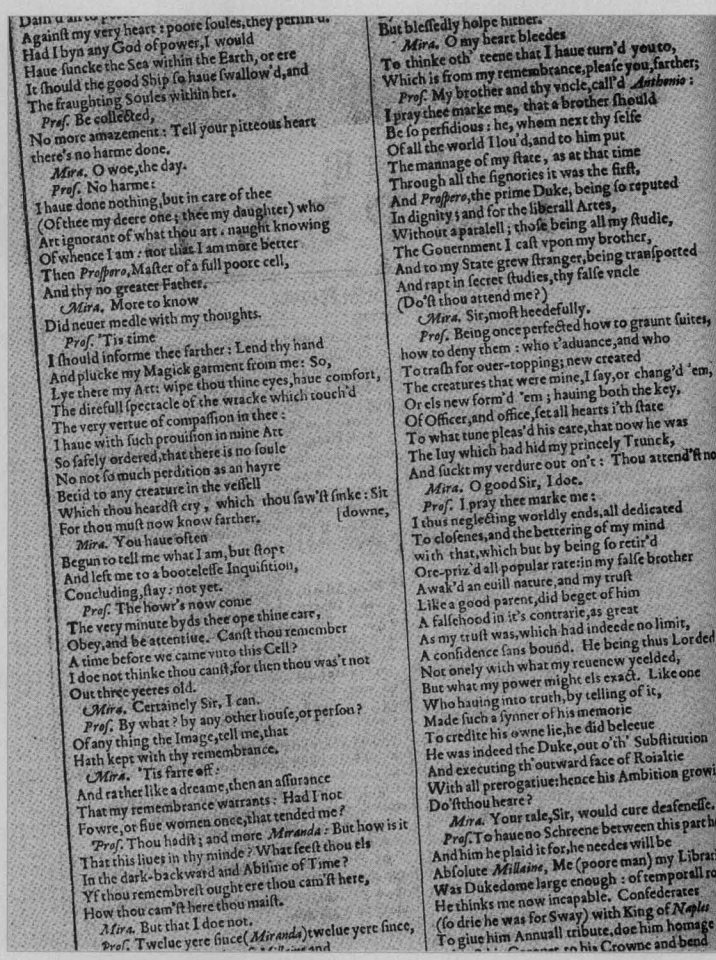
In April 1955, Friedman suffered a heart attack while getting out of bed. Cardiograms showed that it was actually his second, the first having occurred a month or two earlier. Forty days later, he suffered a third; believing he was “worth more to the government alive than dead,” the NSA con-

title the Friedmans disliked because it implied that there were ciphers in the text in the first place.

The Friedmans began the book by writing that they had no “professional or emotional stake in any particular claim to the authorship of Shakespeare’s plays” and that the anti-Stratfordian arguments “cannot be simply dismissed without examination.” But their examinations proceeded to dismiss the cryptographic claims one by one.

The deathblow to Gallup’s bilateral cipher claim came when Elizabeth Friedman discovered, in the rare books room of the Library of Congress, a report by an American type-designer that had been commissioned by Fabyan himself and then swept under the rug. The report revealed that variations in letter forms were largely due to factors such as worn or damaged type and imperfections in the paper or press. The Friedmans also consulted the FBI’s most experienced document examiner, who could see no basis for dividing the letters and typefaces into “a” types and “b” types. “We suggest that those who do wish to dispute the authorship of the Shakespeare plays should not in the future resort to cryptographic evidence,” the authors concluded, “unless they show themselves in some way competent to do so.” Though the publication incurred the wrath of the Baconians, in 1958 it won the Fifth Annual Award of the American Shakespeare Festival Theater.

In the end, however, William Friedman did suspect there were suggestions of ciphers in the plays. But it wasn’t a matter of hidden cryptograms; it was a case of Shakespeare alluding to the kind of diplomatic decipherment that dominated Friedman’s professional life. His favorite passage: a line from Act II, Scene

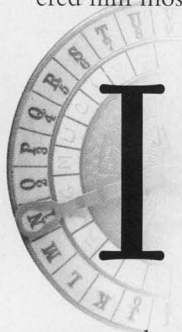


ABOVE, FROM THE FIRST FOLIO, 1623, TEXT FROM THE TEMPEST.

2 of Henry V. “The King hath note of all that they intend,” says Henry’s brother, “by interception that they dream not of.”

vinced him to retire from active service. The following year, after months of legal wrangling, Congress voted to award him \$100,000 in compensation for the cipher systems he invented but was unable to exploit commercially. In a letter to *The New York Times* that spring, the director of military intelligence proclaimed that Friedman should have gotten “a million, tax-free”; the *Times* called him “one of the most unjustly uncelebrated government employees in history.”

He was also irreplaceable, which is why Friedman continued to work from his brick house on Capitol Hill, serving as a consultant for the NSA. He was sent on three top secret missions to Europe in 1957 and 1958, essentially attempts by the NSA to discover the extent of its ability to decipher messages sent by NATO allies. Described by his biographer as “the crowning achievement” of his career, “as important to America in the 1960s as his breaking of Purple had been to the country in the Second World War,” the missions were nevertheless distasteful to Friedman. Says John Friedman, a former educational filmmaker now retired in Sanibel, Florida, “I think the thing that bothered him most was reading the allies’ mail.”



INCREASINGLY, FRIEDMAN GREW to question the profession to which he had devoted his life. He would mutter to himself, “How on earth did I get into this business?” Occasionally, he would quote *Macbeth*: “Will all great Neptune’s ocean wash this blood clean from my hand?” His distaste evolved into outrage when, in 1958, three NSA agents confiscated forty-eight items from his personal cryptographic library, part of a growing practice of classifying as secret some of his earlier, published papers. His relationship with the agency deteriorated to such an extent that Friedman, who came to believe he was being singled out for harassment, claimed that the agency considered him its “greatest security risk.” At times, Friedman became deeply depressed, but occasionally he wielded a sense of humor—as when he would walk in and out of secured areas wearing, on the mandatory identification badges, a picture not of himself but of William Shakespeare.

Ironically, Friedman, who felt so circumscribed by the restrictions of his profession, often found an escape in the very same field. Away from the pressures of the job, cryptology was, as it had been originally, a hobby. He sent out cryptographic holiday cards, created a cipher game for children called “The Game of Secrecy,” and hosted dinner parties in which each course was served at a different restaurant discovered only by deciphering a code. He and his wife were essentially crypto-historians, collecting code books used during the Civil War, rare publications on cryptography dating from the 1500s, and even examples of shorthand from the likes of Benjamin Franklin—all of which are among the 3,000 items in the Friedman Collection of the George C.



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JOHN, ELIZEBETH, AND WILLIAM AT FRIEDMAN’S MEDAL OF MERIT CEREMONY, 1946. THE JOB WOULD EVENTUALLY RUIN HIS HEALTH.

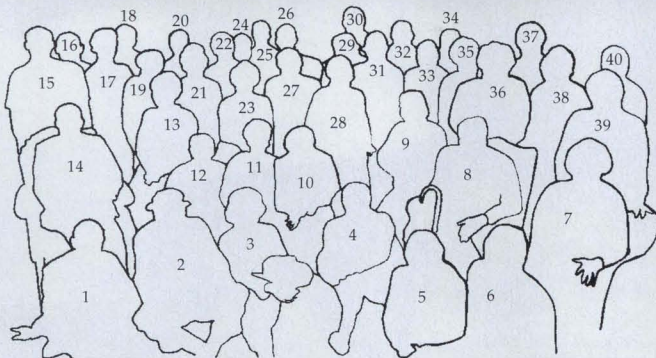
Marshall Research Library in Lexington, Virginia. When asked why he persevered in his attempts to crack historical ciphers, such as a late-career fascination with Mayan hieroglyphs, Friedman answered with a cryptic version of George Mallory’s Mount Everest reply, “Because it is there.” Said Friedman, “Because it hasn’t been read.”

In their later years, the Friedmans returned to the challenge that had first seduced them into the world of cryptology. In 1957, through Cambridge University Press, the Friedmans published *The Shakespearean Ciphers Examined*, in which they meticulously dissected the Baconian vs. Stratfordian issue. True to form, they hid their own cipher in an italicized phrase on page 257 of the book. Its deciphered conclusion: “I did not write the plays. F. Bacon.”

In May 1969, Friedman suffered yet another heart attack, followed by a fatal one that November. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors, and while a number of senators and generals were in attendance, the greatest tribute may have come from a handful of surprise guests. “What was really interesting,” says John Friedman, “was when they took his caisson through the cemetery, a bunch of Japanese newspaper photographers popped out from behind the trees and took pictures.”

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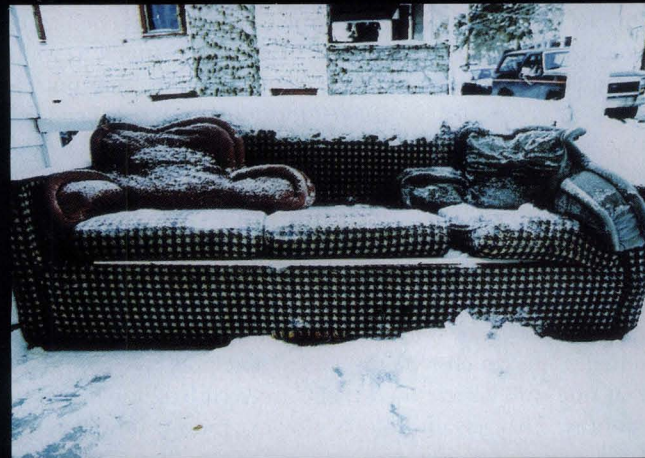
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In the foamy wake of a Friday night beer blast, senior Barnaby Kendall emerges from his Collegetown digs to field a pop quiz about his furniture. Specifically, the wherefores of a torn, battered, frostbite-blue, faux-leather sofa parked on his Delaware Avenue porch amid four empty kegs. "We had a little party last night," he says cautiously, as though the obvious sofa neglect portends



a visit from the welfare bureau's Couch Protection Services. "It's a stray. I found it in the garbage one spring about three years ago. Had it ever since. I guess the fraternities were throwing them out."

Growing more enthused, Kendall pries up a cushion with his foot and points at a gaping hole underneath. Potato chips and a crushed beer can tumble into the abyss. "I can't tell you how many times I lost my remote down there," says Kendall, who lives in the off-campus annex of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. "The springs are busted. It used to be under a loft bed in my room, and I jumped down on it every morning." No longer buoyant, the couch was exiled to the porch, where it hosts party-goers who need to chill; any davenport in a storm. On warm days, it still serves as a perch for people-watching.

The details may differ from sofa to sofa, but Kendall's couch is representative of many in Collegetown's expanding gallery of front porch furnishings. What were once rites of spring are now year-round icons of Collegetown counterculture: dozens of houses boast indoor furniture on outdoor porches. Couches outnumber chairs and come in every form manufactured: tumble-down love seats, mini-sofas, divans, the occasional seedy chesterfield. Most are the ratty relics of mass production, deep discount knock-offs made of tacky textured twill, plastic, vinyl, itchy polyester-wool blends, or the venerable Naugahyde.

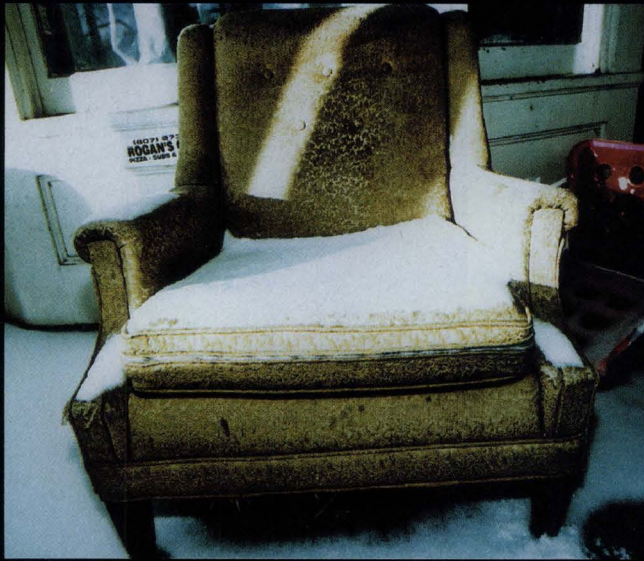
A few well-crafted pieces—love seats, mostly—approach respectability. But for the most part, the couches of Collegetown are rubbish with a view, as beloved as the shabby stuffed horse in *The Velveteen Rabbit*. A mid-winter's tour reveals many snow-encrusted sofas languishing in advanced stages of decomposition, yellow foam innards bulging—a welcome repose for students, an eyesore to others. "When I was a student here, everyone wanted to get an apartment with a couch on the porch," says Carole Schiffman '83, who returned to Ithaca in 1998 when she married a Cornell engineering professor. "When I came back, my husband and I had a hard time finding a house that *wasn't* in view of a porch with a couch." But on subsequent walking tours, Schiffman saw more than rogue furniture on the Collegetown

porches: She saw *Art*—and a chance to take a humorous poke at popular posters like "The Great Doorways of Dublin." Initial printing for "Couches of Collegetown" ran to 500, and Schiffman says she's sold more than 125 of them so far.

THE TREND TO ACCESSORIZE OUTDOOR PORCHES with indoor trappings has spread with the gusto of a cultural revolution. A national fad that parallels the surge of students moving off-campus, sightings have increased in the last ten years, says Joan Spielholz '73, BS Ag '81, a longtime Collegetown resident and Fourth Ward councilwoman for the City of Ithaca. Fellow council member Susan Blumenthal, MRP '78, agrees—adding that although some of the furniture is tasteful, residents find other pieces "aesthetically unappealing."

So far, Ithaca lawmakers have tolerated the sofa binge. But dilapidated couches on outdoor porches became a political issue last year in Athens, Ohio, home of Ohio University, when the city council outlawed indoor couches on porches. But the law was repealed following vigorous lobbying efforts by O.U.'s couch potatoes. Other small towns have succeeded in penalizing the porchifying of indoor sofas. In a law designed to keep couches off porches, the Indiana Borough Council in western Pennsylvania banned residents from using furniture outside if it's not "specifically constructed for outdoor use." Offenders are fined \$50 to \$100 for a first offense, and up to \$300 for repeats.

That's unlikely to happen in Ithaca, says Spielholz. In 1996, Common Council passed an Exterior Property Maintenance Ordinance. The couches of Collegetown were discussed, but local lawmakers focused their energies on garbage, dodging the controversy. Front porch couches are acceptable, but indoor furniture on lawns is not. "We're not worried about couches on porches, but couches on the street," Spielholz says, pointing out that one sofa has sat on a Blair Street curb, ignored, for eight months. That errant sofa is the exception, however. Most Collegetown couches, no matter what condition, are funky totems of student status quo, symbolic fixtures that survive the



LOVESEATS, SOFAS, DIVANS, RECLINERS, DAVENPORTS, THE OCCASIONAL SEEDY CHESTERFIELD—PORCH PERCHES COME IN ALL STRIPES (AND SOLIDS).

annual turnover of residents. They are often accompanied by gas grills or hibachis and other signs of life after winter.

Brie Goldberg is proud of her front porch furniture. No wonder: her Dryden Avenue porch boasts a rare love seat recliner with a mock-suede cover in an alligator-skin pattern. Goldberg, a junior architecture major, and her roommate, premed junior Carmela Rocchetti, hit the leisure furnishings jackpot last spring during the city's annual trash week. "We were on our way downtown to swim in the gorges and passed by all this furniture in the streets," says Goldberg, who was in the market for a front porch couch. "It's only when you least expect it that you find what you need."

The problem was getting it all home. Goldberg and Rocchetti didn't want to risk losing their treasures to other scavenging students. So they flagged down a couple of strapping townies in a pick-up truck and struck a deal. "We didn't

even have to lift a finger to get them to our house," Goldberg says. "The guys in the pick-up truck tied them in and followed us all the way to our porch." She and Rocchetti shelled out thirteen bucks for the delivery.

The recliner enjoyed a brief season indoors but didn't get along well with the other furniture, and migrated to the porch where it forms a motley crew with a diminutive pink sofa, a plaid love seat, and a white wicker bench. "During the fall we go out onto the porch to chill, or when we have small parties, but of course now it's covered in snow," says Goldberg. She adds that although her landlord threatened to have the furniture removed, he didn't seem to have the heart to haul it to the dump.

Who knows? Maybe he sees it as a selling point.

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vital signs in the animal E.R.

Melanie King's patient has big green eyes, two worried parents, and a history of intestinal troubles. It's a Wednesday morning in February, and the Tompkins County couple has brought their baby to Cornell for a check-up before they migrate south for the rest of the winter. "She definitely looks happier and healthier,"

King says, lifting the shy ten-pounder onto the exam table to take her temperature, check her lymph nodes, and palpate her belly. When she's done, she asks Dr. Bill Hornbuckle to come in for a second look. "All right, let's feel your tummy again," he tells the

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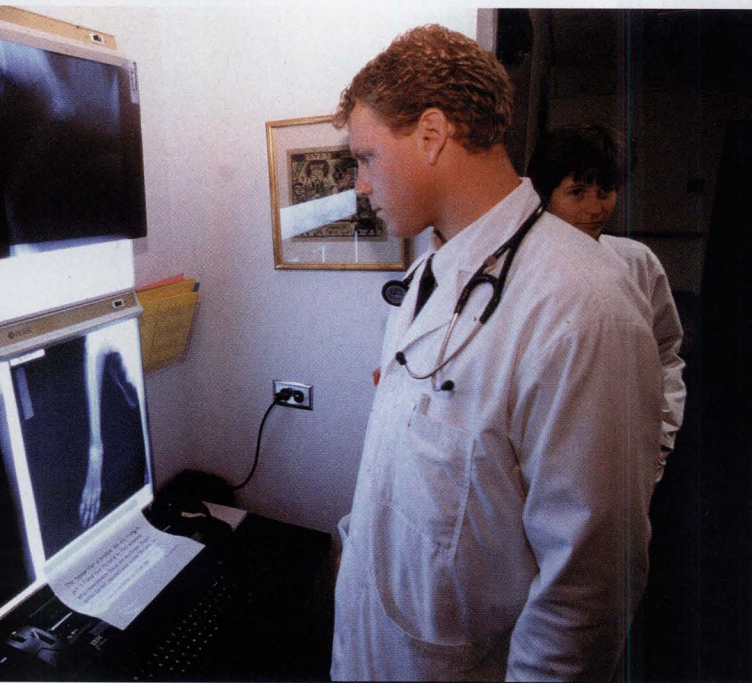
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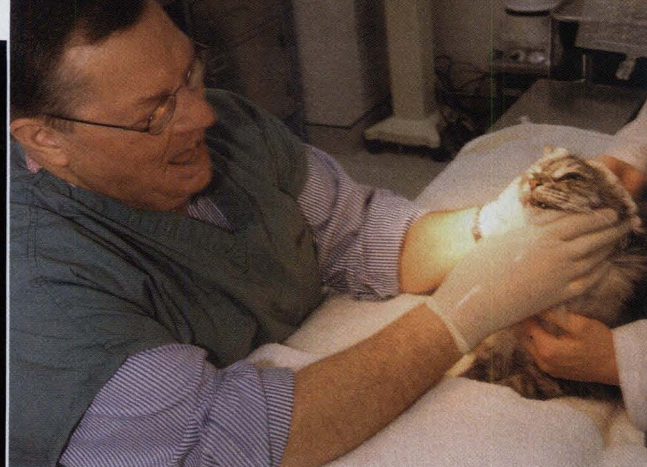


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READING CANINE X-RAYS, LEFT; VET JOHN SAIDLA, ABOVE, EXAMINES FLUFFY, A THREE-YEAR-OLD MAINE COON MIX. IN ADDITION TO CATS AND DOGS, PATIENTS INCLUDE BIRDS, RABBITS, FERRETS, AND TURTLES. HORSES AND LIVESTOCK ARE TREATED AT THE EQUINE AND FARM ANIMAL HOSPITALS.

skittish patient. When he's finished, he and King go outside for a conference. "Maintain your gentle, sympathetic self," Hornbuckle tells his student. "But I think you have to promote the idea that you're concerned."

The final recommendation: consider postponing the trip, come in for another exam in a day or two—and watch to see if she uses the litterbox.

It's a typical day at Cornell's Companion Animal Hospital, a state-of-the-art facility off Tower Road that treats more than 13,000 pets each year. These aren't just check-ups and rabies shots; the hospital performs hip replacements and kidney transplants, chemotherapy and CAT scans, generating \$5 million in annual revenue. Procedures that were once the province of human medicine have become veterinary standards. Animals who would have been euthanized are getting Cadillac care, paid for out of their owners' pockets. As Alan Beck and Aaron Katcher write of one of Cornell's peer institutions in *Between Pets and People*: "If you shut your eyes and ignore your nose, it is not possible to differentiate ward rounds . . . from medical rounds at the hospital for human beings a few hundred yards away."

This isn't your granddad's veterinary medicine. What began in the mid-nineteenth century as an agricultural profession has widened to include everything from genetics to food safety. It was a Bronx Zoo vet (Tracey McNamara, DVM '82) who helped identify the deadly West Nile virus, a mosquito-

borne encephalitis that killed a half-dozen New Yorkers last summer. At the Vet college's Baker Institute for Animal Health, NIH-funded research into canine eye and joint problems may have applications to human disease. In 1993, in a symbolic contrast to James Herriot's simple country doctor, Martin Fettman '76, MS Ag '80, DVM '80, became the first veterinarian in space.

But perhaps the most visible change is the explosion in companion animal care over the past two decades. Pet owners are demanding the most sophisticated treatment money can buy, shelling out thousands of dollars to keep their animals healthy. Dr. Rob Gilbert started practicing in 1977. Back then, he says, "there was still a very clear limit. A pet was a pet—a beloved pet, but still just a pet. It was a possession. There was a very clear boundary of what you'd do." Jump ahead to the year 2000, when the Vet college's associate dean for clinical programs and professional service is having his ten-year-old golden retriever, Buster, treated for lymphoma. "Not too many years ago," says Gilbert, "I would have scoffed at the idea that I'd have a dog of my own in very sophisticated, expensive chemotherapy."

IT USED TO BE THAT A BADLY injured horse got either a bullet or a lethal injection. Now, Gilbert says, "we fix broken legs in here every week." Dogs get braces and orthopedic surgery. Cats with tooth tartar are anesthetized for a thorough cleaning. Animals

with separation anxiety get behavioral counseling or a daily dose of Clomicalm, the veterinary answer to Prozac.

The reasons behind this explosion in companion animal care raise a chicken-and-egg question. People are demanding more sophisticated treatments because they're more attached to their pets than ever before—and they're more attached to them, in part, because past breakthroughs (such as vaccinations for rabies and distemper) have allowed the animals themselves to live longer. And just as the extension of the human life span led to an increase in diseases like cancer, vet science is being called upon to treat such illnesses in animals. That has inspired a dramatic rise in specialties that mirror those in human medicine: dermatology, cardiology, radiology, ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, and oncology, among others.

Those treatments don't come cheap, and the vet boom wouldn't be possible if Americans weren't as affluent as they are. Says Cornell behaviorist Katherine Houpt: "One of the practitioners in town told me he could predict how many clients would walk through the door by looking at the stock market." Only a small fraction of families carry pet health insurance, which is generally considered a poor investment. Unlike most human care, decisions about treating a pet have to be made with an eye on the bank account. A feline kidney transplant, for instance, can cost \$5,000. (Furthermore, the pet owner is required to adopt the donor cat.) "We're taught the gold standard at Cornell," says third-year vet student Rachel

Meyer, who sits on the board of the local SPCA. "But how do you balance what an animal ideally needs with what someone can reasonably pay?"

Even more complex are the societal influences that have brought pets from the barn to the hearth to the foot of the bed, or even the pillow. Among the most commonly cited causes: delayed marriage, reduced childbearing, and the breakdown of the family. "We live more fractured lives, and pets are constant," says Douglas Aspros '73, DVM '75, who practices north of New York City. "They're not very demanding, but they return a lot of physical affection."

Whatever the sociological reasons, pets have become big business. Three decades ago, there was no such thing as the pet food industry; now it's a \$10 billion a year concern, with companies like Iams and Science Diet marketing special formulas for animals who are diabetic, geriatric, or just overweight. Merchants like In the Company of Dogs sell such luxury items as the "Bau Wau Haus," a wrought-iron, doghouse-shaped trellis (\$975). Three Dog Bakery, a purveyor of gourmet treats and canine care packages, has franchises in most major cities. "People have always felt strongly about their animals, but lately it's become more accepted," says Leslie Appel '90, DVM '94. "People are really considering their pets as family

members, not just as objects they own."

Such was the subject of a February episode of the TV show "E.R.," in which an egomaniacal doctor operated on his own Bouvier dog rather than entrust her to "some poodle surgeon." The next morning, Cornell's vet clinic is abuzz over the program, particularly the fact that the doctor performed the operation in the show's human hospital. "You know," third-year vet student Dennis Leon '97 says on his way into the waiting room to meet a new patient, "that's *completely* illegal."

In the lobby, he greets three-year-old Molly and her owner, Sarah Jordan, business manager of Cornell's Shoals Marine Lab. "So we're just here for a routine exam and vaccinations?" he asks once they're settled in an exam room. "Great. And when was the last rabies? Do you need any more heartworm preventative? Any other pets at home? Any health concerns?"

Leon jots down the answers, then crouches down to examine a cut on the Lab-husky mix's paw, earned during a morning squirrel chase. "That might be a candidate for suturing," he says, and takes Molly to another room for a consultation with Hornbuckle. "You could leave it alone," Hornbuckle says. "You could suture it. But she's nervous, and you'd probably have to go to sedation. Think of what you'd do for your own

dog, and that's option one." They decide to

skip the stitches, and Leon gives the dog a vaccination and takes blood for a heartworm test. "Aw, now you think I'm a meanie," he says, petting the dog on the head. "I stuck you twice."

Standing beneath a TV monitor, Dr. Todd Deppe is watching a student examine a Shih Tzu whose extreme musculature may indicate Cushing's Disease. "That Shih Tzu feels like a Great Dane," he says. A few minutes later, he's called in to consult with third-year Sarah Cazabon on another case: an eight-year-old Siamese with an injured tail. "He's got a small lesion on the tip of his tail," Cazabon tells Deppe. "He's got good mobility. It doesn't feel like there's a fracture."

"Just tell her to rest the tail," Deppe says once he's examined the cat. Then he stops and smiles. "But how do you rest a tail, really?"

According to a 1999 survey by the American Animal Hospital Association, 84 percent of owners refer to themselves as their pet's "mom" or "dad." Sixty-three percent celebrate their pet's birthday, 43 percent give the animal a wrapped gift, and 72 percent of *married* people greet their pet first when they get home. "Were a lot of these people around before?" Rachel Meyer wonders. "Were they just in the closet, hiding?"

Nowadays, though, animal lovers are very much in the mainstream. Vegetarianism is at an all-time high, and people are more concerned about humane

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FOURTH-YEAR STUDENT JESSICA LALLIER, DR. TODD DEPPE, AND THIRD-YEAR DENNIS LEON TREAT A BASSET HOUND, LEFT; THE VET MEDICAL CENTER, ABOVE, ON CAMPUS ROAD

treatment of livestock and experimental subjects. Fur is politically incorrect. African trophy-hunting trips have been replaced by photo safaris. More states are classifying animal-cruelty violations as felonies rather than misdemeanors. The “no-kill” movement seeks to reduce euthanasia of adoptable animals in shelters. Someone mourning the death of a beloved cat is less likely to be told to “get a new one,” and more likely to have access to resources like Cornell’s Pet Loss Support Hotline.

“The emotional bond people have with their animals is really a reflection of their own humanity,” Aspros says.

Recently, that bond has been shown to be more than sentimental. In studies conducted at the University of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, Beck and Katcher found that, in addition to the emotional benefits, petting an animal reduces anxiety and causes drops in pulse rate and blood pressure. Such discoveries have led to a boom in pet therapy, in which animals are used to treat everyone from emotionally disturbed children to depressed nursing home patients. In the late Nineties, for instance, New York State passed the Eden Alternative, a law lifting the ban on pets living in nursing homes. “A lot of the residents rarely talk to each other, but they’ll talk to the dog or cat,” says Appel, a surgical instructor who oversees Cornell Companions, the university’s volunteer pet therapy program. “For an abused child, hugging a dog or petting a cat provides non-threatening physical contact.”

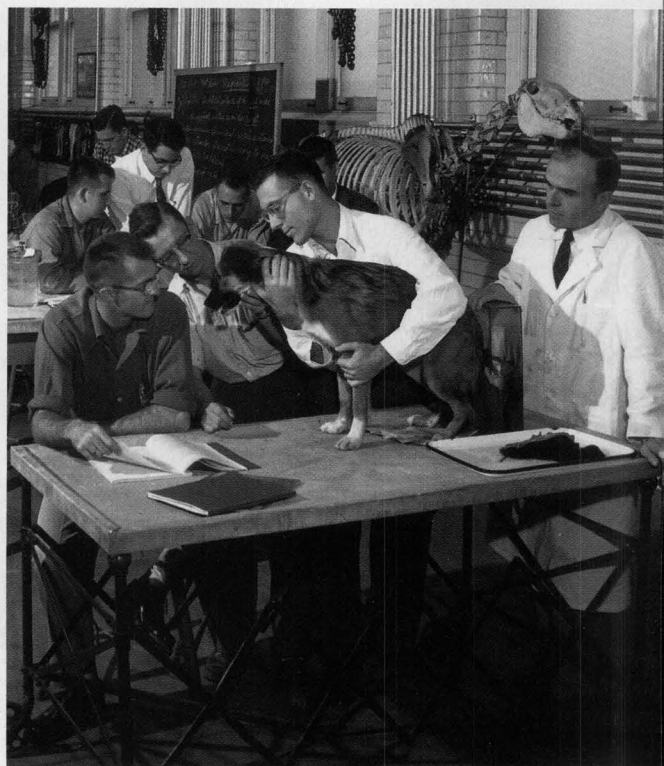
Cornell awarded the nation’s first DVM degree in 1876, to Daniel Salmon 1872, who would eventually discover the *Salmonella* pathogen; the Vet college itself was founded eighteen years later. It stayed at its original location, at the corner of East Avenue and Tower Road, until 1957, when it moved to its present fifteen-acre campus, the nation’s largest. Facilities include the new Veterinary Medical Center, which tripled the school’s clinical capacity when it opened in 1996. In addition to the Companion Animal Hospital, Cornell treats more than 2,500 horses and agricultural animals each year. Another 40,000 are seen on nearby farms through the Vet college’s ambulatory service.

The first woman DVM in the country graduated from Cornell in 1910, but the college remained primarily male until the 1980s. Now, however, it’s overwhelmingly female: the Vet school is 70 percent women, as is its applicant pool. The reasons for the shift evoke a host of stereotypes, including the idea that the segue from more macho agricultural work to the “caring” profession of treating family pets makes the field less attractive to men. “The cynical answer,” says Gilbert, “is that the earning power of the profession has lagged,” with women more willing to accept the field’s lower salaries. (Newly minted vet grads average just \$31,000 a year but have a debt load of more than \$50,000, similar to that of physicians.)

With only thirty-one vet schools in the U.S. and Canada, though, it’s as hard to get into a vet program as a med school. Cornell’s is one of the most competitive, with fifteen to twenty applicants for each spot; according to admissions director Joe Piekunka, its applicants have the highest GPAs and GRE scores of any school. The best strategy: move to New York. Of the eighty spaces in each class, sixty are reserved for New Yorkers. The odds of an in-state applicant getting in are one in five; for others, it’s one in sixty. About 90 percent of those offered admission decide to enroll. “If you don’t get into your home state vet school,” says Piekunka, “the odds are that you’re not going to get in anywhere.”

Once enrolled, Cornell students follow a curriculum that turns the old pedagogical system on its head. “We went from a very teacher-centered style to one that was very student-centered,” says dean Donald Smith. Lectures have been replaced by small groups of students working with a professor, studying real-life cases. “This is a very different approach to medical education,” assistant dean for learning and instruction

Katherine Edmondson, PhD ’89, says of the curriculum, which Cornell pioneered in 1993. In the spring of their third year, vet students begin clinical rotations that continue until graduation, three semesters later. “We play doctor here, like in the real world,” says Leon. “But the support we have here isn’t the real world, because we won’t have these experienced doctors to run to.”



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Leon is catching up on paperwork from the previous day’s patients. On a shelf above his head are three stuffed animals (the Taco Bell Chihuahua, a husky with the Purina logo, and the bandaged dog from *There’s Something About Mary*) and five TV monitors, each showing an exam room. Students are videotaped as they interact with patients, and the tapes reviewed as a teaching tool. “It prepares you to think like you’re going to have to in practice,” Leon says. “You have to solve problems, instead of just rote memorization. They make you apply your knowledge right from the beginning.” On a random day, patients include King’s green-eyed charge, the calico cat suffering from a possible intestinal blockage; a yellow Lab requiring joint surgery; an eight-year-old corgi who needs some basic shots; and a pair of birds in for a check-

up. "I'm still waiting for the turtle," says King, whose patient has mysteriously disappeared. "The owner checked in at reception, but now we can't find her."

There's a T-shirt, popular at the annual vet open house, which depicts a gaggle of creatures. The slogan: "Real Doctors Treat More Than One Spe-

is working on a Quaker parakeet who's having trouble breathing. After using tape to secure the bird to the table, she and her aides rush out of the room and snap the X-rays. Then she turns her attention to helping intern Audrey Yu-Speight examine a sugar glider, a tiny marsupial kept as an exotic pet. The animal is lethargic

from treating patients to delivering a boxer's beloved pillow to its cage. Around 5 p.m., she stops by the ICU to check on a fourteen-year-old Samoyed with seizures and see-sawing blood sugar. "I'm going to give this dog a kick of blood sugar, because it's just too low," she says, preparing three large syringes of 25 percent dextrose solution to be injected into the dog's IV line.



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ANATOMY CLASS WITH DR. ROBERT HABEL IN THE MID-FIFTIES, LEFT, WHEN THE PROFESSION WAS PRIMARILY MALE AND AGRARIAN; DVM STUDENTS ON A DERMATOLOGY ROTATION, ABOVE; AND LEON BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE HOSPITAL. SINCE THE EIGHTIES, WOMEN HAVE BEGUN TO DOMINATE THE FIELD. THEY NOW ACCOUNT FOR 70 PERCENT OF CORNELL'S VETS IN TRAINING.

cies." That broad perspective is hammered into vet students from day one; even those convinced they want to practice large-animal medicine are required to study ferrets and parakeets. "It's a generalist curriculum," says Edmonson. "They can't specialize in one thing at the expense of something else." Aspros, who is president of the Westchester County board of health, notes that the focus on comparative medicine makes vets "terribly well grounded in a variety of health issues."

Case in point: on a Friday afternoon, veterinary lecturer Noha Abou-Madi returns to campus after delivering a baby elephant at the Syracuse zoo and is promptly called in to X-ray an anorexic rabbit. What might have been a tumor turns out to be an infection. Two days of antibiotics later, the rabbit is ready to go home—and Abou-Madi

and breathing rapidly. "They have a very fast metabolism," Yu-Speight explains as she wraps it in a cloth and nestles it into a dogfood bowl as an ersatz bed. "By the time we see them they're pretty ill, like this one." Sure enough, the animal dies before the X-rays are finished, and the body is sent to the autopsy lab. It's up to Yu-Speight to return the empty cage to the owner, who stares at the ground and thanks her for trying.

YU-SPEIGHT, WHO ATTENDED vet school at Texas A & M, is in charge of the day's emergency service. It's a Sunday, and the hospital has more pets than people; the doctor, clad in blue scrubs, does everything

The animal has a history of aggression, so Yu-Speight fastens a note to the cage. "When I'm feeling better," it says, "I could be just plain grumpy."

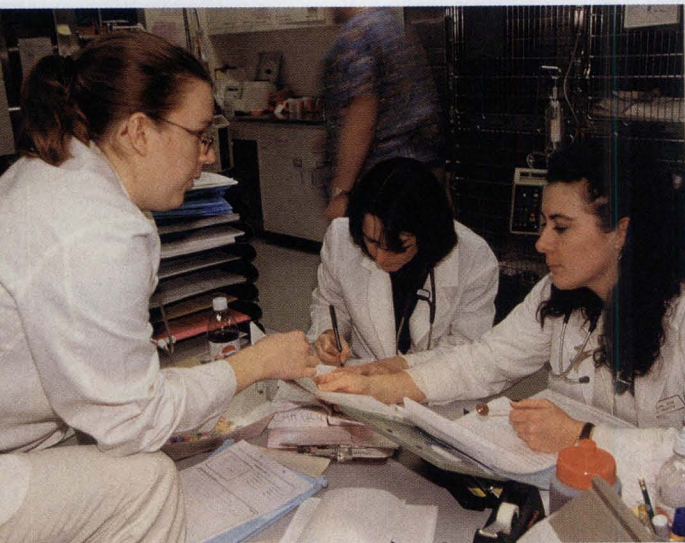
A few minutes later, she consults with third-year Anthony Fischetti '97 about a call from the owners of a seven-year-old sheltie. The dog had chemotherapy four days before and hasn't eaten since. "Oh, boy. Poor baby," Yu-Speight says as she examines the chart. "This dog has extremely severe lymphoma." They decide that there's no point in having the owners drive the dog from Syracuse. "I'm going to tell them to baby her as much as possible," Fischetti says. Then fellow third-year Larry Badalamenti asks Yu-Speight to speak to a Cortland vet whose patient, an eight-year-old cocker spaniel, got sick on Friday and is going downhill fast. Yu-Speight suspects an auto-

immune disease that causes the body to attack its own red blood cells. The family wants an estimate before they agree to come in; Yu-Speight says it should cost about \$1,500.

Meanwhile, Fischetti goes to a hall phone and calls the sheltie's parents. "Sometimes, the owner and the animal need to come to terms with the disease," he tells them gently. "In terms of

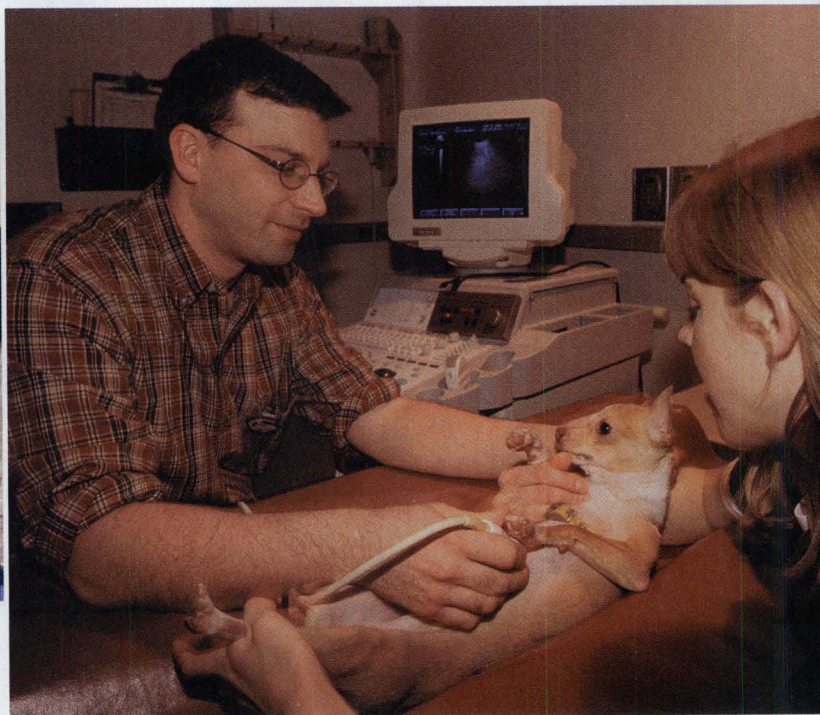
Half an hour later, in the midst of an ice storm, the spaniel arrives with the elderly owner and her three daughters. "Guys, our dog's here," Yu-Speight says, and they rush out to the icy parking lot. Badalamenti forgoes the gurney and carries the forty-pound dog inside, wrapped in a blanket. Fischetti stays with

them, then sits on the only available piece of furniture, a small coffee table. "She's pretty critical. She could arrest at any moment," she tells them, then asks if the dog might have eaten rat poison. The owner says it's impossible. "That's too bad," Yu-Speight says, "because it's the best thing I could hope for." She



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LALLIER, ABOVE LEFT, CONSULTS WITH COLLEAGUES IN THE ICU; RADIOLOGIST DR. PETER SCRIVANI DOES AN ULTRASOUND ON A CHIHUAHUA'S BELLY. THE RECENT RISE OF VETERINARY SPECIALTIES LIKE RADIOLOGY AND ONCOLOGY MIRRORS TRENDS IN HUMAN MEDICINE.



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TLC, I don't think anything can match staying at home. When I describe chemotherapy—I know this is crude—I tell people it's kind of like throwing a grenade into the body. You're killing a lot of cells, good and bad."

When he gets off the phone, Yu-Speight tells him and Badalamenti that the spaniel is coming in. "It sounds like she's really crashing," she says. "I'm going to check on our blood situation."

Fischetti and Badalamenti try to squeeze in dinner in the forty minutes before the dog arrives, and realize they have no singles for the vending machine. "Pizza," Fischetti says.

Badalamenti laughs and shakes his head. "You know if we order it, we're going to get incredibly busy."

"Yeah, well, we've gotta eat. What do you want?"

"No meat," Badalamenti says, and Fischetti goes off to place the call.

the family to take a medical history, while Badalamenti and Yu-Speight rush the dog back to ICU.

"Her mucous membranes are very pale," he says. The dog's temperature is high, 104, and a tech brings in a fan to cool her off. "It's all right, puppy," Badalamenti says as he holds an oxygen mask over her face to help her breathe. "It's all right, sweetie." Yu-Speight gives her a shot of Vitamin K, in case she has liver disease or has ingested rat poison. A tech inserts a catheter in the dog's hind leg, takes a blood sample, and answers the phone. She listens, then turns to Badalamenti. "Tell Anthony your pizza's here." Yu-Speight is shaking a vial of blood. It's not clotting properly. "We need fresh, whole blood," she says, and goes out to talk to the owners.

The four women are sitting in a consultation room, tears in their eyes. Yu-Speight shakes hands with each of

explains the dog's probable condition, known as IMHA. "Honestly, it's not going to be easy. There's nothing simple I can do to stabilize her. She looks quite bad. She could die tonight, despite everything I do. What we're doing is racing, trying to get the blood into her before she destroys so many red blood cells that she can't live anymore."

"Will she ever be well?" the white-haired woman asks. "If she lives, will she have a good life?"

"If we can catch this disease, she might," Yu-Speight says. "I think we need to be aggressive. But if she starts to suffer, we have to stop."

"No, I don't want her to have any discomfort."

"I'm telling you, we're fighting a battle that might be tough to win. We're going uphill."

"I want her to have a chance, but I don't want to be selfish and make her suffer. She's been such a good dog . . ."

"We drove all the way over here,

mom," one of her daughters interjects. "We can't just give up now."

"We can fight all the way, like we do with a person," Yu-Speight says. "But I'm here to give you a choice. You can go either way, and I'll support you."

Yu-Speight offers the family a chance to spend some time alone with the dog, to decide whether or not to treat her aggressively. "This dog worries me," she tells Badalamenti back in ICU. "She could die tonight. I want them to think about euthanasia as an option."

They wheel the cocker spaniel down the hall and into the consultation room. "She looks so much better," the owner says.

Yu-Speight nods. "She's really liking the oxygen."

One of the daughters starts to cry and rushes out of the room, followed by her sister. "You're a good dog," the elderly woman says, petting her and leaning down to kiss her head. "Yes, you are. You're my baby. She's my ears,

you know," she says as Yu-Speight and Badalamenti leave the room. "I can't hear so well, and she barks whenever there's a noise, whenever someone comes to the door."

In the lab, the doctor and her two students look at the dog's blood under a five-headed microscope—and get some good news when they see a number of nascent red blood cells. "There are *lots* of platelets. This is looking a lot like IMHA," she says, ruling out another disease that would have been a death sentence. "This dog's fighting. She's trying like hell to regenerate." She goes back in to tell the family.

"Now, I at least feel like there's some hope," the owner says with a little smile. The new estimate for treatment, including a transfusion from a volunteer blood-donor dog: \$1,800. The woman kisses the dog again, and hands over her Visa.

The issue of euthanasia—the decision to put a swift end to an animal's

suffering—highlights a major contrast between veterinary medicine and its human counterpart. Assisted suicide is still a contentious issue, and MDs don't have the legal option of putting patients out of their misery. But understanding when to halt treatment is a vital, and often excruciating, part of veterinary education. With ever-more-sophisticated treatments available, that line has been pushed back, but it's still there. "We can keep you going a lot longer," says Aspros, "maybe a lot longer than is good for you."

Aspros likens the relationship between vet and client to that of pediatrician and infant. Both doctors see patients who can't communicate verbally; to treat them well, they have to establish a relationship with the caregiver—be it a child's father, or a woman wearing a \$45 sweatshirt that says DOG GRANDMA. "If you're a vet or a pediatrician" says Aspros, "you're taking care of somebody's baby."

Vets and the Human Animal

IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, VETS ARE AS INVOLVED in human health as they are in animal welfare. They monitor food safety, such as the quality of eggs and milk. They serve as expert witnesses in criminal trials. (Cornell veterinary toxicologist Jack Henion was scheduled to testify in the O.J. Simpson trial, but his appearance was cancelled when Judge Lance Ito decided he'd heard enough science.) Cornell researchers are looking at the effect of wild and domestic animals on the New York City watershed. They're studying pets on Native American reservations as "disease sentinels" for cancer and immunological disorders that may be caused by environmental factors. "Their dogs don't smoke. They don't drink. They don't do other risky behaviors," says Cornell vet Rob Gilbert. "That makes them better sentinels than humans are."

For the Bronx Zoo's Tracey McNamara, DVM '82, large numbers of dead crows were a warning sign that a disease could be threatening the exotic bird collection. "It was unusu-

al to have a single species die off like that," McNamara told *Newsweek*. "Something was obviously going on." Sure enough, a bald eagle, a cormorant, a snowy owl, and some flamingoes died. Her tissue dissections indicated an unknown kind of encephalitis. Meanwhile, several elderly people in the New York metropolitan area had been diagnosed with what was assumed to be St. Louis encephalitis. Within weeks, McNamara's work led to the discovery that the West Nile strain of the virus, never before detected in the Americas, was the real culprit. Extensive pesticide spraying halted the outbreak.

Research now being conducted at the Vet school has applications to a host of human diseases, including hepatitis, liver cancer, muscular dystrophy, Lou Gehrig's disease, diabetes, and AIDS. Across campus at the Baker Institute, located atop a knoll near East Hill Plaza, research into canine osteoarthritis could help alleviate human suffering. Work on an animal eye disease may lead to treatments for retinitis pigmentosa in humans. Research into equine fetal health is supported both by horse breeders and the NIH,

since it may offer insight into human pregnancy. "Virtually every project we have has some relevance to human medicine," says Doug Antczak '69, the institute's director, "even though it's rooted in an important veterinary problem."



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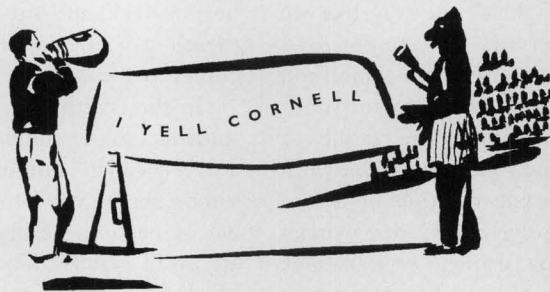
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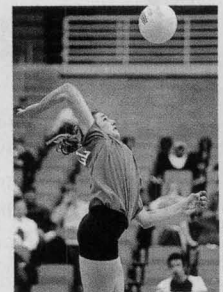
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NIFTY FIFTY The millennium issue of *Sports Illustrated* revealed the magazine's choices for the top fifty athletes from each of the fifty states. The 2,500 choices included three Cornellians: seven-time U.S. tennis singles champion Bill Larned 1894 (New Jersey, number forty), 1951 Wimbledon and Australian champ Dick Savitt '50 (New Jersey, number forty-four), and former Big Red running back Scott Oliaro '92, BS HE '93 (Vermont, number forty-two), who rushed for a school-record 288 yards against Yale in 1990.

SPLENDID SPLENDORIO Following a season in which he caught sixty-five passes for 944 yards and ten touchdowns, wide receiver Joe Splendorio '01 was one of eight unanimous selections to the 1999 All-Ivy football team. Middle linebacker David Pittman '00, who led the Big Red squad with 108 tackles and added five quarterback sacks, was named to the All-Ivy second team, along with strong safety David Caputo '00 (ninety-eight tackles). Center Chris Morosetti '01 and quarterback Ricky Rahne '02 earned an all-league honorable mention nod. Last fall, Rahne set school records for completions (225), attempts (388), yards passing (2,762), and touchdown passes (twenty-five).

MOORE HONORS Middle blocker Robin Moore '01 is the first Cornellian named to the All-Ivy volleyball team since 1995. Last fall, Moore averaged 4.18 kills per game; against Dartmouth, she tied the school mark with thirty-one kills in the match. She later broke the record by recording thirty-two against Colgate. Moore also led the Big Red with 3.66 digs per game and forty-five blocks.



ROBIN MOORE '01

TIM MCKINNEY '83

SOCCER STARS The Big Red men's soccer team had six players earn All-Ivy recognition, including second-team selections: midfielder Richard Stimpson '01, midfielder Nathan Fuller '00, and forward Ted Papadopoulos '02. Stimpson, a native of Cheshire, England, and a three-time All-Ivy honoree, tied the Cornell record with his eighteenth assist in the final game of the year. Goalkeeper Dan Demaine '00, forward Adam Skumawitz '01, and back Adam Brown '01 earned All-Ivy honorable mention. The women's team also had three honorable mention selections: midfielder Miki Agrawal '01, midfielder Sarah Olsen '03, and back Julie DeMichele '02.

REMEMBER MAINE It appeared to be a mismatch on January 4, when the men's hockey team (4-7 at the time) faced off against the University of Maine (13-2-2 and the reigning NCAA champion). But the Big Red surprised the third-ranked Black Bears. Thanks in large part to thirty-eight saves by goalie Matt Underhill '02, Cornell skated to a 2-2 tie in Portland. The visitors actually tallied a third goal on a slap shot by Andrew McNiven '01 that went in under the crossbar and then hit the far post, but the goal light never went on. A check of the game video later revealed the puck did indeed go in, but no video replay is used during regular season games.

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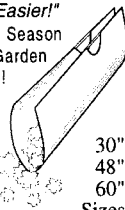
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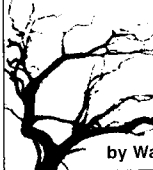


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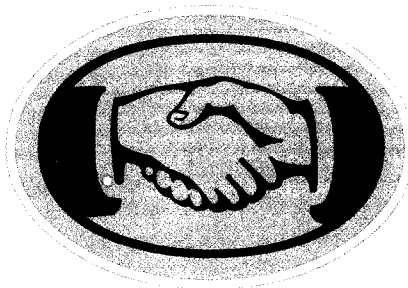
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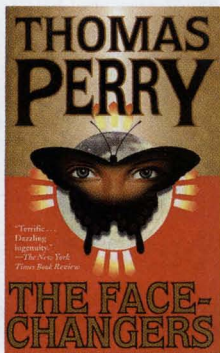
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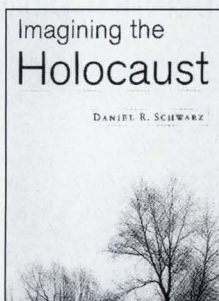
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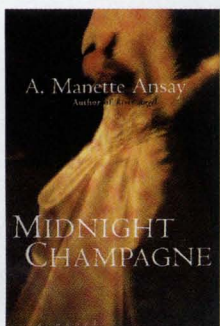
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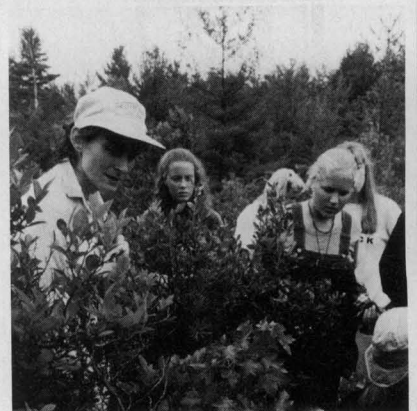
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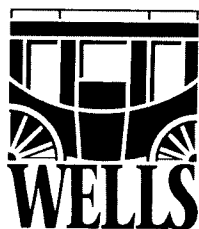
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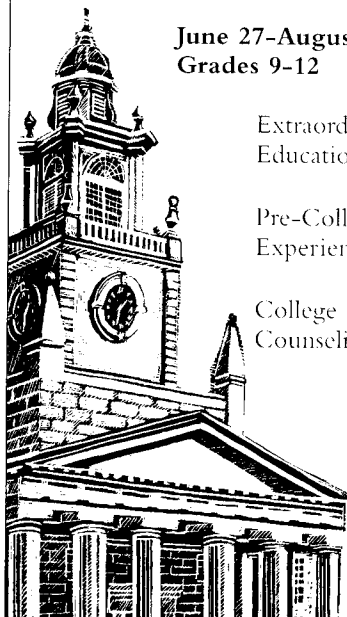
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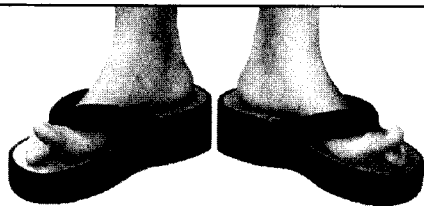
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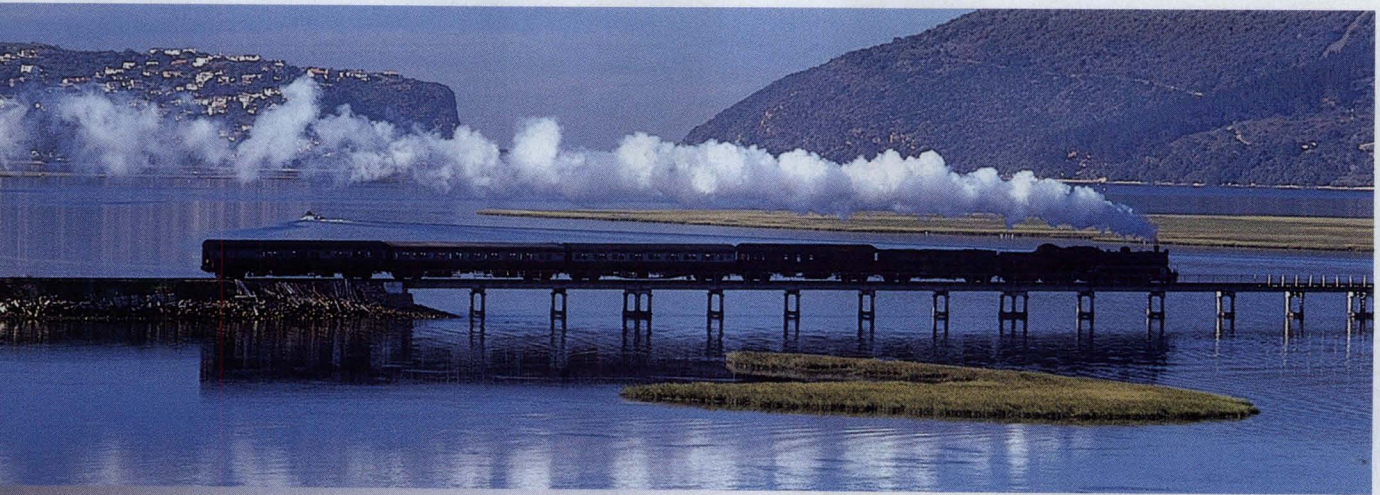
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CLASS NOTES

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Charlotte Beach Owens sent a News form in October, saying that she enjoys good health and stays busy in her social town of Newbury, VT. Her second daughter lives in the next town and they travel together. Charlotte spent most of the years after her husband died living in foreign countries and learning the languages. She concludes by saying, "I've had a great life and lots of fun, and I hope the rest of my classmates are as happy as I am." We received a note from Robert, "kid brother" of Dr. **Marguerite Kingsbury**, MD '30. Robert says that Marguerite is in a nursing home and unable to communicate, but he handles her affairs and makes sure that she is cared for.

Geraldine "Geri" Tremaine Welch says that it has been quite a year, what with moving from one assisted living unit to another in August 1999 and then turning 95 in September. She is very happy in her new residence and sees her good friends often. She sends best wishes to all.

We received news that **Marguerite Hicks** Maher died May 3, '99, after moving to Cape Cod in the fall of 1998 to be near family. **Laoma Z. Byrd** wrote from Washington, DC, that she is relaxing, reading, and enjoying the reflections of good times that her old pictures bring.

Thank you to all who wrote, and please, keep the news coming! ♦ Class of '26, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.

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Bruce Bailey likes to spread the good word about Adult University (CAU) programs. This past summer the CAU segment on "The Theatre and Public Life in Classical Athens" gave Bruce an enjoyable week.

Henry Stiefel, JD '31, whom I knew back in the 1920s, had a great career in corporate finance after his Cornell Law School days. I remember he was involved in post-war Japanese bond issues. Look at those Japanese businesses now!

You wouldn't believe how many years Dr. Martin and **Mary Ridgway** Tinker, MD '32, practiced medicine in this area.

Ted Rochow, PhD '34, wants to be remembered to his classmates. (Everybody in unison: "Hi there, Ted!") He says the old eyes aren't what they used to be.

Myron Fuerst, BS Ag '30, joins us all in

hoping our health will not deteriorate too rapidly!

Still hanging in there, that's my report.

♦ **Don Layton**, 1029 Danby Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Dear Friends, November was a sad month for the women of the Class of '29 as we lost two well-known and well-loved members: **Edith Stenberg** Smith, JD '31, of Floral Park, Long Island, and **Marion Walbancke Smith** of East Rockaway, Long Island. They both died the same week. Edith was hospitalized for a heart condition and Marion suffered a massive stroke. They were both active in alumni affairs and will be greatly missed. I am in touch with Marion's daughters, Nancy of San Antonio, TX, and Carol Jeanne of Philadelphia, PA, both by e-mail. I will have them for dinner this week as they come for the sad job of clearing out the Smith house, where I believe **Wallace '30**, MD '33, lived since he was a boy.

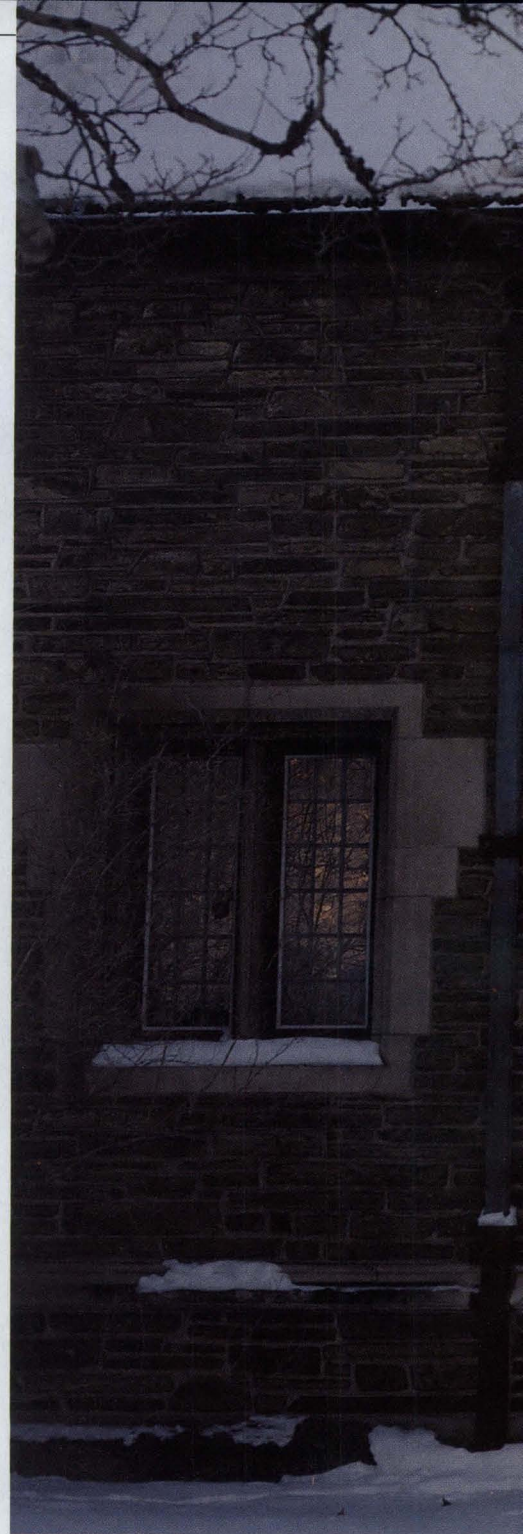
On a lighter note, my daughter Mary Marcia and I visited **Rosalie Cohen** Gay and had a delightful visit. We even sang our class song, "We Came to School Together," which Rosalie composed. Since Ernie died about six months ago, Rosalie sold their lovely home in East Hartford, CT, and now lives in the Glousterbury Health Center, an extremely pleasant facility. I enjoyed a welcome telephone call from Sarasota, FL, from **Ethel Corwin** Ritter. She reported on **Sanford** and **Jo Mills Reis** who live nearby. Ethel sees them regularly. ♦ **Agnes "Tib" Kelly** Saunders, 106 Spencer Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563; e-mail, tib106@aol.com.

REUNION

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Dear Friends, I join my fellow columnists in sorrow at the loss of our guide and adviser, **Elsie McMillan '55**. It will be difficult to fill her place. Now we must go onward, as she would have wanted. Just as I despaired of having anything to say to you, there came a letter from Sonja Watkins Kelly, our program assistant at the alumni office, including all the names of Reunion 2000 responders. These I will pass on to you, and perhaps it will inspire more of you! Those women who wish to attend are **Bernice Morrison** Beaman, **Reine Grace Bobrowe** Blakeslee, MA '31, **Phoebe Parrott** Burdick, **Dora Wagner** Conrath, **Rose Margolin** Fishkin, **Helen Lipschitz** Glick, **Beatrice Ramagli** Pacifico, BA '31, and **Osea Calciolari** Noss, who says, "maybe."

Of the men of '30, we have a slightly



MARJORIE RIEMER SETCHKO '85 SAYS THAT BECAUSE

longer list: **Morris Alpert**, **Fred C. Baker**, PhD '38, **Col. Montie Cone**, **Richard Edwards**, BA '31, **William Harder**, **Ralph Higley**, **Sidney Kaufman**, PhD '34, **Joseph Rose**, JD '33, **Max Rosenn**, **Charles Treman Jr.**, JD '34, **Bill Vanneman** '31, **Morton Weill**, and "maybe" **Stanford Bates**, **Arthur Bernstein**, and **Norman Knipe**.

To those of you who say "cannot," there is time to change your mind! I expect some of these will be bringing (brought by?) attendant companions, which will add up to a pleasant group. If you need addresses to write class-



NICOLA KOUNTOUPES / UP

OF THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSET VIEW OF CAYUGA LAKE, HER OLD ROOM IN SOUTH BAKER HALL WAS HER FAVORITE HANGOUT.

mates, ask either Sonja Watkins Kelly at 626 Thurston, or me.

The holiday season will be long past when you read this, but I wish you a healthy, peaceful year anyway. ❖ **Joyce Porter** Layton, 1029 Danby R.d. Ithaca, NY 14850.

I started to write this in my usual way to “Dear Elsie.” It is still hard to believe the sad news sent to the class correspondents to the effect that **Elsie McMillan '55**, associate editor for class notes, had died on Nov. 12, '99 after a long illness. Elsie was truly the personal contact with Cornell for so many alumni. From

my own experience as a class correspondent, she personally monitored and became acquainted with the class notes submissions of correspondents for review of style and propriety. She would often send clips of publications reporting awards and distinctions of alumni to the pertinent correspondent, and would regularly phone correspondents (like me) who were about to miss a deadline submission date, to give a needed extension which would not interfere with publication.

As the niece of our '30 classmate, the late **Jim Rice**, BS Ag '33, whom she greatly admired, Elsie regularly sent me news items

about Jim for my judgment as to inclusion or non-inclusion. I am sure that Elsie contributed much to the quality that has won *Cornell Magazine* its reputation for superiority among university alumni magazines. ❖ **Ben Cottone**, 1877 Misty Creek Dr., Sarasota, FL 34241; tel. and fax, (941) 926-8755.

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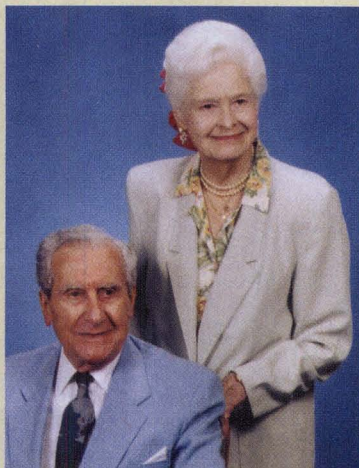
There is so much sadness these days in all of our lives that I try to leave the worst of all news for the Alumni Deaths pages. However, a little while ago I received a phone call that told me all of us in '31 had lost a friend.

Symbolic Value

EMERSON MORAN '31

When Emerson Moran retired from the food technology industry in the late 1970s, he was afflicted with clinical depression. A chance remark about the essential “Jesus nut,” which secures the main rotor system of a helicopter to the drive shaft, inspired his wife, Carolyn, to create a symbolic pendant and tell him of its significance. The object, he says, “reminds people of the power that holds everything together.”

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—Elizabeth Fahey '98

Most of you did not know **Elsie McMillan** '55, but she has served you, all the other readers of this magazine, and all of us class correspondents as the editor through whom flowed the mass of material that you sent to me, to **Bruce Hackstaff** before me, and to hundreds of other class correspondents over these many years. Volumes could be written about her competence and devotion to her job, but it was her kindness and consideration of our problems that made us all love her like a close personal friend, not a cog wheel in the business of our daily lives. Our class columns will go on as usual, but we’ll miss her voice on the phone, and her smile on every visit.

Then, just as I started to draft these notes, in came a letter from **Myrtle** “Toots” **Uetz** Felton (Mrs. William M., 1024 E. Cushmore Rd., Southampton, PA 18966-4113) with clippings of obituaries for **Thorstina Olsen Millane** (Mrs. **John J.** '28) who died on Nov. 20, '99. One clipping, in addition to many other distinctions, noted that Tina “was known for encouraging her family and friends to participate in athletic programs in public schools.” This is in character. Tina was one of our women athletes who would have starred on campus and in intercollegiate competition, if only we had had a Title IX in our day. Women’s athletics was so downplayed in those benighted days that there isn’t even a section for Women’s Athletics in the skimpy women’s pages of our *Comellian*! For shame!

Also, a poignant note came in last June from **Annette Lawson**, notifying us of the death of her husband **Russ**, BA '32, on May 30, '99. The note was on the class “News and Dues” form and was date stamped back in the alumni office on June 5. That note, so soon after the event, must have hurt.

Now, back to more cheerful news from that 1999-2000 News and Dues mailing. **Eleanor Eggleton** Way (Mrs. John H., 124 Scononcoa Cir., Sherrill, NY 13461-1044, “Egg” in the 1931 *Cornellian*), sent in her dues and a news form, but the photocopy I received did not show any news. Anyway, in this case, “No news is good news.”

Tom Kelley (Thomas D., 1190 NE Yeomalt Pt. Dr., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110) wrote: “Since I last saw you, I have had hernia surgery, which was no piece of cake. It left me with my legs bad; hence I had to apply for retirement from the Washington State Bar Assn., which I received on an honorary status for 61 years of service without a complaint against me. That doesn’t put bread on the table, but it is nice. One of my daughters has me working on my ‘reminiscences’ of the twentieth century, or as much as I can recall, including our family’s trip to New York City in 1911, and to the wild and woolly West, when my granduncle asked us to come. He had homesteaded as a wheat rancher in the Palouse country back in 1872.” Tom, when you get this done, a lot of us would like to see it, and

what you can remember about your days on the Hill should go to the Cornell Archives. Keep us posted on your progress.

Dee Hall, MS '41, (Miss Dorothea F., 1190 Amherst St., #128, Buffalo, NY 14216-3624) notes: “This past year I had the help of two cousins in moving into the United Church Home here in Buffalo, shipping all the unneeded furniture to family in Arizona and friends in Connecticut. Now I enjoy a wonderful feeling of freedom from responsibilities, such as shopping, cooking, etc. I keep in touch by phone with **Eleanor Eggleton** Way and **Rosemary Hunt** Todd.” That’s the spirit! Keep it up!

Joe Cuzzi, CE '34, (Joseph N., 251-B Heritage Hills Dr., Somers, NY 10589) writes under Family Events: “Our daughter and son gave me a beautiful 90th birthday party on Dec. 4, '98. About 22 people were there, making it rather a wonderful affair for me and all the family. 90th! WOW!” Under Travel/Vacations he says: “Very limited. My heart attack last July (1998) doesn’t give me much moving around room.” Under Leisure Activities he writes: “Not too much any more,” but under Other he shows the good old '31der spirit: “However, life is wonderful and we enjoy as much of it as we can!”

Ed Riley, MD '41, (Dr. Edward C., 12923 Waterford Cir., Ft. Myers, FL 33919-8006) reports: “In October 1998 we moved to Grand Court, a retirement community where we are provided with three good meals a day and many types of entertainment. What a way to go!” ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088.

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Alice Avery Guest and **Marion Call** Hemmett '34 were roommates in Balch Hall our senior year. Marion visited

Alice in Seattle on Labor Day weekend. Marion was on the West Coast visiting her first great-grandchild, born to her grandson and wife who live in a town close to Seattle. She lives in Rochester, NY, and winters in Florida. Marion and Alice had not seen each other in more than 60 years.

Alice enjoys living in a continuing care retirement community and feels fortunate to be in the independent living area. On Oct. 3, '99, her first great-grandchild, a boy, was born in San Antonio, TX. Her address is: Ida Culver House, 409C, 12501 Greenwood Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98133-8042.

Jessie Lidell Kiefer Duvoir writes that her brother, **Capt. Don A. Lidell** '18, BS Ag '20, was in military service while attending Cornell and returned to graduate with his class in 1918. Jessie’s sister was **Beatrice Ellen Lidell** '24. In 1983, Jessie went on a cruise to China with a group of Organ Club members. At Tokyo they boarded the *Pearl of Scandinavia*. They were bussed from Peking to the Great Wall of China and walked on the wall—a great experience. The cruise continued to Shanghai and Hong Kong for a short spree, and then home to San Francisco.

Jessie recalls that her winter recreation at Cornell was skating on Beebe Lake from 7:00

to 10:00 p.m. Then home to Risley to check in with Miss Seeley, climb three flights of stairs, and study until midnight.

What are some of your memories? Please let me know. ♦ **Martha Travis Houck**, 421 Monroe St., Bridgewater, NJ 08807; tel., (908) 526-7417.

A number of years ago (ten to be exact) Katherine O. Allen, wife of **Raymond R. Allen, DVM '32**, wrote me a note briefly mentioning the activities which kept Ray busy at that time. They were numerous. He didn't find time to write me any news about himself. Now I find a note on his current News and Dues form. It says:

"No special news. Just taking life one day at a time. I have good health, good living, and a good family near me. What more could one ask for?"

The Cornell Class of '32 has a new First Lady, Dorothy L. Walsh and **William E. Mullestein** were married Oct. 13, '99, at Sage Chapel, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

This is a brief report, but my typewriter is in the shop; my word processor is sending unintelligible messages but processes no words; and I am recuperating from a knee replacement. The combination has (temporarily) defeated me. ♦ **James W. Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.



This is the second successive issue for which your secretary has no news. Perhaps the daily business of living in our mid-80s is all-consuming of our time! This is a time when we can insert part of a thank you from our 1933 Cornell Tradition Fellow, **Jonathan L. Adler**, ILR '00, addressed to the Class of 1933:

"Once again I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for the support you have provided through your generous contributions. This is my final year at Cornell, and my fourth year in the Cornell Tradition program. The program, and in particular your contributions, have been invaluable in contributing to my Cornell experience both on and off campus.

"It is hard to believe that this is my final year as an undergraduate; it seems like only yesterday I was living in a U-Hall timidly walking to my first class. As I ponder what lies ahead, I can only be thankful for the many opportunities, friends, and experiences that I have had at Cornell. In addition to finishing up my final coursework, I have taken on two very challenging and rewarding jobs on campus. One job is with the School of Industrial and Labor Relations Office of Career Services. This year I am coordinating a program called WISP, Winter Intersession Program, which matches ILR students over winter break with internships in different fields. In addition, I am doing research for a professor in the ILR extension research department.

"... Again, thank you for your many years of support. I'm not sure that I would be where I am today without the help of the Cornell Tradition and especially people like

yourselves."

Send news NOW. ♦ **Rev. Henry E. Horn**, 49A Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138.



Now that the cold weather has finally arrived, there is less to do outside and more to take care of indoors, so I have no excuse to delay the writing of this column.

At reunion last June I had the opportunity to talk with **Vashti Cromwell McCollum** and found her most interesting. She had written a book about her life and sent me a copy. She has been places and done things that most of us only read or think about, and she is so modest about her accomplishments. She had a case concerning religious freedom taken all the way to the Supreme Court, and she won!

Irene Vandevanter Skinner, BS HE '36, MS '45, has kept busy with family graduations, Glee Club concerts, and also with many church activities. She was in touch with **Florence Moulton Wagstaff** who is in a home in Brasher Falls, NY, and makes aprons for everyone!

Gertrude Murray Squier unfortunately lost her husband **David '39** and wrote of her wedding 61 years ago, which took place in Sage Chapel with the reception in Willard Straight. Pres. Farrand gave them permission to have the chimes play as they walked from Sage to the Straight. What wonderful memories for Gertrude!

Isabel White West is another class member who has written a book—this about her parents. She also paints watercolors for fun, and has joined a life class.

I am so impressed with those of you who have sent back your notes. We have so many years behind us but are still actively participating in the present. Aren't we lucky!

I am saving the rest of your replies for future columns and thank you for sending them in. ♦ **Eleanor "Dickie" Mirsky Bloom**, 463 77th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209-3205; tel., (718) 836-6344.

Richard E. Hosley, Marblehead, MA: "After my retirement from the practice of law as a patent attorney, I moved to Florida where I enjoyed, for many years, living on the beach in Sarasota on Siesta Key. Recently I decided the time had come to move back to Massachusetts to be nearer my family. My address there is 11 Calumet Lane, Marblehead, MA 01945."

Peter A. Miceli, Ft. Lauderdale, FL: "Surviving by a handful of medication. Retired a dozen years ago. Have 13 grandchildren who are helping me use a gifted computer. Soon I hope to be in cyber world 'on line.'"

Irving Taylor, San Rafael, CA: "Am sorry to have missed our 65th Reunion. About four years ago my second eye decided to degenerate at the macula *only* (as the other eye had done six years earlier). Had to give up driving and flying and do my reading, checkwriting, and IRS calculations by means of the "telesensory" (closed circuit television on a small desk where I move the papers by hand, and easily read the 12-inch monitor in

front of my face) machine. To read books, I listen to cassettes furnished for the blind (and partly blind) by our federal government, in green boxes, all postage free. My wife Shirley lives in a nursing home a half-mile away; four children are scattered. I can still play a pretty good game of Ping Pong/table tennis."

Al Lilienthal, Washington, DC: "In the face of age and ill health, managed to finish my play, "The Apostate." On October 30, a dinner was held at the University Club, Washington, for the benefit of the newly established Lilienthal Foundation for Palestinian children and marking my 85th birthday."

Bob Sanborn, Vineyard Haven, MA: "Since my retirement in 1977 as a corporate patent attorney, I have lived in Martha's Vineyard, rebuilding my wooden cruising cutter, *Patience*, and cruising in her on the Maine coast and on the Bay of Fundy. Recently I took up painting again, mostly boats and horses, exhibiting in local art shows and occasionally selling a few pieces. I have lost two sons, the oldest recently, a captain of sea-going tug boats. Their children are doing well carrying on."

Hugh Westfall, Sarasota, FL: "Have lived here in Sarasota since 1956 (43 years). Tired of long winters! Have one son and one daughter; both shocked me recently as they both retired this year. Now living quiet life, plenty of social and volunteer activity. My daughter, Sally Hawkins, accompanied me to our 65th Reunion."

Norman Collyer, Cary, NC: "Sold sweaters at Macy's during Christmas vacations. Started in 1935 with Elwyn E. Seely & Co., consulting engineers, partners—all Cornellians. Secured my NY PE license in 1940. Worked for Turner Construction Co. for a year. Returned to Seely until end of World War II, building Grumman Aircraft on Long Island. For the remainder of my career I contracted installation and rehabilitation of high rise building facades, including the World Trade Building Towers and the Woolworth Building renewal. Retired in 1982. Married to Helen (Rutgers '33) since 1937. Two daughters, **Gale Collyer Keenan '61** and **Linda Collyer Logue '64**. Have traveled to Europe, Egypt, Nigeria, and Venezuela, and visited China at the end of its cultural revolution with a group of speakers from the World Council on Tall Buildings. Now living in Cary, NC, and wish I were back in Florida or New York." ♦ **Karl F. Schmidt**, 4780 Mt. Rose Way, Roseville, CA 95747-8279; tel., (916) 771-4734.

REUNION



As I write this after Thanksgiving, I'm hoping you all will survive the computer-borne exigencies of Y2K! Nobody survives better than we '35ers! At our 60th Reunion 94 classmates attended, of about 250 survivors, a record for the 60th Reunions. Upon reviewing 1999 news notes, the following indicated that they plan to attend our 65th ("if able," etc.): **Ruth Harder Dugan**, **John W. Todd Jr.**, **Joseph A. Romagnola**, **Joseph Cohen**, BArch '36, **Vivian Michael-**

son Goldman, **Frank Wolfsheimer**, **Charles G. Ashe**, BS Ag '36, **Haiman S. Nathan**, **G. Kurt Gudernatsch**, MD '39, **Vivian H. Melass**, PhD '41, **Tevis M. Goldhaft**, DVM '35, **E. Allen Robinson**, **Edward Harker**, JD '37, **Marian Crandon Bohringer**, **Doris Struss Huster**, and our seven class officers, headed by our President, **Albert G. Preston Jr.**

Ralph Janis '66, Adult University (CAU) director, reported that only one classmate attended CAU in 1999: **Ed Harker** with Patricia, who took the class "What Happened to the Missing Link?" with Profs. John Chiment and Kenneth A. R. Kennedy. I was glad to receive a letter from our Treasurer, **Marjorie "Midge" McAdoo Rankin**, saying the highlight of 1999 was a family reunion hosted by her son and wife in Madison, CT, in late August. More than 80 relatives of all ages came from all over the US (even Alaska), including: Midge's brother-in-law **George Craig Rankin '36**, daughter **Janice Rankin Thurlow '69**, nephew **Thomas McAdoo Smith '61**, and niece **Kathryn McAdoo '98**. All had a great time!

E. Allen Robinson, of Bellingham, WA, recommends that we exchange experiences at reunion. He attends his fraternity (Sigma Phi) annual dinner each year in Seattle. John W. Todd Jr. of Sewickley, PA, reported in 1998 that Polly, his wife of 62 years, had Lyme disease. In May 1999 he wrote that she had died after a long, painful illness. Please accept our sincere sympathy. John. John has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He suggests that at our 65th Reunion we consider a regional bus trip as a class. Edward W. Harker of Wilmington, NC, as an ROTC graduate, served five years as an artillery officer, including two years in the Pacific.

Marie Shriver Manson, widow of our classmate **Elmer J.**, BArch '37, MArch '40, of Lansing, MI, has been taking writing classes and is writing a biography of Elmer's life as an architect. **Paula Lucille Bethke** Bateman of Belle Isle, FL, serves on an elementary school committee, takes day trips to historical/environmental sites, and attends nutrition classes at the hospital.

Marian Crandon Bohringer, of Middleburgh, NY, lost her husband Frederick in January 1999 after years of struggle with Parkinson's. She has two children, four grands, and four great-grandchildren, all living near her. Marian hopes to get together with other alumnae at classmate **Catherine Dumond Denton's** in Walton, NY. **Emily Ockenfels Thomas** of Bloomington, IN, widow of **Harley H. Jr. '34**, finds "no time to rock" as a retiree and volunteer church worker. Emily was taking classes in Buddhism to prepare for the Dalai Lama's visit to Bloomington in August 1999. Three times a week she does step aerobics. She plans to visit classmate **Irene Christatos** Warnk in Woodbridge, CT. Emily's two sons are retiring and she has four grandchildren. **Eugene C. Schum** and his wife Mary Louise, of Arlington, VA, have a vacation house in Villafamés, Spain, where he practices his Spanish, French, and German.

They have four daughters, one son, and 16 grandchildren (eight girls, eight boys)!

Doris Struss Huster and husband Frank of Grosse Pointe, MI, are "into" computers so they keep in touch with their children, grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren in California via e-mail. **Dorothy Bonney** Kavasch, of Topham, ME, plays an active role in consulting, planning, marketing, etc., in her retirement community near Bowdoin College, where faculty lectures and cultural programs are available.

Perry D. Slocum and his wife Maggie live in Winter Haven, FL, and Franklin, NC (summer). Although *not* an Ag graduate, he has five US patents on hybrid water lilies and lotuses, and is co-author of *Water Gardening, Water Lilies and Lotus* (Timber Press). He was awarded a Diamond Star for achievements in wildlife photography in 1969 and in 1986 was elected an associate of the Photographic Society of America. Perry and Maggie have six children and 20 grandchildren! As for great-grands, Perry says, "They pop out so often I've lost track of them!" In response to our form's Maiden Name, he replied, "Never had one!"

I regretfully report the news from **Viola Henry Mullane** that our classmate Dr. **Samuel Blackman** of New York City passed away last summer. One of Sam's many alumni services was emceeding our '35 mid-winter dinners in the Bowery. Appropriately, the "Alma Mater" was sung at Sam's memorial service. We will miss him at reunions, which he regularly attended. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife Berenice, an honorary alum! ♦ **Ed Miller**, 10101 Grosvenor Pl., #1515, Rockville, MD 20852; tel., (301) 530-0454.



We recently received an e-mail from **Frank "Bob" Drews** who enjoyed reading the Letter to the Editor from

classmate **Bill Hoyt** in the Nov/Dec '99 issue of *Cornell Magazine*. "As usual," Bob writes, "Bill's modesty is excessive. He was the only member of '36 who knew anything about hockey. In our senior year he was captain of the team." Bob and wife Rita have moved to a local retirement community, William Hill Manor, in Maryland. "We still see the remaining Phi Gams, Ruth and **Howie Heintz**, and **George Dimeling**, whose daughter, Mimi, is now a neighbor and friend, and, of course, Mary **Schultz**, widow of our beloved **Andy**." He also saw **Don Hart**, MME '37, in Florida a year or so ago. Bob's address is 52 Davis Lane, Easton, MD 21601.

Paul E. Deutschman sent news and dues last year from New York City. "After years of non-fiction writing, now (since mid-Seventies) have been concentrating on fiction—which I should have done sixty years ago." Paul's first novel, *The Adipose Complex*, has been published. It is based on his "lifelong addiction" to trying and retrying to lose weight. Paul reports that he is "very well married" and sends news of a successful writer daughter. "Cornell seems a million light-years away," he writes. "I guess I should never have dropped my pre-med studies except that I was

just plain unhappy and ungifted at it. But World War II intervened and got me going as a writer and I'm still trying to figure out where to."

Karen Simmons Burr-Zelle (Albany, OR) writes that husband Jean is in a nursing home and that her health is deteriorating. A crushed vertebra in April kept her close to home in 1998 and additional spinal problems have developed since. "I have a book by Art Linkletter, *Old Age is Not for Sissies*," she writes. "So true!" Karen reads to Jean every day but Wednesday and promised to send more news with her Christmas letter. We look forward to hearing from you, Karen.

Carl M. Edwards winters in Rome, GA, but still makes it to Ithaca each summer. Wife Gertrude (Armbruster) is retired from Cornell's department of nutritional sciences. Another snow bird, **Thomas E. Dixon**, winters in Avon Park, FL, and summers in Norwich, NY. Home is now a retirement park just four miles down the road from his old place. "I became a great-grandfather in October 1998," he writes. Traveling between Palm Beach Gardens, FL (winter), and Floral Park, NY (summer), is **Jules Werner**, DVM '36. He reports that travel is limited to trips of short duration, but he enjoys museums, classical music concerts, and galleries.

John H. Mayer, MD '39, of Kansas City, MO, reports 22 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He winters in Key Biscayne, FL. In 1997 we received dues from **Paul Mattice**, JD '38, in Freehold, NY. "Enjoying Florida and family," writes **Harold Deckinger**, JD '38, from Pompano Beach. "Grandsons in college, all OK." **Enoch Bluestone**, CE '38, also enjoys Florida, but only for six months of the year. He enjoys summers at his home in the Bronx. Keep sending news! ♦ Class of '36, c/o *Cornell Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247.



Mary Keane Brady has retired with her husband, **Edward '41**, MD '44, to Cape Cod, MA, and enjoys the activities of the Cape Cod Cornell Alumni Assn. In January, February, and March, the Bradys are at Marco Island, FL. **Louise McLean** Dunn claims that at this age she is engaging in the activities she really wants to do, such as watching the ascension of 850 hot air balloons during a fiesta, and visiting Bosque del Apache Wild Life Refuge, established by President Roosevelt in 1939. Genealogy, gardening, and bird watching also keep her busy. **Elnor Sisson** Furnival and a friend have been busy working to master a new computer loaded with the *outSPOKEN* program. The friend is visually impaired.

Unfortunately, **Robert L. Hull**, PhD '45, husband of **Jeanne (Bredbenner)**, passed away in February 1999. He had been director of the university's music activities for many years. At the time of his death, he was dean emeritus of the college of fine arts, U. of Arizona, in Tucson, AZ.

Dr. Ludmilla Uher Jenkins has been busy with husband **Irving**, BS Ag '38, attend-

ing seminars, family get-togethers, and maintaining good health regimes to ensure attendance at the 65th Reunion in 2002. **Ruth Mason** Phillips continues to enjoy senior dance groups and recently took a trip to the Black Forest in Europe with a senior hiking group. **Elsie Koehler Fowler** and her husband **Harry '35** go to their Colorado mountain cabin for three months of the year. The family usually gathers there for swimming, fishing, and hiking in the Rockies. Elsie retired from the Pennsylvania Dept. of Welfare after 13 years of service. **Ellen Carnell** Seaburg reports that she has been very active in church activities, the British Club, and the Roanoke Valley Pi Phi Alumnae Club.

For the past 18 years, **Beatrice Moore** Stump has been going to Siesta Key, FL for the winter. She attends the Cornell alumni meetings and luncheons there, and enjoys renewing friendships with classmates. In addition, she is still carrying on the antique business and shop which she and her husband founded 45 years ago. "It keeps me from rusting away," she wrote. **Esther Dillenbeck** Prudden writes that this past year has been a bit rough. She lost her youngest sister in January and her brother-in-law, **Dewitt Castle Kiligas '40** in July. She has been volunteering in the ambulatory surgery unit at the hospital and belongs to the hospital guild, a study club, a camera club, and Daughters of the War of 1812. She also serves as a trustee for the YWCA and organizes travelogues for them. Esther has been attending reunions every year and is looking forward to the 65th in 2002.

Jean Bradley Osborn wrote that her husband and classmate, **Donald C., BA '38**, died last November. She still lives at Camelot Retirement Village where she swims and plays pool and cards. On Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays she visits her children in Texas and Washington, DC. She summers at the Ashberry cottage on Cayuga Lake, visiting her many Ithaca friends. She asks that friends please write to her at 1000 Camelot Dr. #6099, Harlingen, TX 78550.

Having sold the house on Willoughby Lake, **Frances White** McMartin found that her summer experiences underwent quite a change: "It was a great gathering spot for family and friends. I shall miss that and the quiet there." After enjoying Cornell activities at reunion time, she did an Elderhostel trip and shared the hospitality of "21" kitchens, including those of **Eleanor Raynor** Burns, JD '39, **Dottie Bentley** Witherspoon, **Katrina Tanzer** Chubbuck '36, and her own daughter, **Carol McMartin** MacFarlane '66. In Hartford, Fran lunched with **Helena Palmer** Sprague, and in Sarasota she dined with **Mary Pratt** Peterson, who is recovering from a hip replacement. Fran says, "It's good to be home with a bunch of happy memories." ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.

Honoring his many contributions to golf statewide, **George Cohen** received the 1998 Frank H. Sellman Distinguished Service Award of the Massachusetts Golf Assn.

George served nearly 20 years on the MGA executive committee, including terms as secretary and treasurer. The citation states, "He has done more for golf in western Massachusetts than any other individual." George also served as a member of the USGA Sectional Affairs committee for several years. As a player, he was a six-time champion at his home course, Crestview Country Club.

William S. Gavitt is completely retired after 45 years in the banking business. He affirms, with a banker's cautious enthusiasm, that "retirement is strongly recommended." Bill enjoys gardening and antiques. Having a daughter living in Florida provides an incentive to visit the Sunshine State in March.

John W. Rogers, BS AE E '38, has moved to the Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson, OH. He reports, happily, that surgery at the Cleveland Clinic last spring took care of some problems. In the fall, John enjoyed a visit to the Thousand Islands. **Paul R. Scofield**, retired in Clinton, TN, enjoys fishing and reading and recently traveled in Canada.

Bob and Jean **Luburg** spent last August cruising in Penobscot Bay, ME, aboard their

Robert A. Rosevear, 2714 Saratoga Rd., N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.



Our peerless mini-reunion duo, **Bill** and **Elsie Harrington Doolittle**, aver and affirm that preliminary suggestions for the next said bash include such events as a tour, a boat trip (perhaps along the Mississippi), or an ocean cruise. If you have any other ideas, notify them or Prexy **Harry Martien**. Meanwhile, the couple have enjoyed traveling around Lake Michigan and gallivanting around South America.

Jim Rockey, BS Hotel '39, now in Venice, FL, sadly and fondly stirred after hearing of the July death of his Cornell roommate, **Eastman Beers**, a Hotel '38er. The pair had kept in touch over the years while "East" was elected to a couple of public offices in the Finger Lakes area, was active in community good-works, and led representation of more than 100 of the wine country's grape growers.

Dick and Babs **Goodwin** really went back in time after attending the 60th in 1998. They visited his old home town, East Liver-

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sailboat, *Renaissance*. They prudently cut the trip short to get back home to Essex, CT, ahead of hurricane Dennis, which, Bob reports ruefully, turned out to be a "non-event." The big news in the Luburg family is the arrival of the first great-grandchild, Indiana Rich, "Class of 2017."

On a five-week trip in Western Europe, **August**, PhD '50, and **Mary Louise Kehr**, with daughter Janet, visited places and people involved in their genealogical research. They enjoyed having dessert in a house bought in 1675 by August's six-time great-grandfather. A special thrill was an overnight stay in the thirteenth-century Spangenburg Castle, complete with water moats, a drawbridge, and turrets, where, they later learned, a distant ancestor (1470-1523) had been born. At home in Hendersonville, NC, Dr. Kehr hybridizes rhododendrons, azaleas, and magnolias.

Enthusiastic Wilmington, NC, Kiwanian **Robert H. Aranow** has long been active in club projects, but increasing health problems have been limiting his volunteering. Failing vision has meant the loss of his driver's license, so he has reluctantly withdrawn from the Meals on Wheels project. Since reading music is difficult now, he can no longer sing in the church choir. But "Shorty" is still very involved as a counselor in the Terrific Kids program, and loves motivating and rewarding children in that goal-oriented program. ♦

pool, OH, for a high school reunion and the town's anniversary of its founding, in which his ancestor had played a part. Later they toured England, Scotland, and Wales. They included in their tour a British talk show that led to meeting some distant cousins. Then in 1999 they took a flight to Salt Lake City, which served as a base for driving to visit Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier national parks.

How would you like a bluff named after you in perpetuity? No, nothing to do with a poker game, but ask Bill and Elsie Doolittle. Their son Jack, a physicist, has had 20 trips to Antarctica since 1977, when his initial polar assignment was a study of sound waves. While at the jumping-off place for US Antarctic trips, he met the woman who is now his wife and the mother of their three children. Well, the next time you're near the head of Suess Glacier (as you'll recall, it's on the north side of Taylor Valley, Victoria Land), squint over at a large, steep, rock cliff. That's it. Doolittle Bluff, as officially proclaimed by unanimous vote of the US Board of Geographic Names, which, as you know, is mighty choosy about whom it honors thusly. When in less frigid endeavors, Jack (more formally John H.) can be found at the Lockheed Martin Space Physics Laboratory in Palo Alto, CA. He's not a Cornellian, but his advanced degree came from that campus where they say, "Cornell is the

Stanford of the East.”

Ed Lanman of Beaverton, OR, still keeps his hand in with orders of exhaust-piping for watercraft and does some volunteer support with the governmental users of such. **Jim Moyer** says he finally bought a winter hideout (from Ames, “Ioway”) in Ellenton, FL 34222, at 8205 Nancy Lane. He is still golfing, but he says, “I can’t see the ball, so **Ruth (Pierce) ’41**, MS HE ’49, PhD ’69, aims it and I hit it if-and-when.”

Francis Crane writes that he and his wife “continue with excellent health.” One reason for that could be that he runs three miles every other day and downhill skis all winter. Their son **Barclay Crane ’81**, who did a year’s graduate work at Cornell, is the chairman of their business of growing, packing, and shipping apples, pears, and cherries. Yum-yum! ♦ **Fred Hillegas**, Stoneybrook #113, 4700 SW Holslock Cir., Corvallis, OR 97333-1372.

Jean Burr Joy, Skaneateles, NY, reports she’s well and active, with plans for winter trips to Arizona and Montana, where family members live. This past June she attended Cornell’s graduation ceremonies when her granddaughter **Kathleen J. Witter ’99** received her degree from the College of Human Ecology. **Jane Stiles MacRae** and **Duncan**, now residents at The Fairways, Chapel Hill, NC, have had a harrowing year, as the latter suffered severe brain bleeding and resultant surgery. Though it has been slow and difficult, he’s made an amazing recovery, and is now able to drive, golf, and enjoy his many other interests.

Barbara Ives Weeks became a great-grandmother last summer with the advent of Andrew Jeffrey Singer, and planned a Christmas trip to Dallas, where all the family live. **Jean Scheidenhelm Wolff** has finally recovered from the trauma of the sudden death of **Alfred W. ’37** some years ago, and is enjoying an active life at Sea Pines, Hilton Head, GA. When visiting her daughter **Patricia Wolff Schubert ’63** and son-in-law in New Canaan, CT, Jean frequently reunites with ex-roommate **Priscilla Benner Pilcher**. Jean recently re-

about the campus!

Ruth Drake Hayford is living in a senior citizen’s home in Chestnut Ridge, NY, not far from the Bear Mt. bridge, and says the welcome mat is always out for visitors! Among **Ruth Lowry Lee**’s happiest college memories is walking across campus on the first day of exams and hearing the chimesmaster playing “Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?” **Grace Ballard** Lotspeich, BA ’39, reported the death of her husband Edgar last February. She continues to spend the winter months in their Florida home, but summers at Walloon Lake in Michigan. A recent family reunion there included all four of her children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren! ♦ **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. 2nd St., Lewiston, NY 14092.



The spring of 1999 found our classmates taking advantage of Adult University (CAU) tours: **Dan** and **Nancy Kops** to the ancient Mediterranean aboard *Song of Flower*, and **Frank** and **Janice Reese** on a study tour of Germany. **W. Harry Johns Jr.**, BS AE M ’40, is back from six months in Sweden. With the help of sea level oxygen there he corrected his walking gait. Probably by now he is back roller blading. He finds himself a true Nordic and promises never to venture again south of Aspen, CO. No fear to those of you down south!

We regret to report the passing of **Jack Caddick**, MS Ag ’47, and **Owen Klepper**, who lost a battle with cancer and Lyme disease. Owen will be remembered as a marketing communications specialist. Among other things, **Gene Gerberg**, MS ’41, is now an honorary member of the Entomological Society of America and the American Mosquito Control Assn. Last year he was chosen to go to the island of St. Vincent to advise on a critical insect problem.

Recent CAU participants include **John Knower**, **William Hutchinson**, **Walter Baum**, and **Dan Kops**, together with their spouses. **Helen Muller** reports that **Mark** is le-

away from reunion, he is eagerly looking forward to our 65th. He is still semi-active in the real estate and development business with two of his sons but takes time off during the winter season to enjoy their Hilton Head townhouse where he frequently sees **John Present**, Chem E ’40, who also lives there.

From **Bob Mann** and many others comes word that our 60th was really fabulous. **Whitney Irish** and Betty recently visited **Jarvis Robinson** and Trudy. Although restricted because of Parkinson’s disease, Jarvis was in good spirits and would enjoy hearing from his classmates at 709 Ballinger Dr., Shrewsbury, PA 17361. Still glowing and growing strong, **Herman Hegyi**, always the optimist, has invited all those attending his 85th birthday to be back again for his 90th. He continues to share his musical talents with various jazz and bluegrass bands, taking along his trusty harmonica.

John Hull reports the passing of classmate and close friend **Eugene Batchelar** this past summer. Following the memorial service John and Astrid had a pleasant weekend with **Edwin “Bud” Weeks**, BS AE M ’40, whom John had not seen for 60 years. In February they plan to go to Montevideo to brush up on their Spanish. **Lawrence Halprin**, a landscape architect in San Francisco, whose work helped shape modern landscape, is the winner of this year’s Distinguished Alumni in the Arts award. Lawrence, who is best known for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, DC, received his degree in Plant Science.

Tidbit: Will power is the ability to eat one salted peanut. ♦ **Russ Martin**, 29 Janivar Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

It will be spring when you read this column, although I am writing in December and waiting for real winter weather. Thank you for sending your news. I am very grateful but greedy—I need lots more, please.

Margaret Pearce Stark sent news of the Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve Assn. in New Hope, PA. Both she and **Ollie** work with the human resources committee. Recently Ollie was awarded recognition for his five-year service.

Miriam Woodhull Acker said her proudest achievement this year was writing a memoir for her family: “A big job, but well worth it!” Her family, including grandchildren, enjoyed a western Caribbean cruise together at Christmas 1998.

Dalphine MacMillan wrote that she travels a lot but also works (for free) three days a week. She was among the first WAVES of World War II, served from 1942, and then moved to the Judge Advocates Office in 1966 for another 16 years. She retired with the rank of commander, practiced law in Fort Myers, FL, for eight years, and now does volunteer work for the Social Security Office. She has been to Australia several times, hoping to trace Irish ancestors who emigrated during the Irish potato famine.

In April **Jean Pettit** Lentz flew to Washington, DC, for her eldest daughter’s show of oil paintings at the Fisher Gallery. Jean is still doing oil portraits and lead glass works and

“I’ve just taken my 16 billionth (my conservative estimate) counted cross stitch.”

DORIS WEBER CLEMENTS ’41

turned from the maiden voyage of the Radisson ship *7-Seas Navigator*, visiting France, Spain, Italy, and various islands.

After the sudden death of her husband **Merritt Means ’40** in 1996, **Laura Smith Means** Doan moved back to her birthplace in New Woodstock, NY. In 1999 she married Bill Doan, an electrician from Long Island, and they are now living in Sheds, not far from Ithaca, where her son lives. She’s a frequent visitor and loves the Plantations particularly, though she has a hard time finding her way

gally blind, but they thoroughly enjoyed reunion and feel thankful for what they have, including their six grandchildren and a happy 55 years of marriage. **George “Doc” Abraham** and **Katy (Mehlenbacher) ’43**, BS Ag ’69, were recently inducted into the Garden Writers’ Assn. of America Hall of Fame. In addition to writing their column, “The Green Thumb,” for the past 48 years, they are heavily involved in community outreach through Rotary and as literary volunteers. Although a hip replacement operation kept **John Ogden**

studying the organ.

Faith Edgerton Riesen, MA '40, now lives in Reno, NV, near her daughter. She is active in AAUW and has a fascinating hobby: "I have just been elected to the board of the Reno Gem and Mineral Society, and I am a life member of the San Francisco one in which I was active for 30 years." She is also involved with antiques and collectibles and enjoys her four grandchildren and three great-grandsons. It all makes for a full life.

Since **Ella Thompson** Wright, MA '41, relinquished this column, she has been busy planning for her daughter's future. Cathy, now 48, will move into her first "home away from home," a group home for the handicapped, in January 2000. It's a big step for Cathy, and for her parents, and we hope it will be a happy experience for all.

Our Class of 1939 Cornell Tradition Fellow, **Wendy Batiste** '00, sent the class a lovely note saying, "You have helped me in a way that many others could not. I truly appreciate that and hope to meet you someday." She hopes to help other students in the future in the way the class has helped her. We wish her great success in her studies.

Rose Quackenbush Frangella wrote that **Louise King** Eisen passed away on Aug. 4, '99 in Naples, FL. We send sincere sympathy to her family.

A final note: On Homecoming Day, Nov. 6, '99, a large crowd gathered around the Libe Tower to help celebrate the rededication of the Cornell chimes. Former chimesmasters from all over the country gathered with alumni, faculty, administrators, students, and townspeople to welcome back the bells, which had spent the last year in Ohio being returned for the first time in their long history. A grad student, **Damon Lee**, had written a piece for chimes and brass, called "Resound." When the 21 bells rang out across the campus in concert with 16 brass instruments, it was thrilling!

❖ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-6357.

REUNION

40 We have just enjoyed another lovely day in mid-December. I spent a few hours on my hill pruning some old evergreens to make up a large wreath for the front door. At the same time I'm thinking of reunion and I am thankful to three classmates who collected up-to-date news during those three days in June. They are: **Marian Baillie** Eyerly, **Priscilla Coffin** Baxter, BS HE '41, and **John Weiner**, BA '41.

Many already know of the death of **De-West Hooker** from cancer in September. For 15 years he was owner and president of Independent Refining Coop, a Washington oil brokerage firm. Earlier he owned and managed a 7-Up franchise in northern Italy. His contributions to class activities were many and varied, including serving as president of Student Council, a "BHOM." A couple more deaths to report: **Henry Moran**, who lived in Syracuse; **David Roe** of Corning, in August; also **Harry Copeland Jr.** of NYC.

We heard from **Jim Rice** and his wife

Leila last fall. We expected them to visit us in Hartford to see Floyd's Mill and my trees. Floyd still has a Christmas tree farm, while mine are mostly changing to a woodlot. Illness kept the Rices at home but we hope to see them at reunion. Heard from **Dorothy B. Corlis** of Medina. She serves on the Peace and Justice committee of the Genesee Presbytery and enjoys Genesee-Orleans Cornell alumni. She attended Adult University (CAU) in August and took "Famous American Trials" with **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**. Teresita Del Valle, the daughter of **Juan M. Bertran**, MD '44, was enrolled in an exploration seminar on intro to architecture at the 1998 Cornell Summer College program.

A few new addresses to report: After 35 years, **Ellen Ford** has left her apartment in Arlington to move to a retirement residence in Winchester, VA, at 300 Westminster-Canterbury Dr., #416. **Mary Savage** Kyle has moved closer to her two youngest sons in Northfield, VT, to 406 Court St., #103. She is the last living member of the four Savage girls, all CU: '32, '34, '40, and '42. Their grandfather's farm is now part of Cornell. Mary can still drive and plans to get to reunion.

Roy Dietrich has left Stratford, CT, for a total care retirement facility run by Marriott. Address: 122 Palmers Hill Rd., Edgehill, Apt. 3309 in Stamford, CT. His health is OK, but the knees are hurting. He can still break 100 for 18. **Harriet Gunning** left Massachusetts a while ago, and lives in Trumansburg, NY, PO Box 507. She joined a senior citizen walking group known as The Trumansburg Trotters, since they walk the fairgrounds race track! She also has interest in the Ulysses Historical Society.

John Thatcher and his wife Doris, from Toms River, NJ, enjoy the company of their four-footed family members, two Welsh corgis, Emmy Lou and Ginger. John sings tenor solo in the Methodist Church—shades of the old Cornell Glee Club. He also does some recruiting locally. Hope to see you all at reunion THIS June. ❖ **Carol Clark**, PO Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.



41 Col. **David Longacre**, BS Ag '42, moved into Carolina Trace in Sanford, NC, where a 300-acre lake allows him to scull. It brings back memories of Cornell crew. He married Betty Donnett last August and they are slowly merging two households into one. David looks forward to our 60th Reunion. **Joseph Hilzer** is saddened by the death of his wife, **Doris (Benjamin) '42**. **Sidney Rubin** spent ten days in Beijing, China. He found the people to be very kind and polite. The city has severe traffic problems. Most ride bikes. Sidney had plans to take another trip there in 1999. **Fred** and **Mary Rosekrans** have worked as boardwalk naturalists at Corkscrew Swamp in Audubon sanctuary in southwest Florida for 11 years. They were happy to be invited by their daughter, Julia, a physician at the Mayo Clinic, for a ten-day trip to Costa Rica. That region has many birds, bromeliads, and orchids. Their traveling

was done in an air-conditioned bus. Their first visit was through a national forest tram from which Fred took many pictures.

From Honolulu **Robert M. Lowe**, BA '46, writes, "It suddenly occurred to me that since I am now 80 years old and this year will be our 50th anniversary, I may soon leave my real estate business."

Brief message from **Adolph Wichman**: "Good health, lots of golf and travel." **Tom Shreve** lost his wife, Betty. He misses her very much. They were married 45 years.

Don Robinson, MS '54, and wife, **Thelma (Drake) '42**, live six months in Castile, NY, and six months in Leesburg, FL. They see **Francis S. "Bill" Reed**, BA '42, **John Borst**, and **Evelyn Opdyke** Mueller, **Hartley Martin**, MS Ag '54, and **Harold P. Scheffler**. **Sid Slocum** plays golf three or four times a week. His four children have produced 14 grandchildren, resulting in five great-grandchildren so far! He looks forward to his 60th. **George Potekhen** retired in 1985. He plans to move to Laughlin, Nevada. "No more cruising. I'm feeling my age."

Hartley Martin's summer address is Fulton County, Northville, NY; the 100-year-old home is on Sacandaga Lake. Minor heart and sugar problems have slowed down his golf. He recently became a grandparent to twins, a girl and boy. **Robert Goldfarb** is still active as a Hollywood literary agent and also assists his wife, who publishes to teach English as a second language. They make mini-vacations out of trips to teachers' conferences in the US, Mexico, and Canada, and they planned to take their summer vacation in Spain.

Gerard Clarke is a man of various skills. After retiring from the Army he made penicillin at Pfizer, 1945-48; made Pabst Beer, 1949-61; taught high school, 1961-81; and repaired antique furniture for the next ten years. He now gardens, invests, travels, babysits grandchildren, and, of all things, he slows down at age 80!

Walt Matuszak, DVM '43, claims he is still trying to play golf but not getting any better. **John W. "Jack" Kruse**, BArch '42, is in assisted living because of dementia. He would love to hear from old friends: 161 Eleanor Dr., Woodside, CA 94062. **Domenic Mazza** lives at 5176 Willow Links, Sarasota, FL 34235. **Jim Van Arsdale** spent three months in Jamaica. He and wife **Suzanne (Jameson) '46**, BS HE '45, have 12 grandchildren. Jim often plays tennis.

Our class has a winning sailor year after year. **L. Ashton Hough** was the navigator in a yacht race from Daytona Beach, FL, to Bermuda. His boat *Obsession* finished first and he received a Rolex watch for being navigator. He is in good health and still weighs 140 pounds. ❖ **Ralph E. Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., Apt. 408, Richmond, VA 23225.

With heavy heart I type this column. When I take it to *Cornell Magazine* for the December 15 deadline, my friend and mentor, Associate Editor **Elsie McMillan '55** will not be there. Elsie died in Ithaca on November 12. She had

given me guidance and encouragement since I took on the '41 Women's news in the fall of 1997. I enjoyed meeting with this wise and generous woman, a third-generation Cornellian who was steeped in Cornell lore.

Ruth Marshall Kibbey reports from Tuscaloosa, AL, that she is doing volunteer work at the U. of Alabama and also for her church. She enjoys walking in the university arboretum and accomplishes lots of gardening.

Sympathy goes to classmate **Catherine Dunham** Neuhauser, whose son Jess B. Neuhauser III came out of remission and died Feb. 26, '99. Together they carried on the successful tax accounting practice started by her husband. On a limited level she is still running the Major Pelham Hotel, in Pelham, GA.

"I've just taken my 16 billionth (my conservative estimate) counted cross stitch," relates **Doris Weber Clements**, widow of **Charles N. '42**. According to her, she lives a reasonably quiet life, enjoying friends and family at her Liberty, NY, home and in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Florida. Her Number 1 grandson attends Mt. Saint Mary College and grandson Number 2 will graduate from high school in 2000. She says, "My granddaughter has presented me with three great-grandchildren. Delightful!"

Raymond R. and Margaret Wood Simpson, BS Nurs '43, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in October 1998. Margaret took a five-year course and graduated from the School of Nursing in New York City. She was at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY, and also had private patients before three daughters were born. Now the Simpsons enjoy eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Over many years both have been active members of the United Presbyterian Church in York, PA. Their volunteer areas include York Fire Dept., Farm Bureau, American Red Cross, Cancer Society, and social services.

Dale Kuntz Galston has retired from Clifford Beers Guidance Clinic after 30 years as staff psychologist. This news came from her husband, **Arthur W '40**, who teaches bioethics courses and seminars at Yale as a post retirement career. Their recent travels have been to Greece, Israel, and Block Island, RI.

Alexander Yaxis '39, BS Ag '40, of Amityville, NY, wrote a moving tribute to his wife, **Violet (Schulke)**, who died in June 1998. Married nearly 52 years, they both enjoyed their class reunions. She was an accomplished organist, an active gardener, and a seamstress. She helped build a 28-foot auxiliary sailboat which they sailed for 39 years, traveling to the islands of the Caribbean many winters. ♦ **Jane Webb** Acton, 459 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.



Treasurer **Liz Schlamm Eddy** (New York City) and I had a super time on the *QE2* Big Band Cruise. Ray Anthony looks about 50 and his band is great. We found out how the Panama Canal works, and we toured Cartagena, Colombia, a very interesting city in a country that produces 90 per-

cent of the world's cocaine. We spent the day there, returned to the *QE2*, and disembarked in Miami, all without having our bags checked! A Big Band Cruise on the SS *Nonway* takes place after Thanksgiving (Nov. 25) to Dec. 2, 2000.

Myron S. Lewis, JD '47, (Brig. Gen. AUS, Retired) hastens to let us know he is not retired from his law practice but does spend much time traveling with his new bride, Marcia, from Nova Scotia to Bermuda, as well as Ireland, San Jose, Florida, Washington, DC, and Boston. **Jean (Fenton)** and **Art Potter** (Washington, CT) continued their active life by taking a Tour of Remembrance with Art's 89th Div. from World War II. They began in Paris, toured Normandy, Rouen, Reims, and battlefields in Germany, including Zwickau, and ended in Munich. They called it "a moving and unbelievable experience." They're on a Mediterranean cruise as you read this.

Melva Weidemann Ribe moved to Linton Falls, NJ, to be near her daughter and twin grands. She will visit her son, a former Yale geophysics professor, in Paris, where he and his wife have taken positions at the Inst. for Geophysics. **Roger Thesier**, BS Ag '47, (San Francisco, CA), a long-time fiddler, was inducted into the Fiddlers Hall of Fame at Cedar Pines in Osceola, where he served on the board of trustees. He studied violin-making at the U. of New Hampshire and has made many, including one for Ellie, his wife of ten years. One of the founders of the Oswego Valley Fiddlers, he taught violin and repaired them. Now retired, he is working on a book on accelerating the growth of hardwood.

The highlight of Liz Eddy's meeting with the CU Council and Trustees in Ithaca was getting to know **Hawley Scott's** grandson, **Andrew Scott '01**, recipient of our Class Scholarship. Andrew was the first to attend the reception held to bring donors and recipients together. An Archeology major, he went on a summer dig in Cyprus. A DKE, he sings tenor with the *a capella* group "Class Notes" which we have all heard at reunion. Liz enjoyed her weekend, especially Cornell's exciting football victory over Harvard. **Pete** and **Mickey Wolff** (Lake Forest, IL) did as well. CU invited all living football captains for the weekend and Pete was the oldest of the more than 30 who attended. They were introduced at the game and dined and celebrated with the 1999 Team. **Will Templeton** (Oceanside, CA) attended a similar weekend for the '38-40 Teams.

Allice Brand Rabson (Gainesville, FL) served in the Peace Corps in the Marshall Islands from '86-88 after retiring. She is a licensed counselor for the indigent and those with life problems, and continues as a volunteer. She swims 30 laps daily, visits her sister in Japan, and sees neighbor **Gene Gerberg '39**. Her son is in Japan on a Fulbright and her daughter is a famous blues pianist, singer, and composer with "Saffire." Alice enjoys two grands and a great-grand.

In *Sports Illustrated* Rick Reilly picked as the Classiest Act of the twentieth century the undefeated '40 team's giving back their victory over Dartmouth when films proved the illegal

"fifth" down. The Crassest Act was Colorado's '90 team's refusal to do the same when they had a similar victory. *SI* published a letter from me encouraging Colorado to follow Cornell's example rather than live forever in infamy, as seems now to have come to pass.

Remembering Frosh Camp, September 1938, **Ken Hubbard**, BS Ag '48 (Ft. Myers, FL) equates the hurricane conditions which came then, with no advance notice, with present disasters. A river surged through the tents where the '42ers huddled for protection. It was weeks before he shook off the cold bug. His first year he worked for his room, waited table for meals at the ZBT House, and held down a NYA job. Never got to play his banjo. Ken recalls it as a "great experience" even though he never got acquainted with other camp guys. Now's his chance to relive these "exciting" days at the '42 website.

The beat goes on as we discover that **John Hickenlooper**, who passed away in 1960, was a pal of **Kurt Vonnegut '44**. At Vonnegut's request, John Hickenlooper Jr., owner of Wynkoop Brewing Co., Denver, CO, brewed a special coffee-laced lager which he named "Kurt's Mile-High Malt" to commemorate Kurt's upcoming silkscreen exhibition. Vonnegut's grandfather won a gold medal in Paris for just such a Dortmund-style lager. Hickenlooper's son learned much about his Dad from Vonnegut. One of Kurt's wisdoms: "Even if one didn't paint or write, everyone should dance."

Bob Dame (Kailua, HI) is setting records and becoming famous as the "Hitchhiking Senior." He cannot explain his ability to get "picked up" by young ladies on his way to volunteering at the Contemporary Museum.

Sadly, **Bill Webster** (Little Rock, AR) reports the passing of his son, Michael. Bill also lost his brother, Jack. Please accept our condolences. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 2933 76th SE #13D, Mercer Island, WA 98040; tel., (206) 232-9032; e-mail, ceefinn@juno.com.



Rosemary Williams Wilson and husband **Phil '42**, MS Ag '53, participated in their ninth Oxford study tour on art and architecture in May/June. Their granddaughter, **Carol A. Wilhelm '99**, a fourth-generation Cornellian, graduated in May with degrees in art history and fine arts.

Barbara Wahl Kaufman Cate writes that she has had the requisite number of husbands, children, and grandkids. She's a professor of art history and director of the MA program at Seton Hall U. in New Jersey. She keeps a motorcycle in Munich and took it to the Gorge du Tarn in France in June. She admits to celebrating the "double-7 birthday" and is wondering "why they call this old age."

Edy (Newman) and **Joe Weinberger '42** have another fourth-generation Cornellian, **Alissa Tofias '03**, who joins her brother **Michael '00**. Granddaughter Jodi Siegel (Skidmore '96) married Edward Sharon in July.

This fall **Caroline Norfleet** Church attended the dedication of a new trail and obser-

vation at the Plantations, given by **Barbara Babcock Payne '39**, MA '70, and family in memory of her son **Edward Babcock Hirshfeld, MBA, JD '76**. **Susannah Krehbiel** Horger, MD '47, lost Eugene, her husband of 52 years, due to a massive stroke in April. Eugene graduated from Duke U. medical school in 1943. After his service in the Korean War, he was affiliated with New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

Willard Ledding reports that **Eugenia (McCrea)** died Sept. 21, '99. She was active in Cornell affairs and in recruiting students (especially minorities). She was also on the Cornell Council. **Jean Warner Whiting** died Aug. 12, '99, per a brief notice from husband **Bill '42**. **Don Bundy '42**, BS AE C '43, widower of **Laura "Betty" (Sigman)**, wrote that **Jeannette Treiber** Kurtz, who lives in the state of Washington, visited Betty for the first time in 50 years a few weeks before she died.

And the beat goes on, gang. ♦ **Helene Neutze** Alles, 15 Oak Ridge Dr., Haddonfield, NJ 08033.

You will have read in an earlier issue of the death of **Elsie McMillan '55**, my editor for those many years, and one of my favorite people on this earth. Her last note, copied to **Roy Unger** whose e-mail address is rbrownu, ended: "Doesn't it seem strange to you that Roy's address contains the name of a rival Ivy institution?"

This from **Robert S. Gordon**: "Continue to maintain an active practice in internal medicine in New Haven. Have six children, four of whom are physicians. **Stuart '83**, our youngest, graduated in '82. Seventeen grandchildren; oldest now applying to college. Number one choice: Cornell." Bob didn't sire no dummies.

While traveling from Los Angeles (where our grandson was doing play-by-play for a UCLA-Lady Vols basketball game) to San Diego (where our middle daughter lives), I stopped in Santa Ana to see **Don Yust, JD '44**. We reminisced about our days as hall-mates in Boldt and wondered if any undergraduate today knows the luxury of a single dorm room. Then we reminisced some more, about our 50th Reunion and the delightful little picnic we had in Enfield Glen, to me the loveliest and most serene spot in the world.

Update: Annabelle, daughter of Keren and **Gene Saks**, has been accepted for A&S early admission, and already a building has been named in her honor.

Recently **Robert D. Ladd** received the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Award to Outstanding Alumni. Active in business development and technology transfer to the military and intelligence community, and in international markets, Bob has founded four high tech companies, has served three terms on the Cornell Council, and is presently president of Haverhill International Ltd. He is the third classmate so honored, joining such stalwarts as **Bernie Potter**, trustee emeritus, and **Bob Baker**, who, you will remember if you've visited this column over the past 50 years, invented the chicken.

Traveling to Moscow State U. last fall, **Bill Leuchtenberg** delivered the inaugural address at the opening of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Foundation for the Study of the United States. He also lectured on "The Twentieth Century American Presidency: from McKinley to Clinton"; met with Russia's foremost pollster Vyacheslav Nikonov, grandson of V.I. Molotov; and was interviewed at the Duma, the elected house of the Russian Parliament, by the widely read columnist, Victor Gribachev. (In submitting this column, I'm supposed to put NC after the name of non-Cornellians so that the good folk in Ithaca don't go ape searching through the alumni files. Note there's only one CU grad here. Find him.)

Phyllis Dittman McClellan's name, if you can remember as far back as the December column, is engraved on a brand new McGraw Tower bell, gift of the Class of '43. She very kindly wrote a vivid report on the rites and rituals and the emotions invoked on the occasion of the installation of the new bells and the dedication of the refurbished tower. Wish we had room for it. This will have to serve: "The honor my class has bestowed is overwhelming, touching, and more appreciated than I can ever put into words. Somebody asked me that day whether I ever dreamed, when I went out for the Chimes competition, that it could come to such notice and such honor; my answer was no, I just wanted to ring those bells."

♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.



Y2K is well under way and 55th Reunion a cherished memory, yet some '44s are still working—for money. **Sigmund Hoffman**, MFS '48, represents Bell Aromatics, selling specialty chemicals to the flavor and fragrance industries. His wife **Serena Ginsberg '47**, MA '48, is a senior production editor of college social studies texts at Prentice Hall. Sig boasts a marriage of 53 years which produced four girls and two boys (one, **David M. Hoffman '76**) and seven grandchildren. The Hoffmans enjoy travel, and Adult University (CAU) programs especially. **Aaron Waldman** works full-time as a senior staff engineer for Kulite Semiconductor Products, Leonia, NJ, a high tech company that designs and measures pressure transducers. These devices, which produce an outright voltage proportional to pressure, are used in the engines and air conditioning systems of aircraft. **Alfred Richley**, BS Ag '46, says his son **Tim '77** keeps him busy in the landscape business ("nice to know one is needed"). He also enjoys 102nd Infantry Division activities with an "all that's left group."

Howard Evans, PhD '50, an honorary member of the Japanese Assn. of Veterinary Anatomists, wrote a book on dog anatomy, now in its fifth edition. Last summer he gave a CAU natural history course. **Margaret McCaffrey** Kappa reported a 16th season as a consultant at Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, now offering 343 rooms (200 at opening in 1987—guess she was on board in the planning

stages). She calls the setting "heaven on earth, an enchanting island where no cars are allowed." **Barbara Gans** Gallant writes, "I'm still busy lobbying our state legislature on behalf of K-12 public education. They are busy doing lots of harm. It's much safer when they are not in session." Her big effort is working with the Chamber of Commerce to entice new companies to settle in Gainesville. The companies are needed to provide living wage jobs, thereby encouraging kids to stay in school until graduation. Barbara's three children and four grands have the advantage of living around New York City and Atlanta.

Most of us volunteer for good causes but don't give specific words about what "charity work" we do. Here are some who gave details. **Norma Hirshon Schatz**, BA '43, is an active member of the Connecticut Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Prevent Child Abuse, Connecticut Teen Pregnancy Prevention Council, and Connecticut Voices for Children. At home in Avon, CT, and in Sarasota, FL, she uses the internet to keep up and contribute as needed. She and husband **Michael '41**, LLB '42, like to travel. **William Calvert** of Clinton, CT, spent 13 years on the planning and zoning commission and six years on the school board. Recently reelected to the school board, he reports a 55th wedding anniversary and a family of three sons, 13 grands, and one great-grand. **William Swain**, BEE '43, says he runs Wm. H. Swain Co., www.Swainmeter.com, and invents (what?) while wife Constance helps run the Sarasota Council of Concern. Council activities include teaching English to immigrants, providing layettes for needy mothers, and giving swimming lessons to hundreds of second graders. The Swains have three sons and a daughter and five grands.

Naomi Zion Schulman spent 25 years working in Stanford's Computer Systems Lab. Now a volunteer, she teaches English to foreign adults and is mentoring an 11-year-old Mexican girl assigned by Friends For Youth. **Ruth Aronson** Singer, BA '43, finally retired after 20 years with the San Diego County Conservatorship office but "could not stay away from mental health." She now volunteers at a nearby VA hospital and spends more time with her three grown children and one granddaughter. Another Californian, **Harold Sheble** of Coronado, retired from SCORE SBA counseling but continues to serve as a deacon in the Graham Memorial Church. He writes, "am computer illiterate with a skyrocketing golf handicap (join the group). I really am old!" However, he cruised the Panama Canal last fall and has a new black Lab puppy to keep him running. **Jane Knight** Knott

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serves on several committees of the Fort Lewis College Foundation (excellent liberal arts college in Durango, CO). She lists many hobbies: gardening, golfing, flying (she's a pilot), traveling, and duplicate bridge. "Too busy all the

bers of the 106th Infantry to be their guests and revisit the scene. They went to the American cemetery in Belgium and, in a moving ceremony, were given long-stemmed roses to place on the graves (each marked with an

for our Saturday reception. If you haven't returned your registration package, do it now. Time runs out!

We're sorry to hear that old faithful **Henry Bernhardt**, BS ME '44, had a couple of serious strokes. He's home and recovering slowly. Send Hank a card at 8 Kings Ct., Great Neck, NY 11024. **Nelle Judson** Seefeldt, BS HE '44, (S. Glens Falls, NY) is doing much better with two new knees. **Margaret Taylor MacDonald** (Chapel Hill, NC) has been traipsing to California to visit her daughter, see the Getty VanGogh exhibit, and stop by Salt Lake City for a week at the famous (and now on-line) genealogical library. **Richard Sainburg**, B CH E '48, (New Canaan, CT) sent a good photo of a Rotary golf outing foursome including **Mort Eydenberg** (Roslyn Heights, NY), **Fred Siefke '48**, and **David Dingle '50**, but he doesn't report results, so assume he wasn't bragging except for how dapper they all look. Nearby Westchesterite Dr. **Marvin Moser**, BA '46, (Scarsdale, NY) "retired" as a practicing cardiologist but is still a professor at Yale, consultant to National Heart and Blood Inst., editor of *Clinical Hypertension* and a recent book on clinical management of hypertension. In between, he is a keynote speaker at medical conferences in the US, France, and South America. He doesn't tell us what his blood pressure measures! More relaxed now in the "beautiful state of Tennessee" are **Betty (Warner)**, BS HE '44, and **Robert McMurtree '46** (Fairfield Glade, TN), who met at the wedding of **Alfred '46** and **Dorothy Wendling Wood '46** in 1947 and celebrated their 50th in 1998 at a grand reunion with four children and twelve grands. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; e-mail, CescoVA@aol.com.

“Robert M. Hubbard has eight children ranging in age from 11 to 51.”

PAUL LEVINE '46

time but enjoy all and am reluctant to reorganize and eliminate.”

Retirement community living is becoming more popular. **Rosemary Pew Correll** writes that she and **Bill '43** are having a wonderful life in a terrific retirement community in Richmond, VA. "Our life is so full here, we rarely get out of town." **Fay McClelland** and **Phyllis (Dittman) '43** are enjoying retirement at Twining Village in Holland, PA. Fay says his greatest Cornell prizes are his wife and his daughter **Lane McClelland '70**, MBA '73, JD '74, both of whom are active on the Chimes Advisory Committee. **William Kaegebein**, after months of agony and two surgeries, is out of a wheelchair, has tossed crutches and cane, and is again playing golf, square dancing, and working on Habitat House construction. William and wife Marion are in a new house in a golf course community and loving it. "Three kids and seven grands are all doing great." The Rundells are ensconced in Falcons Landing, the Air Force Retired Officers Community in Sterling, VA. Having moved only 15 miles down the pike, they have their old ties and activities plus—it's the best of both worlds. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski Rundell**, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir., #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

REUNION

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We heard a rumor, which fortunately turned out to be wrong, that **John B. Rogers**, BCE '49, MBA '50, (Ithaca) had passed on to his heavenly reward (which will probably be sailing forever to windward with a broken centerboard). The Cornell Football Assn. was also grateful that "Jack" and **Ann (Mitchell)**, BA '44, are still alive and kicking, as they hosted a reception for a reunion of the '48, '49 and '50 teams last September, "ending a great weekend on a true high" (quote from the Cornell Football Assn. News). Knowing their hospitality, I'll bet that it was! The CFA News evened the score by reprinting a "Profile in Courage" of November 1946, relating Jack's comeback as a star right end after having been severely injured in the Army. He was noted, as a sophomore, for catching a 63-yard pass in the Dartmouth game played in Buffalo, Boy, was that a cold day!

Next month comes the 56th anniversary of V-E Day; **Bernard Mayrsohn**, BS Ag '47, (Purchase, NY) sent an interesting story about his visit last year to Prum, Germany, where he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. The German Army Reserves invited former mem-

American flag) of their buddies who were killed in action. Bernard and wife **Ethel (Handelman) '46** met a Belgian lady who tends graves and is part of an organization which assists and welcomes returning vets, being still grateful for their part in liberating them. Barney says that the best part was a reunion with old buddies and the realization of how much combat and prison days had affected their lives. He says that those terrible days, which he had blocked out of his memory, do not hurt any more. He must feel a lot in common with John McCain. We, who escaped such privations, salute him!

Speaking of McCain brings to your correspondent's mind a day in 1953 when, as an insignificant lieutenant (USN) and exec of a submarine in Commodore McCain's squadron (father of the Senator), I was interviewed by him as the last step in being qualified for command of submarines. An interesting hour ensued before I was dismissed; 13 years later he was a four-star Admiral and military attaché to the UN and an honored guest at a reception in New York. In the receiving line he noted the submarine dolphin insignia on my tie clip and immediately recognized me (not by name, but by the name of the boat). What a memory, but that's what it takes to make Admiral!

Bill Packard (Fairlawn, NJ), in an e-mail exchange, reported that he's joined a rowing club and is sculling with son **Jeff Packard '76** as a twosome aiming for competitive racing. Tennis four times a week keeps him in shape. Fly-fishing is the favorite hobby of **Walter Keenan**, MEE '49, (Seattle, WA) but he didn't report any great conquests, so we'll assume that his cruise from Buenos Aires to Ft. Lauderdale relaxed him from disappointments. **Seaward Sand**, PhD '55, and **Mavis (Gillette) '46**, BS HE '45, (East Aurora, NY) haven't reported on the activities of their eldest grandchild, **Raymond L. Miller '97**, since his graduation but we expect that they will when we see them at Reunion 55.

Now to really important things: You have all received the latest class info about June 8-11. One highlight will be the usual super luncheon at **John** and Nancy **Babcock's** beautiful Cayuga Heights home. Having scored by nailing down the lovely Hurlburt House as our headquarters, your committee made a point-after by latching onto the Memorial Room at the Straight for our Friday night dinner. The superb art collection of classmate **Bill Berley**, BS Ag '48, (New York City) is being shipped to the Johnson Museum

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Historical, hysterical stories from our student days: **Janet Elwin**, a junior at the time, married **Jim Starr '44**, MS Ag '48, in Barnes Hall on Dec. 6, '44. Her three children (including **James Jr. '69**, BS Eng '70) and grandchildren chortle in disbelief when she relates, "Upon return from a brief honeymoon, WSGA penalized me by taking away my late nights for two weeks! I had signed out from Risley to go to the wedding and to 'honeymoon.' Not only was I unspecified about the destination, but I went out of town overnight with a man without my mother's permission, and at the time I signed out I was not a married woman!" Nonetheless, Janet and Jim had a happy marriage of more than 52 years until Jim died of cardiac arrest in September 1997. Janet recently moved to a retirement community in Hanover, PA, near one of her children, and likes it very much: "I am involved in volunteer work, so I'll be part of the town, as well as the community." Thanks, Janet, for the story and the compliment about the column. Can anyone else top that? I would love to have more stories like this—the kids today don't know about rules.

Ruth Knapp Gieschen wrote, "To balance time in Kansas City, MO, with friends and former colleagues, volunteering, and seri-

ous gardening, against time to travel, explore, make new friends, and be with family in far-flung parts—that's the trick!" Ruth's trips included museums in Tulsa, a successful transport of her home-kitchen birthday cake to Albuquerque for the 80th birthday of a friend of 40 years, FDR and Holocaust museums in Washington, DC, and an Elderhostel in Kennebunkport during the fall foliage. Her peak travel experience of 1998 was a natural science tour in Iceland with Maine writer, photographer, and biologist Bruce McMillan.

As with all the '40s correspondents, I mourn the death of **Elsie McMillan '55**, associate editor for Class Notes. She was our personal, visible contact with Cornell. We all miss you, Elsie. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607.

Sandra J. Madden reported the death of her husband, Tom: "**Thomas F. Madden**, EE V-12, died on Sept. 13, '99, at a nursing home in Ormond Beach, FL. He left me, his wife of 35 years, his sister, a niece, and two nephews in Pittsburgh. Tom had been class president, reunion chairman, and co-chairman. He was also class correspondent for two years until business became too pressing and **Paul L. Russell** took over. He worked for IBM for 37 years until retirement. Tom loved Cornell and Cornell changed his life for the better. He had a rewarding and successful career at IBM where his job required lots of travel. He and two colleagues developed a significant patent for IBM for technological development in electronics. Tom loved golfing and fishing. He loved good food and drink and travel and attending Cornell reunions. Unfortunately, his progressive multiple sclerosis left him less and less able to cope with Cornell's topography. We relocated from New Canaan, CT, to Palm Coast, FL, in 1990 to enjoy our retirement years. But Tom gradually became worse. I hope some of his classmates will consider contributing to the Cornell Class Project or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in his memory. There is an EE School Scholarship in his name set up for memorial donations as well. Cornell was good to him and he wanted to pay back. If you have any questions, e-mail me at alexam@bestnetpc.com."

James B. Moore, B Chem E '47, (Chicago; jbm25@ix.netcom.com) is dedicating his first full year of retirement to travel. So far his itinerary has included Costa Rica with Adult University (CAU), plus California and Arizona for weddings. He's visited Quebec and Cuernavaca with Elderhostel to study French and Spanish, taken Smithsonian tours to Cornwall and Devon, and traveled on the Trans Canada railroad from Toronto to Vancouver. **Paul M. Grimes**, BA '48, (Glenside, PA; paulmark@aol.com) and Mimi escaped winter for much of March by cruising the South Pacific and New Zealand aboard the MV *Silver Wind*. Paul continues as editor-at-large of *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine and writes "The Online Traveler," a syndicated newspaper column for e.travel and e.shopping.

Robert M. Hubbard (Panama City, FL) has eight children ranging in age from 11 to

51. After a career as a builder-developer in New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Florida, and on the Saturn V Project and the Marble Hill Nuclear Project, he retired in Florida. He values his Cornell background and wants the same for his youngest son. Bob says, "I would be grateful for aid from my classmates in enrolling him in Cornell's class of 2010."

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See you on the Hill for our 55th—2001, An Ithacan Odyssey! Send news. ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel, (650) 592-5273; fax, (650) 593-2572; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com.



By now, you know the sad news of the death of **Don Berens**. He and **Margi (Schiavone)** have been so important to us, the class, and the university, that it hurts imagining the impact of his loss. We were fortunate that living in Rochester we were easily able to see Margi and the family and attend the funeral. It was a fine service. The large church was filled with friends from the many diverse aspects of Don and Margi's lives. **Dick Brown '49**, husband of **Muriel "Mike" (Welch)**, BS HE '46, gave the eulogy, and it was a wonderful tribute. Mike and Dick flew up from Williamsburg, VA; **John Ayer** and **Helen (Allmuth)**, BS HE '46, came over from Cazenovia. Frank and Rosa Rhodes came to the calling hours, along with everyone from Alumni House (Margi and Don's daughter, **Mary Berens '74**, is Director of Alumni Affairs). Hunter and Elizabeth Rawlings attended the funeral service along with a large group of local alums to whom the family is important.

For us, the fact that we shared this loss with the Browns and Ayers and our larger Cornell community gave a wonderfully comforting feeling of love and caring and thankfulness for the people we know as Cornellians. Many moving tributes have been paid. A special issue of "The Crescent," a newsletter of the Cornell Football Assn., was published to honor Don. With a cover page by Frank Rhodes, it is filled with loving remembrances of coaches, players, and more.

Beyond Cornell and his many business activities, Don was an active Rotarian and served on the boards of directors of several do-good community organizations in Rochester. He also quietly and privately aided individuals and families that he saw were in trouble. He had an interest in, and cared about helping, inner city children.

Don truly liked people and had a real interest in those he met. He remembered names, he listened, and he pleased many with birthday greeting phone calls. Don loved his large family, was a personal friend to many, a friend of our class, a friend of Cornell University and of the greater community. He will be greatly missed.

Thanks to my co-editor **Arlie Williamson** Anderson for this tribute to Don. ♦ **Peter D. Schwarz**, 12 Glen Ellyn Way, Rochester, NY 14618; tel, (716) 244-5684; fax, (716) 244-1373; e-mail, PDESchwarz@cs.com.



Jo Anne Norton Mayer, Marblehead, MA: "Husband Karl and I are really enjoying Adult University (CAU) trips to Alaska, China, Costa Rica, and Turkey, and plan to go to Turkey again." **John R. Kent**, BS AE '49, Yardley, PA: "Thoroughly enjoyed our 50th Reunion last June. Spent 2-1/2 weeks celebrating 50th anniversary of Porsche cars by visiting Troy, MI, and Monterey/Laguna, CA. For us Porsche nuts, it was fantastic."

Lea Shapanier Gould, MA '50, Santa Monica, CA: "My present day job is 'at home' battling the constantly incoming tide of papers. The rest of the time I attend theater and various Cornell Club of Los Angeles events. What I'd rather be doing now is shredding everything. The world's most pressing problem today is too much paper—junk mail, catalogues, vanity books, downloading, and printing, etc. Wasn't the computer supposed to cut down on the flood of papers? Seems to me it has only added to it."

Willard Smith, BS Ag '49, W. Hempstead, NY: "Still an insurance agent. Celebrated 50th anniversary with wife **Lucille (Holden) '47** and took a trip to Canadian Rockies." **Vivian Hoffman** Miller, Haverford, PA: "My latest book, *Moe Berg: The Spy Behind Home Plate*; is a non-fiction biography for children. At our 50th Reunion last year I was elected at the Human Ecology Alumni Breakfast as 'the Volunteer.' The dean described the writing conference I organized and ran at Rutgers U., now in its 28th year. Also, I was a featured alumni author at the Campus Bookstore during our reunion. (My writing name is Vivian Grey.) Daughter **Leslie Grey** Schneider '74, BFA '75, teaches art in a multicultural school in Camden, NJ. Back home in Haverford I'm an author/lecturer at the U. of Pennsylvania and a communications consultant to the City of Philadelphia and to pharmaceutical firms, when I'm not writing books for kids. After hours, I keep busy with tennis, rowing, bridge, gourmet cooking, meeting new friends, and taking care of the house on Long Beach Island."

Charlie Elbert, Clifton, NJ: "I'm a retired gofer for she who must be obeyed! Keep busy reading murder mysteries and participating in activities of Society of Industrial Archeology, working on technology history articles. More recently did financial analysis for several associates considering Roth IRA conversions. Very good deal for those who elect to convert. Would rather be having a very large dry vodka martini while watching two or three belly dancers as the sun sets in some semi-tropical location. Oldest granddaughter is touring colleges for 1999 enrollment."

Stanley Frenze, JD '51, Philadelphia, PA: "I'm retired and have been working hard at it for 15 years. Thanks for keeping up the

Row, Row, Row

THE 1949 CORNELL
LIGHTWEIGHT CREWS



FRANK DIMEO / UP

It's not what the '49 lightweight crew team did that led them to form life-long bonds with one another—it's what they *didn't* do. Fifty years ago, the team couldn't compete in England's Henley Royal Regatta because its entry was received a day late. The race went to Princeton, which Cornell had defeated twice that year. "The difficulties and disasters we shared were as important as the winning experiences, perhaps more so, in building the camaraderie of the group," says stroke Dick Elmendorf '50.

Being barred from a race they likely would have won was just plain bad luck at the time, but that quirk of fate inspired fifty years of friendship. To this day, the nine men who once comprised the so-called "Titanic" crew reunite every five years on the shores of Cayuga Lake. Says coxswain Dana Brooks '49, MD '57: "Crew is a sport that brings people very close together."

—Dan White '02

great work." **André Jagendorf**, Ithaca, NY: "I'm a post-prof, doing lab research. Last year at this time I was working 11-hour days in the lab at Bioscience Center, Nagoya U., Japan, as a visiting research fellow. Eighth grandchild recently arrived."

Lila Smith Lightfoot, Madison, WI: "I volunteer my life away. I'm enthusiastic about music, opera, choir, symphonies, and local activities. Madison and U. of Wisconsin make me very happy. Wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Went to reunion last year. Everyone seemed to know my husband **Ed '47**, PhD '51, or my sister-in-law **Esther Lightfoot Ehlert**. The name Smith didn't seem to ring a bell! But all of the Pi Phis knew me. It was fun. I met some very interesting classmates I'd never known in college. The entertainment was exceptional. Loved the 'after hours' singing. No one asked me to do a solo. I enjoy reading about everybody in *Cornell Magazine*. Cheers."

Helen Adams Pierce, Fishers, IN: "My day job consists of purposeful, not-for-profit activities, including French lessons, bridge, investment club, crafts, and gardening. After hours, I work on improving my organ technique. I really enjoy the king of instru-

ments. Enjoyed our 50th Reunion last year at our five-star university. Toured Paris and environs last fall via *Concorde*, thence to London via Chunnel and voyage home on *Queen Elizabeth II*. Son gave me laptop computer as a gift and I'll soon be on e-mail. Daughter resides with me. Son and daughter-in-law reside in New Jersey. Enjoyed learning about the 50-year escapades of classmates at last year's reunion. The year 1948 was truly a great one, with accomplishments manifold! World's most pressing problem today is man's inhumanity to man, which can only be solved by individual cultivation of spiritual consciousness. The meaning of life is to get 'self' out of the way and allow 'good' to unfold."

Claude Stone, Morton, IL: "I'm Tazwell County Republican chair and was very busy last fall, as you might guess. We took back two county offices (sheriff and treasurer) and Tazwell County went strong Republican for various state offices. It's a full-time job without pay. Oh, to be back at my old position, from which I retired in 1985. ♦ **Robert W. Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel., (516) 767-1776.

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"Life can only be understood backward, but, unfortunately, it must be lived forward." So it is with this column, with news received pre-reunion. Leftover news will be assigned to the "deep six," so we can have fresher news next issue. We retract our comment about your hand-writing improving, or perhaps it was just "pre-reunion shakes!"

Joan Feistel Griffis (Danville, IL) has been writing a weekly genealogy column in the local newspaper for 20 years and in the Champaign newspaper for two years. She and husband **Bill '50**, MFS '51, divided the year between Danville and a home in Largo, FL. **Clem Buckley** (Oak Harbor, WA): "This year was the 'straw that...' Four months of rain caused us to be snowbirds in Melbourne, FL, at Indian River Colony Club. Finished second edition of my book, *Welcome to Washington—All About the Evergreen State*." Welcome? Bring your hip boots! **Lee H. Hill** (Tampa, FL) and wife Dorothy are chairman and vice president of Hill-Donnelly Corp., publisher of 230 cross-reference directories of communities across the country. After 21 years of consulting for daily newspapers, **Bill Irvine** now lives in a retirement community in Waverly, OH.

Nancy Hewlett Kierstead (Yarmouth, ME) is now living on Casco Bay with cat Patty. Nancy's self-published children's book, *The Green Ribbon*, has achieved national distribution. She is enjoying her seat on the chimes advisory council, especially the trip to watch the bells being tuned. At Homecoming, we were part of a group of '49ers attending the chimes rededication, which was a very moving experience. The class C-sharp bell was a gift from Jennie McGraw in 1868. Now refurbished, the inscription reads: "In the twilight we still can hear/Chimes from the tower true and clear/Summoning us over hill and dell/For the glory of our Cornell. Class of 1949."

Elizabeth Stevens Feldt (Virginia Beach, VA), is a teacher *par excellence*, with studies at William and Mary, Old Dominion, Virginia Wesleyan, and a master's from James Madison. A member of the Assn. of American University Women, she also keeps busy in theater arts and politics. (Answer to her question: Yes, Cornell has a women's swim team.) **Louise Newberg** Sugarman (Erdenham, PA) took a pre-reunion Alpine tour. She did not expect to climb the Matterhorn but only to get in shape for Ithaca. Says Louise, "Son Joe is writing a travel book on Baltimore. Please run to Barnes and Noble and buy it! Other son, **Steve Sugarman '76**, is lawyering, and daughter Carole is writing for the *Washington Post*. A Cornell education filters down to the progeny." We hope so.

Bette McGrew Benedict (Lambertsville, NJ) is on stage as always, acting and producing a British comedy, *Breath of Spring*, about people around our age who get into stealing furs and donating the proceeds to their favorite charities. OK, so you were the social coordinator for the WSGA Committee of Social Chairs, but really! On the other hand, the '49 *Cornellian* states, "The committee has done much to prove that WSGA does not consist

wholly of rules and regulations."

Jane L. Williamson, DVM '49, (Hilton Head, SC) enjoyed a trip to Ireland with the Cornell alumni travel group. **Neil James** (Stone Harbor, NJ) retired from Sonoco Inc. in 1983 and is witnessing the growth of a Cornell tradition: Neil's father, **Geoffrey James '15**, sons **Geoffrey '74** and **David '82**, and grandchild **Kimberly '02**. **John Lloyd** (Fairport, NY) and '49er wife **Clara Ann (Newell)** are members of the "Lynah Faithful" at all home hockey games. We cheered with them at the Brown game. John reports his "worst Cornell memory" was arriving in Ithaca in the spring of 1946 and finding he was three weeks late for the start of classes. However, his "best memory" was finding at the end of the term that he passed everything!

Jan Schultz Moss (Aptos, CA): "Husband died in August 1998. He was a great potter, so am now into clay because his wheel and kiln call me each time I enter the studio. Keeps us close. Did stay on campus four years ago; lots of ghosts around there." Yes, but like Casper, they are friendly ghosts. **Marcella Shlansky** Livingston (Lido Beach, NY) reports son **Michael Livingston '77** was a visiting professor at Cornell Law School, teaching federal income taxation, taxation, and business planning. "Please do not go to him for advice. His area of expertise is the *theory* behind the laws." Marcie, we would love to know the theory behind the laws! **Severn Joyce** (Toledo, OH) and Catharine attended an art exhibit in Austria featuring American art of the nineteenth century. Catharine owns one of the works exhibited, a landscape by Martin Johnson Heade. Sev claims Vienna is fabulous as always.

Don Sutherland (Naples, FL): After scuba diving for 25 years, Don took up underwater photography five years ago. He travels to the South Pacific for two months each year. Soon you may be able to purchase one of his images over the Internet.

White flag! Clearly, we will never cover all the old news before more current items come in with your dues. (Hint.) However, these other '49ers did respond and deserve to be mentioned. **Law Rose** (Wilton, CT), **Ed Van Zandt** (Flemington, NJ), **Len Lehman** (North Potomac, MD), **Herm Harrow**, BS ILR '50, (Palo Alto, CA), **Rob Johns** (Covina, CA), **Stephen Plotkin** (Redmond, WA), **Dorothy Mulhoffer** Solow (Patrick Springs, VA), "Wally" **Shonnard** (Vergennes, VT), **Stephen Profflet** (Temple Hills, MD), **Paul Carver**, MS '57, (West Hartford, CT), **Roxanne Rosse** Williams (Bethesda, MD), **Lawrence S. Smith**, MS Ag '51, (Albuquerque, NM), **Norm Baker** (Windsor, MA), **Art Heidrick** (El Camino Village, CA), **Joyce Graham** Jordan (Wyoming, NY), **Gloria Green** Caro (Pleasantville, NY), **Roy Kahn** (Oakland, CA), **Ed Culverhouse** (Harvard, MA), **Lois Bergen** Abbott (Boulder, CO), **Mary Sanders** Shindelar (Solway, MN), **Janice (Steele)** and **Lee Regulski** (Clearwater, FL), **Marty Coler** Risch (Silver Lake, NH), **Sylvester "Bob" Curran**, BA '48, (Williamsville, NY), **Nelson Ripley** (Ithaca, NY), Dr. **Ester Kranz** Foxe

(Silver Spring, MD), **Ruth Nealy** Vanderbrook, BA '51, (Tonawanda, NY), **Don Weiss** (Highland Park, IL), **Anne Dickinson** Murray (Landsberg, PA), **Don Roberson** (Niagara Falls, NY), **Martha Merrifield** Steen (San Francisco, CA), **Kathleen Wizeman** Lewis (Brookville, OH), **Jean Strobel** Young (Riverhead, NY), **Jack Tewey**, MS '75, (Sarasota, FL), **George Weikart** (Pasadena, MD), **Elaine Tobkin** Pelavin (San Francisco, CA), **Leonore Feinbeg** Miller (Hartsdale, NY), **Margaret Wessinger** Collins (Fairfield, OH), **Barbara Meldrum** Vail (Carmel, NY), **Lois Johnson** Hamerman (Philadelphia, PA), **Robert M. Hill** (Palo Alto, CA), **Jan Rus** (Laguna Hills, CA), **Lawson Singer** (East Hampton, NY), **Joseph Hirsch** (Scottsdale, AZ) and **Betty-Jean Wright** Law (Ormond Beach, FL). Whew!

Personal: **Elsie McMillan '55**, associate editor for class notes, died in November 1999 after a brave battle with cancer. Even as *Cornell Magazine* mastheads changed, Elsie was the one constant that all correspondents could depend upon for support. She beat on us for accuracy and to meet deadlines. She cajoled us and scolded us. She made our job so much easier and improved the quality of our efforts. Mostly, she laughed with us. She was our friend. Be at peace, dear lady.

Obtuse Observations: Or as Bret Maverick said, "Let's lighten the load!" "There is mounting evidence that what we call 'love' is created by a chemical cocktail in the brain triggered through social conditioning. The effect (of romantic love) wears off, returning people to a relatively relaxed state of mind within two years. (Cynthia Hazan, professor of human development. *Cornell Chronicle*.) OK. But that chemical cocktail is more fun!

Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan** 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 661-8584; fax, (203) 869-8907.

REUNION

50 The spirit of the Red is alive and well as the list of our class accomplishments broadens. **James A. Colby**, Spencerport, NY, received the prestigious agriculture alumni award. In the past 23 years only 98 of the college's 46,000 alumni have been honored with this award.

Jerry (Velenchik) **Vallen**, PhD '78, Henderson, NV, was named as one of the most influential 100 persons in the State of Nevada during this century. He was a pioneer and a long-time dean of the school of hospitality management at U. of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Interest and indications for our 50th on June 8-11 are at fever pitch. There will be something for everybody. Don't be left out!

In July **Carl Strub**, Willow Street, PA, married Patricia Shuster, a Penn Stater. He will introduce her at our 50th. **Al Neimeth**, JD '52, Melbourne, FL, attended the Law School Advisory Council meeting in October. He will return in June with wife Doris and encourages all undecided classmates to do likewise. Hotel class director **Marty Horn**, Hobe Sound, FL, and **Ted Nordahl** are putting to-

gether a luncheon and a golf outing during reunion for Hotelies. More info to follow. **Rick Diamond**, Ft. Myers, FL, has organized a May 20th reunion at the Cornell Club—New York for all Pi Lambda Phi currently eligible for Medicare. The tradition was started by the late **Bob Nagler**, BS Ag '51. More than 50 have already signed up. If you missed the sign-up I'll pass the word along.

Hugh Flournoy, Ponte Vedra, FL, is a California transplant and neighbor of old roommate **Rodg Gibson** and **Dave Gardner**, MBA '55. Sounds like a great cheering section for Jaguars. Hugh will return to California for the summer but not before the much anticipated June reunion. **Robert Rider** and Anne, Germantown, NY, are still orcharding but it gets tougher with age. They are looking forward to the 50th and a break in the action. **Earle N. "Bud" Barber**, Blue Bell, PA, is still practicing law three to four days a week. He does not plan to stop as long as health holds. **Arlene LeBeau** Branch, Selkirk, NY, continues to work as a registered dietitian, NY State Dept. of Corrections.

Bob Darlington, Acton, MA, is continuing an on-going (six years to date) project to document photographically the entire 33-mile length of the Assobet River. It joins the Sudbury River to form the Concord River, where the "shot heard round the world" was fired Apr. 19, 1775. Bob has over 1,500 slides of history, wildlife, and flora to show groups, especially school kids. He is also continuing his architectural work.

John Friedman, Sanibel, FL, was on the History Channel Sept. 26 in an episode of the series *Secrets of War* called "The Purple Code." John was speaking about his father **William Friedman '14**, who is known as the man who broke Purple, which was the Japanese diplomatic code used before and during World War II. **Dick Loynd**, Short Hills, NJ, outstanding undergrad student athlete and entrepreneur, was at Cornell in September to honor the undefeated '39-40 football team and '48-49-50 champions. He spoke for the athletic alumni at the retirement party of **Charles Moore '51**, BME '52. We all know what a great job Charlie did!

There is finally recognition that we must revitalize our sports programs so that they will play a role in the total Cornell experience. Hunter Rawlings spoke strongly in support of this initiative. We beat traditional rival Penn in the finale for a 7-3 season. Nice improvement, but only 6,900 were in attendance at cavernous Franklin Field. We had more at my high school championship game in Rutgers Stadium.

Barbara Britton Sedwitz, Knightdale, NC, is busy breeding and training German sport horses and is now delving into antiques in earnest. Her husband Lee is a retired country surgeon. **Elizabeth Anne Alexander** Weis, Wilmington, NC, graduated from U. of Pittsburgh school of law in 1990 and passed the North Carolina Bar. Elizabeth practices full-time in estate planning and elder law. **Roger Wolcott**, Sandy Spring, MD, retired after 37 years of teaching sociology at Westminster College (Pennsylvania). Now he lives

with wife **Myra (Weber) '51** in a Quaker retirement community, summers in New Hampshire, and enjoys Cornell cruises and traveling. **Elder S. Wolfe**, Avon, OH, lives in a castle which has a curse: two weeks after you stop working you die. Therefore he is running the farm full speed.

Carson Geld is still farming and ranching in Brazil. Wife **Ellen (Bromfield) '53** just returned from a short trip to the US where she was busy autographing a book she had written about her father called *The Heritage: A Daughter's Memories of Louis Bromfield '18*. He was a Pulitzer Prize winner. Ellen was interviewed nationally on PBS by Lauren Bacall and the special won an Emmy. Ellen just finished another novel set in Brazil and is awaiting US publication. Carson and Ellen hope to be at reunion.

Robert Post, BME '51, Montoloking, NJ, writes he has reached a point where they say patch, patch, patch. Prostate out two years ago, a pacemaker in December, now carpal tunnel syndrome, but it's better than the alternative. He hopes to spend the winter on his boat in the Bahamas. **Norman** and **Adele Hoffstein Potter** enjoy retirement in Lexington, KY. Norm retired from the Cornell faculty in 1992. They chose Kentucky because it was near two sons and their families. **Daniel A. Potter '74** and **Michael F. Potter '77** are both U. of Kentucky professors. All ten of the family went to Alaska for a summer tour. Norman and Adele intend to make the 50th, which coincides with their 50th wedding anniversary.

George, PhD '50, and **Bertha Scheffel Seifert**, Ames, IA, enjoyed an opera Elderhostel in Berlin, Germany. **William**, BArch '52, and **Audrey Rossman Sharman**, Briarcliff Manor, NY, had a marvelous trip to Scotland in June with a Cornell group. **Henry Ten Hagen**, Warren, NY, and **Frank Bradley**, Brewster, MA, joined them and a good time was had by all 41 persons, from an 11-year-old to an elderly aunt. **Florence D. Trefry**, MA '51, Lake Worth, FL, visited the Bahamas before hurricane season. She also went to Disney World for the fifth time, then to New Jersey to visit friends and relatives. She works as secretary for Citizens' Assoc. of Palm Beach and for other organizations and individuals. She is looking forward to reunion. It will be her first in 40 years.

Nancy A. DeGross, Montpelier, VT, works constantly as a substitute teacher in a local high school. She also volunteers at the Humane Society and Nature Center where she heads a workshop in natural history. She enjoyed a bird trip to Gaspé Peninsula, Quebec, Canada, where there are a quarter-million breeding sea birds. **Maurice Mix** and **Alice (Halsey) '51**, Venice, FL, will be traveling to New Zealand from April to May but will return in time for reunion. **Wilson Greatbatch**, Akron, NY, visited Turkey with President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes and 60 alumni. He will visit Chile with Rhodes and a similar group in March. Wilson addressed a group of patent lawyers in Washington on the history of his famous pacemaker.

Thor Johnson and **Blanche (Anderson) '53**, Berwyn, PA, spend one-half year on their own Caribbean Isle, Boca Grande, FL. They traveled in the eastern Mediterranean, France, Canada, and Alaska. They also enjoyed a barge canal trip in October on the *Marne*, and plan on attending reunion. **Paul Joslin**, Johnston, IA, celebrated his 50th anniversary with wife Erma. He wrote a book, *Science Meets the UFO Enigma*, which will be published in April by Nova Science Publishers. He is president of the University Emeritus Faculty. He took RV trips to national parks, and a reunion trip is in the offing for 2000. Keep the news and dues coming. ♦ **Bob Fite**, 310 Howard St., Cape May, NJ 08204; tel., (609) 884-4323.



Sigmund "Bud" Herzstein, BME '52, e-mailed, "On my 70th birthday I competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta (three miles), rowing a single scull in the senior veterans class. I finished in 14th place out of 20 competitors. I was one of the youths of the class. The winner was 79, and an 81-year-old beat me by two seconds. A bit embarrassing, but comforting to realize that I may be able to stay at it for a few more years." **Derl Derr**, MS '58, was inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming, Nov. 6, '99. He was a three-time All-American as a center forward in soccer. Derl lives in Millville, PA, where he serves on several governing boards and does community volunteer work.

Bob (Robert W.) Parsons has moved from Ohio to Rogers City, MO, and reports, "We found the move more taxing than expected. Most basics are in place now, but there are projects yet to be done." **George L. Berner**, M ED '61, and wife Joan celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in August. George and Joan live in Cobleskill, NY; he is retired from SUNY Cobleskill, formerly director of admissions. Barbara Bailey, widow of **James D. Bailey**, wrote that her husband died in July from complications of Parkinson's disease.

Several of our classmates have been attending Adult University (CAU) programs: **Art Bingham**, Alaska; Marilyn and **William S. Field**, MBA '53, Paris; and **Elliott** and Geraldine **Oldman**, Shaw Festival, Canada. Others attended CAU on campus: **Bradford** and **BarDee Stirland Bond**, Truman W. "Bill" and Martha **Eustis**, **Kenneth J.** and Nancy **Jones**, **Howard** and **Caroline Baigell Krasnow '50**, **Charles "Chuck"** and **Carol Winter Mund '52**, **Frances Goldberg Myers** and **Nat '49**, BA '51, **Chester** and **Elizabeth Baisley Pohl**, and **Priscilla Smith** Schechter.

Besides attending CAU, Bill Eustis was honored with a "Bill Eustis Day" in Greenwich, CT. He recently retired from the Planning and Zoning Commission (Greenwich) after a 12-year tenure. Bill and Martha saw classmates **Keith** and **Nancy Russell Seegmiller** when the Seegmillers were en route to Keith's Yale Law School reunion. Fran Goldberg Myers also attended an art tour

to Barcelona, Bilbao, and Madrid led by her daughter, **Pamela Myers '78**, director of the Asheville, NC, art museum. **Marjorie Tucker** Sablow was also on the art tour. Fran recently saw **Sheela Mittelman** Percelay. **Winifred "Wink" Bergin** Hart and **Betsy Leet** Sherman attended an Elderhostel in Bermuda in January 1999. Also attending were **Barnard "Buck" Tilson** and wife Ann. **Jesse Hannan** reported playing golf in Sarasota, FL, with President Hunter Rawlings. The four-some also included **Frank Zurn '50** and **Dave Pyle '56**, BME '57.

Jesse and **Betsy Zobel Hannan** spend the winters in Sarasota, FL, and live on the shores of Cayuga Lake in the summer. Another part-time Floridian is **Mary Ann Doutrich** Seipos who spends winters in Sanibel and summers in Harrisburg, PA. Mary Ann and **Carol Buckley** Swiss visited Russia last summer, cruising from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Mary Ann also visited **Joanne Huntington** Tunnell, MPA '52, **Helen "Susie" Brown** Entenman, **Barbara Mayr Funk**, **Mary Perrine Johnson**, **Judy Diamant Joy**, MS '52, **Sally Alspach** Anderson, and **Mary Ellen Turnbull** Longley.

John Hollands, MBA '52, who resides in Allendale, NJ, had dinner with **James "Don" Auty**, BS ILR '52, and wife Alice, January 1999 in Fort Myers, FL. **David M. Rice**, M ED '61, has had some memorable experiences. He spoke to the Congressional Committee concerning the future of education and about education reform in the state of Pennsylvania. He was recognized for his work by Procter and Gamble and the Northeastern Pennsylvania School-to-Work Leadership Council. David is a consultant for Pennsylvania Youth Apprenticeship Program and lives in Wysox, PA, with wife Mary. **Sabra "Piper" Baker** Staley thought she had retired but returned to work with CLOSE UP Foundation's high school government-study program in the spring of 1999. She is a church elder in Christian education and a summer camp leader. She enjoys get-aways to her log cabin in the Blue Ridge area. **Jerri Ann Reilly** Peck is another one of those Florida in the winter, come north in the summer people. Summer is spent at the family cottage on Skaneateles Lake. Jerri Ann volunteers with her Florida condo association and handcrafts attractive notepaper as a hobby.

Betty Goldsmith Stacey sent a news clipping about the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of **Sonia (Mogensen)** and **Milton Adsit**, DVM '50, which took place in Athens, GA, last August. Betty was one of two guests at the celebration who had attended the wedding. The anniversary party was given by the five Adsit children and their spouses and grandchildren. Betty, who lives in McLean, VA, has been doing genealogical research which took her to New York and Illinois. **Phyllis Meyer Simons** was a food consultant on the cook book *The Pressured Cook*, by Lorna Sass. Besides consulting, she enjoys skiing in a variety of places and is a member of the National Ski Patrol. Phyllis and husband **Erik '49** attended his 50th Reunion last summer. They live in Spring Valley, NY. ♦ **Jack** and **Betty**

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We've had requests for 50th Reunion dates: JUNE 6, 7, 8, 9, 2002! The weather cooperated for a late-season Homecoming, and '52 was well represented at the game and at the '52-55 dinner at Branches Restaurant, which was followed by a **Tom Foulkes**, BME '53, accompanied songfest.

Weather was also no problem at the Key West winter home of **Rick and Jane McKim Ross** where Jane hosted a DG reunion. Participants were **Joan Boffa Gaul**, **Jean Thompson Cooper**, and **Joan Nesmith Tillotson**, MD '56. The best trip for the traveling Rosses was to China in 1988, a year before Tiananmen Square. They went to Kashgar and followed the silk route back to Xian, appreciating the open and friendly people. **Mary Hollingshead Lucas**, BS Nurs '53, reports that husband **Roy H.**, MD '52, has retired from the full-time practice of radiology. The Lucases enjoy traveling and spend summers on Cape Cod and winters in Florida. A special trip was to Antarctica, South Georgia, and the Falkland Islands.

Betty MacMillan Erickson spends the winter in Palm Harbor, FL, escaping Jamestown, NY. She enjoys travel and golf, and volunteers with AAUW, Creche, and a study group. Jay Goldspinner a.k.a. **Joan Dudley** is a storyteller in the Northeast and recently traveled in Africa. She hopes to get together with other former members of Credo at our 50th and would like to hear from those interested (56 Orchard St., Greenfield, MA 01301; phone (413) 773-8033). **Jack Boehringer**, BME '53, still employed, enjoyed the 19th Annual Down Bay (Chesapeake) Cruise with several BME '53 classmates: **Jack Bradt**, **Don Follett**, and **Dick Groos**, all in the boat of **Dick Smith**, which has twice had lightning strike its masts. Also unretired, **Robert Silman** and wife Anita in Brimfield, IL, have been foster parents for two therapeutic teens at a time since 1991.

Judy Kredel Brown (see address changes at end of column) is a professor of anthropology at Oakland U. Last May she gave a keynote address at an anthropology conference in Stockholm. Busy Judy co-edited two books published last year, and in her spare time won silver medals in the Michigan Masters' Swimming Competition. **Frank Veith**, MD '55, a vascular surgeon in Riverdale, NY, enjoys swimming and windsurfing and found the animals spectacular on a trip to South Africa. **Frederich Fuess**, M ED '55, in Normal, IL, lists his hobbies as refinishing antique furniture and buying and selling antiques. His recent travels have included visiting children and grandchildren in France. **Terrill Duke** Walters plays duplicate bridge, reads, and volunteers in Greenville, SC. Her best trip was a cruise to Scandinavia and Russia. **Peter Jenner**, BEE '53, MBA '54, and wife Joan spent ten weeks last May in the South Pacific visiting French Polynesia, New Zealand, and Peter's

large Australian family, before returning to Gloucester, MA. Another long distance traveler is **Marilyn "Lynn" Heidelberger** MacEwen, who last March visited Jordan, Oman, India, Laos, Cambodia, Nepal, China, Tibet, Outer Mongolia, and Uzbekistan before returning home to New Castle, DE.

Helen S. Santilli and **Lyn** (Thomas L.) **Barber**, PhD '69, have moved three times in the past year, settling on houses in Arizona and Colorado where they do lots of bicycling. They have also enjoyed bike trips in Greece, Sardinia, and the San Juan Islands. **Francis Laimbeer**, BS Ag '55, rides a horse, not a bike, in Warrenton, VA, where he fox hunts and plays polo. **Otto Votapka**'s best trip was to Alaska, and when at home he bowls in four leagues. **Dick Daniels**, BCE '53, volunteers with Unity Health System in St. Louis, MO, and says that his most recent trip, which included a Panama Canal cruise, was fascinating to a civil engineer.

Betty Anne Rochester Zoerner of Wantagh, NY, enjoys visiting her four children, all of whom live in San Clemente, CA. Betty Anne has just become an American Contract Bridge League Life Master. **Donald Smith** of Tallmadge, OH, enjoys spending time with five children, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He has been to Elderhostels in Nova Scotia and Costa Rica and spends five months every year in McAllen, TX. **Dorothy Baczewski** Waxman does marketing for a European fashion forecasting firm and for trade forecasting magazines in New York City. Recent travels have been to China, Egypt, India, and Southeast Asia, which were made special by the antiquities and the people.

George Vlahakis reports that his wife Marina had a serious stroke last June, but in September was back on her feet and undergoing aggressive physical therapy with a good prognosis. Address changes: **Judy Kredel** Brown, 10 Cordoba Ct., Portola Valley, CA 94028, **Howard Maisel**, 900 Fifth Ave. #4B, NYC 10021, **Steve Michelman**, 441 W. 24th St., NYC 10011, **Steve Prigozy**, BEE '53, P. O. Box 429, Averill Park, NY 12018. ♦ **Bob** and **Jeanne Irish Lewis**, 34 Hickory Ridge Rd., Rochester, NY 14625; tel., (716) 381-6370; e-mail, lewroch@aol.com.

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Many representatives of the silent generation, whose names frequently appear in this space, turned up for the banquets and parties and ballgame on Homecoming Weekend, November 5-7. Besides the social activity, the authorities provided a heap of events, including classes and, oh yes, a football game. Yale. (We wuz mugged.)

Fund-raisers extraordinaire **John** and **Lea Paxton Nixon** received Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awards. They are the fifth and sixth '53 members to be honored thus. About 70 from the Classes of 1952-57 answered the call of **Paul Blanchard** '52, BCE '53, to the ever-expanding traditional Homecoming feast, at Branches Restaurant this time. After fine dining and discourse, the

room was filled with the mellow tones of the mature voices of the formerly silent, elevated in songs like "Her Mother Never Told Her." (You know, we didn't seem so silent on, say, the Saturdays of autumn '51.)

Our 1953 Cornell Tradition Fellow, **Aggie Nicohl Merrill** '01, a former Seneca County Dairy Princess, a fourth-generation Cornell legacy, and co-president of the campus 4-H Club, joined us for most of the day. She sang along with the Fifties kids as **Tom Foulkes** '52, BME '53, caressed the ivories. Earlier, she helped your correspondent analyze the flow of the football at Schoellkopf. Big Red roses to Paul for an ever-improving-and-yet-great-from-the-beginning event.

One good reason to return to the campus is Adult University (CAU), which keeps drawing us young seniors back. **Bob** and **Diane Miller** DeVido answered the call to Ithaca last summer, as did **Ed Hoffman**, JD '55, (who died a few weeks later), **Joan Dalheim** Kosan, **Jim** and **Kay Lansing**, **Morton** '55 and **Linda Schaumann Marts**, and **Lynn Rosenthal** Minton (with her daughter, **Alison Minton** '88). Furthermore, says Lynn, "During the past 12 months, I was a bit more adventurous than usual and loved it: A wonderful CAU whitewater rafting and camping trip down the Salmon River in Idaho, cross-country skiing (for the first time) in Lake Placid, sea kayaking, and whale watching (sponsored by the Cornell Outdoor Education Department), and, perhaps most athletic, accompanying 100 teenagers to England and Wales (for my column in *Parade* magazine), after which I went for a few days' R & R in Paris. Life is good." A CAU nature study trip to Alaska attracted **Bob**, BME '54, and **Dorothy Rutishauser**. **Mike Bryson** went to Newburyport, MA, to follow fall migrations.

The Lansings, by the way, report downsizing into a two-bedroom one-floor townhouse in Springfield, PA, after Kay's last child was married. Jim remains scholarship chairman for the Cornell Club of Philadelphia (which recently contributed \$273,000 to the university's Scholarship Fund Drive).

Dick Halberstadt, BEP '54, (Wyoming, OH) counts nine grandchildren, some as old as 8. He says he took the road to Morocco last year, camping three nights in the Sahara Desert and watching snake charmers in the Square of the Dead in Marrakesh. **Stanley Landau**, MD '56, (Hewlett Harbor, NY) submits that his concerns about finding things to do in retirement have proved to be unfounded, and now he wonders how he ever found time to practice urologic surgery for 36 years. In "the supposed leisure of green pastures, my long-time interest in computers has led me onto a

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new and unexpected road," customizing speech recognition software for doctors and lawyers. He says it's "a far cry from taking out kidneys and prostates and prescribing Viagra." There's time for golf (and thus "a new set of frustrations"), the theaters and museums of NYC (from a city apartment HQ), foreign travel, and eight grandkids.

Grandlings "too numerous to mention" share **Thilo Best's** time with travel (to Switzerland and Prague last year), tennis, and handball ("but golf is proving to be the real chal-

her husband stopped to visit Ellie en route from Arlington, VA, to their new home in Ashland, OR.

Ann Maxwell Barnard spent a week this spring in Paris absorbing as much art as head and feet would allow. In June of 1998 Ann stayed with a host family in Cuernavaca, Mexico, studying at the Centro Morelense de las Artes. Painting plus field trips to various temple sites proved to be a rich combination.

Like many of us, **Richard**, BME '55, and **Ethelyn Murray Allison** do a lot of traveling

thus giving ample reason to visit. Among those touring New Zealand and Australia this past year were **Harriett** and **Fred Heinzelman**, BME '56. After reunion in June they spent a week at Niagara Falls. They spent August and September traveling through the lands down under, and in November they cruised the Mexican Riviera. Now that he is retired, **Frederick Hearn**, BS Ag '58, has more time for volunteer work. St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, CA, is fortunate to have him as one of their volunteers. If he is like the rest of us, he is busier and happier than ever. For the most part, volunteering has a way of permitting us to do those things we love with people whose company we enjoy.

I was delighted to learn the Dushays have left the field/fray of ophthalmology. **Anita Bittker** Dushay has been office manager for her husband Frederick for 37 years, and she has been facing an ever-growing mountain of paper for the last several years. Now unburdened, they will be free to enjoy grandchildren and their home in Boynton Beach, FL. **P. Craig Bogley**, BEE '55, has immersed himself in graduate level studies on the Gospel of John at Loyola Marymount U. Along with his studies he participates in the ministry at churches in Palos Verdes and San Pedro, CA. **Allen Hale**, BME '56, has positioned himself very well for retirement. He left his full-time position as a psychologist in the counseling center of the U. of Central Florida to continue his part-time job at the West Marine, a boating supply store in Melbourne, FL. Two days on, five off—sounds like a great arrangement, especially if you are around boats.

Always love hearing from **Donald S. Belk**, retired MD. Life in the desert community of Palm Springs goes well. Whenever he tires of the daily grind of sunshine he either drives to the coast or hops a plane to NYC to recharge his Brooklyn roots. Visitors are always welcome. **Marian Russell** Boslaugh has a problem none of you have written about to date—black bears. She and husband Dave have a retreat in West Virginia that they share more and more with the furry four-footed critters. They now carry pepper spray with them as they walk their property. Marie and **Dan Isaacson** have joined the growing ranks of RVers. They have leased their La Jolla, CA, condo for two years and have hit the road. Their plans include touring coast-to-coast via the state and national parks and joining a 47-day RV caravan to Alaska this coming summer of 2000.

Rhodalee Krause Butlien was at reunion, as many of you know. It took a great deal of strength for her to be there, but she rekindled many friendships and had a marvelous time. She passed away two months later in late August. Her daughter, **Beth Butlien** Ayers '84 shares her deep bond with Cornell and wrote me of her mother's strong desire to make that one last trip.

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JIM HANCHETT '53

lenge”) as he adjusts to retired life after selling his Signal Mountain, TN, ceramic business. Exactly 50 years after entering Cornell (and 40 years of university teaching), **Glen Woolfenden** (Lake Placid, FL) was called to be plenary speaker at the American Ornithologists Union's annual meeting at Cornell. He's retired but is continuing his long-term study of the ecology and behavior of the Florida scrub jay. **Margery Schmidt Van Court** (Madison, NJ) finally convinced husband **Donald P.**, MME '51 to visit Chile, where she spent much of her childhood. "He liked it so much he wants to return." Ira and **Barbara Mestel** Schaeffer (West Palm Beach) are active on golf courses, tennis courts, and in the Cornell Club of Eastern Florida. "Happily retired" **Ann Wheeler** Kassel, MPS CA '73, (Baltimore) tells of Elderhostel barging in Burgundy, France, and a cross-country driving Odyssey (to San Francisco, over a semi-southern route; 4,222 miles in 16 days).

Some of you out there in Readerland are with us today because of **Bill McBurney**, BA '54, who undertook to contact those who had omitted to renew their class dues/magazine subscriptions for this year. Let that task not go thankless. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009; e-mail, jhanchett@edit.nydailynews.com.



Former class correspondent **Ellen Shapiro** Saalberg was one of the first people to communicate via e-mail when I

took the reins from **Louise Schaefer** Dailey in 1994. Almost five years later, to the day, I had another e-mail from Ellie. She had planned on attending the 45th but the calendar let her down, and thus we were deprived of her company. Since retiring in 1994 the Saalbergs have been traveling as much as possible. January is devoted to Puerto Vallarta, with the rest of the globe fair game from then on. I was glad to help Ellie reunite with former roommate **Judy Greifer** Benjamin. Judy and

to visit family, but they have also done some deep sea fishing off the coast of Baja, Mexico. Their next fishing endeavor will be fly-fishing in Montana. I suggest they contact **Roger D. "Smithy" Smith** for some angling tips. He is an emeritus professor at the U. of Cincinnati and continues to teach, write, and consult. In his spare time he travels west, not only to visit family, but also to fish on the great western fly fishing rivers.

We have many travelers and many sailors in the class but so far only one person who has an interest in lighthouses. **Sally Guthrie** Whitman of Sea Girt, NJ, is a trustee of Sea Girt Lighthouse and has been participating in its restoration since 1981. Sally writes, "There's a romance about lighthouses, the reaching out in the dark to the unknown seafarer, the solitary life of the lone keeper. I guess we've reached the age when there's time for meditation." Sally, we all should be lighthouse keepers sweeping our eyes periodically across our horizon searching for that someone who might need a smile or a note of encouragement. Thanks for a marvelous metaphor for the new millennium.

During her last trip to London, **Sondra Dreier** Kozinn joined in the dedication of a statue of Sherlock Holmes in front of the Baker St. underground station. She attended a reception at the House of Lords and a Victorian costume parade from Lord's Cricket Grounds to the statue site. Must admit you all do discover fascinating avenues to explore. Judy and **Norman Lynn** thoroughly enjoyed reunion. At home in New York City Norm serves as prexy of his co-op board and finds that balancing a slim budget with the expectations of some of the younger co-op members commands all his diplomatic skills. It's not an enviable task.

I know a number of you have traveled to New Zealand and enjoyed its many natural attributes, but **Howard Seelig**, BCE '55, of Bellevue, WA, is the first person to date that has purchased property on those lovely islands,

check info if needed. Thanks. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 17 Hillside Ave., Kentfield, CA 94904; fax, (415) 925-940; e-mail, ljreed54@pacbell.net.

REUNION

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Reunion Chair **Anne Morrissey Merick** has forwarded me the exciting details of our 45th Reunion, which will be held on June 8-11, 2000, so let me take this chance to recap the highlights for you. We'll be headquartered in Balch, which is a great choice for us—comfortable rooms and an easy walk to campus. On Thursday night, early arrivals can sign up for a boat trip on Cayuga Lake and there'll be a cold buffet for all back at the dorm. On Friday there will be many exciting campus-wide events, and our class dinner, to which Frank Rhodes and President Hunter Rawlings are invited, will be at the Stadler. A picnic is planned for Saturday along the shores of Beebe Lake, and later that afternoon a class reception will be held at the Johnson Museum to honor the Cuban collection of **Jay Hyman**, DVM '57. Following that, we'll convene at the Plantations for a Caribbean barbecue with strolling strings and a salsa band. Sunday's event will be a special brunch and a memorial service, probably right in the Balch courtyard, which will be conducted by classmate **Alden Hathaway**, retired Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh. Also planned are a concert by **Dick Bump**, BCE '56, a talk by **Dick Schaap**, and even a milk punch party! Check our website (see address below) for updates on who's signed up so far.

Anne has said she needs help and will find a job for anyone who's interested in participating. Her e-mail address is AnneMerick@aol.com. **Barbara Brott** Myers, who spends six months in New York and six months in Englewood, FL, has already said she can lend a hand, as has **Carroll E. "Duke" Dubuc**; and **Barbara O'Connor** Kenny has offered to help with a reunion golf tournament. **Konrad Bald** and **E. Howland Swift** have volunteered to be regional class contacts. Swifty's working "part-time on *pro bono* stuff with several local non-profits" and half-time on fundraising and consulting with community groups and colleges throughout California. A bit further afield, **Irene "Renie" Adler** Hirsch says that if she can locate any classmates living in Israel, she'll be glad to get involved.

Dave Sheffield, BArch '60, MRP '61, is a senior architect/planner at the Kasper Group in Bridgeport, CT, and Wellesley, MA, where he and **Allison (Hopkins) '56** live. In November 1999, **Roy Allen**, BME '56, MME '63, was honored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for his contributions to the development and promotion of Performance Test Codes. Roy's medal was awarded at the International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition, which was held in Knoxville, TN. A note from Zimbabwe brings the news that **Sandra Shepard Armstrong**, BS Ag '57, is now retired. Her husband **Robert '57**, MBA '59, is a visiting professor of Agribusiness Management at Africa U. **Dick Brandt** has retired as a Rotary president, but

has five children and nine grandchildren to take up the slack. **Charles Adoff** reports that he retired in 1997 and has since become a gourmet cook. That must be good news for Chuck's wife, Lorie, who's still working as chaplain for County Hospice. **Howie Fink** stopped by to say hello to the Adoffs during spring break from the U. of San Diego, where he is teaching. **Samuel "Skip" Salus** reported seeing **Tom Litwin** and **Dotty (Eiseman) '57** in New York City last winter. When Tracy, the daughter of **Don Maclay**, BME '56, graduated from Tulane Medical School last June, the Maclays stayed with **Darryl Turgeon '57** in New Orleans. Eight days later, in Santa Barbara, CA, Don was father of the bride. Both **Dick Mathewson** and **John Massey**, BCE '56, (with their wives) were there for the happy day.

Peggy Blackburn Robinson has been in touch with **Sarah Fehr** Miller, MA '57, recently. Sarah, whom we knew as "Tay," is now married to Rev. Hibbert Moss and living at 88 Fair Hill Dr., Westfield, NJ 07090. Thanks for that news, Peggy, and also to Dick Mathewson for forwarding an address for **Dick Godfrey** (1005 Rosemount Ct., Los Altos, CA 94022) and to Dave Sheffield for sending the address of **Patricia Nowack** Thompson (Concord, MA). **Harvey Knaster** must be ready to give up his day job for a career in sleuthing: he has located five "lost" classmates: **James Hardy** (at Louisiana State U.), **Carlos La Costa**, MBA '57, (living in Puerto Rico), **Neil Poley** (graduated with Class of 1956), **Lee Preble** (transferred to Columbia after freshman year), and **Berton Schneider** (who also left after freshman year). **Mal Whyte** has sent in addresses for **Tom Irwin** (1386 Black River Dr., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466) and **Gill Boehringer** (located in Australia), and **Natalie Whittle** Newcomer, BS Nurs '56, located **Vi Zvirblis** in Brooklyn.

Last spring, **Avra Friedman** Metzger attended a performance of the Cornell Glee Club at the old mission in San Luis Obispo, CA. Avra retired from the Dept. of Corrections in California in the fall of 1998, and says she's "loving the freedom of self-determination it has brought." **Allan Ripans** and wife **Gail (Kweller) '61** are retired but staying active with family affairs, international travel and Atlanta cultural activities. They attend both the Cornell alumni and Cornell Society of Hotelmen events. **Mary Ann Monforte Myers** and **Bob '54** visited **Irving "Bin" and Jayne Pettit** at Hilton Head Island, and had a great time reminiscing about Cornell and the Men's Glee Club. Prof. **Dan Partan** is a man in the news: he serves on the dispute settlement roster of the World Trade Organization and is also a teacher and scholar in international law and trade law. Finally, "attention must be paid" to Adult University (CAU), a wonderful vacation for any age, on or off campus. **Len Bechick '54**, BA '55, **Bob Cowie**, BME '56, MBA '57, **Morton Marts**, **Elliott Oldman '51**, **Susan McKelvey** Warner, and **John L. Riley** (along with spouses or friends) participated in recent programs. **Ralph Janis '66** is the director, and you can reach him at

(607) 255-6260 to get on the mailing list. Ask anyone who has attended one of these wonderful programs: CAU is terrific.

I must end on a very sad note by reporting the death of **Elsie McMillan '55**. Elsie was a good friend, a key member of our class, and her contributions to the production of *Cornell Magazine* over so many years were critical to its excellence. She served as adviser to all of us who were involved with the magazine, and she dearly loved Cornell and the Class of 1955. Her loss is deeply felt by the many who loved her. ♦ **Nancy Savage** Morris, 94 Southfield Ave. #601, Stamford, CT 06902; e-mail, nsm99@aol.com. And check out our Class of 1955 website: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1955>.

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Our man in the Balkans, **Dick Sklar**, BME '57, now based in Rome, is on a special assignment in the former Yugoslavia for Madeleine Albright and **Sandy Berger '67**. Barbara and Dick Sklar can be reached in Roma through the ambassador's office. Sounds very exciting; perhaps Dick would be a speaker for us at Reunion? He promises to return to Ithaca. **Diane Newman** Fried, M ED '58, New Windsor, NY, is a docent at Gomez Mill House there. (It is the earliest Jewish Homestead in North America.) Diane found time to go around the world with Semester at Sea for 100 days in 1998. **Leland Mote**, Big Bear Lake, CA, started a new real estate venture in Las Vegas and Big Bear. Lots of vacation rentals and sales with discounts to all Cornellians. **Arthur Reimann**, Lakeland, FL, is in food brokerage, dba A.C. Reimann and Associates, Inc. **Henry Dogin**, Armonk, NY, has been a US immigration judge in Newark, NJ, since 1995. **Gene Sanders**, MD '60, Fremont, NE, is a half-time professor at Creighton University School of Medicine; the other half-time is spent writing, consulting, fishing, and writing over 200 scientific publications.

Sandra Rodetsky Slipp, Englewood, NJ, is conducting seminars on workplace issues. Her second book on workplace issues will be published this year by AMACON. **Milt Lendl**, Delmont, PA, has been retired since 1992, AND operates a hay farm in Galway, NY. Milt makes that 450-mile trip several times a month. **Bob Meyer**, Wilmington, DE, is president and chairman of the board of The Bayard Firm, a medium sized law firm. Bob's specialty is taxation. **Eleanor Raphaelson** Lefkowitz, Boca Raton, FL, won first prize in a juried show for her stone sculpture. She has exhibited at the Coral Springs Museum. **Hank Hubbard**, BA '58, Bermuda, is CEO/merchandising director at Trimmingham's. He invites you to visit their website at www.Trimminghams.com. **Lenny Brotman** Greenstein, Naples, FL, is writing two columns a week for the *Naples Daily News* on nutrition and healthy dining out and doing spa consulting at new spas in Naples. She is at Canyon Ranch in the Berkshires during the summer months. **Roger Cracco**, MD, Brooklyn, NY, is currently professor and

chairman of the neurology department and vice dean for academic and scientific affairs at the college of medicine, State University of New York Health Science Center, Brooklyn.

Mini '56 reunion reported by **Jan Booth** Anderson, attended by **Jean Purdy** Rosseau, MS '57, **Dorothy Vrooman** Taylor, **Barbara Travis** Osgood, PhD '80, and **Trudy Hutchins** Hickox at Jean's summer cottage in NH. **Barbara M. Burns**, New York City, is very busy advising foreign entities on their public relations. **Pat Brodie** Brentani, Concord, MA, is a psychotherapist in private practice. **Maria Radoslovich** Cox, NYC, and her husband Donald are completing a second home at Ponte Vedra, FL. **Allan Weissglass**, Staten Island, NY, was just reelected as the Staten Island representative to the Metropolitan Museum's Board of Trustees. **Lillian Heicklen** Gordon, Rochester, NY, plays in a flute choir which gets her to music camps and bands from across the US. **Robert Kaplan**, BEP '57, NYC, is organizing a children's march to the US Capitol for gun control scheduled for October 2000. **Kathleen Rooney** Irish, White Plains, NY, retired from the Gannett Corporation at the end of last year. **Bill Hudson**, BEE '57, Hershey, PA, retired after 38 "great years" at AMP, capped by 5-1/2 years as CEO/president and six months as vice-chairman engaged in fighting off a hostile takeover and merging with a "white knight," which he adds was a better value for shareholders. Heard from **Johan** and **Joan Katz Krohn**, Kviteiseid, Norway. Johan has started his own business, Krohn-Consult, in the tourism/hotel, restaurant marketing business.

I am saddened to report the passing of classmate **Hector "Scotty" Coats**, Wayne, PA. Scotty was senior vice president of Keystone Foods and responsible for developing many of the new products offered by McDonalds. The memorial service, attended by several hundred people, including **Dick Bulman**, MBA '57, **Bill Doerler** '55, **Harold Fountain** '55, and **Len Hladick**, MBA '63, was highlighted by a bagpipe player in Scotty's honor.

When you salute the American flag at Schoellkopf Field in Ithaca you will be saluting class leaders **Stephen Kittenplan** and **Peter Hearn**. Both men, and their wives, Gail Kittenplan and Gail Hearn, were honored by Cornell University for their generous gift of the stadium's two new flagpoles flanking the press boxes. The event last November was especially emotional for Steve, who credits Peter with saving his life at that very spot, Schoellkopf Field, several years ago. ❖ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 E. 83 St., NYC 10028; e-mail, phylboz@aol.com.



Although this is the year when we reach the "official" retirement age, a few classmates are still gainfully employed. **Marilyn Mitchell** Holtham, MS '70, is the director of lay ministry at the United Methodist Church in Archdale, NC. She also has her own consulting business, Gifts of the Heart. Marilyn loves her work, conducting seminars

and workshops designed to connect church and community ministries. She also loves visiting her six children and seven grandchildren who are located from the Pacific to the Atlantic shores.

According to your news notes, travels are big on the agenda for many of you. Last November **Phyllis Shames Korn** visited Monaco and Portugal. On an earlier trip to Singapore and Malaysia she climbed the 13,000 ft. Mt. Kinabalu. Closer to home, **Martin** '55, MD '58, and **Phyllis** spend lots of time at Schroon Lake in the Adirondacks where she is involved with the unique Seagle Music Colony. With all that, there was still time for them to visit their three married children and two grandchildren. **Joyce Dudley McDowell** was on campus last June for the 45th Reunion of husband **Ed** '54, B Chem E '55, before heading off for a month-long trip to Iceland, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands. The McDowells are avid sailors, and Ed's boat *Grand Illusion* won the 1999 TransPacific Yacht Race. Last October Ed and Joyce had a week in London prior to cruising the Mediterranean on the *Sea Cloud*.

After 22 years in Maine, **Dave** '54, MS '55, and **Carol Cobb Diver** moved to The Landings on Skidaway Island, GA, when Carol took early retirement as the bridal gift registrar at Macy's South Portland store. The Divers are enjoying traveling as well, with an itinerary that has included Alaska, Scandinavia, Greece, Australia, and New Zealand. Speaking of the latter two destinations, that's where you could find six of us from '57 back in November. **Jan Nelson** Cole, **Joan Reinberg** Macmillan, BA '58, and I joined an Alumni Federation group which started in Fiji, continued on to New Zealand, and ended in Sydney, Australia. A noteworthy highlight of the trip was Jan's adventurous climb to the 440-foot summit of the Sydney Harbor Bridge. Another special event occurred in Cairns one evening in the hotel lobby when Joan (who has become the semi-official piano player at reunions) took to the keys for a two-hour sing-along (Cornell songs definitely included). Our memories still work, and the words to "It takes a silver dollar" came back readily. The trip overlapped with that of another Cornell group, so **Dick** '55, BEE '56, and **Elizabeth Westin Pew**. **Joe** '56, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger**, and **John Maclay**, BME '58, and his wife Marilyn were able to rendezvous with us in Sydney.

While some of you have been and will be celebrating 40th wedding anniversaries, we are reminded that there are classmates with long time marriages who have lost their spouses. **Barbara Timen** Holstein's husband of 38 years died a few years ago and Barbara writes, "fortunately, I had been working full-time and that part of my life is great. I also gained a daughter when my son Casey got married in 1997, and he and Robin added great joy with the birth of my first grandchild last April." Barbara's two daughters are successful businesswomen living in New York City. She is hoping to make it to the 45th Reunion, just two years away. And have you noticed how fast

time goes now that we're of that certain age?

A final note about a very courageous, diligent, fair-minded lady, not of our class but from '55, **Elsie McMillan**. For 27 years I have been sending this column to Elsie, first typewritten, then on computer disc, and now by e-mail. It made it to print every issue because of Elsie's dedication to her job as the editor of class notes. Elsie died in November after a long struggle with cancer. She will be missed. ❖ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail, jcreuss@aol.com.

I am delighted to have had the opportunity to read a chapter chronicling the life of **John R. "Jack" Dempsey** in a recently published book entitled *Learning Curves in Business*. It relates the "hits, misses, and home runs" of 21 prominent citizens in Ann Arbor, MI. Jack writes of his early years in northwestern Pennsylvania and Buffalo, his potentially fatal illness, and those people who helped him realize the direction in which he wanted to take his life. From working with med students in Buffalo on insurance-related items to the maturation of Dempsey Inc., a devotion to family and community is evident in weaving a pattern of success, albeit not without a few bumps in the road along the way. His passion for his business (and golf) jumps from the page.

Proof that the squeaky wheel gets the grease is evident in the number of times **Ara Daglian** gets into print in this column for having done basically nothing. He reports no fires in the last year in the jurisdiction covered by the volunteer fire department in New Jersey in which he remains chief assistant to the assistant chief. He did spend some time in Paris, Lyon, and Nice trying to rediscover the secret of some ancient recipe, probably to bring back to the boys in the department. Speaking of travel, **Dick Cavell**, **Pinky Green**, and **Bill Eckert** have something in common: they have all been to Australia in the past year. Bill had the thrill of crewing on a three-hour cruise around Sydney harbor on the *Gretel*, the boat that won the Americas Cup several years ago. Pinky has kept his suitcase packed, with Alaska and Hong Kong on the itinerary, as well as several intervening stops. He also finds time to continue consulting on labor relations issues. While all this is going on, **Pete Blauvelt**, BA '59, spent some time in Sweden and continues his favorite pastime of hunting pigs in Texas. If one of your grandchildren has a yen to go to Cayuga Community College, you might try to dissuade him or her. The great Texas pig hunter is on the board.

Stu Fischman is "busier than ever" since retiring from the U. of Buffalo medical staff. He does consulting for medical and dental firms on a myriad of subjects, and he continues to manage the AIDS Oral Health Program at the Erie County Medical Center. After 21 years as an Air Force navigator and many more years working for the Navy on Airborne Weapons Programs (last ten on the Tomahawk Program), **Sandy Kaiser**, BS Ag '58, has retired in order to travel and to continue to be involved in "good works." **Howard**

Greenstein continues as Rabbi of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island from September through April. He and **Lenore (Brotman) '56** now have eight grandchildren. **Gonzalo Ferrer**, BCE '58, has seen a lot of unpleasant news in the recent past. His oldest son, Gustavo, died of a brain tumor shortly before Gonzalo was diagnosed with prostate cancer. His wife, Piri, had surgery for a detached retina last summer.

Three items that I find particularly inspiring include **Jerry**, BEE '58, and **Barbara Cohn**'s continuation of their hiking program by undertaking the "Tour de Mont Blanc" last summer, putting one boot in front of the other in France, Italy, and Switzerland. Prior tours included just about every country in the world, as well as several stops in the US. After 36 years managing ski resorts, **Phil** and **Shirley Gravink** have joined Odyssey 2000. This year Phil will (get this!) bike on six continents in 45 countries for 19,700 miles. **Rick Freeman** accomplished another daring feat, getting married last October.

I've thought of what I could say concerning the death of **Elsie McMillan '55**, and have come to the conclusion that Judy stated my exact sentiments (above). Elsie and I shared an interest in horse racing, I merely because I live in Kentucky and she because she really knew and loved the sport. She was a gem.

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Here's Class News from the last months of 1999, starting on the day after a Homecoming weekend which, except for the Yale football score, was in all ways perfect. Clear weather prevailed during the week-end which included the rededication of the Chimes. (OUR bell is inscribed in caps: "Class of 1958 on the occasion of its 40th Reunion.") We have a chalk rubbing of same given to the class by on-campus chimes adviser, and good friend, **Robert Feldman '66**, PhD '75.) Other events included the game and post-game activities, especially '58's annual gathering at the Ithaca Yacht Club, hosted by **Brad Corbitt**. Those at dinner included **Brad** and **Nancy (Horgen)**, BS HE '74, **Cis** and **Clarence (Barnie) Parker**, **Harold A. Jenkins**, DVM '57, and **Marylyn (Peck)**, **Eileen (Funcheon)** and **Jerry Linsner**, **Betty Anne Steer** Merritt and her 5-year-old granddaughter **Kathy** (getting some really early indoctrination), and **Dick DoBell '55**, BS ILR '59, and **Diana "Dannie" (Cook)**. **Connie Case Haggard** and I enjoyed dropping by to greet these 'mates, as they were about to dine well. Many had attended the rededication of the new bells prior to the game, including **Marilyn (Zeltner)** and **Larry Teel '57**, BME '60, who woke up that morning in Victor, saw the gorgeous day, and changed their plans to beat it down to Cornell. What a fine weekend it was!

And now to catch up on more news from 1999. A release from the NJ Commission on Professionalism in the Law says that **Mike Griffinger** received the NJ 1999 Prof. Lawyer

of the Year award. Mike is very active in areas of law as well as in various community activities. He is trustee for the NJ Performing Arts Center and past co-chair of the Newark Fresh

Fred Sherman, **John Jay**, BME '59, **Charlotte Blomquist Jensen**, MS '60, and **Roger Boulton**. Fred later wrote in that wife Maggie has survived chemotherapy very well, missing

"This year Phil Gravink will bike on six continents in 45 countries for 19,700 miles."

JOHN SEILER '57

Air Fund. **Roberta Schantz** Schwartz has a new address in Key West, FL, at 639 United St. She writes that two of her three grown children are in Manhattan, one raising children and another whose husband is a law school professor at U. of Baltimore. Roberta's third child lives in Louisville. Ronnie has retired and is "enjoying cultural activities in funky Key West." **Cal Allen** and **Marsha (O'Kane) '59** planned to travel to Pearl Harbor last October for the commissioning of the USS *O'Kane*, an Aegis destroyer, named in honor of Marsha's father. Marsha's mother, her children, and her great-grandchildren were to be there for that special honor.

Howard Abel is still practicing hematology and med. oncology in Ft. Lauderdale. Having just left solo practice, he is now employed in a med. group. Howard says he manages to get in some tennis. His wife Grace is an administrator at a center for performing arts and both children are undergrads at U. of Alabama. Adult University (CAU) continues to expand its programs, on and off campus, and '58ers are participating. For example: **Sheila (Siegel)** and **Barton Friedman '56**, PhD '64, took the Alaska outing last June; **Sieglinde Dieken** Matura and **Lawrence Severino** enjoyed the Opera session on campus in July; and **Anna Jean Schuler** Cushwa and husband William took in the Shaw Festival in Ontario, as well as the cultural scene of Paris in the fall. **Almeda (Church)** and **John Riley '55**, BArch '56, also took in the latter. **James Comly**, BEE '59, and **Lucy (Tuve) '59**, and **Stephen Milman**, MBA '59, and **Evalyn (Edwards) '60** participated in the Canadian Rockies trip last August.

R. Scott Wetstone, BME '59, wishes to dispel rumors about his demise on a recent sailboat trip. He and three friends made a 3,400-mile nonstop leg to the Marquesas in 22 days, but had he been six inches further aft in one storm 200 miles offshore, he just might not have survived a skull swipe by a binnacle yoke. He was fortunate, and indeed, he also survived 25-foot waves in gales from behind (just lifting the boat, "rather fun if you didn't look at the waves"). They continued to Tahiti, rented another boat for a 16-day sail to Bora Bora, then Scott crewed another to Tonga, about 5,000 miles in total. Scott's latest plans include cruising the Caribbean during the coming of the New Year. Best wishes to you too, Scott.

Some 'mates sent in just their dues: dentist

only two days of work during the six months of treatment. **Bill Hazzard**, MD '62, and Ellen have a new address. They are now back on the West Coast after 17 years East at Johns Hopkins and Wake Forest. Bill is directing geriatrics and extended care at the Puget Sound Health Care system in Seattle, while living in their old neighborhood in central city (at 3515 E. Conover Ct.), just two doors down from where they raised their family, some of whom remain in their old town.

Madolyn "Maddi" (McAdams) and **Glenn Dallas** report the birth of their fourth grandchild last March and that Madolyn "the 4th" was born a year earlier. The Dallases enjoyed the far Pacific last winter on their "touring third" of the year, then New Jersey and a beach house in Delaware for the other two-thirds. Maddi is going through the humbling experience of learning to play golf, while enjoying CAU trips and birdwatching (in her spare time, that is). Dr. **Stephen Bank** also visited the far Pacific last year on "a long, long flight to Hong Kong, for an exciting, fantastic time." We end our short column with word from **Tom Colosi**, still in Vienna, VA, but now retired from the American Arbitration Assn. and consulting for his own company, called "The Colosi Group."

And there you have it, 'mates, up through fall of 1999, with hopes to all that the New Year is going well. News and Dues are always welcome. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, rhaggard@voicenet.com.

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Get ready to hike the trails of Yosemite with **Hank Stark** of Rocky Hill, CT, whose book about the awesome and uniquely beautiful national park will be published in late summer. Partly autobiographical, the book blends one man's experiences and revelations, including confronting hungry bears and searching for a friend who is lost for days, with the graphic history inscribed by nature upon the park's valleys, domes, and monoliths. Hank, who retired from Levi Strauss in 1992, has lectured on business topics at the Yale School of Management for almost ten years; this spring he also is lecturing at Cornell's Johnson School of Management and College of Human Ecology.

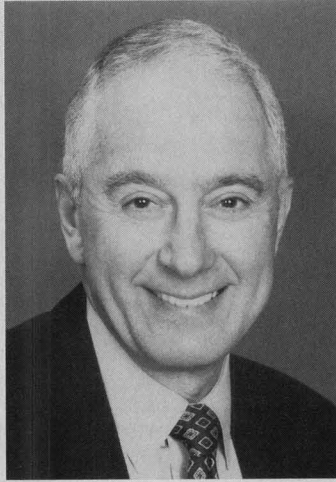
I enjoyed a lovely lunch in November with Hank, who spoke enthusiastically about writing, about Adult University (CAU) (see

Front Man

JAY HARRIS '60

After thirty years as an entertainment lawyer, Jay Harris is enjoying a second career—as a theater producer. An attorney with the firm of Hall, Dickler, Kent, Friedman, and Wood, Harris is the author of *TV Guide: The First 25 Years* and the father of twins Jesse and Jennifer, who both graduated from Cornell in 1991. In 1992, he founded the New York City-based Weissberger Theater Group, a non-profit production company for new plays. Says Harris: “The idea of finding a play and giving it an opportunity to realize itself is exciting.”

One of Weissberger’s shows hit it big in 1999, when *Side Man* won the Tony for Best Play. The title refers to musicians who worked for hire in the big bands of the Thirties and Forties. Harris describes the play, about a jazz musician obsessed with his art, as “very funny and full of dark humor and familiar jazz music.”



— Elizabeth Fahey '98

below), and about a reunion of members of Pi Lambda Phi. The latter, hosted by **Seth Newberger** at the Harmonie Club in New York City, drew 28 fraternity brothers from the classes of '58 through '60. In addition to Seth and Hank, our class was represented by **Stan Blau**, **Ed Wind**, **Tom Golden**, **Paul Rosenberg**, **Lenny Rubin**, **Dick Horwich**, and **Bob Greer**. “Seeing friends I hadn’t seen in years was a wonderful experience,” said Hank. “At the end of the event we sang the Pi Lamb song and ‘Give My Regards to Davy’; it was one of the most touching moments I’ve had in a long time.”

Bob Dann, a radiologist who lives in Amherst, MA, writes that wife Nancy attended seminary at Andover Newton Theological Seminary near Boston. “After getting her Master of Divinity degree, Nancy took a job she created for herself, as a chaplain for cancer patients at Baystate Medical Center, where I work.”

Jean Finerty Wandel, who lives in a 100-year-old farmhouse near the water in Falmouth, ME, works at Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and does a variety of volunteer work, including serving as a mentor for incarcerated teen girls at the Maine Youth Center. Last year she traveled to the Galapagos Islands: “Imagine snorkeling nose-to-nose with a baby sea lion and looking up to see a penguin perched on a rock above your head!” She also took a trip to Austria, and after buying a bike and learning how to shift, she took a two-week biking tour through Holland. Ex-

ercise of another sort: **Charlie Carpenter**, MD '63, of Vestal, NY, built a strip canoe, which he launched last June.

Michael Perle of Scottsdale, AZ, a retired periodontist, is current president of the Cornell Club of Arizona. **Dominick “Dick” Fontecchio** continues to work as a hospital systems analyst at Raritan Bay Medical Center in NJ, while his wife **Pat (Podolec) '63** is a high school teacher. Both are active members of the local Cornell Club, where Dick handles the phonathon “number crunching.” Dick sends congratulations to our new Class President, **George Schneider**, BME '60, a fellow high-schooler in Amsterdam, NY. Dick also sends regrets that he and Pat missed reunion, though it was for excellent reasons: the hectic preparations involved in the summer weddings of two of their three children.

On Sept. 12, '99, **Diane Bishop** Davies, BArch '60, married Hugh Hanson in a wedding at a beach house in Nags Head, NC, attended by all their children, sons- and daughters-in-law, and grandchildren. The couple, who live in Woodbridge, VA, call it their Floydian wedding, since they had to evacuate when Hurricane Floyd arrived. Diane is a graphic designer with Logicon. She notes that Hugh is a U. of Michigan alumnus “but he makes up for that by being a tenor and singing in several choirs with me.”

Classmates who participated in CAU last summer and fall include **Mike Bandler**, **Ruth Chock** Casper, **Sally Wheaton** Gillan, **Judith Cook** Gordon, **Phil Yarnell**, **Lucy**

Tuве Comly, **Ed Keeley**, and Hank Stark. It’s a small world: **Diana Drake** Cleland of Waitsfield, VT, a retired financial planner, ran into **Jackie Dorsey** Coates of nearby Warren, VT, at the Sugarbush Recreation Club, where they now enjoy water aerobics together (and talk about attending our 45th Reunion).

Fred Fiducia, BA 61, writes that he’s traveling extensively throughout the US during much of this year, but would like to hear from ex-roommates and friends. He can be reached at PO Box 936367, Margate, FL 33093-6367 or at FiduciaF@aol.com. Remember, you can find classmates’ e-mail addresses at our website: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1959>. If you aren’t listed, or if you have a change of address, send the information to our webmaster **Alan Newhouse**, BEE '60, arn6@cornell.edu.

It was with much sadness that we reported in a recent column the death at reunion of **Lawlor Reck**, BA '60, of Laie, HI. Lawlor’s son, Stephen, has written that Lawlor “loved Cornell and always spoke highly of his fellow classmates.” As many of us recall, Lawlor was a member of the Cornell swim team and was named an All-American in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events. It was his love for the ocean and the outdoors that took him to Hawaii, where he taught swimming, scuba diving, and water polo and served as a gracious host for visiting family and friends. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801-2663; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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Reunion plans have firmed up and you should have received your R2K package by now. If not, be sure to inform **Ken Ackley**, B CH E '61, ME CH '66, at kea4@cornell.edu. We hope to see you in Ithaca June 8-11 for a great few days of exciting events and terrific socializing.

Paul Auchter, JD '64, plans to make the June trip to Ithaca from Key Biscayne, FL. Paul reports that all is well in the sunny South, and he and wife Flos now have four granddaughters under four years of age. **Sue Wood Brewer** plans to come from Chapel Hill, NC, having also been at Reunion '99 with husband **Donald '59**, BME '60, and her father **John P. Wood '24**, EE '25, MEE '34, who was celebrating his 75th. Sue’s Reunion report is that “there are more worthwhile activities, university-wide, in the colleges, and with the classes, than there are hours in the day. It is both intellectually and socially stimulating.”

Another reunion attendee will be **Bill Flanagan** of Colonial Heights, VA. Bill has been very involved with politics in Virginia, where he serves as Republican chairman in the Fourth Congressional District. He and wife Diane proudly celebrated a special occasion last June when their son Chris was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest in North Carolina.

Donald Milsten and wife Barbara are now settled in their new home in Baltimore, and they plan to make the trip north to Ithaca in June. “We welcome calls from classmates seeking tours of Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.”

says Don, who adds, "our triplet grandkids continue to keep us young." Don can be reached at: stateserve@aol.com.

Alan Lish also plans to be in Ithaca in June. Last May he retired from his position at the US Dept. of Agriculture and re-located to Delray Beach, FL. "I'm enjoying the life of leisure," says Alan, "which includes fishing, tennis, and travel." **Dave Maurer**, BME '61, MS Eng '63, of Mobile, AL, recently retired from Union Carbide where he spent 38 years engineering and manufacturing cryogenic equipment. "Now I'm attempting to get my golf game in order," reports Dave.

Other recent retirees who've switched gears include **Jonathan Rosefsky** of Haverford, PA, who stopped work in July and immediately began studying architecture. He is also working on a patent application. **Forrest Randall** of Springfield, VT, retired from Vermont Country Foods in 1998, but soon began consulting for local farmers and is now trying to establish a fluid goat milk business. **Martin Brasted** of Johnstown, PA, left his full-time position as a teacher of vocational agriculture and has been substitute teaching. He also made a trip to Jamaica in October to help out with the building of a new orphanage. Martin and wife **Evelyn (Minekime) '61** have four married daughters and three grandchildren.

Elizabeth Poit Cernosia reports from Bloomfield Hills, MI, that husband **Tom '58**, BS ILR '59, has retired from ITT and they now divide their time between Michigan and Naples, FL. Along with playing golf, the Cernosias do a good deal of traveling because their offspring are scattered from Los Angeles to London. "We look forward to the 40th Reunion in June," says Betsy.

Anita Lesgold Belman, MS '61, is a professor of medicine at SUNY Stony Brook School of Medicine. Board-certified in both pediatrics and neurology, Anita is the author of numerous articles on pediatric AIDS and Lyme disease. Husband **Stefan '58**, DVM '61, spends a good deal of time on the family ranch near Glacier Park, MT. The Belmans have children **Matthew**, DVM '89, who practices in Salt Lake City, and Melissa, who is a consultant in Annapolis, MD.

Another distinguished classmate is **Henry Bienen** of Evanston, IL, who has been president of Northwestern U. since 1995; his busy schedule recently included a trip to Ithaca to visit Northwestern alumni. Henry's wife **Leigh (Buchanan) '59**, BA '60, is a senior lecturer at Northwestern law school, and the Bienes have daughters Laura, Claire, and Leslie, who is studying veterinary medicine at Tufts. Leigh is a third-generation Cornellian. "We will have to wait for grandchildren" to see about the next generation, says Henry.

Laurence Dornstein of Beverly Hills, CA, and wife Judith are both still practicing law. Their daughter Courtney is in her sophomore year at the U. of Pennsylvania. **David Wunsch**, BEE '61, is now in his 31st year as a faculty member at the U. of Massachusetts, Lowell, where he teaches electrical engineering. David and wife Mary Morgan live in Belmont, MA.

Rita Schwartz Brody, BS HE '61, of Yorktown Heights reports that her real estate business is really busy these days, but she and spouse Jerry found time early last fall for a two-week trip to Alaska. Rita says it was wonderful, including the fishing expedition. They caught 100 pounds of salmon, which they flash froze and brought back with them on the plane.

Congratulations to **Marianna Giacalone** Goodheart of Larkspur, CA, on the occasion of her exhibition of fabricated metal sculpture and installations at the College of Marin Art Gallery in March of 1999. "Nearly all of my time is spent in the studio or teaching," she says. "Fortunately, the family," which includes husband Bill and sons Matthew and Ross and their two sons, "is nearby for needed breaks and relaxation."

Carol Sue Epstein Hai says that things have been going splendidly with her. "I'm still very stimulated by the variety of projects in my interior design practice [in Rochester]," she reports, and has managed to do a great deal of traveling. She celebrated her 60th birthday with a month in Australia and New Zealand, where she toured both the North and South islands by car, and she also sailed from Prague to Potsdam with **Heidi Friederich '63**. C. Sue's daughter **Jill Hai '85** has presented her with two grandchildren, Paul and Elise, born in 1998.

Dick (H. Richard) **Penny**, BME '61, of Los Altos, CA, happily reports his recent marriage "to a wonderful woman I have known for ten years," who works with Raychem Corp. in customer service and logistics management. Dick continues interim financial management with Silicon Valley start-up companies. Because his youngest daughter Elizabeth will graduate from Carleton College in June, Dick regretfully says that he'll need to be in Minnesota instead of Ithaca.

Rod Mason, PhD '64, writes from Los Alamos, "I'm enjoying computer modeling of laser-matter interactions in sunny New Mexico, while my wife Caroline studies control of plutonium in the environment." They also find time for hiking, skiing, and traveling, including two exciting weeks in Thailand this past spring. The Masons' two daughters "are through or in college studying horses and computers."

I'm sorry to report the death on November 18, '99, of **Marguerite Blomgren** Ernestine, who was our classmate for a year and a half before moving to California to complete her degree. A community activist in Flagstaff, AZ, Marguerite leaves her husband Marshall and two children.

Send news. ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jwittenberg@neasc.org.



On the move, **Suzanne Wolff Wiener** and husband **Joel**, PhD '65, spent the last two summers traveling extensively in India, and they plan to return there again this year. Sue continues to teach special education in Teaneck, NJ, while Joel is a pro-

fessor of history at City College in New York. Their three children and five grandchildren all live nearby in Manhattan.

While traveling on an Adult University (CAU) tour to Ireland ("excellent faculty, impressive program; I recommend it to everyone"), Dr. **Carol Keon**, BA '62, of San Diego, found the chapel where her great-grandparents were married. **Carol Bonosaro** of Bethesda, MD, wrote that the "company was great" on her CAU tour of Salzburg, Austria. She enjoyed an unforgettable horse-drawn sleigh ride in the mountains. Carol has been spending time settling the affairs of her father, who died in New Jersey last year. **Stephanie Rehnberg** Murray and her husband also visited Austria last year, along with trips to Maui, Africa, Disney World, Paris, and Montana. Stephanie caught her first rainbow trout at the last stop.

Last year was a long one for **Carlo Brunori**, BS Ag '62, of Annapolis, whose dad died in September. Carlo has been consulting part-time since retiring from State service five years ago. Carlo wrote, as did many classmates, about looking forward to Reunion 2001. This gives me an opportunity to plug our Yahoo Cornell Class of 1961 Club Site. To catch up with each other and keep up with reunion plans, become a member (free) by going to the following Web address: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/cornell1961>.

Gary Codrington, BME '62, made his decision to retire while on a Hawaiian beach. He still consults on project development and acquisitions for his former company while sharing time between a Murray Hill, NJ, home and a second home in Quogue, LI. **Larry Braverman** and wife Adrienne retired to the Governors Club in Chapel Hill, NC, where he is constructing a new home. In addition to spending time on the beach, traveling, and dining, Larry is engaged in the "masochistic" hobby of trying to write a novel.

Cliff Wagoner, BEE '62, and Meg moved to New Jersey after spending the last 22 years in the South. They began the processing of "reconnecting" with friends from the past by attending our class outing at Kykuit. **Ellen Mutterperl** Johnson-Fay moved to Colorado Springs, CO, where she is the minister of a Unitarian Universalist congregation.

German readers are reportedly enthusiastic about mystery novels by **Pat McElroy** Carlson, MA '66, PhD '74, which are set at an upstate New York campus with gorges. Pat had a German book tour last November, and did a reading in English at the U. of Mainz. Her latest US book is *Renowned Be Thy Grave*.

Doug Fuss, BME '62, and wife Sue capped off a year of travel (New Zealand, Australia, Great Barrier Reef, Lebanon) by celebrating the new millennium with a family gathering in Paris. Doug is very thankful for a wonderful 1999, his first full year of retirement from IBM. **Harvey Meranus** and **Bill Epstein '62** spent ten days trekking in Nepal, reaching the Annapurna Base Camp at 13,500 feet. It was an arduous undertaking, Harvey reports, but the physical and mental challenges and the awe of being totally removed from

contact with the outside world provided ample reward. Nice going for two individuals our age!

Gus Kappler, MD '65, has retired from his general surgical practice and plans to travel with his wife Robin and hunt. The Kapplers have homes in Amsterdam, NY, and Manhattan. **Arnold Herman** has been a general surgeon in Providence, RI, for 25 years. Arnold founded Breast Health, a center for diagnosis and treatment of breast diseases. He has also been on the faculty of the Brown Medical School. **Stephen Cole** of Londonderry, VT, is a psychiatrist and serves as an adjunct assistant professor at Dartmouth Medical College.

Yuji Yamaguchi retired after spending his entire career, since leaving the Hotel School, with Fujiya Hotels Co. Ltd. He had been the executive vice president and chief operating officer. Not one to remain idle, Yuji was appointed professor of hospitality management at Oberon U. He continues as a lecturer at the graduate school of Waseda U. in Tokyo. He has also just taken up the role of Cornell Council member, attending this past fall's meetings in Ithaca with his wife Junko.

Jim Jacqueline completed 15 years as vice president at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. **Lewis Krulwich**, senior partner for management consulting services at PricewaterhouseCoopers, celebrated 35 years of marriage to Maxine. Two sons are working in NYC, while the third is raising a family in Jerusalem.

Jeffrey Fisher of Fisher Bros. Steel in Englewood, NJ, founded a buying cooperative for the steel industry. The North American Steel Alliance is now a \$3.5 billion organization. Jeffrey had the pleasure of playing tennis with **Vic Levinson** in East Hampton, NY.

Bobbie Horowitz is executive producer of the well-known Drama Desk awards. She's also formed The Times Square Group, a not-for-profit theater company committed to "intelligent shows that are entertaining, uplifting, and accessible." Her off-Broadway play, *The Betrayal of Nora Blake*, is scheduled to open in NYC in April. Co-artistic director is none other than her son **David Slone '90**, LLB '94.

Take note all golfers: **Judy Rojas** Bennett had her first hole-in-one at the Gardiner's Bay Country Club in eastern Long Island! Judy has won several club championships, but she reported this was her most exhilarating experience. The Bennetts, including **Jim '60**, LLB '63, **Jill '92**, and **Fernanda** (who enjoyed the Kykuit outing with her mom) celebrated the new millennium at their home in North Palm Beach.

Judy Rothman Streisand's daughter Susan is an electrical engineer at ATT. Her son Eric has an MBA from Stanford. **Dave Valenza** of Syracuse, NY, has a growing family with three grandchildren.

Sam Greenblatt, MD '66, is serving as president of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences. **Ed Goldman** is recovering from the exciting heroics of the NY Mets in the playoff series. He continues to provide his photos of the US Tennis Open and other events to the leading tennis magazines.

With Passover 2000 approaching, yours truly is making preparations to lead the Cornell Club of New York Annual Seder for the third consecutive year. Two years ago, I agreed to be a last-minute, "pinch-Seder leader." Now, a victim of my own success, I've been asked to return. Last Passover, there were 50 Cornellians and guests in attendance. Classmates who will be in NYC are invited to join us.

When not leading the Seders, I'm busy establishing the Atlantic Express Transportation Group as the nation's leading provider of transit and paratransit services for the disabled. Atlantic's paratransit contract with NYC Transit is the largest single private carrier transit or paratransit contract in the country. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, 288 Lexington Ave., NYC 10016; tel., (212) 696-9203; e-mail, dsk15@cornell.edu.



If your New Year's and new century's resolutions include becoming more organized and more connected, by all means tune in to the class website, initiated in preparation for the big 40: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1962/default.html>. Anyone connected to the Internet should visit the site and add comments and suggestions as to contents. If you only have e-mail, then you should sign up for our class e-mail list. The easiest way to do this is to send a message to mailto:listproc@cornell.edu without a subject and with a single line in the message body consisting of: SUBSCRIBE CU62-L Homer Simpson, that is, if your name is "Homer Simpson"; otherwise, you should use your own first name last name. You will NOT be inundated with spam e-mail, but will be kept up on major reunion developments. If our impassioned plea doesn't work, we'll be forced to use roving gangs to add conscripts. The regional class vice presidents have each been assigned the task of scheduling an event in their area in the next 12 months, so if you don't see anything on the horizon, drop us a note.

Class webmaster **Jeff Blumenthal**, BEP '63, adds, "on a more personal side, most things are still the same. I'm still working at Follett Corp., married to Joan for 33 years, still worrying about our two children, and trying to simplify my life. On the other hand, every day seems like a new adventure, or is that Alzheimer's? As the class webmaster I know firsthand how difficult it is to get content. Many of us may feel that we lead lives of 'quiet desperation' when in fact we are riding a roller coaster."

Save the date: June 6, 2002.

Peter, BME '63, and **Diane Vennema** reside at 2120 Tangky, Houston, TX. Peter has a "nice little company in Michigan making parts for diesel engines." Check it out at lejones.com. Diane has written and illustrated more than 40 children's books, with more to come. You can read all about them at diane.stanley.com. Peter and Diane's son John is embroiled in the college application process.

Will Anderson has both a new book and a new address. He's now living on Park St. in Bath, ME. The book, *Where Have You Gone,*

Starlight Cafe?, is a review of America's golden era of roadside restaurants.

Also a writer, **Wayne Olson** is writing and editing books Number 6, *Analytical Microbiology*, and Number 7, *Vietnam Perspectives*. He's also contracting to the EPA, "ogling comely women, singing in the church choir, and living too monastic a life. My kids love me, ex-wives don't, and I'm getting tired of Illinois cornfields. Query: Where can I publish a true short story about life in the shelters for the homeless in Chicago?" Answers can go to him at Wolson5428@aol.com.

Which brings up a question for you, dear readers: would you like to see e-mail addresses included for classmates who offer them, or would you rather the space be used for additional news? There's always the website (see above). Send your input to me, please, at addresses below.

"Grandparenting is grand!" report **John**, BEE '63, and **Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64**. **Scott '93**, MBA '99, and **Amy Karlen Neuman '93** welcomed daughter Annabelle in 1998, and **Nancy Neuman '90** and **Kevin Kotecki** welcomed Colton in 1999. John has shifted his consulting career to a growth strategy management firm in Westport, CT (a "much more sane commute" from 1 Clark Lane in Rye). Carolyn is serving as Cornell Council chair. They continue to enjoy their retreat on Cayuga Lake's west shore.

A "delicious grandson," Jacob, enriches the lives of **Les '60**, BEE '61, and **Liz Belsky Stiel**. Liz is a substitute teacher and Les is an arbitrator for the New York Stock Exchange and for the National Assn. of Security Dealers. They are docents at Torrey Pines State Reserve, a coastal state park near their home in La Jolla, CA.

From **Harry J. Green III**, B Chem E '63, PO Box 1399, Mercer Island, WA 98040: "Still married to the same wonderful woman, Wilma. Still have last of six children at home. Still working as IBM middle manager in charge of all LAN/WAN deployments for Washington Mutual Bank account. Since starting at this account in 1996, I have deployed 12,000 workstations across 800 branches as WaMu has grown tenfold." Harry's e-mail address is h3cdaddy@aol.com.

Ginger and **Jim Lansdowne**, BME '64, MBA '65, are enjoying life in Evergreen, CO (31814 Miwok Trail). Jim is "semi-retired" and still instructing skiing part time at Loveland. He's PSIA certified. Jim and Ginger have enjoyed ski trips to Aspen and Steamboat and some high-country climbing.

From sun country comes a report from **Charles Ilvento**, MBA '63: **Joe West**, Hotel '74, is the new dean of Florida International School of Hospitality Management. There is a faculty baseball team of Cornellians, including **Rocco Angelo '58**, **Fritz Hagenmeyer '68**, MPS HA '78, **Peter Goffe '73**, MPS HA '74, **Val Darby '71**, **Bill Hansen '67**, **Bill Morgan '59**, PhD '71, **Gerald Lattin**, PhD '49, and **Bill Quain '74**. Cornell is active in south Florida thanks to **Don Collins '52**, BEE '53, **Alan Ruf '60**, **Michael Egan '62**, and **Haris Rosen '61**. Charles and his wife, Dr. Gar-

net Reynolds, live at 10205 Collins Ave #1206, Bal Harbour, FL 33154.

There's more to come. Send your news.

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By now, we have all survived the Y2K changeover and are well into the year 2000. Our 40th Reunion is only three years away and I know that our class president, **Carol Bagdasarian Aslanian**, would love to have volunteers call her at (212) 534-7199 or e-mail: caslanian@collegeboard.org. A couple of pieces of bad news: **Elenita Eckberg** Brodie wrote that David, her husband of 35 years, died in October. He had been a kidney dialysis patient for eight years, and his heart finally gave out. They had just returned from a vacation to the southwest, so his disability did not stop him from enjoying life. **William Leach** passed away earlier this year. His wife Brenda wrote a lovely letter. They had been married for 31 years and had two sons. Bill had worked at Ingersoll-Rand for nine years, at Burns Equipment for 13 years as a farm machinery mechanic, and for the New York State Dept. of Transportation for ten years as a construction equipment mechanic. He was also a Bath Fire Dept. volunteer for 15 years. Brenda wrote that he was a wonderful man who touched many lives by his kindness and good deeds. He is sorely missed. Our sympathies go out to both Elenita and Brenda.

Pamela Gold Schreiber was in private practice as a psychotherapist for 25 years before she started a new job as vice president for human resources and investor relations at publicly traded Diversified Financial Services in Philadelphia. Her older daughter graduated from medical school last May. Her younger daughter had been in London for a semester abroad. **Paul Heigl**, BA '64, lives in Arlington, VA, and is on a team trying to revive United Press International. He became a grandfather this year. Daughter Katherine is having some success in Hollywood with "My Father the Hero," "Under Siege," and "The Tempest" on NBC. Son John is developing esoteric stock index products and daughter Meg is working for Kids Care.

Sharon Klig Krackov, BS HE '64, is a regular contributor to this column. She was one of our speakers on major life changes at our last reunion, and comments that she has added another. She moved from Cornell's Medical College to New York University School of Medicine where she became associate dean for educational program development. She hopes to enjoy the change and opportunity for professional growth. Her oldest son Warren graduated from medical school last May and has become a radiology resident. Youngest son Andy was married last March. **Carolyn Gottlieb Meyer** and husband, **Joe '62**, BME '63, in Elkins Park, PA, have been spending more time at their house in Margate on the Jersey Shore. With computerization, Joe has set up an office there as well. They had a visit from **Judy Bogart** Jernow last year.

Judy and husband Herb have been traveling a lot since Herb's retirement.

Brad '62, BS ILR '63, and **Lila Fox Olson** have moved to Ithaca. Brad is director of the graduate program in real estate at Cornell. The excitement of actually buying a house and living a real off-campus life is somewhat strange. They are seeing the town "through new eyes" and hope to live in Cayuga Heights. **Marty Winkler**, BEE '64, was recently elected a group vice president of Cubic Corporation in charge of Cubic's aerospace and defense group. Travel has included a wonderful two days in Cooperstown to see the Baseball Hall of Fame and a winter trip to St. John in the US Virgin Islands. A trip to Italy was planned for last spring. **Wayne Attoe** lives in Cambria, CA, and is enjoying retirement from university teaching. He is building a house on the California central coast and is president of a local land trust that is working to protect that beautiful area. Joan and **Whinfield Melville**, BEE '64, ME E '68, are in Pittsford. Whinfield is employed at Real Time Enterprises, a software services company near Rochester. Their daughter Susan was married last spring to a fellow Penn State graduate and is now in law school at Case Western Reserve. Whinfield's fraternity brother **Walter Williams**, B Chem E '64, and his wife Mary came to the wedding.

Arthur Resnikoff purchased a home in San Francisco last year and "weathered the sticker shock" of it all. He is still working as a consultant with corporate executives on enhancing performance. **Louise Berman** Wolitz is teaching economics at the U. of Texas, Austin. She is also doing labor arbitration. Daughter Rebecca was married last August in New York City to Rabbi Steve Gerber. Rebecca is completing her rabbinical studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NYC. Louise's son David is at Yale Law School. **John E. Kennedy**, BME '64, MBA '65, retired from IBM in 1995 and joined Sylvan Learning Systems Inc. as vice president. He moved to Baltimore with wife Marylou and

year's news forms. Occasionally, I hear from some of you by e-mail or letter. If you want your news to be current, just write! ❖ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 42 Campus Ct., Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, icke@execpc.com.

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So here we are. Depending on your point of view, either three months into the new millennium, or with nine months to go before it begins. One thing for sure, though, is that no matter how you mark dates down, we'll keep you updated on your classmates.

Eric Torgersen (8475 Chippewa Trail, Mt. Pleasant, MI), a professor of English and creative writing at Central Michigan U., has published a new book, *Dear Friend: Rainer Maria Rilke and Paula Modersohn-Becker*, a study of the relationship between the poet Rilke and the woman painter who occasioned 1908's "Requiem for a Friend." Eric has had poetry books published previously. Also in the arts, **Valerie Jesraly** Seligsohn (2827 Hemlock Farms, Hawley, PA), an art professor, received a grant from the Pennsylvania Commission for the Arts for a lecture on the state's landscape artists. Valerie and husband Mel lost a son to cancer last year. She writes that they would like to hear from classmates who may have lost children. The Seligsohns, who also have a grown daughter, planned to greet the new millennium from New Zealand.

William Jolly gives his occupation as "bureaucrat," but more to the point, he is an environmental program manager with the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission. Wife **Carol (Blau) '65** is a policy advisor on natural resources and agricultural issues in the governor's office. The Jollys, who have a grown son and daughter, live at 4007 Green Cove St. NW, Olympia, WA. Of course, given their jobs, they are outdoorsy. Bill lists their activities as "camping, backpacking, canoeing, and futzing around." Another outdoors type is nurseryman **Charles Loughton**, whose activities include fishing, trap

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six of their nine children in 1997. Their younger children are in twelfth, eleventh, ninth and sixth grades. Daughter Bonnie is a May 1999 graduate of the U. of Michigan. Son Tom began his studies there last fall. John and Marylou are doing major renovations on their house on the Severn River. They have also become boaters, since they are 15 minutes by boat from Annapolis and Chesapeake Bay. Daughter Maura and husband Brent produced John and Marylou's first grandchild in 1998.

That's all for this month. All the news I have for the next two issues comes from last

shooting, and skiing. Charlie recently won awards at the Boston Flower Show. He and wife Ellen have three grown children and recently toured Holland. They live at 11 Richardson Rd., N. Chelmsford, MA.

With a little help, so-called "nature cruises" (as opposed to the big ship variety) could prove popular among us. Jim and I went on just such an educational small-boat mini-cruise on the Pacific side of Costa Rica and Panama last March. **Ed '63**, BEE '64, MS '65, and **Nancy Taylor Butler** were there on a different "cruise" about the same time. The Butlers

went with **Walt '63**, MBA, JD '66, and **Susie Lamme Laessig**, MA IN T '66, to celebrate their mutual 35th wedding anniversaries.

Architect **Joel Cantor**, BArch '65, (354 Euclid Ave., San Francisco, CA) designs with the times, specializing in health-and-fitness clubs in the Bay Area and Oregon. Joel has a grown son and daughter and reports, "being a grandparent is so much more special than I ever thought it would be." **Lois Weyman Dow**, a physician/hematologist, retired in 1998, giving her more time to garden, travel, and go to the theater. Lois has a grown son and daughter and lives at 3917 Heather Dr., Greenville, DE. **Richard Hecht** is a managing partner of a mid-size New York City accounting firm and vice president of the NY State Society of CPAs. A fan of jazz and classical music, running, tennis, and golf, he and wife Susan have two grown sons and live at 6 Mileview Ave., White Plains, NY.

Sandy Vogelgesang (9009 Charred Oak Dr., West Bethesda, MD), who has her own investment and trade business (imports from south Asia), perhaps has the youngest children of any of us; a son and daughter ages 10 and 9. Sandy enjoys travel (mostly in Asia) and photography and is a member of the PCCW. Husband Geoffrey Wolfe is also a retired Foreign Service Officer. Sandy writes: "We're busy building a new life, post-US government, in the private sector. We love the opportunity to work with non-governmental organizations, especially those focusing on the environment and women's empowerment." **Jane Shack Abrams** is a realtor, specializing in the west side of Los Angeles. With husband **Richard '63**, PhD '68, retired, they enjoy golf, skiing, and walking, and recently went on safari in South Africa and journeyed to Cabo San Lucas. The Abrams, who have two grown daughters, live at 922 Enchanted Way, Pacific Palisades, CA.

Property manager **Fred Bellinger** writes, "I have been acquired, unified, merged, and/or modified by Land O'Lakes Inc., so now my career takes a new tack." Fred enjoys music, computers, gardening, and "developing grandchildren." He and wife Linda live at 4623 N. Richardt, Indianapolis, IN. Psychiatrist **Leslie Seiden** is in private practice in New York City; husband Harold Rosenblum is a retired pharmacist who now runs the biofeedback aspect of her practice. They still live at 133 E. 91st St., and she still enjoys tennis. **Warren Bowman**, BChE '65, ME CH '66, is a new business development manager at Dupont. With both sons now grown, he and wife Arlene are empty nesters at 2319 Lighthouse Lane, Wilmington, DE.

Peter Gogolak (67 Stephen Mather Rd., Darien, CT) reports he's sorry to have missed reunion. Pete recently went to San Francisco for the opening of the new gourmet fast-food restaurant owned and operated by his son **David '97**. It's called "Asqew Grill," and hopefully it is a prototype for a chain. **John Randall**, BME '65, PhD '72, a risk engineer, is doing research on the transport of radioactive material for the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission. An enthusiast of aikido, judo,

and swimming and a member of the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), he and wife Catherine live at 6318 Dry Stone Gate, Columbia, MD, with their three children. **Nicholas Carroll** reports he's "still in the sales and marketing of auto loans to high-risk (lousy credit) car buyers." Nick and wife Gayle still live at 1109 San Leon Ct., Solana Beach, CA. Nick says of a recent visit to Maui: "Okay, but San Diego is better!"

Please respond promptly to our annual dues appeal and keep the news coming! ♦ **Bev Johns Lamont**, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

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This is the last reminder about our 35th Reunion, June 8-11, and appeal to sign on to our "Class Directory" at www.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1965. Let us know if you plan to attend and/or e-mail a few "old" classmates and encourage them to join us. **Patricia "Patty" Gros** Bette wrote to say that last summer nine Class of '65 Pi Phi's reunited in Philadelphia for a weekend reunion. She sent along a nice picture of them including the Cornell husbands: **Cindy (Booth)** and **Jim Ware**, PhD '78, **Susan (Rogers)** and **Jim McCullough '63**, BME '64, MBA '65, **Joan Spurgeon Brennan**, **Connie Elliot Holt**, **Alice Middaugh Kelly**, **Andrea Shulman Dewey**, **Kathy Geer Wills**, **Barbara (Garmirian)** and **John Hirshfeld**, MD '69, and Patty's husband **Griscom "Chip" Bettle**, ME CH '66.

Philip Gartenberg writes that he is vice president for finance and administration of the American Friends of The Hebrew University. His wife Arlene is managing director of strategic planning for HIP Health Plan. Their son **Adam '93** received his MBA from the U. of Michigan, was married in June, and is working for IBM in Raleigh, NC. Philip and Arlene's daughter Melissa is a 1996 graduate of the U. of Michigan and is project director for Generations Inc., an intergenerational social service agency in Boston.

Ronald Harris writes that he had a chance to see his old roommate **Joel Sussman** when he was in Detroit on behalf of the Weizman Inst., where Joel is a professor. Ronald is still active in Cornell activities in Southeastern Michigan. He is on the board of the local Cornell Club and interviews for Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN). Now that he is on the board of the ILR Alumni Association he gets to NYC more often, giving him a chance to see his daughter Elana (Penn '96) who is a grad student at NYU. **Fred Naider**, MS '66, notes that his oldest child Avi (Princeton) married Debra Klein (Yale) in the winter of 1998.

Petra "Petie" Dub Subin is a registered drama therapist and notes that she has been married 34 years. She and husband Bill have sons Jeremy, Daniel (Dartmouth '93), and Zachary (Harvard '03). She is founder and director of Lifestage Consultants, which facilitates groups and presents programs using a role-playing troupe. **Michael Derry** started

an automotive consulting business in 1998. He finds and negotiates deals for clients and helps clients sell their vehicles. He says that "it's a niche in the automotive buying service industry." He and wife Wanda are "empty nesters" so have the freedom to do some of the things they like. He says that "semi-retirement is in view but not for a few years."

Arthur Bass, BS Ag '66, notes that after living in Israel for eight years, marrying Sophie, and having a child, he returned to live in Albany for a while. He says, "Let's see what the new millennium will bring (this year or next depending on your belief)." **J. Michael Kimball**, BS Ag '68, is owner of Kimball Real Estate, Ithaca, "world-renowned fly fisherman," and father of twin teenage daughters, Hilary and Micaele, and son Justin.

From Chicago, **Peter Frisbee** writes: "Over the past two years I renovated (meaning rebuilt from the ground up) an abandoned store front building in a residential neighborhood that turned out to have significant gang activity. Practically the only original parts are the first floor brick walls. I have just started renovating a nearby abandoned three-story building. My day job is practicing architecture with a busy suburban practice, Arete's Lab, with plans to open a downtown office that I will run."

Robert L. Becker says that he is still delivering babies but fewer of them. He is "doing less and enjoying it more." **Lawrence Lombard** notes that he is still chair of the philosophy department at Wayne State U. **Robert Leshner**, MD '69, writes that after a 20-year "detour" as a clinician-teacher, he will be returning to the research laboratories to investigate potential therapies for pediatric neuromuscular diseases. He and wife Deborah are enjoying their new role as grandparents and the joy of seeing four generations of their family during holiday reunions.

Traveling frequently to Asia has made a busy year for **Jeff Kass**. His son Michael, a sophomore at Stanford majoring in economics and computer science, was elected junior class president. Wife Dee continues to do volunteer work, both teaching and college admissions counseling. **Paul Aarnio**, BArch '68, is now president of the Willis Ballet, a non-profit ballet company associated with Texas Tech U. theater and dance department. Paul previously served 28 years in the US Air Force. He is now an international impresario having completed 161 performances throughout North America. His wife, Peggy Willis-Aarnio, is a full professor of classical ballet at Texas Tech. She is an authority on the Russian teaching method of classical ballet and author of over 65 original ballets that have been performed worldwide. Paul has son Gene who is at Texas Tech, and daughter Amber who is married with two children.

Hope to see you all at reunion! Please continue to send news. ♦ **Dennis P. Norfleet**, 3187 State Route 48, Oswego, NY, 13126; tel., (315) 342-0457; e-mail, dpn5@cornell.edu; and **Florence Douglas** Bank, 6420 Goldleaf Dr., Bethesda, MD 20817; e-mail, rkbank@erols.com.

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LEADING THE WAY

Alumni Organizations & the Scholarship Challenge Campaign

The Cornell Asian Alumni Association (CAAA) rings in the new year with its Pan Asian New Year's Banquet, featuring a traditional lion dance. The event not only summons good fortune, it creates it. The annual affair is the association's biggest fundraiser for undergraduate scholarships.

"The dinners usually attract between 225 and 250 people," says Ginger So '79, a founding member of CAAA. "We've had the pleasure of having both President Rawlings and President Rhodes attend. People often travel from as far away as California for the event, and we're especially pleased that so many recent graduates participate."

The CAAA is one of sixty-three alumni groups (see box, page 3) who have pulled together to endow undergraduate scholarships. The recently concluded Scholarship Challenge Campaign, which offered a \$1 for \$3 match for gifts of \$37,500 or above, was a strong incentive for alumni organizations. CAAA's members are proud and excited to be working toward a third scholarship.

The Cornell Club of Washington has also been raising scholarship funds for many years. When the Scholarship Campaign opportunity

arose, they took advantage of it without hesitation. For other organizations, including the Class of '74, the campaign inspired a group effort. In that case a class couple provided a significant lead gift, and class members were invited to contribute at any level.

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The Scholarship Campaign has prompted a number of creative fund-raising events. One of the most successful was a night of "extreme" bowling last March, organized by The Cornell Club-New York. Scholarship Chair Alice Katz Berglas '66, with Board Member Ken

Nagin '74, created the event in which teams of alumni competed, in near darkness, by rolling neon-colored bowling balls at glowing pins. As a result, the Cornell Club-New York not only generated support for their latest scholarship, they brought together a broad range of alumni, from classes of the 1940s through the 1990s.

Cornell's fraternity and sorority alumni also gave vital support to the Scholarship Challenge Campaign. Trustee John Dyson '65 challenged Greek organizations to commit to participating in the Scholarship Campaign with an additional one-for-two match. (Scholarships will be

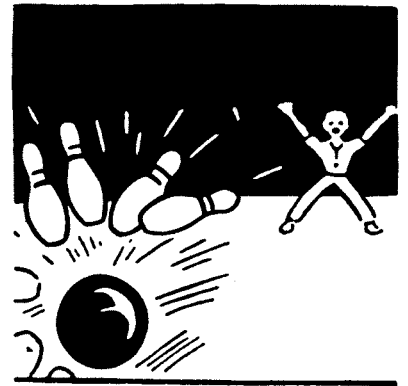
awarded to chapter members with financial need who hold leadership positions.)

Alpha Phi, a sorority at Cornell since 1889, is raising funds through a broad-based campaign among all 1,200 of its living alumnae. Unlike many alumni groups, Alpha Phi hasn't organized fund-raising events. Its approach has been a series of mailings and publicity in their newsletter.

"It was important to make our alumnae aware that although the scholarship would benefit an Alpha Phi, their gift was a gift to Cornell," said Carol Hardy McFadden '59, the sorority's scholarship advisor. "That

made gifts tax deductible and eligible for class and reunion credit. It also strengthened the chapter's connection with the university by enabling alumnae to make a gift that sup-

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REUNION 2000

By Jim Hanchett '53

Old Reds have always felt a mighty tug back to the familiar places and faces of Far Above. The first June Reunion was held in 1877, when even the oldest alumni were still mere striplings.

The great ever-expanding get-together now goes far beyond the vast blast that was once a part of Senior Week, when new grads and interested sophomores could taper on to the joys of alumni-hood. In 2000, it includes a once-in-a-thousand-year event.

President and Mrs. Rawlings will greet reunioners in an Arts Quad tent Millennium Celebration after the State of the University Address. All are invited to leave a message on an archival scroll to put into the Reunion 2000 memory box, which will be stored by university archives until it is opened at Reunion 2100.

Once, Reunion bands tootled along State St., stopping at the original Zinck's for songs and nostalgia. And vive the Dixie sound of the Soda Ash Six and the feathery frolics of Peggy Haine '65 and her Lowdown Alligator Jass Band. Tradition lives. Cornellians still re-une in-tents-ly. Many have gone home with lost vocal chords and many voices have croaked from hard use in the tents.

Nowadays, there's much more to it than tents and milk punch. There are world class lectures, the president's address (bright and early Saturday), participation sports, free buses, guided tours, an All-Alumni Affair in Barton

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS / MARCH 15-MAY 15

For updated information on Cornell Club events, call the Office of Alumni Affairs, (607) 255-3517.

NY/ONTARIO

CAA/Greater Rochester, Mar. 15—Book Club, 7-9 p.m. Call Kristen Hallagan, (716) 242-0199.

CWC/Cortland, Mar. 21—"A Decade's Trip" with the Monday Night Strings at the Cortland High School New Library Media Center. Call Marti Dumas, (607) 753-7751.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Mar. 23—Planetarium Show and alumni reception. Call Larry Dunham, (716) 586-6029.

CWC/Ithaca, Mar. 24—Tour Sage Hall. Call Jennifer Engel, (607) 272-8401.

CWC/Ithaca, Apr. 9—"In This Together" workshop facilitated by local authors Bunny McCune and Deb Traunstein. Call Jennifer Engel, (607) 272-8401.

CWC/Syracuse, Apr. 10—Julia Halquist speaks on "Julia's Great Adventures in Zimbabwe." Call Marylou Dopyera, (315) 449-0100.

CWC/Cortland, Apr. 18—Sharon Blatchley speaks on "Saving Memories: Why Is It Important?" Call Mart Dumas, (607) 753-7751.

CWC/Batavia, Apr. 29—Post-winter spring reunion at Best Western Batavia Inn. Call Mary R. Wright, (716) 345-9422.

CAA/Mid-Hudson, May 4—Prof. Gene German speaks on "Food Retailing Around the World: Forces Affecting Change In Our Food System." Call Jon Wechsler, (914) 677-4210.

CAA/Central New York, May 9—Literature Professor Kenneth McClane speaks. Call Debbie Ward, (315) 635-1777.

METRO NY

CC/Northern New Jersey, Apr. 12—Meet students in the Class of 2004. Call Deanne Gitner, (973) 564-8944.

CAA/Princeton, Apr. 15—Spend tax day at Dave and Buster's Family Fun in Philadelphia. RSVP by Apr. 2. Call Karen Mineo, (609) 520-2025.

CAA/Princeton, Apr. 20—March of Dimes Walk America. Call Mary Chan, (609) 716-1319.

CAA/Westchester, Apr. 27—Environmental studies professor Eloy Rodriguez speaks on "New Medicines from Orchids and Giant Ants of the Amazon Rainforest." Call Joel Sachs, (914) 946-4777.

CC/Fairfield, Apr. 28—Environmental studies professor Eloy Rodriguez speaks on "New

Medicines from Orchids and Giant Ants of the Amazon Rainforest." Call Maryellen Horodeck, (800) 909-6667.

CAA/Princeton, May 12—Developments in Internet technology and how they will shape our education and that of our children. Call Steffen Parratt, (609) 750-9515.

CC/Fairfield, May 13—Volunteer at the Special Olympics. Call Christina Shaul, (203) 373-7246.

NORTHEAST

Cape Cod Cornellians, Apr. 12—Maria Bucks, Superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore, at luncheon. Call Larry and Ginger Persson, (508) 771-1485.

CAIG/Western Massachusetts, May 4—Steve Worona speaks on "Electronic Anarchy: How Cyberspace is Challenging our Legal System." Call Christine Felton, (413) 599-1939.

Vermont Cornellians, May 5—Steve Worona speaks on "Electronic Anarchy: How Cyberspace is Challenging our Legal System." Call Walt Bruska, (802) 985-4121.

CC/New Hampshire, May 6—Steve Worona speaks on "Electronic Anarchy: How Cyberspace is Challenging our Legal System." Call Chandler Burpee, Jr., (603) 497-2059.

MIDATLANTIC

CAA/Princeton, Apr. 15—Spend tax day at Dave and Buster's Family Fun in Philadelphia. RSVP by Apr. 2. Call Cindy Shubin, (215) 947-4597.

CC/Delaware, May 1—Board meeting. Call Carl Werner, (610) 793-2675.

SOUTHEAST

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Mar. 16—"The Sport of Kings" hosted by the Sarasota Polo Club at Michael's on East in the Ballroom. Call Patty Bettie, (941) 371-5038.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Mar. 19—Polo match at Sarasota Polo Grounds. Picnic and festivities prior to 1 p.m. match. Call Patty Bettie, (941) 371-5038.

CAA/Atlanta, Mar. 21—Dean John Hopcroft speaks on scientific initiatives at Cornell. Call Shana Mueller, (678) 584-0736.

CC/Central Florida, Mar. 22—Meet local Cornell applicants and hear Dean John Hopcroft report on scientific initiatives at

Cornell. Call Jeff Weinthal, (407) 896-6709.

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Apr. 3—All-Ivy Book Club meeting at Broward. Call Debbie Schenck, (954) 262-6975.

CC/Miami & Florida Keys, Apr. 12—Prof. Yervant Terzian speaks on "The Magnificent Universe." Call Ron Ravikoff, (305) 579-0110.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Apr. 13—Prof. Yervant Terzian speaks on "The Magnificent Universe." Call Dean Bock, (941) 925-8441.

CC/Suncoast, Apr. 13—Prof. Yervant Terzian speaks on "The Magnificent Universe." Call Rick Furbush, (727) 528-8213.

CC/Jacksonville, Apr. 14—Prof. Yervant Terzian speaks on "The Magnificent Universe." Call Robert Mark, (904) 766-5555.

CC/Eastern Florida, Apr. 16—Annual family picnic at Carlin Park. Call Peter Downey, (561) 575-2645.

CAA/Charlotte, Apr. 29—Provost Don Randel discusses Cornell's future. Call Ian Kutner, (704) 333-5005.

CAA/Blue Ridge Mountains, Apr. 30—Provost Don Randel discusses Cornell's future. Call Ruth Bailey, (828) 883-4488.

CC/Central Carolina, May 6—Brookhill Steeplechase. Call Rosemary Sterner, (919) 460-8687.

CC/Eastern Florida, May 7—Environmental studies professor Eloy Rodriguez speaks. Call Dr. Ernie Smith, (561) 745-8915.

CC/Gold Coast, May 7—Environmental studies professor Eloy Rodriguez speaks. Call Susan Bassett, (561) 241-0951.

NORTH CENTRAL

CC/Pittsburgh, Mar. 18—Fiddle Sticks Children's Concert. Call Scott Hare, (412) 338-8632.

CC/Pittsburgh, Mar. 31—Monthly luncheon at the Engineers Club of Western Pennsylvania. Call Jim Elderkin, (412) 833-3170.

CC/Pittsburgh, Apr. 14—Happy Hour at Atria's Restaurant and Tavern. Call Scott Hare, (412) 338-8632.

CC/Pittsburgh, Apr. 28—Monthly luncheon at the Engineers Club of Western Pennsylvania. Call Jim Elderkin, (412) 833-3170.

CC/West Michigan, May 10—Near Eastern studies professor Gary Rendsburg speaks on "Egypt: A Trip Up The Nile." Call Bruce Young, (616) 752-2144.

CC/Pittsburgh, May 11—Psychology professor Thomas Gilovich speaks. Call Scott Hare, (412) 338-8632.

CC/Michigan, May 11—Near Eastern studies professor Gary Rendsburg speaks on "Egypt: A Trip Up The Nile." Call Lisa Pearson, (248) 305-5767.

MIDWEST

CAA/Minnesota, Mar. 23—Wine tasting at Merchants Restaurant. Call Suzanne Busta, (612) 929-6233.

CC/Chicago, Apr. 7—Economics professor Robert Frank speaks on his book, *Luxury Fever*. Call Bob Stellitelto, (312) 744-2120.

CC/Mid-America, Apr. 8—Economics professor Robert Frank speaks on his book, *Luxury Fever*. Call Kwabena Swabby, (913) 696-0623.

CC/Wisconsin, Apr. 11—Prof. Verne Rockcastle speaks on "The Science of Everyday Things." Call Saadie Lawton, (608) 288-8465.

CC/Chicago, Apr. 14—Midwest Regional Leadership Conference. Call Kathy Cornell, (312) 337-2733.

SOUTHWEST

CAA/Greater Houston, Mar. 18—Hill County bike tour and picnic. Call Stewart Brazil, (281) 285-8261.

CC/Colorado, Mar. 30—Prof. Donald Bartel speaks on "From Joint to Joint: Irreplaceable You." Call Richard Bovan, (303) 992-2504.

CC/Oklahoma, Apr. 6—Economics professor Robert Frank speaks on his book, *Luxury Fever*. Call Al Givray, (918) 582-3311.

CC/Colorado, Apr. 8—Spring BBQ and ski at Arapahoe Basin. Call Paul Leo, (303) 526-1312.

CAA/Greater Houston, Apr. 12—Prof. Verne Rockcastle speaks on "The Science of Everyday Things." Call Stewart Brazil, (281) 285-8261.

CAA/North Texas, Apr. 13—Prof. Verne Rockcastle speaks on "The Science of Everyday Things." Call Elissa Giaimo, (972) 732-7669.

CAA/Greater Houston, Apr. 30—Polo match at Houston Polo Club. Call Stewart Brazil, (281) 285-8261.

WESTERN

CC/Oregon, Mar. 15—Materials science professor Stephen Sass speaks on the role of materials in the development of civilization. Call Brad Wellstead, (503) 274-1064.

CAA/Northern California, Mar. 16—Materials science professor Stephen Sass speaks on the role of materials in the development of civilization. Call Liz McKersie, (415) 552-2240.

CC/Arizona, Mar. 25—A Day at the Races at Turf Paradise Racetrack. Call Michael Perle, (480) 922-1963.

CAA/Northern California, Apr. 1—Filoli Gardens Event. Call Dottie Free, (650) 854-4198.

CAA/Northern California, Apr. 9—CAAAN Reception at Airport Marriott Hotel. Call Jane Bessin, (650) 967-5922.

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ported Cornell and benefited Alpha." By November 1999 the chapter had raised nearly \$30,000 from approximately eighty alumnae when a Rochester-area alumna made a gift that more than doubled their totals.

The driving force motivating each group's effort is the desire to help students in need and, in some cases, to give back what they received. "In many minority and ethnic communities," says CAAA President Lorraine Leung '88, "there is a strong sense of wanting to give back to the community. For me and many of my classmates, our parents did not go to college. Once you are given this wonderful opportunity, you feel like you really need to help those who will follow you."

For Leung and many others, scholarships are seen as a powerful student recruitment tool. "By bringing more scholarship money into the university, we hope to further Cornell's need-blind admissions policy," she says. "Many of us feel that we would not have been able to attend Cornell without it."

Keeping Cornell's doors open to deserving students has long been a key interest of the Cornell Black Alumni Association (CBAA), a group that is well aware of the connection between scholarships and recruiting qualified students. When its thirty-year anniversary coincided with the Scholarship Campaign, CBAA combined its upcoming reunion celebration with a goal to create two additional Tradition Fellowships and increase existing funds. More than 200 alumni and supporters gathered last April for a black-tie gala in New York City to launch CBAA's Campaign 2000 Scholarship Endowment effort. "We are galvanized, energized, and eager to take Campaign 2000 to the regions," said Antoinette Robbins '85, a member of the Campaign 2000 steering committee, of the broad-based effort that would follow.

Mary Berens '74, director of alumni affairs, points out that group efforts permit individuals who

would not be able to give at the endowment level to support scholarships. "Scholarships have a broad appeal, and this campaign provided a great opportunity for people to participate at every level," she remarks. "Participating as a group, no one had to feel frustration at not being able to come up to the plate with \$37,500. The effort is collective."

Alumni find it rewarding to know that they are providing scholarships to future students in perpetuity, Mary Berens explains. "It's a great way for these organizations to be a part of something that they can track and follow throughout their lives. People who support the cause can feel particularly good because they are part of the bigger project."

Even those closest to the student experience recognize the value of scholarship support and the satisfaction of helping others. Cornell's youngest alumni and senior classes leveraged their efforts to create scholarships by taking advantage of the challenge. Members of the Class of '99, for example, were asked by classmates to give \$19.99 in support of both class dues and the scholarship campaign. Larger gifts were sought from those capable of giving more.

The Class of '99 broke two Cornell records in the process. They reached the highest level of participation (53 percent) and endowed the largest scholarship of any senior class to date. They raised more than \$128,000 in gifts, challenge dollars, and class dues from 1,771 classmates, and made a commitment to endow a \$100,000 scholarship, providing a \$6,600 award to a senior annually.

Among the variety of areas to support, many alumni prefer funding scholarships because the assistance is direct and personal. According to CAAA's Lorraine Leung, "It's a wonderful way for people who don't have thousands of dollars to assist students who are financially needy. It opens up a whole new way of giving back to Cornell."

ALUMNI GROUPS MEET THE CHALLENGE

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More than sixty-three alumni groups participated in the recently concluded Scholarship Challenge Campaign: Preserving Ezra's Vision for the 21st Century. The Cornell Alumni Federation proudly salutes these organizations for their many contributions to the future Cornell and generations of Cornell undergraduates.

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Hall, and lots of banquets and parties. It took 40 pages in last year's Reunion program to list almost everything.

Old Grads bring back all kinds of baggage, including reminiscences, and the Association of Class Officers (CACO) is out to hold onto those recollections via Preserving the Past, a program in which alumni interview their elders to save the flavor of the good old days on the Hill.

There isn't enough time in four undergraduate years to sample every cup Cornell offers. And, of course, one weekend, even a long one, is too short to get everything done—even if you close the tents (1 a.m.) and get moving at 7:30 a.m. in the Reunion Run.

So some people attend every year. Any Cornellian can show up any year and room will be found. The Continuous Reunion Club (CRC) has been returning just about every year since 1906.

In 2050, when the Class of 2000 dodders back to its golden Reunion, those old codgers are likely to find an institution with freshmen-only dormitories, the hot truck, and residential colleges. How about palm trees outside the Royal Palm? Look for instruction in any study (even old stuff like genomics). And CRC.

【Reunion 2000 is June 8-11. For more information, call Reunion and Alumni Programs in the office of Alumni Affairs at (607) 255-7085.】

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In the past year, our class has seen many changes: retirement, grandchildren, career changes, and classmates returning to the group. **Mary T. Moore** is a vice president at Mathematica Policy Research Inc., a domestic policy research organization. She reports that one of her daughters graduated from Penn and the other is a student at the U. of Virginia. **Thomas J. Moore** reports that his most recent book, *Prescription for Disaster: The Hidden Dangers in Your Medicine Cabinet*, is now in paperback. He was featured on NBC "Dateline" and "Oprah." **Gabriele Gurski** Van Lingen spent three years as a member of the School Psychology Training Program at the University of Hong Kong, returning to the US over a year ago. She is now coordinator of the same program at Austin Peay U. Shortly after she returned and started this job, the school was hit by a tornado and the building where her department is located was destroyed. Nice homecoming. Gabriele lives at 9 Lealand Dr., Clarksville, VA.

Also on the move were **Dave '65** and **Sharon Mooney Franklin**. They have returned to Bellingham, WA, after three years in Southern California. Dave has retired and they returned to be near their daughters and their families. Dave is a consultant for Gaylord Container Corp. in San Francisco to keep retirement from being boring. The Franklins now live at 536 Whitecap Rd. **Randolph Sherman** writes that his daughter Elissa was married last October. His youngest daughter, Stephanie, is teaching young learning-disabled children in North Carolina. **Linda Lomazoff** Roitman has two young grandchildren: Rebecca Pearl, born to **Brian '90** and **Sonia Lees Roitman '90**, and Gabrielle Talia, born to **Mitchell '92** and **Jamie Roitman**. Linda's son **Ari '98** works in Manhattan.

C. David '64, **BME '65**, and **Joanne Bradley Wieters** have been married 33 years. Joanne has been a clinical social worker for 30 years. **Jeff Collins** has left Glaxo Wellcome as a director of clinical trials in anti-infectives and is vice president for product development, infectious diseases, and oncology for Clintrials Research Inc., a contract research organization that manages studies for pharmaceutical and biotech companies. **Fran Blau** and husband Larry Kahn, ILR professors, are spending this academic year as visiting scholars at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York City. Their son Danny is at Stanford and daughter Lisa is a freshman at the U. of Chicago.

Mary D. Nichols is the secretary for resources for the State of California. She oversees 19 state departments, boards, commissions, and conservancies. She coordinates policies, serves as the Governor's representative on the agency's boards and commissions, and administers the California Environmental Quality Act. **Valerie A. Zborowski** travels all the time as a consultant for ACI in Omaha, NE. Not content to travel only for work, Valerie took a trip to Peru with other Cornell alumni. She has a condo in Maui and a home in Campbell, CA. You can reach her c/o ACI,

330 South 108 Ave., Omaha, NE 68154 or e-mail, valeriez@earthlink.net. Dr. **Paul Goldsmith** has retired as professor of ob/gyn at the U. of California, San Francisco school of medicine and is now director of the Microscopy Core Laboratory at the Buck Center for Research in Aging, located in Marin County, CA. Paul's wife Connie is now working in the office of admissions at Marin Academy, where their daughter Ashley is a student. The Goldsmiths' new address: 10 Kent Way, Mill Valley, CA. **Otis Curtis**, MS '74, reports that he has sold his lakeside campground business. This gives him and his family more time to spend at their cabin. They live in Brookings, SD.

Joyce Miller Mahon now lives at 3888 Kingston Blvd., Sarasota, FL. She travels back to the Rochester area to visit her sons and their families. In February of 1999, she was in Guadalajara, Mexico, at a language school homestay program which she found to be a nice experience. **Esther Strauss** Lehmann writes that she and Aaron attended the wedding of **Sue Maldon** Stregack's son Howard last Memorial Day weekend. **Barbara McConnell** Miller has a new job as a travel agent and loves it. She reminds us that she can be reached at 11725 Oakland Hills Pl., Charlotte, NC. **Charles Weiss** proudly reports that his oldest daughter **Jessica** is now a member of the class of '03. **Edward Lortz** took early retirement in 1994. He then started a part-time computer consulting business, has 11 active clients, and is doing so well he hasn't advertised in three years. **Ellen Feinstein** Ellner works with husband Jeff in his insurance business. She has daughters **Laura Kimeldorf '99** and **Marcia Kimeldorf**, who graduated from Penn in 1996. ♦ **Susan Rockford** Bittker, 424 Pea Pond Rd., Katonah, NY 10536; e-mail, ladyscienc@aol.com.

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Chuck Radick, PO Box 566, Preston Hollow, NY (czinar@aol.com), won the bowling all-events gold in the master's division of the Empire State Games. He's also teaching Farmers' Income Tax School for Cornell Cooperative Extension. **George McWeeney**, MBA '69, 336 Surrey Lane, Fairfield, CT, (george.mcweeney@snet.net) married Mary Cunningham last November 12. "Still with IBM after 29 years," writes **Ken Solnit**, 21103 Fenway Ct., Cupertino, CA (ksolnit@juno.com), a rarer-and-rarer story out silicon way. Son Matt's a programmer in Montreal after graduating from U. of California, San Diego. Son Jon's an EE at U. of California, Los Angeles. "Took our first ever Adult University (CAU) trip in August, a terrific two-week tour of Africa's rift valley (Malawi, Zambia) and would recommend both Africa and CAU to everyone," advises **Kristl Bogue** Hathaway, PhD '76, 845 Mason Ave., Deale, MD (hathaway@anvil.nv1.navy.mil).

C. Roy Christensen, ME M '68, 67 Millbrook Rd., New Vernon, NJ, is "retiring early from Texaco to start a new career with BOC Gases in Murray Hill, NJ, as director of project development." His twin sons were in

Ithaca, where **Eric '95** got his DVM in 1999 and **Ken '95** became an account exec with Procter and Gamble. Son **Scott '97** started with P&G in Cincinnati. **Xavier Kohan**, 219 Cedar St., Newport Beach, CA (xkohan@pacbell.net), reports that son **Nick '03** started on the Hill and ran into **Nick Kaufmann '67**, **Cheryl (Katz) '68**, and son **Brian '03** "at a legacy breakfast in August!" **Jeffrey Chesky**, 700 S. Durkin #359, Springfield, IL ([chesky.jeffrey@uis.edu](mailto:chেসky.jeffrey@uis.edu)), advises that he's getting his first sabbatical and plans to spend a few days of it at Cornell, of all places.

Another "riveting page-turner about every parent's worst nightmare" (courtesy of the press release) from mystery maestra **Judith Edelstein** Kelman. This one's *After the Fall*, published last June by G. P. Putnam's Sons. We're not always "fustest with the mostest" as Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest once put it, so **Carol Farber** Wolf was nice enough to let us know she's now in Boston, living at 4 Longfellow Pl. #3504 (wolfboston@aol.com) and is vice president, director of marketing, in the Houghton Mifflin school division. "I expect to be here for a little while, but you never know, thanks," Carol adds. **Phyllis J. Bell** Jonas, 1735 Bay Blvd., Atlantic Beach, NY (plurbus@aol.com), notes after son **Barry '97** graduated: "Hurray, no more tuition! I went to Paris during the summer and also hiked Ithaca's gorges with CAU. Helped organize a local conference on 'Parenting' and am the early childhood director at the Brandeis School in Lawrence, LI. Reunion was fantastic!"

Frances A. McKenzie, 3611 NY Hwy. 150, E. Greenbush, NY (mckenzif@psi.com), is a technical writer for PsiNet, an ISP in Troy. She completed a total update of their support website and is also studying Chinese, qigong, and traditional Chinese medicine at the Chinese Healing Arts Center in Kingston, NY. The "Weed Man," **Richard H. Weldgen Jr.** (weedman@rochester.infi.net), received a Fair Business Council award for his company's customer service. Son Franz received his MFA from the U. of Arizona in Tucson.

We all lost a wonderful friend last November. **Elsie McMillan '55**, longtime managing editor of *Cornell Magazine*, and responsible for making sure this hack filed his copy over the past too many years. Everyone has his or her own connection to Cornell and Elsie was one of the finest for many of us, a true Ithacan born and bred, and just a delightful, quietly dedicated person without whom this rag will of course never be the same. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

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Hope you are having a good winter. **Bill Falik** lives in Berkeley, CA, with wife Candy, daughters Abby and Becca, and son Ben. Bill practices land use law. He and his partner just completed development of a 2000-home master-planned community called Whitney Oaks, which features a championship golf course. **I. Mark Hiatt**, MD '72,

lives in Rumson, NJ, with wife **Doris (Klein) '67**. His son **Eric '00**, Arts and Sciences, spent second semester of his junior year in Paris. **Corinne S. Ertel** lives in Newton, MA, and practices pediatrics in Weston, MA. Her daughter Lauren is a fourth grader and husband Ken Sachar (MIT '69) is now a law student at Boston U. **Art Kaminsky** lives in Manhasset and reports the sale of his company, The Marquee Group, to SFX Entertainment, a major entertainment juggernaut headed by Robert F.X. Sillerman, younger brother of our classmate **Tracy (Michael T.) Sillerman**. Art's daughter Alexis is a junior at Stanford. His son Eric, age 13, is an honor student and strong athlete.

John Belknap, MBA '70, lives in Glen Allen, VA. **Judith Reiser** Powell and husband Ken live in Livingston, NJ. Ken is a tax partner in a NYC firm and Judy teaches in Montclair. **Nona (Diamond) and Peter Susser** live in Great Neck, NY. Their daughter **Wendy Susser-Levinbook '93** started her residency in dermatology at Dartmouth's Hitchcock Hospital. Their other daughter **Carrie '96** is marketing manager for *Life* magazine. Their son Andrew is a junior in high school. **Tom Paxton** lives in Savannah, GA. Tom reports having severed ties with Paxton Media Group, and is no longer involved in the television and newspaper business. He remains president of Preservation Corp. in Tortola, BVI. Tom enjoys flying his Bonanza and is building another plane. **Gerald Rossettie**, BS Eng '69, lives in Sands Point, NY. His daughter Michelle recently graduated from NYU Law after attending Princeton. Gerald continues in the construction business with **John Picone '69**, BS Eng '70, doing heavy construction in the NYC area. **Susan Berger** Sabreen lives in Stamford, CT, and reports she went back to law school after spending 15 years in news media. Her husband Rich runs worldwide TV and radio for Bloomberg. **Norman Schickedanz**, ME C '69, lives in Elmhurst, IL. He saw Delta Phi fraternity brothers **Bob Caliri**, **Gene Procopio '69**, and **Carl Von Ende '67** and wife **Paula (Lindberg)**.

Kathy Riggs Van Wie lives in Houston and reports enjoying a visit to campus to see her daughter **Sara '02**, Arts. **Joan Gottesman** Wexler lives in Mamaroneck, NY. Her son **Matthew '99** recently graduated from Arts and Sciences, and her daughter **Laura** is presently at Cornell. **Jim Michaels** is the rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in Flint, MI. Jamie Silverstein, the daughter of **Alan Jay** and **Robin Ringler Silverstein**, won a gold medal in ice dancing at the 1999 World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Zagreb, Croatia. **David J. McGee** lives in St. Louis Park, MN. He reports, "In the Buddhist teaching it is enlightened to just be with the present reality. I'm trying to do that."

Nancy Kaye Litter lives in Calabasas, CA. She works at the Getty Center as an architectural site tour docent. She and husband **Bob '67** have visited their son in Europe on the 55-foot sailboat he has been sailing around the world.

I recently saw **Joyce Pfeffer** Gordon,

who is president of Joyce Gordon Designs, creating beautiful handmade contemporary giftware including calendars, prints, key chains, etc. Joyce and family live outside Bos-

works in New York City as a non-life insurance industry equities analyst for Bear Stearns and Co. He informs us that son James is at Lehigh U. majoring in architecture, and

“Hurray, no more tuition!”

PHYLLIS J. BELL JONAS '67

ton. **Alan Altschuler** is completing his second year as chief financial officer of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. His daughter Sari is a junior at Swarthmore and son Daniel is a senior in high school. Alan is also chairman of the board of the American Diabetes Assn. Research Foundation. Alan and his family live in NYC.

That's all for now. Look forward to hearing from you. Send in some pictures from your winter travel. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, One Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109; fax, (617) 760-8349; e-mail, gordon_silver@putnaminv.com.



We are still catching up on 1998 news. Academia finds that **Margaret W. Ferguson**, who earned her PhD at Yale, has left Columbia U. and is now professor of humanities, English, and comparative literature at the U. of Colorado-Boulder in the comp. lit. graduate program. At the U. of New Hampshire, **Raymond Goodman**, PhD '79, is professor and chair of the Dept. of Hospitality Management. He writes that outside of the classroom he is active in civic affairs and is currently chairman of the Board of Trustees at RiverWoods, a 200 apartment/60 bed life-care facility in Exeter, NH. When time permits, Ray enjoys golf and skiing. Last year he traveled to Oregon along with Sue and **Jim Eyster**, PhD '77, where he visited with **Dr. Richard Hoffer**, '58 DVM.

Racing is central to the lives of two of our classmates. **Donald Tofias**, BA '70, who is a Boston-area real estate developer and art dealer, has moved into yet another profession. As president of Pandanaram Yacht Co., he has been busy developing the new W-Class racing yacht. At the time of Donald's note, he had built two of the 76-foot daysailers, and they had finished well in their races. These new luxury yachts have a classic look above the waterline, coupled with a modern underbody. Since his childhood summers on Cape Cod, Donald has been in love with boats and the sea and remembers helping his father build a kit boat at age 6. He hopes to have 40 of his new W-class boats under sail one day. Dr. **Michael Lederman** and wife Monica live in Venice, CA, where he is senior vice president of Ferrari S.p.A. Michael tells us that frequent trips to Europe are required. In fact, he made 12 trips in ten months last year. Out of the office, motorsport racing is his hobby, and in 1997 he was USSRRC West Coast Racing Champion (vintage racing).

Back on the East Coast, **Michael A. Smith**, BS Ag '70, lives in Watchung, NJ, and

daughter Dawn is at the U. of Vermont where she is active on the horse show circuit. Dawn had some success at the Hampton Classic in 1998, and coming back from a hand injury, took second place at a show in April. Dr. **Lee (Edward L.) Petsenk** lives in Mt. Morris, PA, along with wife Susan Brown. Lee works for the National Inst. for Occupational Safety and Health doing occupational lung disease research. From Durham, NC, **Stephen Wal-lenstein** writes that he is executive director of the Duke U. Global Capital Markets Center.

William Robinett, MRP '71, tells us that he is a transportation planner. After an almost 20-year hiatus, he visited Cornell with his son while on their college tour. William writes that he missed the big elms on College Ave., but the campus was still beautiful and seeing old roommate **Chuck Dispenza '67**, ME I '69, was great. From Omaha, NE, **James T. Smith**, MBA '71, sends news that he is president and COO of ConAgra Frozen Prepared Foods. He has a son who is a sophomore at Kenyon College and a daughter who is a junior in high school. James is enjoying Nebraska, the other "Big Red."

Several classmates report new jobs. **Tom Mitchell** e-mails that he has re-located from Connecticut to the Washington, DC, area. He is now vice president of human resources for Marconi Systems Technologies, which is the largest North American operation of the British General Electric Corp. The new assistant director of community services for Warren and Washington counties is **Bob Lightfoote**. In addition to a promotion, he was honored by Cornell Cooperative Extension for completing his second three-year term as president of CCE of Warren County. Outside work, Bob coaches soccer and led the Queensbury Little League to the state finals in 1998.

Gregory Baum's daughter Laura is a senior in high school and older daughter Katie is at Princeton U. Gregory writes that, following in Dad's footsteps, Katie drove off to college solo. **Joseph A. Miller** and **Linda (Germaine) '71** have a son Aaron at Connecticut College and a son Charlie who graduated from the U. of Wisconsin and is now living in Chicago. Joseph relates that he is still playing basketball. **Lindy (Wyatt) and Bill Scherffius**, MS '69, are new to the empty nest but are enjoying it so far. Tyler is at the U. of Colorado and Laurel is at Northwestern U. **Harry Wachob**, PhD '76, tells us that his wife **Ruth (Sauberman) '70** completed and defended her master's thesis in child development and was chosen Teacher of the Year, not only at her school, but for all of Santa Clara County, CA.

Patty L. Stahl, a clinical social worker,

lives in Dallas, TX, with her husband Chet Morrison, a commercial photographer, and sons Travis, 14, and Zack, 11. Patty had a mini-reunion with friends **Leslie Abramson** Conason, **Charlotte Bruska** Gardner, **Marilyn Gross** Coors, and **Nancy Althouse** Heath at Leslie's house in South Hampton.

Two missing classmates have been found.

“Mary M. Shelley was selected Ithaca Artist of the Year for Ithaca Festival 1999.”

GARY L. RUBIN '72

James Trozze writes that **David Mortlock** lives in Connecticut and works at Citibank in NY. Also, **David Lettick** lives at 1853 12th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404. **Ronald M. Stuart**'s new address is 7 Topping Rd., Greenwich, CT 06831, and he writes to tell us that he is an investment banker with Daiwa America Corp. in NYC. **John R. Adams** has moved to Leetsdale, PA. **Dr. John C. Reilly** lives at 405 W. Gore Rd., Erie, PA 16509. **Stanley Davis**'s address is 7651 Old Woods Ct., Springsboro, OH 45066. He is vice president of Human Resources and Organization Development. **David McConnell** has moved to 132 Old Carriage Rd., Ponce Inlet, FL 32127. Lastly, I am sad to report that **J. Keith Hospers** died in September 1998. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; tel., (603) 673-5369; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

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This one is special for you, Elsie—I have about 30 minutes until I am late (technically speaking) for the deadline of Wed., Dec. 15, '99, so here it comes—first on-time column I have done in as long as I can remember (could it be the first in 25 years?!).

Dick Bertrand (4040 Woodland Creek Dr. #101, Kentwood, MI 49512) is now in the business world after leaving ice hockey coaching. He was a player and then head coach at Cornell from 1967-1982, and followed that with four years as head coach at Ferris State U. Dick is now using his business management degree as director of marketing for a manufacturing company. He is still active in coaching (for both fun and fitness) by working with a Bantam AAA Travel team for 13-year-olds. They played in Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland, and came in second in the state last year. He looks forward to making it to the Worlds in Quebec City this year. **Sally Margolick** Winston (e-mail: SallyWins@aol.com) reports that the eldest of her three daughters, **Carla**, is a freshman at Cornell. She's hoping that lots of people she knew at Cornell will be returning to Reunion 2000.

Martha Stuart Jewett (e-mail: MJewettRN@aol.com) is an RN working in critical care and emergency rooms in Washington,

DC. Marty is a lieutenant colonel in the US Army Reserve, and has been an Army nurse for 30 years. She is on the board of the Transitional Housing Corp. to help the homeless find homes and jobs. Marty and husband Charles have children Andrew, 18, and Caroline, 16. She writes to say that **Meg Leavitt** Davis (Cornell Nursing School Grad also) still lives in

Seattle and has a daughter Becky and a son Matthew.

Sadly, I must report that **Carol Hanson** Strommen died suddenly on Mar. 23, '98 in Inkom, ID. She is survived by her husband **Dennis Strommen, PhD '71**. He is at home at 395 S. Indian Creek Rd., Inkom, ID 83245 and his e-mail is: strodenm@isu.edu.

Now for the “late news” from the summer of 1998: **John Cecilia**, MBA '79, was divorced in November 1997 and is out of the big old house he had lived in for 14 years. His new address is 13314 Heiden Cir., Lake Bluff, IL 60044 and his e-mail is: john_cecilia@fluids.ittind.com. He has the same job with the same company and lots more travel. **Barry Cass** reports that his son **Brendan '01** is in the College of Arts and Sciences, plays varsity soccer, and is a member of Phi Delta Theta. On May 23, '98, Barry and **Don Carr** helped their Cornell roommate, **Stuart Lemle**, celebrate his 50th birthday at his home in Washington, DC.

Back in June 1998, **Jeffrey '69** and **Elaine Chasen Garrod** were paying three tuitions at once. **Danielle '02** is at Cornell, Seth, now 22, was a senior at Muhlenberg College, and Justin, now 24, was starting at Fordham U. school of law! In the late spring of 1998, **David Golomb** and his wife Lisa finally gave up living in the city and moved to 40 Hampton Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583. David's e-mail is: dgolomb@aol.com. Their children are Danielle, almost 13, and Jesse, almost 7. David is president of the New York State Trial Lawyers Assn., and also on the Board of Governors of the Assn. of Trial Lawyers of America.

Effective July 1, '98, **Bruce Hazen** (21649 Cole Rd., Carthage, NY 13619) became principal of Carthage High School. He and wife Marilyn became grandparents again on Feb. 10, '98, when Jenna Hazen was born in the middle of the ice storm in Watertown, NY to Kevin and Sandy Hazen. Their daughter, Jennifer Jones, and grandson Bruce, almost 6, live in Montgomery, AL. **Danny** (Robert D.) **Ladd** and **Jill (Jayson) '73** (e-mail: danladd347@aol.com) are excited to announce that their son **David '02** is in Arts and Sciences and studying government and political science. He is a fourth-generation Cornelian, which makes it 19 Cornellians in their family!

Ken Leibowitz (e-mail: KLeibowitz@aol.com) is in touch with **Bob Beck**, **Paul Vizcarrondo**, and **Aric Press '71**. In the spring of 1998, Ken was finishing up a Master of Science in management, specializing in health policy and management at the Wagner School at NYU. He is not really sure how we all got old enough to be celebrating our 30th Reunion this year! **Bette Lillis** McMorrow continues to teach maternity nursing at the Sisters of Charity Medical Center on Staten Island. She and husband Tim are still breeding Golden Retrievers. Tim, who is doing well, broke his back in a work-related accident in 1997 and so is retired.

In the spring of 1998, **Carol A. Peacock** published the children's book *Sugar Was My Best Food: Diabetes and Me* (Whitman, 1998). She co-authored it with her best friend and her 12-year-old son. The book has been excerpted on NPR's "All Things Considered" and appeared in a summer issue of *People* magazine in 1998. **Hinda Frankel** Squires writes to say that she and John were divorced in the fall of 1997. Her son Peter, now almost 19, started college in the fall of 1999, and her daughter, Amanda, close to 8, is finishing second grade. Hinda taught Sunday School, as well as first grade in a nearby public school. She serves on the Special Ed PTA Board and is the building rep for the NEA (Union) in her school.

Have you all marked your calendars for Reunion 2000, our 30th? Thurs., June 8 to Sun., June 11, 2000. See you there! ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.



So, how's your millennium so far? By the time this appears, we might all be writing the date correctly, but the habits of 50 years die hard.

Luckily, the habit of responding to class dues notices persists and news is uncharacteristically abundant, both from “regulars” and from classmates heard from all too rarely. Since we are only a year away from our next gathering in Ithaca, I have devoted this column primarily to those who have not appeared in print since the last reunion.

Robert Ambrogi e-mailed *Cornell Magazine* from the International School in Islamabad, Pakistan, where he is in his third year as director of this school of 520 students, representing 52 countries. He can be contacted electronically at ambrogi@isb.compol.com or by mail at the school: PO Box 1124, Sector H-9/1, Islamabad.

Robert's post-Cornell career began with a five-year stint as a science teacher in inner-city Lackawanna, a rusting former steel town south of Buffalo. After two years in the Peace Corps in Cameroon, he spent three years as teaching director at the International School of Yaounde, Cameroon's capital. Armed with a doctorate in education, Robert returned to Africa as an educator in Monrovia, Liberia. He was evacuated along with other foreign nationals on Apr. 30, '90, as rebel soldiers prepared to enter the city. “Valuable lessons in overseas administration were learned,” he says,

modestly. Robert spent several years in Princeton, NJ, and Portugal with his wife and their three sons, but finding the US and Europe "too tame," he took his current position in Pakistan. "Pay no attention to those pesky State Department warnings and please stop by. Pakistan is an incredible place!" he wrote some weeks before last fall's military coup.

Although few classmates have stories quite as adventurous as Robert's, life changes abound. **Maria Yurasek**, once my Donlon Hall corridor-mate, became medical director of an HMO in 1994 after years in clinical practice. A committed runner, she still posts nine- to ten-minute miles. Last summer, she and daughter Francesca, 13, took part in an Adult University (CAU) memoir-writing class. Daughter Christine, 17, also a runner, is looking at colleges out west. Maria's husband, Robert Benedetti (Stanford '73) is a nephrologist who plans to forsake kidneys this year to pursue environmental activism.

In San Jose, **Brick McIntosh** gave up the practice of law a few years ago, but regularly serves as an arbitrator. He expects to launch two start-ups that combine e-commerce and the Internet with golf. Son Grant is a sixth grader and wife Sandy specializes in business litigation. Eventually, Brick anticipates retiring to Pinehurst, NC, where he and classmate **Gary Cokins** (who lives in Michigan) have bought lots within spitting distance of one another!

With a son completing law school, another who graduated last spring from Colgate, a daughter in mid-stride at Dartmouth, and a high school senior just about to enter the education pipeline, the "end of the tuition drain is in sight," **Bob Taylor** of Falmouth, ME, rejoiced. He has been working hard to establish a Cornell Club in Maine. Entering the "drain" is **Rick Zelman** of Miami, whose son David began Hobart College last fall. "So **Jonathan Back**, **Tom Schneider** '70, MA IN T '71, and **Art Lustgarten** '70, MBA '77, will be seeing more of us as we visit our son," Rick wrote. "I am looking forward to the pleasure of taking my daughter Tovah to Ithaca in August to begin her freshman year in Arts and Sciences," said Dr. **Joshua Nagin**, MD '75, MBA '88, of Wexford, PA.

Lost classmates found! **Fred Munro** has been located at 2315 Ridge Cir., Broomfield, CO, by **Mark Goldman** of University Park, MD. But no news from Mark! A classmate who asked for anonymity fingered the missing **Allan Arkush** who lives at 181 Cabot St., Newton, MA.

Alan Mittman of Centerport, NY, crammed his postcard with news. Son **Asa** '98 revisited his alma mater to present a paper in medieval art history; he's working towards his PhD at Stanford. Daughter Arika is producer and head writer for the website associated with the teen TV hit "Dawson's Creek." Wife Stephanie's seventh book, *Head over Heels*, is being published as you read this. Last August, Alan, a lawyer, enjoyed a "busman's holiday" at CAU. He took Glenn Altschuler and Faust Rossi's mini-course, "Great American Trials."

Alas, Alan and Stephanie were no-shows at the Class of '71 Birthday Bash in New York

last September, as were **Barbara Kantrowitz** and **Elliot Mandel**. But, as promised, here's the rest of the guest list (non-Cornell significant others trimmed for space reasons): **Diane Brenner**, **Leslie Jennis** Obus, **Joseph McCourt**, ME Nuc '72, **David R. Miller**, Dr. **Chuck Reisen**, **Patrick MacCarthy**, **Burke McCormack**, **Ignatios Hadji-loukas**, ME CH '72, and **Mark Hasson**. Also, **Leslie Popoff**, **Leslie Kirpich** Brill, **Gilda Klein** Linden, **Marilyn Ross**, **Mark**, JD '74, and **Marilyn Young Kaufman**, MA '74, **Jim Pfeiffer**, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, and **Marion McCue** Velez.

They say "names make news." Give us 20 names; we'll give you the world! ♦ **Marsha Ackermann**, 1612 Waltham Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; e-mail, ackerm28@pilot.msu.edu.



We were greatly saddened last fall by the death of **Elsie Mc-Millan** '55, longtime Class Notes editor for this magazine and a spirited connoisseur of humor and style. It was only last year that Elsie sent touching condolences and graciously encouraged me to share thoughts in this column about the sudden death of my wife Donna. Elsie also consistently laughed when I tried to express my inner Dave Barry, sending e-mails to let me know that she appreciated the fun. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her many years of working to foster our mutual relationships as Cornell alumni.

Mary M. Shelley, an Ithaca artist, had an extraordinary 1999. Articles on her work appeared in *The Ithaca Journal*, *The Ithaca Times*, and *ArtCalendar*, with a similar article expected shortly in *Woodcarving Illustrated*. Her work was also discussed in a *New York Times* art review and she was awarded a prestigious Saltonstall Grant. She was selected Ithaca Artist of the Year for Ithaca Festival 1999, which meant that an image of her work was featured on the thousands of t-shirts and festival buttons that promoted this event. **Jerrold Glassman** and **Carol Scheer** Nickerson attended Adult University (CAU) in Ithaca with their spouses last summer.

Alison Baker Heywood, BS HE '71, in Australia, is a public health advisor for AusAid, Australia's overseas development assistance program. Daughter Jacqueline, 26, and son Michael, 23, are avid travelers. **Christopher** and **Sally Clark Shumaker Ryan** '71, BS Ag '72, relocated in October from Tucson, AZ, to Santa Monica, CA, where Chris is president/CEO of Ca'D'oro Bakery Group. **Katherine Grebe** Gunderson of Manistee, MI, performs bookkeeping duties for husband Paul, a solo pediatrician. Kay and Paul have children Elaine, Alan, and Dan, who are attending college and high school.

News from classmates is growing sparse. Please help us fill the breach. ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, 512 Lenox Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090; e-mail, grubin@aol.com.



Even though four months will have elapsed by the time this appears, I am certain that we here in Seattle will still be analyzing the WTO debacle. I've been in cities

under civil emergencies before, but usually I had to go overseas, or at least to Los Angeles, to get there. This time, it was just a few exits up the freeway. I hold the distinction of being among the few KIRO staffers who were NOT gassed covering the WTO story, but then I had mine in 1970, during the May Day Mobilization, when the stakes were easier to understand. Anti-WTO organizers invoked the memory of the Vietnam and civil rights protests, but as I recall, the enemies back then were a little more insidious than Starbucks.

To the real news: **Baylor Gibson**, ME C '74, wife Linda, and daughters Elizabeth, 14, and Sarah, 12, now make their home in Glendale where Baylor is an engineer with the Metropolitan Water District of SoCal. He'd like to hear from fellow Cornellians, especially class of '73: 3449 Fairesta St., Glendale, CA 91214; e-mail, BaylorGbs@aol.com.

Many of you remember Glee Club co-conspirator **George E. Gull** '72, fellow veteran of a couple of those tours to overseas police states, who now works in the Cornell Astronomy department building infrared-enabled "toys" for astronomers. George reports that he keeps in contact with the old gang, including **Phil Batson** '70, PhD '76, and **Deirdre Courtney-Batson** '72, MA '75, **Terry Smith**, **Bill Cagney**, **John Nicolls** '72, BA '73, and **Bill Welker**, MBA '75.

H. C. "Skip" Jonas (e-mail, skip@eclipse.net) regrets to report that **Alan J. Kudelka**, BS Eng '74, died of an apparent heart attack on July 15, '99. He and Alan were friends in high school and roomed together all four years at Cornell. He writes: "For those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him, his quick wit and broad intellect will be sorely missed. Alan's interests ranged far and wide and he continued his quest for knowledge throughout his life. As a voracious reader with a near-photographic memory (or so it seemed!), he was a formidable opponent in a discussion on just about anything. We could always count on Alan to have 'the facts.' And in that rare moment when he appeared not to have a key fact to support his position, his creativity and bravado allowed him to somehow 'find' (make) the point even though we had all caught on to his scam and were about to suitably razz him. He was a great character."

Skip and Alan last met (in the company of **George McManus**) last spring in New York City, and he reports it was as if nothing had changed. Alan lived in Clifton, NJ, and is survived by a brother, a sister, their families, and a number of Cornell friends who will fondly remember him.

Fellow Risleyite **Jim Pearce** ME E '74, lives near Knoxville, is married (19 years), and has two kids. Ryan is 11 and spent the summer camping in Canada; Loren is 9 and proves each time she performs that she has inherited her mother's vocal talents. Jim and family share their farm with ten horses, 12 cattle, ten chickens, three dogs, and three cats, proving again how versatile an engineering degree can be. E-mail, jw.pearce.takethisout@att.net.

Carolyn J. Levy (Theater Arts) has been named assistant professor in theater and com-

munications studies at Hamline U. in St. Paul. She's directing a production of "Kindertransport" by Diane Samuels, teaching two acting courses, and conducting a seminar that ought to get calls from one or two talk-show hosts: "Living in a Rape Culture, What Are We Going To Do About It?" E-mail, clevy@gw.hamline.edu. **Nancy Dworkin** Miller reports having dinner with classmate **Karen Goldberg** and husband Neil Skolnik last spring. She also had lunch with **Dan Rosen '72**, who is the new executive director of the International Center for the Disabled in NYC. But don't think Nancy spends all her time in restaurants; she also received the "Beyond The Call of Duty" award for her volunteer work on behalf of United Way of NYC. E-mail, nancymiller@worldnet.att.net. Correspondent's note: When you dine with a classmate, please inform us promptly. While we are not exactly known for breaking news, we hate to make classmates wait an entire year to find out with whom you ate. **Sandra Black-Stubbs**, BA '75, has been taking seminary classes at New York Theological Seminary, where she now works as associate director of institutional advancement. No, she is not headed for the pulpit, but fulfilling a desire to use her PR skills in the religious as well as the secular world. She keeps in touch with **Angela Robinson** Boatright who is an Episcopal Pastoral Care Minister with an AIDS ministry in NYC. Sandra also chairs the marketing committee for the Cornell Black Alumni Assn., which is hoping to raise \$250,000 at its June Reunion in Ithaca. E-mail, sbstubbs22@aol.com. At least six class members traveled with Adult University (CAU). They include **Ann Hoover** Furman, "Missing Link," **Dale B. Glasser**, "Great Trials," **Ronald**, MEE EP '74, and **Cathie Bard Hanovice '74**, "Wines," **Susan Annis** Hileman, "Universe," **Martha Burroughs** Keagle, "Ropes," and **Kitty Bernick**, husband Bill Fisher, and their kids, who journeyed with CAU to Africa. Sure sounds a lot more interesting than that 8:00 Economics lecture. A reminder, the class allotment for this column is very generous because of the relatively large number of '73 subscribers, so eat with as many alumni as you can, and e-mail us right away. ♦ **David Ross**, 4231 90th Ave., SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040; e-mail, dave@daveross.com.



Betsy A. Beach sends news of the wedding of **Kris Rupert** and **John Foote**: The warm winds blew in Friendship, ME, on Nov. 20, '99 for the wedding of Kris and John. The weekend festivities included a shower for Kris given by her Delta Gamma sisters, a dinner Friday night in Rockland, a breakfast Saturday morning at the Rupert cottage in Friendship, the wedding at a restored church in Cushing, and the reception at a hunting lodge in Union. Kris was serenaded as "the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" by John and his fellow Sigma Chis: **Brian Beglin**, **Mort** (C. Morton) **Bishop**, **Jay** (James A.) **Branegan '72**, **Rik Clark** and John's nephew **Peter Wilhelm '93**. Not to be outdone, the Phi Gamma Deltas **Joe Kowalik**, **Rob Swanson**,

and **Bob** (Robert L.) **Brungraber** sang the "Fiji Sweetheart Song." Cornellians came from around the world to celebrate the event. Delta Gammas in attendance were: **Myrna Bank Gardner '75** with husband, **Ron Gardner**, **Betsy Beach**, **Mary Berens**, **Alice J. Brown**, **Patti B. Calhoun '76**, **Shelley Cosgrove** Deford, **Hilda Fritze** Vomvoris '79, **BS Hotel '80**, **Barb Johnson**, **Gilbey Kamens** Campbell '76, **Anne Kelley** Anderson '75, **Diane Kopelman**, **Mary C. O'Connell '74**, **BS ILR '75**, **Karen Rupert '76**, and **Evan Zuckerman** (with husband **Andy Bernstein**). The Cornell contingent also included **Jack Cutler**, **Ilene R. Greenberg**, **Carolyn Gregg** Will, **C. Evan Stewart**, **JD '77**, and of course, brother **David Rupert '79** and father **Jack Rupert '49**, **JD '51**. Betsy said it was a really fun event, like another reunion.

Bradd Siegel, partner with the law firm of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP, is one of the few Ohio attorneys to be elected a Fellow of The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. The organization is a professional, educational, and honorary association for employment and labor lawyers. Bradd was installed as a fellow of the college in a special ceremony in Atlanta in September 1999. Having practiced in labor and employment law litigation on behalf of companies and their managers in state and federal courts for more than 20 years, Bradd is also the co-author of the book *Ohio Employment Practices Law: A Practical Guide for Employers and their Legal Counsel*.

Astrid Muller is still at the RCI-affiliated timesharing property Costa Linda Beach Resort in Aruba. Astrid has a daughter, Kendra, who is 14 years old. **Bill** and **Lisa Seegmiller Turner** are in Groton, NY. Bill is involved with Project 2000, as well as being the co-owner of Comics for Collectors, with stores in Ithaca and Corning. He keeps fit playing indoor soccer four times a week. Lisa fell in love with e-mail while at a temporary job for Cornell University Press last year. She is now home editing Food and Foodways for her former advisor, Prof. Steve Kaplan. Son Wil, 19, is studying theater lighting at Vassar while Douglas, 17, helps host exchange students. Lisa and Bill are also part of the Tompkins County Marriage Preparation Team with **George** and **Mary Ann Kozak**. They keep in touch with **Dena Goodman** and **Bob Frieden**.

Ellen C. Hobbie lives ten miles west of Ithaca in Enfield. She is the office manager and in charge of subscriptions for *New Urban News*. Ellen is also a docent for the Johnson Museum and volunteers at the local Historical Society. She has kids Ricia, 8, and Liam, 6. Ellen attended grad school in England a while ago. **Robyn Berger Notterman**, MD '83, is a dermatologist in Princeton, NJ. She and husband **Daniel '73** are the parents of Arielle, 16, and Ben, 11. When she isn't working for the USDA Forest Service as a law enforcement officer, **Wendy F. LaBahn**, BS Ag '75, enjoys skiing and kayaking in Philipsburg, MT. **Phyllis Landsman** Schatz is a physician at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT. Her specialty is pulmonary and critical care medicine.

Phyllis is the proud mom of **Daina Schatz**, 18 (who entered Cornell in the fall), and Brian, 14.

Richard Lent is a retired tax lawyer living in Alexandria, VA. He graduated from Harvard law school in '77, was in private practice from '78-88 dealing with employee benefits, worked for the IRS '88-97, and retired in 1997. He spends his time playing with his computer, attending Adult University (CAU) courses and watching professional sports on TV. **Art Leonard** and his domestic partner, Tim, live in NYC where Art is a NY Law School professor and law writer for *POZ* magazine, *Lesbian and Gay NY*, and *Lesbian/Gay Law Notes*. Art says he has spent the last 25 years coming out and taking his place in the movement for lesbian/gay rights. In 1979, Art co-founded the Cornell University Gay and Lesbian Alumni Assn. **Daniel O'Connell** and wife **Terri Clifford '79**, MS HE '84, live in Seattle, WA, with their child Dana. Daniel is a teacher and psychologist. **Paul '75** and **Marcia Langwell Morris** are in Oradell, NJ, where Marcia owns a wedding floral and design business called "The Sequin Garden." They have a 15-year-old, Bari. Please note the change in my e-mail address below. ♦ **Linda Meyers** Geyer, 25926 Monte Carlo Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92692; e-mail, lgdesigns@home.com.

REUNION

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Our BIG class reunion is almost upon us. Have you checked our website to see which classmates are coming to the 25th Reunion on June 8-11, 2000? Well, as of December 2 (the time of this writing), there are over 160 signed up. Check it out and add your name if you are planning to attend. Now, I won't do a David Letterman "top ten reasons" why you should come back to the Hill for reunion (I'm not that clever), but give yourself a weekend break to retrace a memory or two. The workshops, concerts, lectures, and building tours offer plenty of variety for those looking to recharge a mental battery. The bookstore is as wonderful as ever. And, of course, the changing Ithaca weather will let us affirm to ourselves how flexible we still can be, even as we approach (ugh!—dare I say it) our 50s. The site is www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1975.

During a November phonathon, I was able to contact the following '75ers to encourage them to attend reunion and give to the annual fund: **James Blumling**, Dix Hills, NY; **Judith Cox**, Silver Spring, MD; **Cynthia Lewis** Cummings, Brooklyn, NY; **Michael DiMattia**, Garden City, NY; **Amy Cunningham** Ekman, Pittsburgh, PA; **Joan Fabry**, Washington, DC; **Andy Feigin**, Huntington Station, NY; **Bill Hoffman**, Tabernacle, NJ; **Joseph Mott**, Bethesda, MD; **Jeanne Fattori** Reining, Bernardsville, NJ; **Rory Sadoff**, Massapequa, NY; and **Robert Tupper**, Babylon, NY. Jeanne Reining, of our reunion committee, is trying to round up as many attendees as we can muster. If you want to help in this effort by calling folks you want to see in June, but you don't know how to reach them, please e-mail **Deborah Gellman**

(at dsgellman@hotmail.com) their names. I will e-mail back the current phone numbers that are registered with Cornell. (Sorry, but I can't be responsible for numbers that have not been updated by classmates.)

I heard from **Kathryn Ganss Grillo**, who opened a costume studio in Winston-Salem, NC. She designs and builds costumes and is working with the North Carolina School of the Arts, where her husband, **Henry '74**, BA '75, is an assistant dean in theater design and production. She is also the proud mom of Kristin, 16, and Daniel, 14, and would love to hear from friends who are attending reunion. She can be reached at kegrillo@aol.com.

Kathryn Gabinet-Kroo writes from Montreal, Quebec. She completed her Certificate in Translation at McGill U. and, as she puts it, "decided she needed a master's before reaching 50!" So, she began a masters in translation studies at Concordia, writing research papers and reading obscure texts. At the same time, she continues to teach painting and displayed her own works at an exhibition in December. News from abroad comes from **Bernard MacCabe**, MBA '79. He is a partner with Ernst and Young, living in Basel, Switzerland. He is president of the Cornell Club in Switzerland and is on the executive advisory council of the Johnson Graduate School of Management in Europe. He has been married to Jacqueline for 11 years and has children Kevin, 9, and Kelly, 7. **Reinhard Werthner** writes from Puerto Rico where he works at the Westin Rio Mar Beach hotel. He says that he has sent all of this year's hurricanes to Florida and points north. He was recently elected president of the Puerto Rico Hotel and Tourist Assn., a consortium of over 200 hotels and hospitality and service companies on the island. His two-year term begins in August 2000. Congratulations, Reinhard!

News from the South includes a note from **Susan Corner Rosen**. She continues to practice law in Charleston, SC, with husband Robert. Ever on the go, Susan is chairman for the Charleston Komen Race for the Cure in the year 2000. Her daughter Ali entered the ninth grade at Phillips Academy in Andover, MA. Susan notes that while they miss her terribly, they still have Annie, 15, at home, along with Will, 7. Her e-mail is srosen@RGHlawfirm.com. **Dorothy Alderman** Chermely resides in Alabama, where she recently moved when her husband was transferred. In so doing, Dorothy "retired" from her job at US Home Corp., where she was a vice president. She has completed a ten-month training course at the Birmingham Museum of Art and is a docent (loves it) at the Southeast's largest municipal museum. Her volunteer work includes helping out at hospice and church outreach projects and at Hand-in-Paw, a pet therapy program, where she serves on the board. Amidst all this, she is building a new home and continues horseback riding. **Harold Mejias** writes from Florida and notes that he is retired but works as a Contemporary Services Co. supervisor. He is a member of the South Florida chapter of the Cornell Hotel Society.

Three classmates write from Texas. **Todd**

Teitell, living in Dallas, looks forward to getting together with the Chem Es at the 25th Reunion. His most recent vacation included visits to San Diego and Santa Barbara with son Brian. Last September, Todd visited **Andy Talkington**, ME CH '76, who lives in the West University area in Houston. **Cheryl Crandall** Tangen lives in The Woodlands, TX, where she has been practicing law for the last 19 years. In April 1998 she went solo. She now has her own practice, Cheryl Crandall Tangen P.C., which focuses on financial institutions and real estate law. She is a Boy Scout volunteer "for everything." Her two children are involved in sports. The 12-year-old son plays football and lacrosse and the 9-year-old daughter is a roller hockey buff. Recent travel included a 2-1/2 week visit to Great Britain, which was "wonderful." From Laredo, TX, comes news of **Wendy Sneff**. She joined the Foreign Service in September 1998 and works as a Consular Officer at the US Consulate in Monterrey, Mexico, where the work is extremely hectic. Wendy's 8-year-old daughter Caitlin attends a bilingual school.

News from the West Coast comes from **Michael James Rosepiler**, ME EP '76, writing all the way from Alaska. He is a CNS commercial manager with Alaska BP Exploration Inc. He has vacationed in London, but also keeps busy with wife Margaret traveling to Texas and Pennsylvania to visit family. Michael's e-mail is rosepimj@bp.com. **Francine Zalkin** lives in Grass Valley, CA, and is a second grade teacher at Nevada City Elementary School. Her volunteer work includes Sierra Club, the Audubon Society, the Rural Quality Coalition, and the California Native Plant Society. Recently, she climbed Mt. Hood, Boundary Peak, and Mt. Humphreys.

Fellow DG sister **Elyse Byron** lives in Clarendon Hills, IL. She is self-employed in the medical sales field and specializes in new technology. Her 4-year-old keeps her very busy. **Catherine Jones Schacht**, MS '77, also lives in Illinois, residing in Oak Park. She is a certified nurse-midwife, providing prenatal care and delivering babies. Husband Scott is a math teacher. Her oldest child is a senior at Northwestern and her daughter is a high school freshman. **John Rijos** lives in Long Grove, Illinois, where he is president of Lane Hospitality Inc., in Northbrook. He is involved in the American Cancer Society. The family, including sons Taylor, 9, and Parker, 4, traveled extensively last summer. They visited New York City, the New Jersey Shore, Scottsdale, and Las Vegas. For July 4th, the family was in Lake Placid, NY, and also spent time on Florida's Gulf Coast. **Stephen Maish**, MBA '77, writes from neighboring Indiana, where he practices law with Maish and Mysliwy. He is active in the Better Business Bureau and the Promise Keepers, a Christian Ministry. He has been married 26 years (Congrats!) and has two children. Stephen's older daughter starts college next year and he says "tuition costs are scary." In nearby Missouri, **Jeff Craver** writes from St. Louis where he is a pathologist and medical director of Quest Diagnostic LLC. He attended a surprise

40th birthday party for brother **Scott '81**. Jeff and wife Anne are proud of their daughter **Mary Pat**, who is now a sophomore in Arts and Sciences and loves it.

That's it for now! I look forward to seeing old faces and meeting new classmates in June. ♦ **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, 49 Fuller Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928; e-mail, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan A. Pease**, 6767 Blanche Dr., Lorton, VA 22079; **Mitch Frank**, 6613 Crenshaw Dr., Orlando, FL 32835; e-mail, mjfgator@aol.com; **Deborah Gellman**, 330 E. 79th St., #8G, NYC 10021; e-mail, dsgellman@hotmail.com; and **Barbara Foote Shingleton**, 43 Chestnut St., Boston, MA 02108; tel., (617) 227-7374; (617) 227-1617; e-mail, bfishng@aol.com.



As I prepare these notes, the year 2000 is just around the corner. Since you are now reading this in your March/April 2000 issue, we have satisfactorily withstood the Y2K scare.

Tim Kelley writes from Louisiana, where he is a District Court judge. He lives there with wife Nanette and their 9-year-old daughter Laura. My friend **Larry Epstein**, MBA '78, wrote to tell us all about the recent memorial held in honor of our classmate **Bruce Hagan**, BS Ag '77. On Nov. 7, '99, at the studios of WVBR-FM in Ithaca, the newsroom where Bruce began his career while a student at Cornell was renamed in his honor. Bruce was an Emmy award-winning journalist and former "Dateline NBC" producer. He died at age 43 in a boating accident on Labor Day 1998. Those attending the ceremony included WVBR staff members, Bruce's wife Kathy and daughter Alex. "Dateline" staffers Mike Taibbi and Dan Slepian, and the following alumni: Larry Epstein and wife **Karen (Hasby) '77**, **Peter Schacknow '78** and wife **Peri (Appollo) '81**, **Gary Kaye '70**, and **Kim V. Gould '77**, ME E '79.

Darlene Chakin Basch traveled around the world for four years as the lead trainer of interviewers of Holocaust survivors for Steven Spielberg's "Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation." Darlene has founded a global non-profit Internet-based organization, Descendants of the Shoah, for descendants of Holocaust survivors. Their goal is to provide a means of communication for those who share a core history and to reach out to the Jewish community for solidarity and to the world with a life-affirming message of tolerance. Darlene lives in Los Angeles with husband Loren and sons ages 15 and 12.

This past fall, **John A. Noble** was honored by the Alumni Assn. of the College of

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Agriculture and Life Sciences. John is president of Noblehurst Farms Inc. and general manager of Southview Farms, and has been heavily involved in agriculture. For all his efforts in the agriculture sector, he received the Victor Joachim Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Dairy Herd Improvement Cooperative. Dr. **Ann Rosovsky** Beaton is

(rjaso@answerthink.com) wrote nearly a year ago that he was part owner of a new consulting company called AnswerThink Consulting Group. In their first 18 months, they grew from 20 people to 850 people and had annual revenues in excess of \$100 million. Rich, please let us know if this incredible growth continued over 1999. Rich and wife **Debbie**

ried to Carl Finer and they have children, Molly, 9, and Matthew, 5. Laura and Carl work together in their own architectural firm on New York's Upper West Side. The firm is called Elterman Finer Architects, FC, and specializes in residential work. Laura has seen **Lauri Grossman**, who also has an office on the Upper West Side. Laura says she would love to hear from **Juli J. Kempner**.

Joan (Pope) and **Tom Kokoska** are living in London. They are taking full advantage of living abroad, using London as a home base in order to travel. They even celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in Paris. They've come quite a distance, both figuratively and literally, since meeting at a U-Hall #3 party freshman year. **R. Mark Woodworth**, MPS HA '78, (hotelwood@aol.com) also celebrated a 20th wedding anniversary. He and wife Mary Kay live in Atlanta and have four children, ranging in age from 5 to 13. Mark returns to Ithaca once or twice a year to recruit and/or guest lecture at the Hotel school. He travels quite a bit, which allows him to see fellow Cornellians, including **John "the Body" Longstreet**, who is the Mayor of Plano, TX. **Kathy (Bujdoso)** and **Jon Wolff '76** have been married for 23 years and also have four children. Jon is director of biochemical genetics at the U. of Wisconsin school of medicine and is president of Mirus, a biotech firm he started in Madison. Kathy is a freelance writer. She took up competitive rowing several years ago and is now working on a book and several articles on rowing and on taking up a sport in midlife (particularly for women who grew up before Title IX).

Richard Grazi (drgrazi@aol.com) lives in Brooklyn, NY, with **Leslie (Weiss) '78** and their six children. Richard is the founder and director of Brooklyn IVF, a center for the comprehensive treatment of infertility. **Steve Lomasky** (lomasky@ibm.net) is an endocrinologist in Rockville Centre, NY. His spare time is spent scuba diving and with amateur radio. **Sheryl L. Checkman** (checkmandsgn@earthlink.net) also enjoys scuba diving, traveling to the Caribbean to do so. She travels quite a bit. In 1998, she went skiing in Zermatt, Switzerland, and a couple of months later went to Israel for the first time. It was an incredible experience, topped off by getting a spur of the moment bat mitzvah at the Walling Wall in Jerusalem. After a ten-day tour, Sheryl went to the Israeli resort area Eilat and took a day trip to Petra, the oldest city in the world. She then spent three days on a dive safari in Egypt on the Sinai Coast. The diving was spectacular. Sheryl also mentions seeing **Ilene Klugman**, **Carol Rosenblum** Levin, and **Laura (Konowitz)** and **Mark H. Ratner '76** at **Gina Davis's** son Stephen's bar mitzvah.

Robin Schneider Low (jrflow@msn.com) is living in Swampscott, MA, about 15 miles north of Boston, with husband Jim and his two daughters. Swampscott is right on the water so they do a lot of sailing on their boat. Robin works as the general counsel of a small high-tech company called Radnet. Radnet's employees are mostly young (typical for high-

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LORRIE PANZER RUDIN '77

an assistant professor at SUNY College of Optometry. Ann had a mini Cornell reunion at the bar mitzvah of her son Greg this past January. Present were **Jeryl Dansky** Kershner, **Dale (Brodsky)** and **Gary Bernstein '75**, **Merys (Cohen)** and **Mike Mechlin '75**, and **Nancy Wolfert** Kirshenbaum. Ann, husband Neal, and sons Eric, Greg, and Andrew (now 7) recently visited Cornell. Eric is a senior at the Dalton School in NYC and is busy looking at colleges. Ann is teaching histology, microbiology, and biochemistry.

Laurie Finkel Forrest is a physician in Portland, OR. She is enjoying the Northwest and has been practicing radiology at Kaiser for 15 years. She has great kids, David, 12, and Allison, 6. **Ilene Rosenthal** Hochberg is an author/magazine editor at Florida International. She writes, “No news is good news.” I know what she means. I think we all do! **David C. Johnson**, BS Ag '77, recently took a position as controller for Emhart Glass in Elmira, NY. **Diane M. Laufman** is a consultant and recently stopped working full-time. She began a finance consulting firm, The Solutions Group, which provides her with the opportunity to work only part-time so she can spend more time with her children Mariah, 11, and Celia, 8. **John F. Rodis**, after 14 years at the U. of Connecticut, has just been promoted to professor of obstetrics and gynecology.

That's all I have for now. Keep those cards, letters, and e-mails coming. I hope this finds you all doing well in the beginning of this new century. Regards always. ♦ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, 29 Margaret Ct., Great Neck, NY 11024; e-mail, Krinsk54@aol.com.



As I write this column I'm still experiencing personal Y2K problems, primarily a seeming inability to write “2000” whenever I need to date something. Let's hope none of my checks bounces. We have good news from a lot of our classmates. During 1999, **Drew Nieporent** opened the Heartbeat restaurant in the “W” Hotel in New York City. This was restaurant number 15, which is quite an accomplishment, yet as of the time Drew wrote, he was scheduled to open two more restaurants during the year: the Berkeley Bar & Grill in the Sony Building in New York and the 9545 Restaurant in Telluride, CO, at the Inn at Lost Creek. **Rich Jaso**

(**Graham**) '78 live on Candlewood Lake in New Fairfield, CT, and have three children. **Gary Buerman**, BS Eng '78, (gbuerman@aol.com) received a promotion at Seneca Foods. Of equal importance, he added an additional two-car garage onto his house so he could get his '52 Buick out of storage.

Jeff Bialos made an interesting career switch a couple of years ago. After nearly 14 years, Jeff resigned his partnership at Weil, Gotshal and Manges to become Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration. This obviously was not a career move made with finances in mind. (The move had other interesting consequences, like becoming subject to a two-week vacation limit.) Thereafter, Jeff moved to the State Department, where he spent nearly the last two years as senior advisor to Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, focusing on international economic policy, the Asian financial crisis, and the Balkans. It was a great assignment. When Eizenstat left the State Dept. to become Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Jeff chose another direction. He was recently appointed by the President as Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Industrial Affairs and began working at the Pentagon after Labor Day. Jeff has the economic portfolio at the Pentagon, focusing on defense mergers and acquisitions, as well as globalization of the defense industry and US-European defense cooperation. Unusually, he is “dual-hatted,” and has retained a role as special negotiator on issues concerning the global positioning system at the State Department. Jeff can be reached at bialosjp@acq.osd.mil.

David J. Siegel, BS Ag '78, (dgoodfoot@aol.com) is living in Beverly Hills with his wife Jocelyne and two children. He is working as a film editor of motion pictures (*Washington Square* and *Godzilla*) and television shows and was nominated for an Emmy for his work on “Law and Order.” Jocelyne is a French tutor and interpreter, which is useful as they travel regularly to Paris in the summer. **Thomas Sze** (tom.a.sze@disney.com) also works in the entertainment industry, but from a completely different perspective. He designs and builds theme parks all over the world for Walt Disney Imagineering. He was recently promoted to principal concept architect. This year, he made an excursion to Peru and visited Machu Picchu. **Laura Elterman** (efarch@earthlink.net) is also an architect. She is mar-

tech start-ups), putting Robin in the awkward position of being one of the oldest people at the company. Robin stays in touch with **Jan Rock**, and **Jodi (Kaplan)** and Jodi's husband **Peter Susser '76**. **Robyn Maltz** is a clinical social worker in private practice and a dancer. She teaches a mind-body-spirit dance class and has a holistic approach to life and work. In April 1998 she married Ira Gross. They honeymooned in Tuscany and Paris and now live in Newton, a Boston suburb, with Ira's four daughters.

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy, and fulfilling new year. ♦ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, 14833 Botany Way, N. Potomac, MD 20878; e-mail, rudin@erols.com.



Well, we've done our soliciting for war stories about mid-life crises, and here's the question which keeps coming back

to us: how do you know when you're in mid-life, anyway? Somehow that seems like a uniquely baby boomer perspective! And, judging by the number of career/life changes, many of us have already successfully weathered several crises. **Melissa Patack** Berenbaum writes from Los Angeles that son Joshua was born in December 1998. She is vice president/general manager for the Motion Picture Assn. of America's California Group, which lobbies on state and local issues. **Katharina "Kathy" Grande** Levintow will be living with her husband Nicholas and three children in Lagos, Nigeria, for the next two years. Her husband will be the Labor Officer for the US Embassy.

Kiran Mehta, who lives in Charlotte, NC, writes that his son **John** entered Cornell's freshman class this year in the Urban Planning program of the Art, Architecture, and Planning School. **Paul Metselaar** writes from Manhattan that he is chairman and CEO of the World Travel Specialists Group and The Lawyers' Travel Service, a travel management company for professional service firms with 50 offices throughout the US. He is married with children Allie and Lindsey, ages 11 and 8. **Debra Slotnick Miron** spent two years after college working as a buyer for JC Penney and then six years as a journalist working for Capital Cities/ABC. She was also a product manager for Lenox and was director of marketing for Villeroy & Bech. Debra now lives with her husband **Michael '77** and two daughters in Greenwich, CT, and is taking a hiatus from marketing while sitting on an Education Foundation Board and doing some volunteer work in the community. **Candace "Candy" Warner** Herring, BS HE '79, reports that she is living in Quebec, Canada, in a great restored home on the dairy farm where her husband grew up. She is home schooling their two daughters. A former costume designer, she still does some sewing for friends.

Carl Kiss has received the Oregon Trial Lawyers Assn.'s Public Justice Award, the Human Rights Campaign's Equality Award, and Basic Rights Oregon's Fair Workplace Project Award for winning the trial and appeal of the landmark civil rights case *Tanner v. Oregon*

Health Sciences U. The Tanner appellate court was the first in the nation to hold that gays and lesbians are entitled to the same heightened constitutional protection provided to other minority groups which have been historically subjected to discrimination. Carl lives with his wife and daughter in Portland, OR. The American Assn. of the History of Medicine gave its 1999 Welch Award to **Jack D. Pressman**, who died in June 1997, for his book *Last Resort: Psychosurgery and the Limits of Medicine*, published posthumously in 1998. The Welch Award is given to the book published in the previous five years that adds most significantly to the field of the history of medicine.

Barbara George Lewis says she decided to stay home when her two kids were born and never went back to work. The family has lived in upstate Michigan in a small university town for seven years. She does however, "drive the school district to distraction," advocating for gifted education. She serves on the board of the state organization, Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education. **Robin Weiss** Kramme says she's "living the life of today's modern road warrior: planes, hotels, rental cars, room service!" She has been with Radisson Hospitality Worldwide in California for almost nine years and has been happily married for more than 18 years. **Bill Buchholz** left Lockheed Martin Corp. 1-1/2 years ago to join Space Imaging, a commercial imaging satellite company in Denver, CO. He and his wife and three children live in Westminster, CO.

Allison Banerji, BS EE '80, has had a constantly changing career life, from mechanical engineer, to computer programmer, to horticulturalist and gardener. Her career with the greatest longevity, she says, is raising her three children. Her oldest son is a junior at Stanford and she's convinced he is the one that's going to bring her fame and fortune ("well, fame, anyway"). She writes, "Life only gets better. At 43 I know myself better, want less, do more, and feel happier than I did at 23. I'll bet every one of you says that."

Write to us! ♦ **Eileen Brill** Wagner, 4649 W. Carla Vista Dr., Chandler, AZ 85226; e-mail, brillcon@aol.com; and **Pepi Leids**, 7021 Boot Jack Rd., Bath, NY 14810; e-mail, Pleids@aol.com.



It is hard to believe that almost one-quarter of the year 2000 will have passed by the time you read this column. We still have lots of 1999 news to get in print. **Andrew J. Young** is the principal of Andrew Young and Co. of New York City, with offices in Manhattan and Sydney, Australia. The business is engaged in building restaurants and hotels in New York, Europe, Australia, and the Middle East. Andrew writes that he is traveling constantly and loving every minute of it. **Jules Silberberg** is a Foreign Service officer with a current posting in Dusseldorf, Germany, and a previous posting in Mexico. He and wife Tressa have three children. Another traveling classmate, **Judah Epstein**, writes that he

went on a deep-sea fishing trip in Mexico. He joined **Keith Kozlowski** and his son Keeler on this adventure. Keith and Judah see each other frequently when Keith has business at the Pentagon.

Also living in Washington is **Robert Nichols**, M Arch '81. He is an architect and owns Nichols Design Associated. His projects include: New Public Space Competition, Buffalo, NY, Honorable Mention Award; Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Washington, DC, Pro Bono Publico Award from the Washington Architectural Foundation; and Hopedale Town Hall Terrace, Hopedale, MA, Excellence in Universal Design Award from the National Endowment for the Arts. He married Russian-born Elena on Feb. 14, '98. Robert can be reached at ndarch@pipeline.com or Robbieenda@aol.com.

Living close by in Virginia are **Rustom**, BArch '80, and **Linda Shudlow Cowasjee '77**. Rustom practices architecture and lives in Delaplane, VA. They can be reached at Cowasjee@msn.com. **Karen Kane** McDonnell writes that she is living in Suffolk, VA, and can be reached at Mcdon0259@aol.com. **Mark W. LaVorgna**, MS Ag '82, writes that he lives in Salisbury, MD, with wife **Laurel (Chin) '80** and daughter Gabrielle. Mark is director of nutrition for Perdue Farms Inc. Also in Salisbury is Dr. **John Bezjak**. John is a doctor of public health and is retired from the US Public Health Service. His volunteer activities include acting as USA schools coordinator for the US Tennis Assn., Maryland district. His 11-year-old daughter is a ranked junior tennis player.

Further south, **Linda J. Sarazen** has accepted the position of senior vice president of Linda McDonald Inc., an international licensing agency for graphic and decorative artists. Linda brings to the company 16 years of corporate and commercial law, agency and licensing. Linda lives in Charlotte, NC, with husband Patrick and daughter. **Jamie Levine** writes that after Cornell, she was in the VISTA program and worked in Alaska. She also worked in Illinois with an organization trying to improve conditions on family-owned farms. After working in two children's homes, she returned to school and earned a second bachelor's degree at St. Louis Conservatory and a master's from the Eastman School of Music. For the past ten years, she has been a freelance mezzo-soprano. She does mostly ensemble work in New York City, including work with the Metropolitan Opera chorus since 1993. She is also active on several committees in the American Guild of Musical Artists.

Retired class president **Dan Mansoor**, MBA '80, heads Philanthropic Services in NYC. He advises individuals, families, foundations, and corporations in their philanthropic decisions and provides management services for their charitable initiatives. Dan can be reached at djm37@cornell.edu. **Beth Z. Silverman** and **Barry S. Kann** write that they missed reunion in 1999 because Beth was travel-restricted due to pregnancy complications. Their son Elliot is fine, despite being born five weeks early on Sept. 7, '99. Beth, Barry, and Elliot plan on attending reunion in 2004.

Dennis Conway writes that his sci-fi thriller screenplay, "Violent Nature," won an award in California's Chesterfield competition. His first self-written and directed feature, "Garden," a screwball romantic comedy about three misfits posing as scientists, shot in New Jersey last fall and premiered at the Hemlock Farms Film Festival in Pennsylvania in August 1999. A number of companies are viewing the rough-cut. Dennis is head of Banshee Wail Productions in New Jersey.

Also in New Jersey, **Steven J. Fram**, MA '83, a partner with the Haddonfield law firm of Archer & Greiner, has received the Legislative Recognition Award from the New Jersey State Bar Assn. The award is given to those NJSBA members who have made significant and outstanding contributions to promoting the association's legislative interests and historic mission, as well as the public good. Fram is a member of his firm's litigation department and chairman of its computer and high-tech law practice group. He specializes in handling complex commercial disputes, including intellectual property and technology matters. He also assisted clients in technology licensing negotiations and Y2K preparation and compliance. Living in the same area is **Madeline Romer Flanagan** who can be reached at mflanagan@weirpartners.com. Madeline joined the law firm of Weir and Partners in Philadelphia, PA in 1999. Prior to this she served as counsel at CoreStates Financial Corp. Madeline lives in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Also practicing law is **Seth Agata**, JD '82, who is currently a partner with three other lawyers in Hudson, NY. Seth lives in historic Kinderhook, NY, in Columbia County with wife Gale and son Adam. **Virginia Hoyt** has taken time off from practicing law to write two novels and two screenplays. When she returned to law in January 1999, she became counsel at Universal Studios after being at Disney for eight years. Her new position is only three days a week, which gives her two days to write at her home office. She feels that it is the best of all possible worlds until she can start making money as a writer. Ginny and her husband live in Santa Monica, CA, and can be reached at hoytster@earthlink.net. **Robert Platt** is a partner at the law firm of Manatt, Phelps and Phillips in Los Angeles. He has a 5-1/2-year-old son Adam. Robert can be reached at Rplatt@Manatt.com.

Vicki O'Meara writes that she moved from Chicago to Miami in 1998. She left her partnership and practice leader position at Jones Day Reavis and Pogue to become executive vice president and general counsel of Ryder in Miami. Her sons, Joe, 9, and Nick, 6, adjusted immediately to the sunshine and spend a lot of time on the water off Key Largo.

Kate Browning Hendrickson writes that she continues as assistant county attorney, doing the juvenile prosecutions, the dependency/neglect/abuse docket, and the disability docket. She also has a part-time private practice. She has been elected as secretary of the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky U. Kate and husband Doug have daughters in tenth, eighth, fifth, and third grades. They

were all able to take a trip together to England and Ireland in the summer of 1998 and it was a great experience for everyone.

Gary Tucker writes that he and wife Susan live with their sons Maxwell, 7, and Ryan, 13, in Kalamazoo, MI. They continue to be active in youth soccer, which Gary coaches. Gary is also president of a select 200-member traveling soccer club, which travels throughout the state. In between soccer games, his law practice keeps him occupied.

Jon Wardner, BS Ag '80, writes from Ann Arbor, MI, that he ran into **Chris Cochran** and **Amy (Schapiro) '81** at a Cornell vs. Western Michigan hockey game. The Cochrans have since moved to Missouri, leaving two less Cornellians to cheer the Big Red in Michigan.

That's all the news for now. The class Web page can be accessed at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1979>. The Class of 1979 e-mail address has changed, so please discontinue using CU79@aol.com and replace it with the new address as follows: Cornellclassof79@yahoo.com. Please continue to send us your news and we will try to print it in a timely manner. ♦ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, 912 Meadowcreek Dr., Richmond, VA 23236; e-mail, RD_ka_Gould@msn.com; or **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, PO Box 1413, East Hampton, NY 11937.

REUNION



The good news is, if you are reading this column, we survived the turn of the millennium; the bad news is, we don't have much news to report.

Grace Sharples Cooke has moved to a new address in Taipei, Taiwan. She is married to Merritt Cooke and has two children: Todd, born in Hong Kong on May 23, '90, and Philip, born in Tokyo on Dec. 4, '92. **Laura Chessin**, BFA '81, writes that she is an assistant professor of communication arts and design at Virginia Commonwealth U. in Richmond, VA. She plays the fiddle in a contra dance band. She also writes that she has moved to a new address in Richmond.

I still have two children: Maxx, nearly 11, and Ilyssa, nearly 12. I spend most winter weekends skiing in Vermont at Killington Mountain. During the week I work for ABN Amro Bank managing an institutional "Soft Dollar" department.

Lastly, we are one of the few classes that does not have a website posted on the alumni page. I have designed a website but have not posted it for lack of news to print. If you send photos (e-mail or post) of your spouses, kids, houses, pets, etc., we could then post them to our site. I think it might be fun. I hope to see everyone at Reunion. ♦ **Eric Meren**, 1040 First Ave., PMB #309, NYC 10022; tel., (212) 799-9656; e-mail, esm11@cornell.edu.



Happy Springtime! We hope you survived your first winter of the new millennium. Members of the Class of '81, most of whom have now hit the big 4-0, are busy with families, careers, and travels. Thanks

for using e-mail to correspond with us. Here's the latest news.

My family and I had the pleasure of helping **Leslie Watson** Pearson celebrate her 40th birthday in December. Leslie's husband Andrew and adorable son Jeffrey, 1, surprised her with a Mexican fiesta party. Other Cornell friends in attendance were **Melissa Chefec**, **Rhonda Eisner** Batt, and their families. Leslie lives in Fairfield, CT, and teaches fourth grade in Greenwich. Melissa started her own successful public relations business a few years ago, and it has really taken off! She works at home and keeps busy with her lovely daughters, Emma, 6, and Morgan, 2. A new mom, Rhonda is spending time with her daughter and working part-time in her husband's parking garage business in New York City.

We have lots of baby news to report. **JoAnn Minsker** Adams and husband Bud welcomed Caroline Rose in November. Caroline joins big brother Tyler, 4. The Adams Family (I love that!) resides in Long Beach, CA. **Janice Kerzner** Tillo and husband Tim were thrilled to announce the arrival of Timothy Hugh Tillo Jr., or "T.J.," in December. T.J. joins his three older sisters, Carolyn, 10, Emily, 6, and Lizzie, 4. Janice writes, "He won't be too spoiled! We hope to make it to our 20th Reunion in 2001!" **Jamie Lustberg** Benjamin delivered Alexander Hanaw Benjamin in October. Proud grandpa, **Richard Lustberg '49** writes, "We hope that Alexander will follow his mother and grandfather and enter Cornell in 2018, 100 years after the graduation of his great-grandfather, **Benjamin Lustberg '18.**" **Renee Malcolm** Weir and husband Nick recently welcomed their third son, Ian Douglas, to the family. Ian joins Kevin, 7, and Charlie, 4. The Weirs recently moved to McLean, VA, after Nick left Goldman Sachs to begin a new career in high-tech.

In New Jersey, **Wendie Smith** Cohick, PhD '89, is a superwoman! She is a room mother to her daughter Lindsey's third grade class, Sunday school teacher to her son Ben's kindergarten class, full-time professor and researcher in the animal science department at Rutgers U., and wife to her husband of 17 years, Mark. In 1999, Wendie and her family enjoyed trips to Niagara Falls, the wine country in Sonoma and Napa Valleys, and the Jersey Shore. Meanwhile, in Vero Beach, FL, **Donna Iannotti** writes, "After a lot of soul searching, I got out of the rat race to stay home and raise my daughter Deanna. I'm now billing myself as a food and waste disposal biochemist, and look forward to doing some adjunct teaching."

Mike Preiss, ME OR '82, traveled to the Himalayas twice in 1999, once for a month of remote trekking in Bhutan, and later to meet with the Raja of Mustang in Nepal. Mike lives in San Francisco and recently left management consulting to join a new firm, Innoventry, as vice president of strategic alliances. He is very active in the Nepalese Youth Opportunity Foundation. **Jay** (John J.) **Roche**, BS Ag '83, reports from Boston that he and his wife just had twins, William and

Vienna. Jay and his two cousins own and operate Roche Brothers, a very successful 14-store supermarket chain in Massachusetts. I love Roche Brothers, Jay! Last August, Jay and **Steve Geary**, BS Eng '82, MS I '83, MBA '86, went to the Bruce Springsteen concert at the Fleet Center and still have fond memories of the '78 Barton Hall concert. They also stay in touch with Dr. **Mark Amos** and **Dawn (Crismon) '82**, who just welcomed their third child in Carbondale, IL.

To the families of **Dean Harwood**, **Steve Lapidus**, and **Mike Klarberg**, our thoughts and prayers are with you. What a terrible loss we all suffered when each of these fine men left us last year. **Ginger (Hardwick)**, Steve's wife, recently sent us a note: "I am heartbroken at the loss of my best friend of nearly 20 years. Our amazing children, Jake, 12, Sarah, 11, and Ben, 7, remain busy with sports, music, and friends, and continue to bring great joy to my life." Ginger is vice president of the Westfield Board of Education in New Jersey.

After two wonderful years of being a full-time mom, I am returning to the work force as a part-time real estate management consultant here in the Boston area. Our children James, 8, and MaryAnn, 6, are growing up so quickly and are busy with sports and school activities. Wish me luck in the whole juggling process! Most of you are doing it, too! Please keep in touch, everyone. As always, thank you! ♦ **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, 114 Harrington Rd., Waltham, MA 02452; tel., (781) 899-5431; e-mail, lashoto@rcn.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, 1601 Third Ave., #4E, NYC 10128-3452; tel., (212) 534-3922; e-mail, bsilverfine@brownraysman.com; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, 14824 Hunting Path Pl., Centerville, VA 20120; tel., (703) 266-1742; e-mail, ronjen.cam@aol.com.



I hope you all celebrated the New Year in style! I survived my once-a-century closet cleaning and cleared out enough room to accumulate another century's worth of stuff. My list of things to do includes: go to our 2002 reunion—it's coming up!

In the past few columns I've summarized your responses to some questions about life after Cornell. Here are some additional responses that came in later. **Gwen Szwarc** Hanson (Hanson@atlantic.net) writes from Gainesville, FL, to share that her days are so full of work and fun that she's taken full advantage of all her 39 years. The most unusual place she ever encountered a Cornellian was near her in-laws' home, where **Michael D. Ho** built a "beautiful, castle-like" home. **Michael Eidel**, JD '85, ran into a Cornellian on the other side of a conference table, taking his deposition!

Brandy Alvarez (alvereb@hpsid.org) shares that at 39, she feels more "intellectually composed," faster at synthesizing information, clearer about objectives and abilities, and is at peace about herself and her family. She puts all these qualities to work teaching English to freshmen and seniors at Highland Park High School in Dallas. Thanks also to Brandy for

helping us locate **Ahni Margenau-Kruger**, **Mary Parkman**, **Carol Diamond**, and **Hope Hansen**!

Amy Bochner Goldsmith (agoldsmith@grr.com) writes from Croton-on-Hudson that she prefers growing older to the alternative! She met a Cornellian at the Grand Union in Dobbs Ferry, NY. She and her husband **William '80** work full-time as attorneys in New York City and keep busy with three boys, but they do manage to make time for their Cape Dory sailboat, which they take out on the Hudson River.

Joelle (Frahm) and **Jamie Zimmerman** (JRZimmer@msn.com) write from their new home in Homer, NY. They moved there by way of Greek Peak, where they spent the summer while looking for new digs. Jamie commutes to Ithaca, where he is the chief operating officer of Dairy One. Joelle is the chief operating officer of the Zimmerman household, where she has been busy packing and unpacking and settling their three boys into a new school. She writes that they are less than 30 minutes from Cornell, and that they look forward to seeing Cornell friends who visit the campus.

Out in Yellow Springs, OH, **Debra L. Wilburn** keeps busy in career services at Wright State U. In her free time, she writes adult fiction and produces artwork. She would like to hear from other Cornellians who are agents or editors. Though she's busy with career and hobbies, she reports that her most rewarding effort is parenting her child. Thanks, Deb, for also getting us back in touch with **Sharon R. Epstein** and **Carol J. Kinney**.

Elizabeth Dibs Dole, DVM '86, (MattAH@aol.com) still works as a small animal veterinarian in Syracuse, NY. She became a board-certified specialist in canine/feline practice last year. This was no small feat; Liz had to study for six months, write two reports, and pass a three-part exam. When winter and studying get the best of her, Liz and husband Tony escape to their January timeshare in St. Maarten. In addition to **Julia (Martin)** and **Greg Langan**, Liz keeps in touch with **Kenny Rubenstein**, who lives in Dallas with wife Lisa and two children. Kenny is an attorney who specializes in arbitration.

Sophia Logozzo Amaro is the senior associate director of annual programs at North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System in Great Neck, NY. She and her family vacation this summer on Mackinac Island in Michigan, known for its natural beauty and lack of cars—the only transportation is bikes and horses. She reports that **Terry Jacobson** Breitel, MBA '84, lives with her husband Tommy and son Alex in NYC. **Jim Petzing** (jpetzing@colangelo-ch.com) sold his promotion agency, The Synergy Group, to the Colangelo Group. Together they comprise Colangelo Synergy Marketing. His company grew in one year from 22 to 60 people and was named by *Promo* magazine as one of its "Hot Shops To Watch" and one of the Top 5 Fastest Growing Agencies of its kind. Jim is the COO, and was recently featured in *Promo* magazine as the "Professor of Promotion." He

conducts a promotion planning seminar and taught integrated marketing communications at Loyola U. in Chicago.

Beth Tremmer Herrick, MD '86, (Therrick@cape.com) has accepted a post as a radiation oncologist at Cape Cod Hospital, Hyannis, MA. Beth and husband Tim, a pulmonologist, and their 10-year-old daughter Katherine, live in Osterville, MA. **Kathy "Keo" Opton** (keo-jonathon@juno.com) was handfasted (that means tying the knot the Celtic way!) in August 1998. She stays busy as a personal trainer and recently became a watsu (water shiatsu) practitioner. She is also a nanny placement specialist for Parents in a Pinch Inc. and a new member of New England Women's Business Owners. She is still studying homeopathy and hoping to compete with her husband in mixed pairs bodybuilding in 2000. She placed second at nationals in 1996 in the individual competition.

Michael S. Marks (marksm@mail.med.upenn.edu) announces the arrival of Jennifer King Marks in Ardmore, PA. **Sonia Stromeyer** (sonia_stromeyer@standardandpoors.com) is now married and living in Lafayette, CA, where she tells us turning 39 was no big deal! **Rip** (Richard A.) **Beyman** (RAB@FWRV.com) helped us find **Brian Gormley**, who is living in NYC. We heard from **Aron Steck**, BS ILR '88, in Framingham, MA, **Margaret Buffett** Manning in Bloomsburg, PA, **Edward Herzog** in Boston, MA, **Sheryl Abbott** McSherry in Larchmont, NY, and **Carol A. Stabile** in Glastonbury, CT.

A quick editorial note: Thanks to all of you for writing such engaging notes and creative answers to my questions! It makes the column a blast to write and it is always inspiring to hear what you are all up to. We are busy working on new questions for the next year, and I hope to hear from all of your creative brains as we get your responses!

Also, even though you have elected class officers, our responsibility is to make your class dues work for you. Any ideas for how we can make your membership a worthwhile investment? Any thoughts on what you'd like to see happen at our upcoming reunion? Things you'd like to see on the Web page? Please tell us. To keep it simple you can e-mail me and I can forward the suggestions. I am continually impressed by the vast range of knowledge, skills, and abilities we have as a group. If there is any way you feel we can use those strengths to improve our communication and effectiveness, please write! ♦ **Monika Woolsey**, PO Box 11985, Glendale, AZ 85318-1985; e-mail, azmoni@aol.com.

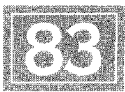
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This month's news begins with classmates working in the medical professions. Dr. **Rachel Greengus Schultz** quit her job as an assistant professor at Yale and joined a group of itinerant anesthesiologists who provide anesthesia in office settings. The group is called Resource Anesthesiology Associates. Rachel loves living in New Canaan, CT. Her children, ages 11, 8, and 5, are also thriving. Dr. **Steven Ciabattone** works as a radiologist at New York University Medical Center and is the chief of radiology at Gouverneur Hospital in Manhattan.

Stephanie Malcolm O'Donnell had the pleasure of being in the wedding of Dr. **Michelle Gerwin**, MD '87, last April. Michelle, a hand surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, married Scott Carlson. Also at the wedding was **Jorge Pedraza**, who is working in New York City as the director of new business development for Concrete Media Construction. Stephanie lives in Niskayuna, NY, with husband Tom and son Matthew, 4.

For the past ten years, Dr. **Penny Nemzer**, DVM '87, has worked as an associate at the Scarsdale Animal Hospital. She reports having many rewarding relationships with her clients and their pets. Her 5-year-old twin sons started kindergarten last fall and her older children, Sarah, 8, and Eric, 10, require a lot of carpooling. Penny keeps in touch with Dr. **Liz Meller Alderman**: "She's really been there for me through all of life's ups and downs. Our daughters are friends, too!" Congratulations to Liz, who was named one of New York's best doctors for the third year in a row by *New York* magazine.

Congratulations to classmates who recently received promotions. Dr. **Christopher Hardin** was promoted to associate professor with tenure at the U. of Missouri school of medicine physiology department. Chris has two PhD students and one MS student in his lab. His research program is funded by the National Institutes of Health and the American Heart Assn. (established investigator grant).

John H. Davis Jr. was recently promoted to professor of art history at Smith College, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1992. He specializes in American art and

municipalities. He has been married to Dawn for 11 years and has children Erin, 10, and Erik, 7. Ralph says "hi" to **Jeff Budrow**, ME C '84, who is also a municipal engineer. **Keith Browning** was recently promoted to vice president, OEM sales and business development for Copeland Corp., which is a subsidiary of Emerson Electronics. Keith lives in Dayton with wife Pam and their two sons and daughter, ages 11, 8, and 6. Keith reports that life is filled with running the kids to various activities and collecting wine. If anyone in the trade would like to talk, swap, or share a bottle of wine, please contact Keith at knbrown@copeland-corp.com. Keith's job takes him across the US and Europe. He reports meeting **Paul Ciolino**, who has lived in Germany for the past year and works for Keystone Rail Co.

Class news from academia includes a note from **Marilee Temple** Harris, MA IN T '85, who hopes to complete another master's degree at Fuller Theological Seminary this spring. She plans to celebrate by taking her husband, daughter, and dog on a cruise. The route on their 31-foot sailboat begins in Washington state, crosses the Panama Canal, continues through the Caribbean, and winds up the East Coast to Maine. Marilee asks if anyone else has completed this route (or parts of it) and can offer suggestions. Please e-mail her at mason31@earthlink.net.

Dan Merrill, ME E '84, is completing what he hopes is his final year of PhD studies in biomedical engineering at Case Western Reserve U. He works in the Applied Neural Control Lab, researching the electrochemistry of stimulating electrodes. More classmates are joining the ranks of the self-employed. **Ann J. Post** reports she is "still trying to build my little empire." Four years ago, Ann started Post and Company, a recruiting firm for the food industry. She plans to enjoy a vacation to the Canadian Rockies and get in some hiking and whitewater rafting. Ann invites all '83 Pi Phi sisters to contact her about joining a chain letter list to help stay in touch. Ann also sent news about other classmates. **Anna Esaki-Smith's** first novel, *Meeting Luciano*, was published in April 1999. **Sue Finnemore** Brennan enjoys her new home in Sleepy Hollow, NY.

recital last April. Next assignment: getting Emily's younger brother Richard off the drums. **Rob Meyncke** works as a divisional retirement plan consultant for PaineWebber in Atlanta. He travels four days a week to consult with pension plan sponsors. His travel plans include a trip to Bermuda with wife Judy and 6-year-old daughter, Jacqueline, and an annual trip to Ithaca, where he plans to stay with friends. Rob is the proud owner of a 120-pound Rottweiler named Cornell.

In wedding news, **Geoff Kronik** announced his marriage to Dr. I-Min Lee in November 1998. They live in Brookline, MA. **Kathleen Tobin**, JD '86, married Bruce Erb in April 1999. Their parents, who live in the Philadelphia area, introduced them. Although Kathleen and Bruce lived 4,000 miles away from each other at the time, the relationship flourished. Kathleen moved from Phoenix, AZ, to Anchorage, AK, in December 1998. At the wedding, her father, **Frank W. Tobin** '55, escorted her down the aisle. Cornell friends in attendance: **Glenn Troost**, **Christopher Cimitile**, **Carole Cimitile** '84, **Dane Fernandes** '89, and **Laura Berkowitz Lokker**, JD '86. Kathleen works for the firm of Dorsey and Whitney LLP, practicing corporate and commercial law.

Sally Ann Thurston married Mark Power in August 1999 in Diamond Point, NY. Sally is a partner in the New York law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom. She received a law degree *cum laude* from Harvard. Mark is a manager of global market data and securities dealing systems for the New York office of ING Barings, a Dutch investment bank. **Kirk Fry** proudly reports that he has not missed a single reunion: "I was single at the 5th, with my wife at the 10th, and with my wife and two kids at the 15th. It just keeps getting better." Kirk and his family live in South Euclid, OH. After retiring from the practice of law, **Ellen Winchell**-Goldman now works as a travel agent in Connecticut. Her new career enables her to spend afternoons with her children: Joshua, 10, Benjamin, 7, and Jacqueline, 5. Ellen has traveled to the Caribbean, including a trip with **Barbara Schellenberg** '81 to St. Lucia.

Greg Munster, wife Laura, and son Jacob relocated to the East after nearly ten years in the San Francisco/Silicon Valley area. They love living in North Carolina and are thrilled to have a new daughter, Lindsey Jane. Greg is the director of marketing for the IBM ThinkPad in Research Triangle Park.

We have some sad news to report. **Mark Olsen** died in April 1998 after a battle with cancer. Mark lived in Mukilteo, WA. ♦ **Scott** and **Patty Palmer Dulman**, 109 North Liberty St., Arlington, VA 22203; e-mail, bigascii@attglobal.net; and **Jennifer Hughes Kern**, 1882 Yuma St., Salt Lake City, UT 84108; e-mail, jenniferkern@juno.com.

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architecture and is the author of *The Landscape of Belief: Encountering the Holy Land in Nineteenth Century American Art and Culture*.

J. Ralph Russek Jr. was promoted to the rank of commander in the US Naval Reserve, where he supports a logistics squadron based in Earle, NJ. Ralph is the municipal engineering division chief at the G. Edwin Pidcock Co. of Allentown, PA, where he oversees the engineering issues of four area

Gail Dorros Dorfman recently left Hasbro after seven years to start her own business of bringing stress reduction programs to corporations. She lives with her husband and 4-year-old daughter in Mansfield, MA. Gail keeps in touch with **Stacy Bernard** Davis and **Elaine** "Laini" **Wexler** Mitchell.

Jeff Grant reports that he and his 5-year-old daughter Emily are taking Suzuki cello lessons together. They performed their Book 1



The award for most completely filled-in class news card goes to **Ted Rozelsky**; more like his would make this task incredibly easy! Ted writes that he and wife

Laura (SUNY Cortland '84) celebrated their 15th anniversary in 1999. Laura is a marketing representative for Alliance Imaging and a freelance artist's rep, specializing in hand-crafted jewelry. Ted is with the G.C. Hanford Manufacturing Co. as MIS manager. He continues to be active in the Central NY Training Community through ASTD. Ted and Laura attended the wedding of **Ted** (Edward A.) **Chipp's '85** and Carey Friedler in New Orleans in April of 1998. Ted C. was Ted R.'s roommate and fraternity brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon. When not working, the Rozelskys enjoy travel, ethnic and regional cuisines, and diverse cultures.

A close second for densely filled card is **Suzanne Sauer Heigh**. She and husband Martin have daughters Casey, Lindsey, and Jesse. Suzanne stopped doing peacekeeping and military demobilization/reintegration work after returning from teaching a seminar in Sarajevo in December 1998. She returned to active duty in the military as a team chief for the Balkans' Intelligence Taskforce on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. Among other duties, she does analysis of all source information on the former Yugoslavia, and prepares daily intelligence briefings for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the Kosovo situation. She routinely sees **Alison Weir '86**. Suzanne is occasionally in touch with **Tom Codella**, **Nadine Wormsbacher '85**, and **Vicki Greenfield** Would '86.

Janna Weil took advantage of a layoff and severance package to explore her next career move (probably not in engineering) and to spend the summer in Hood River, OR. She wrote, "What the fall will bring I don't know. I'm enjoying life and new adventures." At the time of her note, Janna was still based in Lancaster, PA, but it would be nice to see what's happening with her of late. **Dave Bardash** and **Daphna Oren** are in Falls Church, VA. Daphna is enjoying her new job as a stay-at-home parent to Carmi and Noah, and Dave is also in a relatively new position at Engineering Boutique.

Fellow freshman Donlonite **Kathy McCullough** traveled to Italy in May 1999. Her screenplay, *Little Italy*, won the Austin Film Festival screenwriting competition in the fall of 1997. She writes also that **Cindy Paella** Martin and husband Matt had a baby girl, Valerie, in August of 1998. **Anne Hoskins** had a baby boy, Christopher, in October 1997. Finally, **Mark Schwartz '85** produced a short film called *15 minutes* which had its Los Angeles premiere in January 1999.

Baby/Family News: Neil (UVA '78) and **Linda Zell** Randall welcomed their second son, Jason Brett Randall, on May 14, '99. He was delivered by emergency C-section two months early due to severe complications of pregnancy. Says Linda, "We spent the summer running back and forth to the neonatal intensive care unit, where Jason stayed for 65 days. He has now been home longer than he was in NICU." Jason is healthy and growing well, to the great delight of his older brother Todd, 3. Linda also writes, "Thanks for re-electing me to Class Council."

Henry Chong and wife Susan welcomed third son Daniel in March 1999. Their other two boys are Brandon and Christian. Henry is a cardiologist in Dayton, OH, and serves as an assistant clinical professor of medicine at Wright State Medical School. Right behind Henry's note is another cardiologist's news: **Larry Charlamb** is in Manlius, NY, and happily married to **Jayne (Rubenstein) '91**, who is also an MD in internal medicine.

Phil (Philip J.) George is pleased to announce the birth of his daughter Grace Catherine. She was born on Sept. 9, '99. **Nancy Rubin** Smith and husband Dan have children Zachary, Jessica, and Griffin. They live in Avon, CT. Nancy is a human resources manager at Pratt & Whitney. I gleaned this and other information from my sorority newsletter; if anyone else has something similar, pass it on! **Bob** (Robert I.) **Dodge** and wife Lynn welcomed their first child, Emily Rose, on Apr. 24, '99. Bob is an assistant section chief in the Justice Department's environmental defense section in Washington, DC.

Another first baby: **Jonathan Olick** and wife Susan have a girl, Sarah Megan, born on Mar. 21, '99. Jonathan is a partner in the New York office of Hunton & Williams, practicing real estate finance and venture capital law. The **Stillmans, Ezra**, MPS HA '92, Laura, and their girls Sarah and Emma, welcomed another member of the family: Jonah, born Sept. 8, '98. Ezra is a realtor selling developing residential real estate in the Brookline/Newton, MA marketplace. **Susan Feldinger** Friedman gave birth to Jane Laurel on Oct. 28, '98. Susan is the chairperson of the Lawyers As Journalists Committee of the Assn. of the Bar of the City of New York. **Isabel "Betsy" Loytty** McCormick of Lillington, NC, had a son on July 19, '98.

Professional News: **Michael Huyghue**, our classmate at the helm of team operations for the Jacksonville Jaguars, was quoted in newspapers as far away as Europe (in this case, the *International Herald Tribune*). Michael has reason to be proud; the team has done very well in the 1999 season. **Karen Cobery** Owens is program manager for design of the new Propulsion Plant for the Navy's Next Generation Aircraft Carrier, CVNX. Karen and husband Philip (an attorney for Marriott) have a daughter, Katie, and live in Arlington, VA. You can contact her at coberyowen@aol.com. **Kathy Marinelli** is senior vice president and senior counsel at Fleet Financial Group in Albany, NY. She lives with her partner, four dogs, and two cats. She's told that her house qualifies as a kennel under village law! Kathy's sister **Karen Marinelli** Gomez has a daughter and is living on the West Coast. Any more news from Karen, or from other twins in the class?

Kim Nance-Meier in Pelham, NY, is with Asset Guaranty Insurance Co. as vice president in bond insurance. **Robert Geise** finished his year as chief medical resident at George Washington U. and moved to Seattle. The West Coast gets Robert as a Fellow of infectious diseases at the U. of Washington.

Wedding/Partner News: **Charlie Cole**

married Gretchen Miller in May 1999 in Washington, DC, although the couple is living in Austin, TX. Attending the wedding were **Nat Walker** and **Anne (Noble) '85**, **Chris Cummins**, **Robert Hayden Schofield**, **Tom Gibb**, BA '85, **Steven T. Edwards**, **Beth L. Nash**, **Lisa Batter O'Rourke**, **Jackie Zoladz** Buffon, **Karl Kirchner '85**, and **Gayle (Raymond) '52** and **George M. Kennedy '52**, BME '53, MBA '56. Charlie wrote, "Many thanks to **Roberto Wirth '75** (Hotel school) and his staff at Rome's Hassler Hotel for making our honeymoon stay such a wonderful event!"

Deborah Landsman married George Parker on May 22, '99. She is now living in San Francisco and would love to hear from any classmates in the area (dland3901@aol.com). **Michele Molotsky** married Richard Smith in Orange, VA, on Apr. 11, '99. The newlyweds live in California.

International: **Glenn Blasius**, a member of our local Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) in London, got married in September, but hasn't sent me the details! **Leo Landers** is regional manager, South America, for Lincoln Electric in Santiago, Chile. His e-mail address is: Leo_landers@lincolnelectric.com.

New Item: Our very own "Where in the World Are...?" This is an unabashed attempt to gather more information from classmates. Each of my columns will end with two names. You can identify yourself and your activities or you can leave it to your classmates, who may not be as generous in their reporting! So here goes: Where in the World Are **Willie Bannister** (Hotel) and **Doug Fleischman** (Engineering)? ♦ **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, 68 Blackheath Park, London, SE3 0ET, England; e-mail, 106064.1262@compuserve.com; and **Karla Sievers** McManus, 19 Barnside Dr., Bedford, NH 03110; e-mail, klorax@aol.com. Class website address: www.cornell84.org.

REUNION

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Well, it is almost REUNION time. We hope to see all of you in Ithaca this June. Yeah! For a bit of nostalgia to get you excited about Reunion, we will begin with classmates who responded to the "favorite Ithaca hangout and why" part of the News Form. **Marjorie Riemer** Setchko says that because of the beautiful sunset view of Cayuga Lake, her old room in South Baker Hall was her favorite hangout. Marjorie tells us that she married Dirk Setchko and became an instant mom to six kids (three boys and three girls). She keeps busy taking care of the kids, studying French, Italian, Spanish, and German at a local junior college, acting in local theater productions, and rowing. **Deborah E. Brozina** says Ruloff's was her favorite Ithaca hangout because of the beer, wine, and vodka. The film business keeps her very busy, along with her project management consulting practice. Deborah keeps in touch with **Mike Dawson '83** and his wife Laura Anderson and their son Xandu. Speaking of Ruloff's, **Joe LaVilla** is an executive chef for an Italian restaurant in

Arizona. He tried to recreate Ruloff's pecan pie, Italian style, for the restaurant. Who says Collegetown bars never gave us inspiration?

Judy Grassi Bender's favorite Ithaca hangout was Collegetown Bagels. She used to get a large coffee and a bagel and just relax outside and enjoy watching the people walk by. Judy lives in Rochester, NY, with husband Mark, their two daughters, and one boxer. She works for Eastman Kodak in human resources, where she supports the commercialization division in R&D. Judy keeps in touch with **Frances Monteith '84** and husband Wayne Watley who are in Atlanta. Frances works for Holiday Inn. **Teresa A. Keenan, PhD '93**, works for AARP in Washington, DC. **Diane Perin Hock, JD '84**, with husband Roger and daughter Caroline, relocated to their home state of California. **Vanessa Albert** Lowry writes that her favorite Ithaca place was the Connection because that's where her friends hung out and the beer selection was reasonable. Vanessa is a shareholder with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig in its Philadelphia office. Her twin brother, **Joshua Albert**, moved to Toronto, bought a house, and is working as a regional SAP consultant. **Lisa M. Cohen's** favorite Ithaca hangout was Chickenbone Café. Dr. Cohen is a dermatopathologist, a mom of two boys, and wife to John Freedman.

The Nines Pizza was a favorite hangout for many, including **Brian Walder**, **Johanna Hopkins Wolfe**, **Marlene West**, and **Rhea Koch-Sultan**. And news on the Nine's addicts: Brian Walder is completing a doctorate in psychology and living in San Francisco. Brian keeps in touch with **Adam D. Klein '84**, BA '85, who lives in Brooklyn. Johanna moved back to New England (Connecticut), after having lived in Delaware. In NYC, Marlene married a teacher, James Smith. Marlene writes, "My pediatric practice is booming. I have an office in Manhattan and also practice in East Hampton, NY, two days a week." She tells us that **Tracy Uyehara** Nater moved to St. Moritz with her husband and that **Aileen Sarda** Skolds recently had baby Number 3. Rhea is married to Peter Sultan (Brown '86) and the mother of son Simon, born June 11, '99.

More news: **Jill Gaydosh** Kafka has been working at a wonderful not-for-profit called the Patrons Program. This group helps people "adopt" needy inner-city Catholic elementary schools. Jill also has a little boy named Oliver. **Stacy A. Hickox** is working part-time for a labor law firm, Hankins & Flanigan, and raising sons Daniel and Matthew. She has started running again. In Texas, **Pamela Bliok** Morris is working as a psychologist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. **Kelley Noonan** Jensen is a human resources manager for Coca-Cola's Africa group. Kelly has traveled to Kenya, South Africa, and West Africa and loves it. She has taken up piano and is training for a half-Ironman race. She saw **John Cerio** in Atlanta. John is working in human resources for Bristol-Meyers-Squibb in Philadelphia. **Ruth Lindenthal** Petran is a senior microbiologist in the department of food safety with Pillsbury. Ruth is married to veterinarian John Petran

and is the mom of two kids.

Stephen "Walt" Garrison is director of sales of Killington Grand Hotel in Killington, VT, where he provides second home ownership on a premier slopeside location. He and wife Lisa are proud parents of girls Carly and Kristy. Also in the hotel industry is **Anne E. Mitchell**, who has been a dietitian for Marriott for over a decade. She also does consulting for athletes, especially runners. Anne is a marathon runner. In Dallas, **Sue Gover-Lee** is in the hot telecommunications industry with AT&T. **Marta Aguirre** Bascom is a lobbyist for the wireless telecommunications company AirTouch Communications. She and husband Tom live in Washington, DC. Marta tells us that **Jeff Kallan** is an attorney in St. Petersburg, FL. **Abby Strongin** Cherner is also in Washington, DC, where she and husband Andy are busy raising two children.

We will end with our classmates who live abroad. **David Lustick** and wife **Doreen (Marcks)**, BA '87, live in Brazil and have three children. **Stefan Nachuk** lives in Vietnam and works as the program coordinator for Oxfam, UK. In London, **Greig Schneider** works for McKinsey. Prior to moving to London, he was getting back to Ithaca quite a bit since his parents, **Bobbie (Grieg) '59** and **George Schneider '59**, BME '60, moved to Ithaca, and his brother, **Eric '91**, MBA '99, took a job with Corning. You gotta love a family of Cornellians!

Keep sending us your news. See you all soon. ♦ **Linda Messinger** Manos, DVM '90, 3550 S. Jason St., Englewood, CO 80110; e-mail, Immderm@aol.com; and **Lisa M. Bluestein**, 5 Sun Valley Hgts. Rd., North Salem, NY 10560; e-mail, lawfoot@aol.com.



Recent scientific studies confirm that the new millennium will be marked by the success of the Class of '86. Consider the following evidence: **Scott L. Diamond**, who teaches chemical engineering at the U. of Pennsylvania, received the 1999 American Inst. of Chemical Engineers' Allan P. Colburn Award for excellence in publications by a young member. The award goes to the most distinguished chemical engineer in the country. Scott is the associate editor of the *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, and his research won him the 1999 American Health Assn. Established Investigator Award. And **Leah Wolfe**, BA '88, now an MD, won the "Intern of the Year" award from Johns Hopkins Bayview General Internal Medicine Residency Training Program. She and classmate (and fellow Case Western medical school graduate) **Marc Johnson** visited Cornell together after their graduation and rediscovered many "special spots that we'd both enjoyed on the campus as undergrads." Leah also reports that Belize has the "best snorkeling in the world." **Gregory J. Pesik**, MBA '89, a vice president with Talus Solutions Inc., was the keynote speaker at the Union des Foires Summer Seminar in St. Petersburg, Russia. His travels have taken him to Israel, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa, and Thailand.

Fern P. Finger, a cell biology researcher, has been working at the Sloan-Kettering Inst. in New York and also received a post-doctoral fellowship from the Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Cancer Research Fund. **Lyndon B. Gross** is an orthopedic surgeon who did a sports medicine fellowship at the American Sports Inst. last year. He now has an orthopedic and sports medicine practice in St. Louis. **Howie Epstein** finished his PhD in ecology at Colorado State U., and now teaches at the U. of Virginia. Wife **Lillian (Mezey)** works in community psychiatry. They continue to hike and ski in Colorado. **Daniel L. Hooker** is now senior vice president of marketing for the Farm Family group of insurance companies. Brilliantly creative **Thomas Kelleher** writes that since college he has tried careers ranging from technical writing right after Cornell, to corporate video production, stand-up training (and then specifically PC software training), and designing computer-based training. Finally, two years ago Tom formed his own Internet technologies consulting business, with clients that include Hoffmann-La Roche, AT&T Solutions, Lucent, and even the US Army. Tom concedes it's been an "odd path altogether for an English major," but allows that he is having fun and prospering. Tom married wife Kris in April 1999 and they now live in their first house (complete with a barn and horse therein), in Hope, NJ, which is in the western end of north Jersey.

Also on the entrepreneurial front, **Leesa A. Storfer** has started her own business designing and developing fitness equipment and related products. Leesa lives in Venice, CA. Former class columnist **Holly Isdale Ryan** now heads up Goldman Sachs's new strategic wealth advisory group, which provides tax, trust and estate, and philanthropic advisory services to GS clients. Holly says "it's a fabulous job," while adding that husband **Tony** (William A.) '84, MS E '85, is now home full-time with daughter Abby and son Jack and "loving it." In the same vein, **Jeanne Veillette** Bowerman writes that in early 1999 she closed her motel and restaurant to spend all her time with children Paige and Cole. After 13 years of business, Jeanne says "it's the best decision I have ever made." She's also busy building her "dream house."

Classmates in the media: **Ellen Bradley**, a franchise director of training and program development for Weight Watchers in Ann Arbor, MI, had an article published in the August 1999 issue of *Muscle and Fitness*. Ellen notes that it was not her picture that accompanied the piece. **Jonathan Mork**, MBA '87, and his Beverly Hills venture capital and merchant banking firm, Millennium Group, received a brief write-up in an Oct. 26, '99 *Los Angeles Times* feature about companies with names using the word "millennium." Some classmates might not recognize Jonathan now that he sports a beard.

Robert J. Silverman still practices intellectual property law in Boston with Fish & Richardson. He and wife **Betsy (White) '87** had their third child, William Keane, on Aug. 22, '98 and celebrated their tenth wedding an-

niversary in December. Bob says that time has flown. Meanwhile, in 1999 Princeton University Press published in paperback *Instruments and the Imagination*, the book Bob co-wrote with **Thomas Hankins, PhD '64**. Bob guarantees that it makes a great gift for that special someone.

Nuptial stuff: **Melanie L. Moen** married her saxophone teacher (and professional musician) David Price on Mar. 26, '99 in an outdoor ceremony in Marina del Rey. The couple lives in Marina del Rey, except when they are traveling to other cities for David's band's gigs. Send Melanie best wishes at MMoen@afma.com. **Anne Ferree** married Mike Frey in Malibu in October of 1998. Classmates attending included **Elsa Waymer** Dempsey, **Jenny L. Graap**, and **Ellen L. Nordberg**. **Martin C. Schulz** and wife Kristen spent 1996 traveling around the world and doing volunteer work in Bangladesh in 1996, then promptly began "nesting" in Shaker Heights, OH. Son Sears was born on June 1, '98. Martin is now an international equity analyst helping to manage \$600 million in international equities for the National City Bank Investment Management Co. He reports "loving every minute of it." He sees **Jen Braman** and **Michael R.** and **Lori Spydell Wagner** socially.

Lynne McFarland McKinnon had son Will in March of 1999. He joins big sister Emily and big brother Ian. Lynne also reports that she and the following '86ers met in Bermuda last year for their own mini-reunion and multiple spa treatments: **Gail Liedell** Reynolds, **Melissa Madenberg** Gibson, **Dina K. Lewisohn**, **Kim Buckner** Boggess, **Claire M. Leaman**, **Anne D. Cowie**, and **Adriene E. Dawkins**. Also on the family front, **Vivek A.** "Punj" **Hutheesing** and wife Anjali had daughter Mirai last August. After an initial period of colic in her first few months, Vivek says that Mirai is a delightful baby. Vivek's firm VH Advisors continues to grow as it provides investment banking services to start-up firms in the Bay Area and Silicon Valley. **Wendy A. Behm** and husband Robert Feconda had their first child, Robert Augustine, on Mar. 27, '98. Wendy has joined Blue Ridge Veterinary Associates, the largest practice of its kind in Loudoun County, VA, and she is pursuing her special interests in dentistry and avian lexotia. **Leslie D. Stutzman**-Solitario had her second daughter, Allegra Ann, on Nov. 15, '98. She is a "full-time mom" who enjoys the 50 adult members in her Silicon Valley neighborhood play group, "Las Madres."

Miscellaneous stuff: **Claudia Levy** Grandjean, a vice president for business management for Lucent Technologies in Brazil, says that her Portuguese is improving as she tries to keep up with tri-lingual daughters Isabella Celline and Cecilia Thais. **Reef A. Larsson** now lives in Kungälv, Sweden. **Donna (Jacobson)** and husband **Jeff Gershenwald '84**, MD '90, bought a house in Houston, TX. And now it's official: **Jeffrey W. Cowan** has become a partner in Los Angeles business and employment litigation boutique Kendig & Ross. What makes it more exciting (dubious?) is that he is the firm's first

Soup's On

LAURA ANDERSON '87

Find it hard to cook for a finicky family? Try whipping up 124,000 hot meals a year for AIDS patients—as does Laura Anderson, executive chef of Seattle's Chicken Soup Brigade. Nothing fancy, mind you. "People living with this disease tend to want simple comfort foods: roast beef, mashed potatoes, pork loin," says the former Hotelier. "Our biggest hit is beef stroganoff. I think some of my clients could eat it every day."

After several years of food service and management, including a job at Dallas's posh Four Seasons Hotel, Anderson acted on her love of cooking and community by joining the Brigade as a volunteer in 1994. Two months later, she landed an assistant chef's position. Now in charge of eight employees and 175 volunteers, Anderson relishes the fruits of her labor. Meeting clients, she says, is a true testament to food's nurturing of body and soul; for them, "the meals make a big difference—not just in terms of nutrients, but in the sense of being cared for."

—Melissa Fox Hantman '01



new partner since its formation nine years ago. Jeffrey can be reached at jcowan@kendigandross.com. Meanwhile, continue to send or e-mail that exotic news. ♦ **Jeffrey W. Cowan**, 1114 Sixth St., #10, Santa Monica, CA 90403; e-mail, jwcesq@soca.com.

87 Taking advantage of baby's nap time, I am putting together the last column of the millennium. Of course by the time you read this we will be well into the year 2000 and all will be well.

Pamela Mandell was married on Oct. 9, '99 to Jon Freedman (UVA; William & Mary Law; Wharton MBA). In addition to bridesmaids **Karen Lee** Nichols and **Ann T. Ferreira '88**, Cornellians at the wedding in Charlottesville, VA, included **Harriet Judy (Rensin) '61** and **Jerry Mandell '58**, MD '62, **Jim '84**, MD '92, and **Elizabeth Berger Mandell**, MD '88, **Scott Mandell '93**, **Michael R. Freedman '76**, BA '77, **Kim Perzel**, MS '94, **Erich '86**, BS Eng '87, and **Mimi Harris Steadman**, **Michele D. Heiman** Ventura, **Gordon Whiting**, BS Ag '88, **Renee A. Woods** Dwyer '88, **Jayne Rubenstein** Charlamb '91, **Gary**, MS '91, and **Amy Rubenstein Slutzky '81**, PhD '86, **Michael Isaacs '58**, **Steve Baum '58**, **W. Michael Scheld '69**, MD '73, and Professors **Florence Berger**, PhD '79, and **Toby Berger**. Pam and Jon are living in northern New Jersey where Pam writes for National Geographic Television. She can be reached at PamM

Freedman@aol.com.

Amy Marks and David Hosansky were married at Meadowlark Gardens on September 26. Amy is happy to report that the weather cooperated (80 degrees and not a cloud in the sky), no one got lost on the way to the park, and the food at the lunch reception was great!

Keeping with the themes of outdoor weddings with a large contingent of Cornell guests: **David Jaffe** was recently married at Camp Isabelle Freedman in the Berkshires. Cornellians in attendance included: **Alan S. Jaffe '61**, **Arthur Ostrove '59**, Dr. **Susan Groner Blumenfeld '62**, **Howard Wilson '61**, **Stu Russel**, **Cammy Morrison '90**, **Amanda Gierasch '90**, **Christina M. White '90**, **Abigail L. Rose '90**, **Stephanie E. Thau '90**, **Corbin Anderson '89**, and **Duncan Murrell '90**. Found in the *New York Times* in August was an announcement for the marriage of **Caryn Sue Weinberger** to Frederick Jacobs. **Christine Hofstedt**, her husband, and her daughter Margaret welcomed Peter Christopher to their family.

Some of our classmates just couldn't get enough of Cornell during their years there and have participated in Adult University (CAU) over the past summer. **Jennifer L. Grohol** recently completed "The Television Production Studio"; **Justin Lifflander** took "Great American Trials" with **Glenn C. Altschuler**, PhD '76, and **Faust Rossi**, JD '60; and **Jamie E. McLaughlin** took "So That's How it Works! The Physics of Everyday Things,"

which sounds really cool. Finally, **Sharon Pohoryles**, along with her husband Jim Gelb, traveled with **J. B. Heiser, PhD '81**, to study "The Geography of Evolution" in Africa.

Maura Hanning recently moved to New Mexico where she manages her geology department for the State of New Mexico. **Heidi E. Russell, BS Ag '88**, is in Ithaca working for the Cornell Fund. **Catherine Nolan-Ferrell** is very busy with her new daughter Brigid Kieran and completing her PhD in Latin American history. **Ted Babcock** has also been busy this year. He is still with Pizzeria Uno Restaurant Corp. in Boston where he is manager of financial planning and analysis. He and his wife welcomed daughter Madeleine Kirby Babcock and moved into a new home. **Jacqueline Martinez** has a new job as the director of immigration services for Rapidigm Inc. in Pittsburgh, PA.

Leslie Kalick Wolfe, who still isn't online, sent a note the old fashioned way to let me know that she had moved to a new home in Atlanta. Leslie's physical therapy practice in Atlanta is called Atlanta Orthotics and she is able to work part-time out of her home office, which allows her to spend time with her two daughters.

Diane Dodd Sell is a part-time physical therapist at a sports medicine clinic and full-time mom to daughter Michaela. **Birjit Bertsche Reis, MD '92**, is a pediatrician in Cincinnati, OH. **Susie Peppercorn** Weathery works at the Emory Clinic in Atlanta as a diagnostic medical sonographer doing high-risk obstetrics ultrasound. **Suzanne L. Wolfson, DVM '96**, is ministering to our four-legged friends as an associate veterinarian in a small animal practice in Colorado. **Mark Luker** (mluker@rmodocs.com) moved to Grand Junction, CO, in September 1998 and joined Rocky Mountain Orthopaedic Associates. Son Andrew James, born May 18, '98, joins sister Emily Grandell, 2. **Marie Talia Stein** (mtstein@prodigy.net) turned detective this month: "MIA classmate **Adam Kingsley** is a corporate lawyer for the City of Chicago. He and wife Peggy Cushing had their first child, Colin, in 1998." Marie and husband **Michael J.** live in Aurora, IL.

From Farmington, MI, **Tom** and **Cara**

delphia, Reunion Co-chair **Karla Griffin, BS '88**, and husband Paul Mueller welcomed their first baby, Baylee Grace, on Sept. 21, '99. **Wendy Wagner** (wendy@panix.com) reported from New York City, that **Katherine "Kiki" Michels, MD '91**, had a daughter, Emily, in September 1999. **Ellen Sommerfeld Jordan** and husband **Kirk '84** live in North Kingston, RI. They had a baby boy on Easter Sunday, Apr. 4, '99. Kevin Matthew joined older brother Jacob and sister Jessica.

Want to see your name in print? E-mail me! ♦ **Debra Howard Stern, 235 W. 108th St. #45, NYC 10025; tel., (212) 854-8866; e-mail, dstern@acksys.com; and Tom S. Tseng, c/o SOAR, Stanford University, 301 Encina Hall, Stanford, CA 94305-6076; e-mail, ttseng@stanford.edu.**



Hello from warm and sunny California, and thank you for your e-mail and updates. **Andrea Meadow Danziger** and husband Nevin welcomed daughter Sophia Ava on Jan. 23, '99, which is also Andrea's birthday. Andrea is a law firm account manager for West Group, a legal publisher and provider of on-line legal research services called Westlaw. Congratulations to **Jackie Kasmir Berkebile** on the birth of Jonathan Andrew last June. Jackie also has a daughter, Miranda Elizabeth, born July 1997.

Samuel Field IV was named director of the Research Triangle Institute's Center for Digital Systems Engineering. The center develops applications of virtual reality, particularly for technology-assisted learning and highly interactive marketing techniques. Sam, an EE major, completed his MBA at Loyola College in 1993. **Christina Wort** married Charles Sweeney in 1997, and has settled down in Oxfordshire, England. After a brief career in banking, Christina now runs the village post office and shop and spends her spare time show-jumping her horse, Sorcinie. She writes that **Jane E. Mold** runs a tack shop and competes her horse in eventing and dressage.

Lori Schain-Hiller gave birth last April to Samuel Ryan, who joins big sister Emily. Lori opened a private practice, although she didn't indicate what kind, and runs parent support

Bart White, BS Hotel '92, is enjoying life in Dallas with wife Heather and 4-1/2-year-old Carol Kathleen. Bart led the US in sales for Lucent Technologies Dealerships in 1998, selling hospitality telecom equipment. He is looking to buy a ranch in Mesquite: "Once a farmer, always a farmer!" Bart bumped into **Monty Bennett, MBA '89**, but wonders about **Kelly A. Sherwood, Jen Matzke, Stacy Saidel** and the **Huff** brothers (**Daniel** and **David**)! Another Lucent employee is **Corinne Orts Gunkle**, who was promoted to technical manager of the microelectronics division. Corinne and husband Glen are parents to Gavin, 4, and Monica, 2. **Mari A. Delaney, DVM '92**, lives in Newfield, NY, and is in charge of a veterinary clinic. She was at Woodstock last summer, and ran a marathon for leukemia in Dublin.

Wendy Spivack English lives in Norwalk, CT, and is an organizational effectiveness consultant at Hewitt Associates, a human resource management consulting firm. Wendy received a master's in Labor and Industrial Relations. **Jonathan Hyde** has a practice in spinal surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach. **Thomas N. Bottoni** relocated from San Diego to Portsmouth, VA, to teach emergency medicine at the Navy's newest and largest teaching hospital. **Schiller J. Ambroise** traveled to Kenya in 1992 and Ghana in 1997 for volunteer work. **Scott A. L. Beck** is the proud papa of Annalycia Renee, 4-1/2, and Natasha Justice, 3. Residents of Statesboro, GA, they spend their weekends on the beach or hanging out in Savannah. Scott writes, "I hope, through my work in migrant education, to help some of our strongest Mexican-American students apply to and enroll at Cornell."

Shelly E. Harris volunteered with the Special Olympics World Games in Raleigh, NC, last summer, and began a master's program in occupational therapy at U. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill last fall. This is a big career change from the marketing analysis work she had been doing since receiving her MBA from Indiana U. in 1990. **Karen O'Brien** and hubby spent a day sightseeing around Seattle with **Joy I. Blakeslee**, then spent a week skiing in Whistler, BC. Karen lives in Plantation, FL. **Tatia Mays-Russell** purchased a house in West Orange, NJ. **Grace M. Tanaka, MBA '93**, lives in NYC and writes for Japanese magazines.

Anne Yablonski lives in Bethesda and works in DC. She completed an MBA last year at the U. of Maryland. Anne attended **Amy S. Friedman's** wedding in Tampa last April. **Steven Labows** is enjoying life in Monterey, CA, where he is pursuing a master's degree. He was selected as the US Navy Test Wing Atlantic Test Pilot of the Year for 1997, and also promoted to lieutenant commander. His wife Emily keeps busy taking care of their four children. Steve was a groomsman in **Tom Wallace** and **Jackie (Goldberg)**'s wedding last year, which was also attended by **Brian Johnston '86** and **Ed Godlewsky**.

Derek Baum and wife Penny live in Orlando with their 2-1/2-year-old son Tyler. Derek reports that **Rich Ballew** married a beautiful woman, Hitomi, and is presently

“Any Cornellians who happen to be in Beijing, contact us for a Beijing duck dinner!”

GARY CICERO '90

Giarrusso Malone announce the arrival of their son, Paul Thomas, born June 22, '99. Tom was promoted to district sales manager with Astra-Zeneca Pharmaceuticals. Cara told us that former class officer **Karen "Kai" Ofengand** Robertson delivered a baby boy, Noah Alexander, on June 10, '99. **Terri (Clark)** and **Marty Stallone** welcomed Joliet Mae to their family on June 24, '99. Outside of Phila-

groups. **Richard A. Bernstein, MD '96**, married Marina Hoover and was appointed chief resident in neurology. **Kathy Duffe Ambrosini** earned an MS Ed. from Northern Illinois U. in 1992 and is the education coordinator for the Mohonk Preserve, teaching science field studies for grades K-6. She is also vice president of the NY State Outdoor Education Assn. and mom to Benjamin Tyler, 2.

working for Merrill Lynch in Tokyo.

Have a great spring and keep the news coming! ♦ **Diane Weisbrot** Wing, 727 Anita St., Redondo Beach, CA 90278; e-mail, axel3@aol.com; **Larry Goldman**, 3019 Grove St., Denver, CO 80211; e-mail, lig2@cornell.edu.



Greetings! It is nice to hear so much good news about everyone! Sorry if this is not the most creative column but there is so much to tell!

Bells are ringing: In 1999, **Carl Neff** said "I do" to Laline Carvalho in sunny Rio de Janeiro. Last July, **Laurence Bailen** married his former blind date Jennifer Weber. Cornellians in attendance were **Steven Alter** and **Debbie Andelman** Klein. Laurence also completed a fellowship and is now an attending physician in the division of gastroenterology at New England Medical Center in Boston. New York City in June must mean love: **Mark Dingle**, MBA '91, a management consultant with Viant, an Internet advisory company, wed Sofia Milonas. Dr. **Donald Dawes** married Dr. Shandara Durkee and both began residencies at U. of California, Los Angeles. **Henry Davis '88**, an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell, and Belle Burden exchanged vows. **Richard Burger**, who works at JP Morgan, wed Donna Pascucci. A little belated: **Cheryl Goldstein**, ME C '90, wed Evan Stoller on Oct. 22, '95. Present were **Elissa Darvin-Elkowitz**, **Deborah M. Perch '88**, MBA '89, **Ellyn B. Kaplan**, and **Audrey L. Berg '88**, MBA '89. Cheryl frequently sees Ellyn and **Randi Mendelow** in NYC, where she works as a senior business analyst at American International Group Inc.

The '89 family grows: **Jennifer Rosen** Monahan and husband Robert had their first child, Daniel Jonah, June 8, '99, weighing in at six pounds, four ounces. They moved into a new house in Huntington, LI, in July and celebrated their second anniversary in September. Jennifer is now officially a stay-at-home mom, "retiring" from Dun & Bradstreet after eight years. Jennifer tells us that **Laura Poolin** Rolnick lives in Riverside, CT, with husband Richard and 1-year-old daughter Juliet Gabrielle. **Erika Fischer** Ades celebrates nearly eight years of marriage to Joe, has children Albert, 7, Jake, 5, Jordan, 3, and runs her own investigative business. **Ida Chung** Lock works at SUNY State College of Optometry as an assistant clinical professor and chief of pediatric service when she is not being mom to Justin, born July 4, '98. **Kim Gage** Carpenter lives in Salt Lake City with husband John and son Payson. She keeps in touch with **Mary Ellen Bavaro**, who moved to Westport, CT, **Gwen Lytle** Millard in New York with husband Charlie and five kids, and **Amy B. Hanauer** in Ohio with husband Mark and son Max. All reunited in NYC for **Chris Pavone**'s wedding to Madeline MacIntosh. Kim chats regularly with **Greg "Slim" Whitman** who runs a neurology clinic at UCLA. **Sarah Peabody** Downey gave birth to son John, June 25, '98, and opened her own busi-

ness, JT Lane Corporate Gifts. **John Wennemann**, father of Matthew, 3, and Sophie, 1, lives in Arkansas where he is human resources manager at Entergy's Arkansas Nuclear One Power Plant. **Karyn Geller** Lipsky lives in Providence, RI, with husband Steve and son Harrison.

Putting those degrees to work: **Greg Twirbutt** is moving and shaking in LA, where he graduated from U. of Southern California with an MFA in film production. Mentored by Robert Zemeckis, Greg's thesis, "Vincent," was scheduled to screen at Cornell, NYC, and LA as part of several film festivals last fall. **Brandon Roth**, general assignment reporter for WSTM (NBC affiliate-Syracuse), regularly gets together for minor league baseball games with **Scott Malaga**. **Greg Poulos** and wife Kelly are moving to Toulouse, France, in April, where Greg has accepted a 1-year visiting scientist position with Meteo-France. After that they intend to return to Golden, CO, where Greg currently works for Colorado Research Associates (gsp@co-ra.com) and has joined the Winter Park Resort Ski Patrol.

Also on the foreign frontier, **Curtis Bartosik**, after serving as an Army officer in Oklahoma and Washington, DC, worked in the Japanese and Hong Kong construction industries. He met his wife in Hong Kong, followed her to Silicon Valley, and after a three-month respite in Kathmandu, he is director of Asia business development for wineshopper.com (cbartosik@wineshopper.com). **Bradley Siciliano** left a law firm to become associate general counsel at JVC and is working on a new political web page, NYVote.com, a non-partisan political resource. **Catherine Rauscher** Gianchandani joined NY-based hi-tech security consulting firm, Ifsec, in January 1999, as director of consulting engagements. **Kent Miller** is CEO of the newly formed Plato Brook Farms, LLC, and was selected for Lead NY. Columbia Business School 1999 graduates are **Deborah L. Goldman**, now director of development/associate general counsel at Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., and **John J. McCarthy**. John reports **James M. Johnson**'s promotion to controller of one of HP's largest divisions. **Jon Walton** is pursuing his MBA at U. of Illinois, Chicago, **John Garbarino**, ME I '90, completed his MBA in Italy, and **John Palphreyman** received his MBA from NYU. On a more leisurely note, **Colin Bryar**, ME I '90, and **Brian Richter** spent a week last summer kayaking in the Galapagos Islands. **Kimberly A. Levine** is working on her next Tae Kwon Do belt, lives in Kew Gardens, NY, enjoys interviewing Cornell applicants for Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), and would love to hear from any NY area friends. Last May **Deborah J. Skolnik** began a job as deputy Sunday features editor at the *NY Daily News* and continues to work on the *Cornell Magazine* Committee. On a personal note, after UCLA law school and seven years in the entertainment industry, I moved last July from LA to Chicago. I now work as a consultant at Arthur Andersen in strategy, finance, and economics. I was disap-

pointed to have to miss reunion at the last minute, and would love to hear from old friends, especially those in the Chicago area.

Send your news to one of the four correspondents below (Please remember we cannot include notices of births before they happen!) ♦ **Lauren A. Hoeflich**, 2000 Lincoln Pk. W. #1107, Chicago, IL 60614; e-mail, lahoe flich@aol.com; **Michael F. McGarry**, 9754 Burns Hill Rd., West Valley, NY 14171; e-mail, mcgarrm@wv.doe.gov; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, 105 Overlake Park, Burlington, VT 05401; e-mail, ac98@cornell.edu; and **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, 5 Glenwood Rd., Plainview, NY 11803; e-mail, saavidon1@hotmail.com.

REUNION



A great big sunny and warm hello from Hollywood! To bring warmer weather to everybody in the colder climates,

I will start the March/April column with news from our classmates in California. **Alex Tasker** bought a townhouse in Los Angeles. In May 1999, she was named associate at Calvin R. Abe Associates Inc., a landscape architecture firm. She also supervises landscape designs as design director. Her portfolio includes the award-winning Gardena PARKing lot and California State U., Northridge and Venice Beach Play Area. I caught up with **Alex**, **Kristyn S. Benzinger**, and **Joy O. Higa '89** at Westwood's Maui Beach Cafe for a pre-Zinck's dinner. The three Kappa Alpha Theta sisters are actively involved with the Cornell Club of Los Angeles. Later, at Zinck's, I had a chance to ask **Marc Dallon '95**, MBA '96, about his trip to France. A cycling enthusiast, Marc followed several stages of the Tour de France, including the climbs through the French Alps. Marc is currently employed at Donaldson Luftkin Jenrette after a stint in the finance department of Paramount Studios.

Also at Zinck's was **Steve Thenell**, who is still computer-animating Wal-Mart's smiley face at his company Duck Soup. I mentioned hearing about a possible Navy ROTC alumni gathering in San Diego and he welcomed the idea of a weekend road trip. The proposed host of the gathering is **Kevin Kozak**, whose wife Judy very nearly delivered their second daughter Malia Dawn at home on November 14. I'll let Kevin tell you the rest: "It was funny because we just had the baby shower on Sat. night (Nov. 13) and went to bed as usual. Judy woke up about 0300, since her water broke, but the hospital said to take our time coming in. We left the house at 0430 and as soon as we hit the highway, Judy's contractions were three minutes apart! I wanted to go as fast as my family car could go, but it was very foggy. My Navy ship-driving experiences came back to me as my old captain reminded me (in my head) that safe speed in limited visibility was the prudent option for navigation. I tried to explain this to Judy between contractions, but she didn't care, as you can imagine." I guess Malia couldn't wait to use her new clothes and gifts (she was five weeks early)! Older sister Cassie and family pet Ginger are happy to have a new playmate. Another San Diego inhabit-

ant is my former Founders Hall resident, Dr. **Christopher Michetti**, who is doing his trauma surgery fellowship at U. of California, San Diego.

Dr. **C. Michele Terrelonge**, DVM '96, is an associate veterinarian at Palm Bridge Pet Hospital. She endured many Ithaca winters as a Cornell undergrad and Vet college student, so it's no surprise that she's moved to Santa Barbara. Michele has seen classmates **Iver Larson** and **Brian** and **Pelin Gurkan Wood**, ME C '91, MBA '94. **Kathy L. Kirk** of Descanso, CA, is living in her new home in the Cleveland National Forest. A writer by profession, Kathy enjoys growing organic herbs and garlic and is working on her website.

Amy Bodek and husband Michael Hewitt hosted Bob and **Nancy Sturm Anton** in Long Beach. Amy and Michael, who married in October 1998, met while playing tennis and were among the guests at the Anton wedding in April 1998. The Antons reside in Penfield, NY. Nancy is manager of product education at InfoDirections Inc. **Adrienne C. Alton-Gust**, ME MAT '91, (aca9@cornell.edu) married Larry Gust in September. "We honeymooned in Montreal and Quebec City. The only Cornellian at our wedding was an older lady who won't reveal what year she graduated. However, we did manage to spend an evening with **Michelle Allen** and her husband **Chuong Vando '93** when we were out in Seattle for another family wedding. Larry and I still live in the Chicago area (far, far north suburbs) and I manage the materials testing lab for a packaging company."

Mary Caren McCaleb is a freelance photographer in San Francisco. Caren married John Norman in August 1998 and stays in touch with actress **Kristine A. Robbins** of Los Angeles, and **Mark Biernbaum**, who earned a PhD in developmental psychology at the U. of Washington. **Michael Anglin** of Glendale, CA, started his graduate studies at U. of Southern California and works in the engine test support department for Boeing Rocketdyne. **Douglas Mortlock**, a Stanford postdoctoral fellow, married Kelly Taylor in October 1998 in Somerset, MA. Doug finished his PhD in human genetics at U. of Massachusetts and now lives in Mountain View, CA. He enjoyed a hike up Mt. St. Helens with **Greg Manning**, **Amy Wang**, and **Paul E. Hunt**.

Mark S. Robins has been playing bicoastal Ping-Pong for the last few years. After working for Hughes Electronics, Mark and wife Kim left Manhattan Beach for Cambridge Square and "Hahvahd" Business School. Upon graduation in June 1998, the Robins returned to California, this time settling in San Mateo. Gillian Michele Robins joined the household on Jan. 7, '99 and Mark invites us to see what his beautiful daughter looks like at www.homestead.com/markrobins. Mark is employed by Siebel Systems and was release manager for the Siebel 99 suite of software products. Mark's former Manhattan Beach roommate, **Scott Hayes**, lives in Redondo Beach and keeps busy as project manager for MQM Tectonics Inc., Anderson student

(UCLA's business school program), and married man. No details were supplied on the identity of Mrs. Hayes, but she will probably be at Reunion 2000 in June with Scott. **Brad '89** and **Jennifer Hasenyager Smith** are the parents of Charles Andrew, who celebrated his first birthday last November. The Smiths enjoyed a ski trip in Jackson Hole, WY, a year ago with **Marcus Laun**, **Maureen Morris**, BS Hotel '91, and **David Walmsley '89**. The Smith family also lives in San Mateo.

We have some wedding and baby congratulations to send across the Pacific. **Gary Cicero** married Ana Herrera, a Hewlett-Packard colleague, the day before he relocated to Beijing. "Believe it or not I can actually speak some Chinese! I never would have guessed it if anyone had asked me this ten years ago! If any Cornellians happen to be in Beijing, please do contact us. We'll invite them to a Beijing duck dinner! Pretty hard to pass up, huh?" On Oct. 16, '99, **Lindsey (Strouce)** and **H. Taylor Wright '89** of Hong Kong, had their third son, Cameron Richard. His older brothers are Taylor Jr. and Clayton. The Wrights are enjoying life in Hong Kong during Taylor's overseas assignment with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

The following announcement arrived via e-mail: "**Susan (Portman)**, MRP '91, and **Robert L. Price** had their second child, Max Harrison, on Oct. 26, '99, a native Texan born in San Antonio. Max's Hebrew name is Menachem Ezra—like the middle name? Their first son, Samuel Charles, was born in Boston in June 1997, just days after Rob graduated from Harvard Business School. Rob is currently director of merchandising at HEB Grocery Co. in San Antonio. Since having Sam and moving to Texas, Susan has put her city planning career on hold to raise their children." **Nancy C. Neuman** wrote with news of more '90 offspring: "**Susan Kallfelz VanderMeer** had a baby girl December 1998, Frances Anne; **Meg Talty O'Leary** had a baby girl April 1999, Grace Langford; and I had a baby boy July 1999, Colton Blaise Kotecki."

Lastly, with great sadness I report the passing late last fall of **Elsie McMillan '55**. As an editor at *Cornell Magazine*, Elsie had been a great friend and mentor to the Class of 1990 class correspondents. This column is for you, Elsie. We will miss your wisdom and guidance. Rest in peace. ♠ **Rose Tanasugarn**, 5419 La Mirada Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90029; e-mail, nt28@cornell.edu; fax, (323) 850-0969.



I want to start out with a salute to **Elsie McMillan '55**. Elsie was the person I relied on to be my contact at *Cornell Magazine*. She was always there to help me out, whether it be sending me news when none of you did or sympathetically extending a deadline. All the while, unbeknownst to me, she was fighting a serious illness. I never knew Elsie was sick until I received the dreadful news that she had passed away. I didn't know Elsie personally, but my contact by phone and computer were enough to tell me that Cornell should be proud to call her an alumna. You are

missed, Elsie.

My last article was too long, so a part had to be cut out by the editors. Therefore, I include it here. If anything has changed, be sure to let me know. **Jeannette Perez-Rossello** is in her final year of a radiology residency at Mt. Auburn Hospital. **Dora L. Jih**, ME I '92, MBA '93, is a senior manager with Arthur D. Little in Cambridge, MA. Dr. **Susan R. Rosenblatt** is now a veterinarian from Tufts U. She writes that Dr. **Katherine Grundmann** had her second baby in April, a daughter named Caroline.

More e-mails have come in. I love them, so I include them next. **Kevin H. Mills '93** and wife **Jody** (Judith E.) **Kraft '92** now have a son, Joey McKecknie Mills. He was born last April 13. Kevin is the co-author, with his mother **Nancy Dunhoff Mills '64**, of a second book, *Help! My Apartment Has A Dining Room*. Their first book, *Help! My Apartment Has A Kitchen*, has sold over 80,000 copies. Kevin and Nancy are working on a third book, so keep an eye out for *Help! I'm Addicted to Chocolate*. The family lives in Playa del Rey, CA. **Jason FeinSmith** wrote to me about the wedding of **Mike Gimbel**. He married Allison Morris in Providence, RI, last April 17. The couple met at Duke Medical School and are living in San Francisco. **Kathy L. Kraus** wrote to me some time ago with the following: "I have relocated to Chicago to work for Northwestern U. I keep in touch with many classmates, including **Victoria Scotto Balacek**, **Keara A. Bergin**, **Melissa A. Franklin**, **Gloria J. Godsell**, **JoAnn Longo Laurentino**, and **Deborah L. Wengel**." She made it clear that she realizes she is leaving out many people she has seen at various events, but encourages them to write in, too. **Edgar Francis IV** sent word that he is now working on his PhD dissertation at U. of California, Los Angeles, after passing his written and oral qualifying exams for the graduate programs in Islamic Studies. **Steve Rosenblum** wrote, "I recently got married to Tracie Anne Keel. We have moved to Wilmington, NC, where I am working as a process development engineer for Corning Inc. Cornellians at the wedding included best man **Marcus Scholz**, **Melisa Levitt**, **Paula (Jernigan)** and **Geoff Gordon**, **Greg Garrett '92**, **Erica L. Calderas**, and **Eileen Bowden**." **Nicole M. Luecke** wrote, "My husband, **Chris Selley**, our daughter, Kate, and I recently moved to Annapolis, MD. I just finished my residency in ob/gyn at George Washington U. I took a job in private practice in Glen Burnie, MD. Chris is working for Potomac Photonics, a laser microfabrication company. He manufactures cardiac stents and other medical devices, and is also working on his MBA at Johns Hopkins. One of his Cornell housemates, **Brian Schilling**, is also taking MBA classes with him at Hopkins. **Mark C. McClintock** recently moved to Bethesda, MD. He works for an engineering firm in Washington, DC." Navy Lt. **Michelle M. Koellermeier** reported for duty at the Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

From here on, much of the information is

at least six months old, so be sure to send updates if things have changed. **Randall Singer** is working as a human resources manager with T. Rowe Price in Baltimore. **Betsy K. Starkman** is brand manager for Hellman's mayonnaise at Best Foods in Englewood, NJ. **Chiara Puffer** Shah is trying hard to be published as a science fiction writer. Let us know if it happens! **Karen M. Schmeidler** graduated from New York U. with a master's in social work last May. This, after getting an electrical engineering degree and working as an investment banker for six years. She writes that it took her eight years to find her calling and the change has been worth it. There is a lesson to be learned there. **Dave Schmier** and wife **Cindy Potter '90** had a son, Andrew, last March. Dave also writes that the promotion company he co-owns won its second Reggie Award, the Oscars of the promotion business, just two days before the birth. The family lives in Norwalk, CT. **Lauren Schmerl** opened a private psychotherapy practice last May in New York City. Dr. **Todd R. Schlifstein** finished his residency at NYU Medical Center last June. **Monisha Mehra** is a pediatric emergency medicine physician at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC. **Dorine Colabella** Scher is director of special ed at the Jewish Federation of Greater San Jose. She is already planning for our 10th Reunion in 2001! **Joan (Kochan)** and **Mike Schade** live in the Chicago area with daughter Sarah. Mike is human resources director at Tivoli Systems, an IBM subsidiary. Joan is a product developer in ready-to-eat cereals at Quaker Oats. **Marcy S. Sacks** is assistant professor in the history department at Albion College.

Abby F. Rudzin is associate attorney at Sidley & Austin in Chicago. **Philip Rothman** joined NASD Regulation Inc. as regional attorney in the enforcement division. He lives in Milford, CT. **Chris Reynolds** finished his MBA at Columbia U. **Cathy J. Reese** finished a surgical residency at Cornell and is now a staff surgeon at Angell Memorial Animal Hospital in Boston. **Marc Polymeropoulos**, MPA '92, is a diplomat with the Department of State at the United Nations in NYC. **Roman Pallone** is in planning and development at Ashland Chemical. He finished his MBA at Ohio State last June. **Lucy Tidd** Olcott, DVM '95, and her husband bought a veterinary practice in Germantown, MD. **Sandra Coester** Kudrak, DVM '95, built and opened her own veterinary hospital in Maine. **Christine O'Connor**, BS ILR '92, is director of marketing at HIP Health Plan of NY. **Laura M. North**, BS Hotel '92, is vice president at Meringoff Equities Inc. **Srinivas Lingaredy**, BS Eng '92, ME C '93, started veterinary school at U. of Pennsylvania. This is a change of career from being an environmental engineer! **Alan Lehto** married Tracy Strickland last April. **Rick Hammerstone**, ME E '92, was at the celebration. **Judy Ng** Lee is manager at American Express in New York. She finished her MBA at NYU. **Kirsten Blau Krohn** is an actress in New York. She does voice-overs, too. Her husband **Douglas** is a doctor at Montefiore Medical Center in pedi-

atrics. **Robert Koenig** is vice president in asset management at Goldman Sachs in NYC. **Wayne Hickey** decided to move to Seattle and switch careers from federal lobbying to corporate communications. **Amy Hillsberg** Herzog is marketing communications director at the Monterey Peninsula Visitors and Convention Bureau.

The mother of **James Hawk** filed this report, "Jamie is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia, working with farmers to build ponds and raise fish. His town, Musofu, suffers from famine and drought half the year. The cattle died of hoof and mouth disease last year. HIV is a problem. Jamie rides his bike 60 miles round trip on a mud road for his mail and provisions and has never been passed by a motorized vehicle. The people are wonderful, hard-working, and friendly. Jamie writes to remind us that we all have so much." I think that is a good way to end this edition. Keep sending updates, especially by e-mail. ♦ **Kevin Le-manowicz**, 3 Byron's Way, Franklin, MA 02038; e-mail, kpl6@cornell.edu.



When this column arrives in your mailbox, winter will be gone and hopefully you'll be enjoying a beautiful spring day! While you're enjoying it all, please remember to update your class columnists on your news and whereabouts. You can e-mail or write; we'd love to hear from you.

Diane Woan Haines writes that she attended the wedding of **Sarah Boyer** and **Randy Ratsch** in Lexington, MA. She said that she and **Kenneth Cohen** met up there and then spent a few days "roaming around Boston." She notes, "Both Ken and I have forgotten how cold it is in the Northeast given that he is living in Miami Beach and I'm in Southern California. How did we survive those Ithaca winters?" Sarah and Randy honeymooned in the Caribbean and then Japan. **Nicole (Cunitz)** was married on July 4, '99, to Andrew Laskin at the New York Botanical Gardens. Cornellians in attendance included **Jonathan B. Roth '64**, **Jamie S. Roth '99**, **Dana Stangel-Plowe**, **Jonathan Plowe**, **Jeffrey Oringer**, and **Debra Silverman '93**.

Nicole writes that "we had a wonderful honeymoon in Italy and now it is back to work!"

Mark Bailen is living in Washington, DC, and is an attorney with Baker & Hostetler LLP. **Julie K. Brof** is also living in DC and is an attorney with Howney & Simon. Another attorney in DC, **Jenny R. Yang**, is working for the Civil Rights Division of the Dept. of Justice. **Brooke Bloom** and husband **Lenny Sekuler '93** are living in Shaker Heights, OH. Over the summer the two went on vacation and stopped by Cornell to visit **Evan D. Bloom '00**, Brooke's younger brother. Evan gave Brooke and Lenny a tour of campus and Brooke noted how many things had changed. **Lisa J. Herrald** is living in Amherst, MA, where she is a preschool teacher and early childhood education consultant. She recently bought a condo. Last summer she went to La Paz, Bolivia, for vacation and went trekking and camping in the Andes. Lisa is in touch with **Lisa A. Holmes**, who is living and working in Ithaca with her partner and child. **Robin Walter** Regan is living in Madison, WI, with her husband and three children, and **Heather W. Guthrie** is living in Columbus, OH, and practicing law. **Barb Foltin** lives with her husband **Todd Steirs '93** in Berkeley, CA, where Barb is in school. Barb recently completed an internship in Slovakia. **Kate A. Buehl** is living in Syracuse, NY, and just finished the full-time teaching portion of her master's in teaching. Kate graduated last December. She noted that she had heard how much work student teaching was, but had no idea how much there actually was until she was writing up her lesson plans! **Doreen Robinson** also recently finished a master's from the U. of Maryland. Doreen and her husband **Hakim** live in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Debra G. Birnbaum is still living in Manhattan, having recently moved to a great studio in the Village. She was recently promoted to deputy editor of *Redbook* magazine and is really enjoying her new responsibilities. **Brian Saliman**, after living in Washington, DC, for two and a half years and working as an attorney for Latham & Watkins, recently moved to San Francisco to become the business development director for an Internet me-

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dia company. **Vivek Chopra** is also a part of the Internet company wave. He is an executive with *varsitybooks.com*, a company that sells school textbooks and other items over the Internet.

Tanya Steinberg Schreiber, MD '97, and husband Dave are finishing up their residency programs at Yale, and will start fellowships this summer. Tanya is pursuing her fellowship in infectious diseases, focusing on AIDS/HIV patients. Tanya and Dave have traveled the world while pursuing their medical degrees and residencies, their most recent rotation having been in Africa.

Please update Renee and me with your news. We'd love to hear from you. As for me, I'm still in Maryland. My husband Steve and I recently bought a house and adopted a dog. We laugh at our suburban lives as we walk our dog through our tree-lined neighborhood! Enjoy. ♦ **Debbie Feinstein**, 6114 Temple St., Bethesda, MD 20814; e-mail, dfeinstein@cromor.com; and **Renee A. Hunter** Toth, 3901 Thomas Dairy Lane, North Garden, VA 22959; e-mail, rah24@cornell.edu.

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By the time this column reaches you the winter should be mostly over, the millennium and Y2K an event of the past, and spring just around the corner. Think back eight or nine years ago around this time, when we were all starting to think about finals. But now, we just have news of classmates' weddings, babies, and jobs. Sorry if some of this news is a bit dated, we're trying to clean up on some old mail to get everyone's news in. Please remember to pay your class dues and to send in your Class News cards. And as always, feel free to e-mail or write to us with your news.

Jeff Drayer writes that he is in Boston for his dermatology residency. Check bookshelves around the nation for his book, *The Cost-Effective use of Leeches*, about his trip through medical school. Amazon.com describes Jeff's book as "tongue-in-cheek essays written during the author's four years in medical school." Also in his residency is **Jonathan Labovitz**. Jonathan is in Michigan at the Botsford Podiatry Clinic. **Craig Gordon** writes that he missed our five-year reunion because he was on call during his internal medicine residency at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He promises to do his best to make our ten-year reunion. **Jennifer E. Graham** is living and working in Buffalo, NY, for the Erie County Dept. of Health. Jennifer provides case work services for families and children with medical disabilities.

Melissa A. Turner not only ran the Boston Marathon this past year, but also raised over \$7,000 for the Leukemia Society of America while doing it. Melissa ran as part of the LSA's "Team in Training" program in memory of her uncle who died of leukemia. She's planning on running again for LSA in 2000. When not running, Melissa is assistant director, clinical nutrition at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, MA.

In other job news, **Loren F. Levine** is an associate in the bankruptcy department of

Paul, Weiss. Previously Loren clerked for a federal bankruptcy judge in the Southern District of New York. **Annette H. Zeller** writes that she is living in Los Angeles and working for Hyatt Hotels. Annette says she's been keeping in touch with fellow LA Cornellians **Bryan Graybill** and **Moises Esquenazi**. **Erica Bullock** is working as an attorney in the Washington, DC, office of Fulbright & Jaworski. She graduated from U. of California, Berkeley School of Law and passed the California Bar Exam. **Tina Noel Iamonte**-Armstrong was awarded a Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship by the National Sea Grant Program. For the fellowship, Tina will spend a year in Washington, DC, working at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Lt. **Michael J. Marino** is working in the criminal law division of the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the US Navy in Washington, DC. **Catherine M. Arms** writes that she is working as a technology transactions attorney in Weil, Gotshal & Manges's Silicon Valley office. She expects to be returning frequently to Ithaca, as her father recently joined Cornell's computer science faculty.

Jessica A. Graus moved to Cincinnati in June 1999 to begin a PhD program in epidemiology. She hopes to study "genetic epidemiology," or the study of how genetics influences and impacts the development and time course of diseases (particularly lung cancer). Jess writes that **Jason Rylander** is finishing up his law degree from William and Mary and will be working for Perkins & Coie in Washington, DC, starting in the fall. **Matthew Estabrook** is also working on his law degree at Georgetown while working full time. Matt will take a break from his full-time work at The Federalist Society to intern at the Washington, DC, office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. **Mary Helen Immordino** Yang was awarded a Spencer Foundation Research Training Fellowship at the Harvard graduate school of education. Mary Helen is studying the relationship between language and thought in development and learning. **Stephen C. Payne** is in the US Army JAG Corps. Stephen is stationed in Fort Benning, GA, and is a senior trial counsel and special assistant US Attorney.

Alice (Herrick) and **Mike Daood** recently moved to New Fairfield, CT. Mike is "opening a new hotel in Westchester, NY." Alice and Mike's dog Spanky just turned five in January 2000. **Tamar A. Dolgen** writes that she has been in Los Angeles, CA, for over two years, working at Mattel Toys in international marketing. Tamar's work often sends her on trips to Latin America, Canada, and New York, where she's tried to stay in touch with Cornell friends, including **Stacey M. Schwartz**, **Tracy L. Newman**, **Terry R. Kind**, **Beth L. Silverberg**, **Paige E. Chabora**, **Larisa T. Silahet**, and **Sima Asad**.

As usual, wedding bells were ringing for classmates of ours last year. **Jacquelyn (Rowe)** married Michael Strager on Sept. 11, '99. The ceremony and reception were in Rochester, NY. Cornell grads in the wedding party included **Jennifer (Evans)** (who shortly

afterwards became Jennifer Allard, see below), **Susan D. Curtis**, and **Anastasia M. Enos**. Others in attendance: **Scott Tarpley** and **Wade Kwon '92**. Jackie writes that the mostly-Cornell wedding party made a limo stop at a local Wegmans in between pictures and the reception because "the guys were all hungry!" Jackie and Mike now live in their new home in Cheat Lake, WV. Just a few weeks later many of the same guests (and almost the same wedding party on the bride's side) traveled down to Washington, DC, for the wedding of Jennifer Evans to Fred Allard. The bridal party included Anastasia Enos, Jackie Rowe Strager, and Susan Curtis. **Dan Kheel '94** and I completed the Cornell contingent at the wedding. The reception was held at Sequoia. I also managed to make it to the wedding of **Jennifer Nolte** and David Shefter. Joining me at the "Cornell Table" were **Kristen B. Byrd**, **Peter Mucha**, **Rachel C. Reinhardt**, BFA '95, **Christopher (John C.) Racich**, and **Amy L. Woehr '95**.

Claudia Humphrey married Rashid Curtis in the Bronx, NY. Claudia graduated from Harvard Law School and is now an associate in Stamford, CT, with the law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker. In an all-Cornell wedding, **Richard Dircks Jr.** married **Tara (Schlesiona) '94**. Richard is an associate at Getnick & Getnick in Manhattan. Another all-Cornell affair at Sage Chapel saw **Eileen Adamo**, DVM '97, married to **James Cotter '92**, M Eng '93. The wedding party included **Joan E. Adamo '96**, **Linda Ratnik Tamm '92**, JD '95, **Michelle Steinberg** Farkas, **Darius Deak '92**, **Keith Strudler '92**, and **Pete Shaw '92**. Joining all of them at the reception were **Jennifer R. Morin**, DVM '97, **Kristen L. Ondik '94**, **Lucy E. DeFanti '90**, BS Ag '95, **Steve Carlin '92**, **Carl Kadlic '92**, **Jessica L. Hills '96**, and **Dan Charous '96**. The weather was so nice that the couple dared to venture into Cascadilla Gorge for their wedding pictures. **Mark Bay**, MA IN T '95, married Laura Dennis in May 1998. Mark's wife is the daughter and granddaughter of Cornell alumni. Mark and Laura now live in Houston, TX.

Lucinda A. Burke is running the show as CEO of a real estate investment company, Annicott Worldwide. The company is based in the Phoenix, AZ, area. Lucinda says call her if you're in the Phoenix area and you can join her in one of her free-time pursuits, such as rollerblading, jogging, or sky diving. Also in Arizona is **Claire E. Hull**, who is a senior process engineer in lithography for Intel Corp. **Cesar Tello**, DVM '97, also has his own business, Tello's House Pet Calls Inc. in New York City. ♦ **Gregg Paradise**, 96 Fifth Ave., Apt. 17K, NYC 10011; e-mail, gparadise@kenyon.com; and **Yael Berkowitz**, 310 W. 95th St., #7A, NYC 10025; e-mail, yberkowitz@buckconsultants.com.

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Here it is: intentionally or unintentionally, the wedding column. Throw some birdseed for newlyweds **Karen Chelius** and John Bates, who were married

October 3 at the Princeton University Chapel, Princeton, NJ. After earning an MBA at U. of Pennsylvania, Karen became a consultant for McKinsey & Company in the Florham Park, NJ, office. Six days later, another classmate tied the knot in the same town: last fall, **Brian Nicholson** wrote that he and **Kirstin Licciardello**, ME C '95, were wed October 9 at the Mountain Lakes House. "An outdoor wedding with beautiful weather; we just returned from our two-week honeymoon to the Greek Isles. Kirstin and I have been dating since our sophomore year at CU. It was a special day, especially as many Cornellians attended." Among the wedding party were best men **Mark Nicholson** and older brother **J.J. Brian Anderson**, **Matt Adams**, **Kirk Vashaw**, and **Justin Antonipillai** were ushers. The bridesmaids included **Charisma Garcia-Ryan**, **Laura Mammia Nicholson '96**, and **Amy M. Nicholson '98**, BS Ag '99.

Last July, **Jennifer (McGuigan)** married Steve Nesbitt and is now living in Massachusetts. **Edward Ray**, a resident in surgery at the U. of Rochester, wrote to report his marriage to pharmacist **Laura DelleDonne** on September 25 at the Rochester-Colgate Divinity School. **Kimberly Greco Hurtado** e-mailed with details of her Apr. 24, '99 wedding at Villa Christina in Atlanta, GA. **Amy Levy** and **Laurie Taylor** were in the bridal party. **Kimberly**, who is working for BellSouth Long Distance, honeymooned in Tahiti, Moorea, and Bora Bora (talk about long distance).

One last round of wedding congratulations go to **Drew Brody** and **Emmanuelle (Delannoy)**, who were, you may have noticed, missing from reunion. They did, however, have a reasonable excuse in the form of their overseas nuptials: the two were married in Les Mages, Provence, France, on June 19, in the presence of **Greta M. Pangborn**, MS I '98, **Boaz Kochman**, **Jeremy Schulman**, **Robert S. Jones**, **Nikki Dorshenko**, **Cynthia L. Miller**, **Jessica B. Orkin '96**, **James A. Salkind '92**, and **Christina Foerster '97**. Wrote Drew, "Mike Rubin even managed to show up at the last minute despite the fact that he never received his invitation and didn't know where the wedding was. (For the record, it was truly in the middle of nowhere, at least an hour from any major city.) Those people who know Mike will understand that his life just works out that way and there's no point questioning how or why. In any case, his presence was a fun surprise." At the couple's civil ceremony in New York City, **Robin A. Sacco** and **Dawn Pieper** made an appearance. For these international newlyweds, the honeymoon translated into a six-week tour of Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Indonesia.

Another reunion absentee, **A. Jordan Wallens**, checked in to explain that he, too, was busy attending a wedding: **Charlie Skipsey '95** was married in the company of **Dave Gogolak '97**, **Mark Nicandri**, BS Hotel '95, **Dan Weiland**, **Todd Bogda**, **Geoff Friedman**, **Mike Renfroe '95**, **Rob Scoskie**, MPA '96, **Gus Warren**, **Dave Goodridge**, **Josh Richards**, and **Dan Cignarella**.

First comes love, then comes marriage,

then comes . . . In December of 1998 (hey, old news is still good news), **Julianne Whitehead King** gave birth to her first child, Christian Andrew, seven pounds, 13 ounces, 21 inches long. At the time, she was working towards an MBA at the U. of Texas while her husband, **Duane '95**, was starting his own mediation/law firm in Austin, TX.

In response to my impassioned plea for news last December, **John Waccard** responded, "I'm a business continuity planner for Bank of America (lots of Y2K work), and I'm studying for my Microsoft certification." He reported on other classmates **Sean LaVerne**, who leads technical projects for Bloomberg, **Holly K. Staid**, an MBA student at Northwestern U., **Troy Beason**, who's in the MBA program at the U. of Rochester, and Boston-dweller **Brenda White**, who has a husband and child.

Let's take a break from weddings: **Joel Gehman** is working at Infonautics.com in Philadelphia with fellow Cornellians **Bryon Colby '93** and **Mike Holland '96** (visit his website at irant.com). In other on-line news, **Christopher McFarland** is the production development associate in Web design at BarnesandNoble.com. **Heather J. Terenzio** recently moved from Boulder, CO, to Los Angeles, where she's been working as a business development director for a ".dot.com." **Kristen A. Crockett** Tsarnas is a product manager at a software company in NYC. **Greg Wood** is an account manager for a computer consulting company near Philadelphia.

Is your computer fast enough? Ask **Brian Montalto**, who "manufactures the latest Pentium III and Merced processors." When he's not determining our desktop obsolescence, Brian spends his time mountaineering. He recently reached the summit of Oregon's Mount Hood (11,239 feet) and Mount Adams in Washington State (12,276 feet).

And now for the doctors and doctors-in-training. **Ari Rubenfeld** began his surgical internship in July and after a year, will be moving on to an otolaryngology residency at Georgetown U. He reported on the doings of **John Awad**, who's an orthopaedic resident in Baltimore, MD. **Todd Pulerwitz** graduated from Harvard Medical School last June and is now doing his residency in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. **Dana Johnson** Moulton is a third-year medical student at the U. of Cincinnati College of Medicine, planning a career in family practice. **Lori Dilorenzo** graduated from U. of Pennsylvania in the spring of 1998 and began an internship in family medicine in Lawrence, MA. She wrote, "I am sad to report that my father passed away in October 1998. Since then, I have been trying hard to see my family and friends as much as possible." On a happier note, she informed us that **Shari Boibeaux-Mahoney** and her husband, **Howard Mahoney '93**, have a son, Kyle.

Jennifer H. Lee, writing in January 1998, was a resident in internal medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. She was married in September of that year. **Karyn C. Lee '95** and **Tiffany T. Lu** were members of

the bridal party. Courtesy of **Antonio Zuniga**, ME E '95, we learn that **Peter Fidler** and **Kate N. Grossman '92**, BA '93, were married in Chicago last August. Solving the mystery of missing classmate **Charlotte (Moore)**, Antonio informs us she is now Charlotte Zuniga, his wife and a first-year pediatric resident at Baylor. Wrote Antonio, who moved to Texas last May: "Love married life. We are going on two years and every day gets a little better. No kids yet, but our dog Osa is getting gray hair under her chin."

Don't wait until you get gray hair to drop your class correspondents a line! A couple of tips: If you report a marriage or event that includes non-Cornellians, please identify them as such. Try to include the year of Cornellians who weren't in the Class of '94. I also want to stress that if you change your name or address, please call Alumni Records at (607) 254-7121 or e-mail alumniaffairs@cornell.edu. It helps us confirm your class year and the spelling of your name when we include your news in a column. And it makes it that much easier for us to find you come reunion time. ♦ **Dika Lam**, 204 E 90 St. Apt 4E, NYC 10128; e-mail, DikaEsm@aol.com.

REUNION

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As the ground (hopefully) starts to thaw out from the winter, the countdown to reunion continues! As of early March, we're only about 95 days out (how appropriate!), and you should have received your official invitation to the festivities taking place in Ithaca, June 8-11.

If you or any of your classmate friends haven't received your registration forms, it may be because we don't have an updated address. You can easily update your address right on our website, at <http://www.classof95.cornell.edu>. Don't forget to also keep checking out updated reunion information that will be posted on the site from now until June, including a schedule of activities for which some of your classmates have already registered. And, as always, if you want more information, or if you're interested in helping out, please don't hesitate to contact one of our hard-working Reunion Chairs: **Allison J. Halpern** (ahalpern@students.wisc.edu), **Eva D. Loh** (loh@uthscsa.edu), or **Dana A. Yogel** (dyogel@yahoo.com).

Excitement about our 5th Reunion is already starting to build among classmates, as I witnessed while in Ithaca for Homecoming. Once again, I made the drive up to our alma mater with **Matt French**, MEng '96, and ran into the usual suspects from our various music groups and Greek houses. One individual we did not see, although she sent in news that she

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had relocated to Ithaca, was **Marisol Barrero**, who is back at Cornell finishing her master's in design and environmental analysis. "So, I won't exactly have to travel to our Reunion!" she remarked. Also in Ithaca, as a first-year veterinary student, is **Jen Dewe-Mathews**, who spent the last two years in Washington, DC, getting her master's. She writes that she is "glad to be back at Cornell!"

Shortly after returning, I received an e-mail from **Steven Strell** commenting on his

“Douglas Herman said he ‘sold out’ and left the engineering world to become an investment banker.”

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first trip back to Ithaca since 1996. Writes Steven, "It still amazes me how spectacular the view is from the top of the slope. After being away so long, I was hoping everything would be exactly the same as it was the last time I was there. Of course, that's not, and never will be, the case. The building I stayed in during my co-op summer of 1993 has burned down, the record store has moved across the street, the pizza place is gone, and Collegetown Bagels is where Oliver's was!" Steven, who works at Sun Microsystems in Burlington, MA, after finishing his master's in computer systems engineering at RPI in May 1995, also made sure to express how much he is looking forward to reunion, as well as his interest in organizing a mini-reunion of Cornell Cinema employees. If anyone meets that description and is interested in getting together, or helping Steven organize something, feel free to e-mail him directly at strells@mediaone.net.

Also falling into the category of Cornellian Networking is an e-mail I received from **David Holder**, one of the founders (along with **Mike Niccolini '93**) of an Internet company in Northern Virginia called PrimeShot.com, which they started back in August 1999. "Since that time," he writes, "we've had the pleasure of reconnecting with many Cornellians who have been instrumental in our development, including **Brad Younge**, BS Eng '96, **Gus Warren '94**, **Heather Hubbell-Cook '94**, and **Chip Meakem '93**." David also mentioned that the company is hiring "smart, driven people" (isn't that all of us?) and if any Cornellians in the DC area are interested, they should contact him at david@primeshot.com.

OK. The Classified Section of this installment is done. Now to the Wedding Announcements.

On May 28, **Muammar Mohd Ariffin** married Zuraini A. Rahim. Cornellians in attendance included **Azmi Hashim**, **Helmy Ismail '96**, **Famillah Thamby Ali '97**, and Dr. **Rahman Omar**, PhD '97. **Shauna Handrahan** married a good friend of hers from junior high and high school, Thomas Brill McKee, on July 17, '99 in Wayne, ME.

The couple lives in Dover-Foxcroft, ME, where Shauna teaches a program for students who have many barriers to overcome in life, called Jobs for Maine's Graduates at Foxcroft Academy, where Thomas is a mathematics teacher.

On September 6, **Elizabeth F. Shea** and **Matthew H. Davis '93**, MS C '96, were married in Peabody, MA. They now reside in Seattle, where Elizabeth is in graduate school at the U. of Washington completing a dual

MPH/MSW, and Matt works as an engineer for Brown & Caldwell. Elizabeth also reports that, on August 28, **Brian A. Fox** married Taya Briley, and that **Shana C. Silverstein**, DVM '99, is working at a veterinary practice in Worcester, MA.

Amy Taylor and Marc Kendall had a September 11 wedding in Salisbury, MD. A reception followed in Bethany Beach, DE. Among the guests were **Janet M. Nelson**, **Jennie A. Tsai**, **Tracy K. Johnson**, **Andrea Beukenkamp**, **Tiffany Bangs Rowe**, MHA HE '97, **Holly A. Plummer**, **Chris Plummer '92**, BS Hotel '94, **Katie Feeley '94**, **Christine M. Taicner '94**, **Kristin E. Gutenberger '96**, BArch '99, and **Tom Corcoran '91**. **Jennifer Motl** writes that she married Hank Shaw a year ago September (I am guessing that means September 1998, right, Jen?), and they are now living in Fredericksburg, VA. Jen works as a nutritionist at the local health department. On October 16, **Adrienne Moore** married Michael Kerins. Cornellians in attendance were **Nancy Gideon**, **Audrey L. Kleinsmith '96**, and **Kathy Longaker '93**. Adrienne lives with her husband in San Francisco and works as a computer programmer.

Finally, an update from **Daniel B.** and **Katherine Dowell Kearns**, who returned at the end of September from a two-week belated honeymoon in France (a year after their wedding). On the trip back, they stopped in Boston for the wedding of **Michael Leventon** to Larisa Matejic. **Scott Packard '96** served as best man, recent law school graduate **Samantha J. Morton** presided over the ceremony, and guests included **Christopher Senhouse**, and **Rocco** and **Caroline Mock Casagrande '96**. After the wedding, Katherine and Daniel met up with **Brandon Curiel**, who is working in Connecticut.

Now, Travel and Business News. **Leslie F. Davis** writes that last spring, she quit her job in investment banking and spent four months backpacking around Asia. She's now an MBA student at U. of California, Berkeley, where she lives with mechanical engineering grad student **Galatea J. Kazakia**. Leslie says

she misses former San Francisco Bay Area friends **Kristin K. Manley** and **Ara Weiss**, who have relocated to the U. of California at Davis (law school) and the U. of Southern California (MBA program), respectively.

Brian M. Donovan, who was promoted to general manager of the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi, MI, spent some time before his move to the Great Lakes State by traveling to Europe to meet up with **Gerard "Hans" Donkersloot**, who is working in Bahrain. Before leaving New York, Brian was able to connect with some other Cornell friends, including **Erica I. Heitner**, **Elana Gilaad**, and **Danny Taberski**.

To end my column this month I wanted to share some personal good news in congratulating my little brother, Craig Torrillo, who was accepted early-decision to the Cornell class of 2004 (yikes!) and will be starting there this fall. And to all '95ers, I want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has sent me their news, not just for this column, but for the past (gulp!) five years. It's always great to hear from my most faithful correspondents (you know who you are), as well as to get the News and Dues cards in the mail, and e-mails in my inbox. It's especially nice to hear from long-lost friends, and I am looking forward to catching up with all of you at reunion in just a few short months! ♦ **Alison M. Torrillo**, 1330 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Apt. 203, Washington, DC 20036; e-mail, amt7@cornell.edu.



I'm all out of witty observations about how odd it is to be this old! I had some very lofty ideas about what I would be doing in 2000, but here I am sitting on my couch watching a re-run of "Wayne's World." Of course, the genius of Mike Myers's "Scooby Doo" ending is indisputable.

Some of our more upwardly mobile classmates would make their undergraduate professors very proud. **Christina N. Kim**, a student at New York Medical College, received a research scholarship to study at the National Institutes of Health. Only 42 students in the US were so honored. **Jessica R. Cattellino** is working on a PhD in social anthropology, "thanks to a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and NYU fellowships." Her research is on American Indian sovereignty. She also remains active in local politics and the Telluride Assn. After completing her MA in Spanish literature at Stanford U., **Nohemy Solorzano** is returning to Cornell to enroll in the PhD program in Spanish. She has been awarded a Javits fellowship from the US Dept. of Education to finish her graduate studies. **Andrew J. Yakoobian**, BS Hotel '97, was awarded first place in the 17th Annual New England Magic Contest last year. The magician, who is known as Yaq, has been performing for the past ten years and runs an entertainment business known as Honest Deceptions. Finally, **Lauren M. Gasparo** graduated with an MFA in acting from the U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She will tour with Nebraska Theatre Caravan on the East Coast. Another budding actor, **David H.**

Goldbrenner, left his Wall Street job to pursue his love of the theater with the Prudent Procreation Players. He is traveling to Ecuador to perform skits for the indigenous tribes of the rainforest.

As I was perusing the February issue of *Spin* magazine, I was surprised to see classmate **Brian Hiatt** lurking behind Foo Fighter Dave Grohl at a publicity event in New York City. Like me, Hiatt has been able to parlay useless knowledge into a journalism career. (Sorry, Brian.) Apparently Cornell's course offerings helped prepare him for the rigors of hobnobbing with disaffected celebrities for Sonicnet. Perhaps one day, Hiatt will interview musician **Trevor de Clercq**. He is working on his Master of Music degree at NYU and completing the tonmeister coursework in sound engineering. He also has a new CD out. Anyone who wants a copy can e-mail Trevor at tod200@is9.nyu.edu.

In more wacky news, **Erin Linehan** reports that **Bethany A. Meyer**, **Britta C. Seppi**, and **Melissa H. Davis** got together in Durango, CO. While exploring a huge mountain, they were chased by a mountain lion. Erin and **Niv Rotem** graduated from Tulane Law School last May. **Nick Goldin**, a '99 graduate of Cornell Law School, is a first year law associate at Cahill Gordon in NYC.

Kelly Ann Collini says that she and **Jeffrey S. Kovel** remodeled Lenny Kravitz's retro night club in Miami Beach. Kelly was involved in construction and Jeff was the project's general contractor. **Ian G. Craig** "returned from a two-year tour of duty in Japan, as an intelligence officer with a US Navy fighter squadron." He remains in the Navy, and has been transferred to Fallon, NV, home of the Navy's "Top Gun" School. Ian can be contacted at intell54@hotmail.com. **Caroline L. Stevens** also spent some time in Japan after graduating, followed by seven months in Ecuador and the Amazon jungle. She finished her first year of law school at the U. of Michigan and went to Argentina for the summer to clerk for the Supreme Court.

I'm pleased to announce the first installment of **Courtney Rubin's** "Wedding Watch 2000." But a few words of warning to all brides-to-be: it's the magazine's policy not to publish engagement announcements. So, before you take off for your romantic honeymoon in Aruba, make sure you send us news of your nuptials. **Lisa Marie Courchain** Derouin was married in August 1998. She received her Master's in Education and is teaching in San Diego. **Erin B. Fitzpatrick** married Christopher Beucler last June. In July, **Douglas W. DeGross** married Alison Tynntor. **Alison Nodvin** Barkoff got married last year and graduated from law school. She is clerking for the Southern District of New York in NYC. **Christine Julier Kline** will be celebrating her second anniversary soon. She just purchased a new home with her husband, **Robert '95**, MC CH '96, and is spending a lot of time at Home Depot.

Maureen (McCafferty), MPA '97, and **Matthew Stanton**, ME C '97, were married last September in Cleveland. Over 30 Cor-

nellians were in attendance including **Patrick S. McCafferty '95**, ME C '96, **Lauren E. Twitchell**, MPA '97, **Nathan Henderson**, **J. P. Chaine**, **Mark Gelston**, and **Eric Andersen**. The honeymoon was in the Greek Islands. **Marie (Laib)** married **Daniel Slater '95** last year in Cincinnati, OH. The couple live in New York.

Cheryl Dollard Smith and husband **Robert H. '95** welcomed their first baby, Andrea Erin Nicole, in February 1999. **Kristin (Joseph)** and **Slade Cox** had their first child, Abigail Bridget, last February as well.

For the debut of "Infant Watch 2000," be sure to read the class column. ♦ **Allie Cahill**, 519 Ninth St., Brooklyn, NY 11215; e-mail, Allie.Cahill@tvguide.com; **Courtney Rubin**, 1727 Massachusetts Ave., NW #403, Washington, DC 20036; e-mail, crubin@washingtonian.com; and **Sheryl Magzamen**, 738 Stockton St., #2B, San Francisco, CA 94108; e-mail, magzamen@medicine.ucsf.edu.



Spring is right around the corner, and the Class of '97 is (pardon the metaphor) blooming with news.

At the U. of California-Berkeley, **Andras Ferencz** began grad school in computer science after working for a year at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center. **Seth Guikema** planned to finish an MS in civil and environmental engineering at Stanford in June 1999 after returning from a Fulbright scholarship in New Zealand. And **Theresa Singleton** (tes4@cornell.edu) planned to continue her work as an associate research specialist in the biochemistry department at the U. of Wisconsin-Madison while applying for fall 1999 admission to PhD programs in immunology. Theresa has kept busy teaching tap dancing to students ages 4 to 40 at the Dance Connection, a Madison dance school. She has seen **Vanessa R. Greenwood** (vrg2@cornell.edu) and **Matthew Wagner '98** (mwv1@cornell.edu).

Douglas Herman (douglas.herman@wdr.com) said he "sold out" and left the engineering world to become an investment banker at UBS AG in Stamford, CT (formerly Swiss Bank Corp.). In late 1998, Douglas was living with **El-Shaffie Dada** and **Marc Duquella '98**, both of whom also worked at UBS AG. **Amanda Panagakos** (apanagakos@flyingfood.com) worked at Newark Airport as an account manager for Flying Food Group, a Chicago-based airline catering company, and caught up with **Lorna E. Hagen '98** in New York City. **Mary Anna Denman** (mad66@columbia.edu) is continuing her studies as a medical student at Columbia Medical School.

Kristen H. Forkeutis (khf@hotmail.com) traveled to Australia in fall 1997 and winter 1998 and also served with AmeriCorps in Boston. After graduation, **Alix Saint-Armand** completed the Coro Fellows program, an experience-based graduate fellowship that provided him with one-month stints at a government agency (NYPD), a media agency (the Village Voice), a business (AF&F Community Builders), a non-profit (the Fortune Society), and an individual project (the Anti-

och Baptist Development Corp.). After the fellowship, Alix worked on Rep. Charles Rangel's fund-raising operation, helping to raise more than \$200,000.

In January 1999, **Andrej Sierakowski**, BS Eng '98, ME EP '99, (ajs16@cornell.edu) planned to apply for fall 1999 admission to graduate school and expected to find funding to conduct research in the interim. In early 1999, Navy Ensign **Donovan Rivera** received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Pensacola, FL. **Alexander Barbara** (ayb1@cornell.edu) finished Navy Nuclear Power School and Nuclear Prototype and Submarine School, and as of March 1999, was serving as an officer aboard the USS *Miami*, which was involved in Operation Desert Fox in December 1998.

Jason Matyas (matyas@mindspring.com) reported in November that he has completed his training, which included a significant amount of global travel, and is now a mission-ready KC-10 co-pilot, stationed at McGuire AFB. In October, Jason attended a fall Air Force ROTC event and caught up with a number of friends from Campus Crusade for Christ, including classmates **Kristina J. Eng**, **Linda Thomas**, **Don Wagda**, **Jen L. Corliss**, and **Henry Watts**. Jason hoped to begin a master's program in political science at Villanova U. this spring. **Alison J. Brooks** (ajb15@cornell.edu) and **Elad Feldman** are both in medical school at Stony Brook. **Cristian Davis** (cid1@cornell.edu) intended to pursue a PhD in organismic and evolutionary biology at Harvard's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, beginning September 1999. **Melissa D. Altman** (mda2@cornell.edu) started a PhD program in clinical psychology at George Mason U. in the fall after traveling on the West Coast last summer. She caught up with **Vasanth Badari**, who is working for Microsoft in Seattle; **Erin L. Davis**, a structural engineer living in NYC; **Jen Yax**, who's pursuing her singing career while working as a paralegal in San Francisco; as well as **Steve Reseigh**, **Craig Nathan** and **Sheryl Magzamen '96**. **Elisa M. Kim** (emk9@cornell.edu) is at Yale working toward a master's in divinity. School's OK, she said, "but it's no Cornell," and she expected to wear red at Homecoming when Cornell faced off against Yale.

In Manhattan last summer, **Rebecca Propis** (rtp2@cornell.edu) started the Cornell Young Alumni Book Club. Every other month, participants gather at a restaurant to discuss a book written by a Cornell author; selections have included works by **Stewart O'Nan**, MFA '92, **Thomas Pynchon '59**, Helena Maria Viramontes, associate professor of English, and **Kurt Vonnegut '44**. Rebecca invites interested alumni to contact her for details. **Marisa L. Waldman** (marisalw@yahoo.com) expected to enroll at Fordham Law School in August 1999. Meanwhile, **Frances L. Turner** and **Chinwe N. Okasi** are preparing for a May 2000 graduation from Georgetown U. Law Center. Frances accepted a job at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in NYC, while Chinwe will start with Cleary, Gottlieb,

Steen & Hamilton, also in New York. Both plan on careers in corporate law. Another classmate, **Joy M. Hodge**, will graduate from Georgetown Law in May and then will litigate in Atlanta at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue.

Dominic Elias (minic@ms.com) is living in NYC and writes he's seen **Nabil Moubayed**, **Bruce** (Robert B.) **Lynn**, and **Steve**

Nj, on July 24, '99. **Brian Wolkenberg '96** was best man and was joined at the celebration by **Jason A. Stein** and **Mike Gober**. Congratulations to all of you!

Among those who are also subtly reminding us that we are truly adults are **Chris Cheek**, ME '99, and **Craig Schranz**, who have just purchased a house in downtown

McMillan works in advertising, **C. Taylor Milner** is a consultant for Hagen & Co., and **Josh Klein** consults for Pricewaterhouse-Coopers.

John M. Baird is nearing the end of a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Arabian Gulf aboard the guided-missile cruiser USS *Chosin*. **Katherine R. Radzikowski** has started her own financial planning business, with hopes to expand in New York, Washington, DC, and California. Congratulations to **Justin Madson** who has received his master's of science in biology from the U. of Nebraska. **Leighann Sullivan** is teaching dyslexic teenagers in Amenia, NY. She sees **Calie Santana** and **Susan E. Parks**, **Judy E. Veloz**, **Lizandra Delacruz**, **Joanna R. Turner**, and **Cristzayda Matos**. And **Pam B. Becker** is in Arlington, VA, pursuing her doctorate in clinical psychology. No news is too small or insignificant! We love to hear from you. ♦ **Anna Sise**, E. Surry Rd., Keene, NH 03431; e-mail, srs12@cornell.edu; and **Molly Darnieder**, Cornell U., 114 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853; tel. (607) 255-7419; fax, (607) 255-5396; e-mail, mbd4@cornell.edu.

“Parviz Parvizi and Kesang Wangyal ran out of gas at midnight in the desert, 10 miles from Las Vegas.”

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Deutsch, among others. **Elizabeth Soto-Seelig** remains in Washington, DC, where she lives near DuPont Circle with **Colin Cushing**. Last year, Elizabeth accepted a position with Legal Services Corp., a national non-profit group that provides civil legal aid to low-income individuals. She's enjoying her job and making whirlwind weekend excursions to destinations like Savannah, Seattle, San Francisco, and Toronto. In November, **Stephanie A. Gwinner**, BS Hotel '98, reported she was working in front office management at the Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf. **Jon Dorfman** (jdorfman@strategisgroup.com) obtained his master's in international economics from Johns Hopkins SAIS program and accepted a position as a telecom strategy consultant. **Brandon Kibbe** (b_kibbe@hotmail.com) is an outreach coordinator with the Massachusetts Watershed Coalition. He supervises the Pure Water Stewardship Project, a state, federal, and non-profit collaboration working to improve local stewardship and land-use planning and protect water quality. Meanwhile, die-hard New Englander **Pamela A. Whitehead** (Pwhiteh@NEUUS.JNJ.com) relocated from Boston to Los Angeles, where she's enjoying her position as a compensation analyst for Neutrogena Corp. ("I get plenty of free products!") Pamela reports fellow ILR alumnus **Clifton Chang '96** works in recruiting at Neutrogena.

The Year 2000 will no doubt bring lots of changes to the members of the Class of '97. I encourage readers to take a few moments to send in any updates to me directly or via the Internet at www.classof97.cornell.edu. Best wishes to all! ♦ **Erica Broennle**, 7681 Provincial Dr. #103, McLean, VA 22102; e-mail, ejb4@cornell.edu.



As it is spring time, I think it would be most appropriate to begin this column with two wedding announcements! (Yes, it's true!) Patricia and **Chad A. Williams** warned my heart with news of their June 12, '99 wedding at Wagner Vineyards on Seneca Lake. Included in their wedding party were **Mark Belstadt**, BS Eng '99, and **Margie Hendricks**. **Scott Wolkenberg** and **Adrienne O. Bratis** were married in Wanamassa,

Washington, DC. Chris works for the Navy's Propulsion Program and Craig is at Georgetown Medical. Those of us in New York City will read this news with a bit of envy as we dump our earnings into that bottomless hole called RENT!

There are quite a few familiar faces seen out and about in New York including: **Mandy M. Barnhart**, **Brent Goldman**, **Chris Campisano**, **Justin O'Malley**, **Chris O'Keefe**, **Steph Mullette**, **Cara B. Weisel**, **Sophie Karabatsos**, BS ILR '99, **Mary Clare Kukoda**, **Tabitha M. Garrido**, **Cari J. Buxbaum**, and **Anthony C. Jones**. **Chris McFerran** and **Peter Nurnberg** both work in an impressive building at CSFB, an investment bank. In the same building, **Jackie S. Simone** plugs away at Pricewaterhouse-Coopers from 9-5, but after hours may be found at auditions and numerous acting gigs, waiting for her big break on Broadway. **Carlos A. Suarez**, BS Hotel '99, may be found tucked away in the elegant Trustees Dining Room at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. **Sam Goichman** works at Robert Meredith trading bonds. **Kristen A. Wolfe** just started at the Internet company urbanfetch.com. She lives and breathes a slogan that may still bring a smile to many of our faces, "Frat Guys have pledges . . . you have Urban Fetch!" **Jon Breen** works in the "land-down-under" on a project involving the subway system. You may catch a glimpse of him plastered against the wall as your subway train rattles through the tunnels. **Dominique E. Julia** is at J & W Seligman. **Nora Hakim**, BS Ag '99, is working for Saloman Smith Barney and **Jessica P. Strassberg** is at Bloomingdale's. **Jed Davis** is at Restaurant Daniel, but may often be seen at the Mustang Bar with friends **Jesse Vozick**, **Jamie Satler**, **Adam Lupion**, and **Peter Sterling**. **Jon Wolfe** is at NYU Law, and **Dave Wolfe**, BA '99, holds down the fort at Cornell, also studying law.

This only touches on a very small sphere of our class here in New York. **Wudbhav "Woody" Sankar** and **Paul Leibrandt** are both in medical school in Pennsylvania. In law school, **Kiera S. Gans** is in Toronto and **Jamie M. Larmann** is at GW. In Boston, **Meredith C. Moore** is at Children's Hospital in International Health Services, **Jon**



I recently read one of those silly e-mail forwards describing, "You know you're not in college anymore when . . ." I was struck by how many of them were applicable, like, "You go from 130 vacation days to 14," and "You no longer take naps from noon till 6 p.m.," and of course, "You keep more food than beer in the refrigerator." Wow. Just think, at this time last year we were just beginning to count down the days until Slope Day. Time flies when you're having fun, right? On to the news.

Well into his first year of medical school, **Justin Nudell** wrote to us from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine where he's pursuing his DO degree. Proving that medical students do have at least five free minutes even during finals week, Justin also took the time to report that **Brian Trummer** is overseas in the "Mother Country" enrolled in a master's of human biology program at Oxford U., and that **Tony Quach** is a fellow first-year medical student at U. of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Oops, looks like even class columnists make mistakes! **Julie E. Margolin** does NOT work in Florida as reported last time. She works as a general manager for a restaurant on City Walk at Universal Studios in Los Angeles, CA. And **Sonal P. Jog** tells us that she's actually in Toledo, OH, not in the Caribbean. Sonal decided to go to the Medical College of Ohio and, sadly, the only light she's basking in is the fluorescent glow of the basement anatomy labs. Thanks for the corrections!

Before the sleigh bells, there were wedding bells for the lovely **Stephanie (Uram)** and **Bobby Ochs '98**. The big day was Oct. 9, '99 in Woodbury, NJ. Cornellians in attendance included **Susie W. Crego**, **Jamie L. Sikorski** (now working for Fairmont, Copley Plaza in Boston, MA), **Rebecca M. Peterson**

(studying law at NYU), **Brian McCloskey** (working in New York City), **Peter Fecci** (a first-year medical student at Duke Medical School), **Andy Emeritz** (working in marketing for Medscape in NYC), **Michael O'Donnell '00** (just graduated in December), **Domenic Sposato '98** (pursuing his master's at Cornell), **Farah Mollo, JD '97, Laura B. Little '00, Stephanie S. Wilmot '00, Betsy L. Stein '00, and Erin E. Flinn '00.**

After spending four long years in the most fun major at Cornell (chemical engineering, but you knew that, right?), **Matthew Gamage** now works for Westinghouse in Utah. This lucky guy gets to wear steel-toed boots and play with dangerous chemicals. **Sheyna Q. Horowitz** went out to visit him last fall. Although Matt swore he was never coming back, he ended up in Ithaca after a business trip back East. That's okay, Matt. Some of us may be reluctant to admit it, but secretly we all miss Cornell every once in a while. Sheyna, one of our rockin' reunion chairs, works at Susquehanna U. as an admissions counselor.

Hilary Schroeder just completed what sounds like an amazing urban semester in NYC and graduated in December. Some highlights from her semester in the city included working at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, doing lots of EMS ambulance time, and volunteering at Roosevelt High School in the Bronx where this vocally gifted Class Notes alum started a choir program AND wrote an "Alma Mater" for her students. In her limited free time, Hilary managed to cover more territory in one semester than most New York natives do in a year. She attended the MTV Music Awards, the US Open, the Chase Tennis Tournament, "every single Broadway show," Yankee games galore, and the Rikki Lake Show. She's thinking about taking a year off and going back to NYC before medical school.

Also in the Big Apple, **Bea Reig** is a first-year medical student at Columbia. **Natalie A. Bello** does research at Columbia Presbyterian medical school on vitamin A and kidney development and is living with **Tara E. Gutkowski** and **Stefanie B. Jaron. Misha Angelovskiy** attends graduate school in Los Angeles, a city he is slowly learning to accept, even though it will never compare to NYC. **Gordon Cohen** works for Lehman Brothers in the biotechnology equity analysis sector.

It looks like Boston has made a strong showing in attracting members of the class of '99. The Hub may lack the Empire State Building and a fancy Cornell Club, but lots of us here have found the place quite charming. **Susanna D. Gordon** works for Marsh USA Inc., the world's largest insurance brokerage firm. She tells us that she misses being "far above Cayuga's waters" and wishes much happiness for the Class of '99 in Y2K. **John F. Stokes** has been working as a human factors analyst in Arthur D. Little's Technology and Innovation Group since June. He's been working on all kinds of design projects from military soldier systems to consumer products. Work has taken him to places up and down the East Coast, including Georgia, North

Carolina, Maryland, and Kentucky. When he's not too busy running test subjects through obstacle courses or climbing all over Army helicopters, he can be found in the Boston/Cambridge area learning all the backward and narrow streets, hiking and biking all over New England, and occasionally heading back home to nearby Newburyport to rebuild a fishing boat with his dad.

Elsewhere in Boston, **Kirsten E. Hill** is busy applying to nursing school and serving lobsters at Legal Seafood. For those who haven't tried it, their clam chowder is to die for. During the month of January, Kirsten will be in Jamaica on an intensive nursing education program. **Tyler R. Chenel** works for ACS as an account analyst. In his spare time, he tries to hit every tourist attraction in Boston, his favorite being "that boat in the North End" (which would be the USS *Constitution*, aka *Old Ironsides*, nicknamed during the War of 1812 when cannonballs fired by the British bounced off the hull). **Kathleen J. Witter** spent a busy holiday season crafting 38 beautiful homemade Christmas cards. In her spare time, she works as a consultant for a marketing research firm called MAPS (Marketing and Planning Systems). **Kate A. Strauss** rounds out this apartment full of Cornellians and works for Andersen Consulting.

It looks like that newspaper bug that **Laura J. Kauderer** picked up at Cornell has stayed with her. This former business manager of our beloved *Cornell Daily Sun* now works her magic for Boston.com, the *Boston Globe's* website, in local advertising sales. Laura reports "loving Boston." She lives with **Jessica R. Shaw** and regularly sees **Joel Raha, Amy Noe '98, and Max (Andrew M.) Peter '98.**

Legal trouble, anyone? We recommend you try to avoid any, at least for a couple more years until our talented classmates finish law school. **Jay Ment** is at NYU Law and having a great time. **Adam Ross** is a first year student at Boston U. law school and lives in Brookline, MA. **Nat Dorfman** has been spotted gracing the Harvard Law campus in Cambridge.

Diana J. Fitek has been working as a research assistant at the American Psychiatric Assn. in Washington, DC, since mid-July. **Paul A. Riley** also lives in DC, in an "obscenely" large apartment, and paying "obscenely" low rent (at least compared to metro New York) and works on Capitol Hill. **David Liben-Nowell** studies linguistics and computer science at Cambridge U. in the UK.

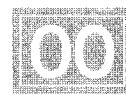
For some of us recent graduates, it's all about taking your sweet time to plan your next move! **Kesang Wangyal** is doing just that in NYC, while **Rekik Alehegn** is still in Ithaca plotting her next spectacular move. **Youngmin Yoon** recently spent some time in Korea. **Parviz Parvizi** and Kesang Wangyal "drove around the country" and had some rather amazing adventures on the way. In addition to running into plenty of other Cornellians, such as **Colleen Sahyshur '02** in Madison, WI, **Jeff Vogel '98** and **James Harney** in Palo Alto, CA, and "Lord" **Richard Kekahuna MS AES/MS M '98** in Los Angeles, these two ran into some interesting

car trouble. Parviz tells us they "managed to get stuck in mud on the Bonneville Salt Flats, 28 miles from civilization (a friendly trucker on a nearby highway got us a towing service), and ran out of gas at midnight in the desert, 10 miles from Las Vegas (found gas at a random heli-port, an airport for helicopters, in the middle of the desert)." Parviz now works for McKinsey & Company and attended a business conference at Dartmouth College with **Betsy B. Ostrov**, where they learned all about the "dynamic world of bentonite clay" as part of a consulting project.

Erin C. Lifeso reports that upon graduating, she "freaked out" and flew to Europe for a whirlwind tour of seven countries in 22 days. She now works for Trilogy Software in Austin, TX, where "basically I had to become a computer science person." Having graduated from Mechanical Engineering, she was not too prepared for the world of coding and had to start from scratch and beg for help in learning Java, JSP, and what the heck a "bean" was. (Erin, don't feel so bad. Half of us reading that bean comment have no idea either.) It sounds like Erin's having a ball in Texas and reports that Trilogy is great; she's met lots of smart and fun people, and has even started playing for the Austin women's rugby club.

That about does it for this edition. We genuinely LOVE to hear from you. Please e-mail or write to us; we promise we don't bite.

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Welcome to the first Class of 2000 column! This is our space in which to keep in touch with each other as we leave Cornell. If you're getting married, if you become President of the United States, or if you're just "Nosy in Nevada" or "Lonely on Long Island" and want to know what others are up to, look here for the news.

The Alumni Class Officers of the senior class determined to use this first column to introduce ourselves. So keep reading to get the "IDL" on them and on important Class of 2000 events.

Hailing from Brookline, MA, Alumni Class President **Elizabeth L. "Betsy" Stein** is preparing to work in the field of human resources upon graduation from the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Betsy also keeps busy as a Kappa Delta sister and a Cornell ambassador. Eager to assist Betsy with her presidential duties is **Emanuel "Eman" Tsourounis II**, our Vice President. You might recognize him as the president of the Student Assembly. Eman is also a Cornell National Scholar and a member of the Slope Day Planning Committee. A native of Owings, MD, he is completing both the government and American studies majors in the College of Arts and Sciences.

<Static ensues.> To interrupt this broad-

cast, we now bring you some news from the front lines. Senior Class Campaign Chair **Rebekah S. "I'm married to this campaign!" Gordon** has an important news flash: "The Senior Class Campaign is in full swing, as we are asking seniors to pay their class dues and/or make a gift. You can do both for only \$20 in honor of the Class of 2000! The designated senior class gift is the Class of 2000 Scholarship." If you are interested in volunteering on the Campaign or would like more information on giving to the scholarship, please contact Rebekah at rsg6@cornell.edu.

Now, some information about the woman behind the Campaign. Rebekah, a resident of Burlingame, CA, is a communication major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. In addition to the Campaign, she also works as a tour guide on campus and is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and Cornell Ambassadors. Rebekah hopes to pursue a career in either public relations or marketing.

Our Campaign Chair is assisted by **Nina Lee** and **Barrett Yates**. Nina calls sunny San Diego, CA, her hometown. She is a premed American studies major in the Arts college. Nina is also vice president of the Cornell Chorus, a Cornell Tradition Fellow, and Web-Link Chair of the Cornell Ambassadors. She says she eventually wants to be a doctor in a third world country. Barrett is also a Westerner, hailing from Albuquerque, NM. She is a sister in Delta Gamma and a member of Quill & Dagger Honor Society. She also keeps herself busy as the Panhellenic Vice President of Membership Recruitment while finishing up her double-major in anthropology and Latin American studies in the Arts college.

Julie-Anne Dittmer is Senior Class President and is responsible for planning Class of 2000 events. Julie is a member of Quill & Dagger Honor Society and Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and is a teaching assistant in the School of Hotel Administration. Upon graduation, Julie wants to go into consulting or hospitality operations, and maybe someday own her own hotel!

Speaking of Class of 2000 events, be sure not to miss the Second Annual Senior Info Fair on March 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Willard Straight Memorial Room. Also, get ready for more Zinck's Nights throughout the term, and our last Free Chinese Buffet at the end of the semester.

But back to our regularly scheduled program. **Judy Seltzer** of Brooklyn, NY, is preparing for a career in veterinary medicine in the Ag college. In the meantime, she is serving as the Alumni Secretary/Treasurer. Judy is also a member of the Class of 2000 Council and a teaching assistant for the first distance-learning class in the animal science department.

Our Event/Reunion Chairs are **Kim Melson** and **Andrea Wasserman**. Kim is an environmental engineer in the College of Engineering and hails from Hampton, VA. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority and is also secretary of Mortarboard National Senior Honor Society. Kim has signed with Andersen Consulting and will be stationed in the Reston, VA, office upon graduation.

Andrea, a policy analysis and management major in the College of Human Ecology, will head to Manhattan after graduation to work as an investment banking analyst in Merrill Lynch's retail industry group. She is a member of Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, Kappa Alpha Theta, and the Class Council's Senior Week Committee.

Melinda Hightower of Detroit, MI, is the Alumni Class Regional Contact. Melinda graduated from the ILR school in December. On campus, she was the charter president of Alpha Kappa Psi and a member of the Cornell Forensics Society. **Rachel Helfeld**, our Class Historian, hails from Hewlett, NY. Rachel also helped to found Alpha Kappa Psi and is currently their professional development chair. She is also an ambassador for the ILR college.

And last but not least, your Class Correspondents are **Andrea M. Chan** and **Sarah Striffler**, who will be responsible for dishing out the latest gossip on you and all of your friends. Andrea is pursuing a double major in biology and business management in the Human Ecology college. A native of Eatontown, NJ, Andrea is also vice president of the Class of 2000 Council and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Sarah is completing her term as managing editor of the *Cornell Daily Sun*. A resident of New Canaan, CT, she is an American studies major in the Arts college with a concentration in women's studies. Sarah hopes to pursue a career in book publishing. ♦ **Andrea M. Chan**; e-mail, amc32@cornell.edu; and **Sarah Striffler**; e-mail, sjs34@cornell.edu.



Welcome to our inaugural column! The College of Veterinary Medicine is leading the pack as the first of Cornell's professional colleges to have alumni news included in *Cornell Magazine*. Our alumni association is pleased to be working closely with the magazine to include news from Veterinary college graduates in each upcoming issue. Enjoy!

Helen (Borchman), DVM '40, and **Henry Doremus**, DVM '46, report that retirement is going very well! They live in Florida, where they actively volunteer for the humane society. Both Helen and Henry have fond memories of practicing veterinary medicine together in NJ. **David Lawrence**, DVM '44, and wife **Frieda (Diamond)** '44 are avid travelers. Most recently they enjoyed a trip to Romania, where they were treated to a fascinating adventure, including a visit to the Wildlife Conservation Society which protects wolves, lynx, and bears. A woman who had fled Romania at age 25 led the trip, organized through National Public Radio-WBUR in Boston. David is "almost" retired and enjoys working a few hours a week when he and Frieda aren't traveling. **George Reed**, DVM '44, is a professor and director of cardiothoracic surgery at the NY Medical College in Valhalla, NY. **Bob Kahrs**, DVM '54, PhD '65, and wife **Evelyn (Payne)** '53 recently relocated to St. Augustine, FL, where they are refurbishing their new home. Bob is officially retired, but continues to keep busy with speak-

ing engagements and updating a new edition of his textbook, *Viral Diseases of Cattle*. The entire Kahrs family, including children and grandchildren, were together in Florida for the holidays.

Bob (Robert B.) Hillman, DVM '55, MS Ag '61, is looking forward to seeing you all at your class's 45th Reunion this June. So much so, that he volunteered to co-chair the celebration with **Bob Manning**, DVM '55!

Bob Phemister, DVM '60, e-mails that **Adrian Morrison**, DVM '60, MS Ag '62, **Merrill Johnson**, DVM '60, (who hopes to have **G. Harvey Barrett**, DVM '60, join him), and **Trish Thomson Herr**, DVM '60, are all looking forward to reunion. Bob and Ann will be going on a vacation in the South Pacific. Bob is co-chairing his 40th Reunion celebration with classmate **David Morrow**, DVM '60, PhD '67, the newly elected president of the CVM Alumni Association. **Richard Montali**, DVM '64, e-mails, "I've been the chief pathologist at the Smithsonian National Zoo in Washington, DC, since completing residency at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore several decades ago. I have had great opportunities in this position to identify new disease problems in exotic species, teach residents, and be involved in collaborative research and conservation efforts. Lately I've traveled for my job to Europe and Africa and I just returned from Chengdu working with Chinese colleagues on Giant Panda problems. My daughter Natalie graduates from North Carolina State in May with a BS, and my son Mike from U. of Illinois (Chicago campus) next year with a BA. I still ride horses and ski, rollerblade and bike, but my new passion is windsurfing which I do addictively."

Pepi Leids, DVM '82, sold part of a mixed animal practice five years ago and enjoys her current position as a field veterinarian for NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets very much. She's responsible for infectious disease control and regulatory duties concerning vet med. in a six-county area in the Finger Lakes Region of NY State. Pepi is also newly mesmerized by dog agility. She has shown her Border Collie to two novice titles and has almost achieved an open title in one season of showing! She is the secretary/treasurer of the CVM Alumni Assn. and is also the former chair of the NYS Board for Veterinary Medicine. **Bonnie Grambow** Campbell, DVM '88, PhD '99, just completed her PhD in biomedical sciences in Cornell's Vet college, and is about to start a position as assistant professor of small animal surgery at Washington State U. vet college. Bonnie and husband Scott are busy packing for the move out west.

Elaine Feely, DVM '90, and spouse **Kaveh Barjesteh** '85 checked in from San Francisco. They've gone hiking on the California coast, been to Vancouver, BC, England, and France, and went to New York City for their New Year 2000 celebration! **Linda Messinger**, DVM '90, is board certified in dermatology and was married to Mike Manos last July. **Michele Lamothe**, DVM '90, com-

pleted her second Boston-NY AIDS Ride. **Kim Koprowski**, DVM '90, checks in from the North Country where she has opened "Paws 'n' Claws Pet Spa," a combo boarding/grooming addition and retail store within the clinic. She hopes to hire an associate soon.

Celeste Boatright, DVM '90, is happily working at the Genesee Valley Equine Clinic. You may have seen her husband, Eric, on the "Regis and Kathy Lee Live" show last September with their dog "Driggs," who won the Advantage® dog singing contest! We hear that **Dave Leahy**, DVM '90, has five sons! Can you imagine five of Dave anywhere? **Kelli Carpenter**, DVM '94, is feeling great, and her new job working with small animals (mixed animal practice) is going well. **H. Himani Das**, DVM '94, is living and working in Florida where she recently started her own holistic equine practice including acupuncture, chiropractic, and Chinese herbs. She says, "It's awesome!" She calls it Managing Animals Naturally Incorporated (MANI).

From **Debra Sapcariu**, DVM '94, "Reunion was FANTASTIC! To all who missed it, you missed out and we missed you. Start planning for the tenth. Being back in Ithaca was awesome—the memories, the beauty, ahhhhh, can't get enough of that place. If anyone has any video footage from Vet school days (i.e., Wizard of Os, OTS talent shows, etc.), I'm trying to compile video footage to make a class video. So far we have Dr. Fox stuff and all the graduation slides. Those at reunion can tell you, it's great memories. Feel free to send me your tapes!"

Robin Moyle, DVM '94, and Christopher Rodi (a former CVM small animal medicine intern) report that their jobs with National PetCare are going well. They fulfilled a lifetime dream in 1999 by taking a month-long journey through East Africa and had another adventure sailing through the Panama Canal to scuba dive off the coast of Honduras and Belize. Robin and her boxer "Coho" completed his CDX this past fall. Congratulations!

Also traveling is **Leslie Appel**, DVM '94, who just returned to Ithaca from Dubai where she was visiting Phil Hammock (a former CVM large animal surgery intern) who is there for a year as a surgeon for the Sheik. Leslie is happy to be an instructor at the CVM teaching basic surgical techniques and principles through CPS. She is also keeping busy as director of the Cornell Companions program and as a faculty advisor for Cornell's Pet Loss Support Hotline. In her spare time, she and "Zeppy" hike trails throughout the area.

Jose Pla, DVM '95, checks in from New Jersey, where he is doing relief work for four practices, one of which is an emergency clinic. There's no "on call" duty and he loves the changing pace of the work. **Kim Traugott '86**, DVM '95, moved back to St. Croix and is doing very well. She would love to reconnect with classmates, and welcomes visitors! **Liz vonKeyserling Lynch**, DVM '95, was re-

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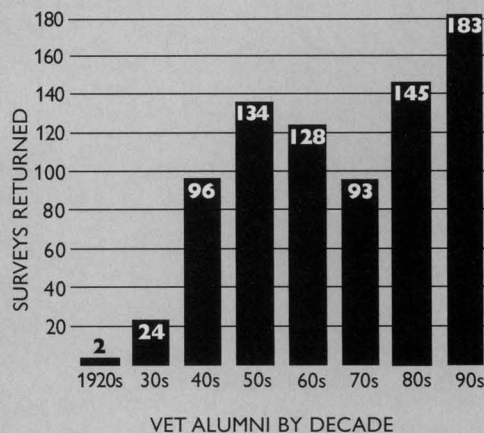
In August '99 the Office of Public Affairs conducted the first-ever DVM alumni survey to help "capture the college at the beginning of the 21st century—its spirit, programs, people, traditions, and new frontiers."

As of December 31 an astonishing 805 DVM alumni have returned surveys; one graduate of 1922 and 804 graduates of seventy consecutive years (1929-

1999). A twenty-four percent return shows great enthusiasm for the College, and alumni responses reflect an overall fulfillment while working in the varied field of veterinary medicine!

The survey included demographic questions and those requiring respondents to reflect on their personal experiences as DVMs and to offer ideas about their professional field at the current time. A comprehensive report will be presented in an upcoming CVM newsletter. Try your hand at the following questions (answers are at the bottom of the page):

1. What did survey respondents think is the most valued trait a DVM should possess/exhibit?
2. What do respondents enjoy most about their work?
3. What did respondents consider to be their most meaningful experience in veterinary medicine?



cently appointed chair of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Assn. Committee on Companion Animals and has received the OVMA's Meritorious Award for support of organized veterinary medicine. She and **Charlie '90**, MBA '95, moved to New Jersey with their brand new baby girl.

Jeanette Lyons, DVM '95, and husband John have twin boys (Patrick and Ryan born on December 30) and puppies, and spend their time taking rawhide bones out of the baby's mouth and rattles out of the puppy's mouth! Jeanette is working part-time at the Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center in Illinois with **Dee Ann Dugger**, DVM '95. Dee Ann is currently an emergency and critical care clinician in Chicago and enjoys the fast pace of this new position. She works with Biopure Co. to promote the use of oxyglobin. She spent the summer sailing on Lake Michigan.

Reunion News (classes ending in "0" or "5"): Reunion plans are well under way at

the college and university for a splendid weekend, June 8-11, 2000. All CVM reunion class alumni will receive registration materials soon directly from our Office of Public Affairs, and you can view the schedule for the weekend and your original class photo at www.vet.cornell.edu. If you have questions, feel free to call Public Affairs at (607) 253-3744, or e-mail **Tracey Brant '84** at tlb10@cornell.edu.

Cornell Connections: There are over 100 Cornell clubs and alumni associations that connect Cornellians by sponsoring a variety of social, educational, and service programs worldwide. For information about the group nearest you, visit <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu> or call the Office of Regional Programs at (607) 255-3517. ♦ Send your news to **Tracey Brant**, College of Veterinary Medicine News, Office of Public Affairs, Box 39, Ithaca, NY 14853-6401; e-mail, tlb10@cornell.edu.

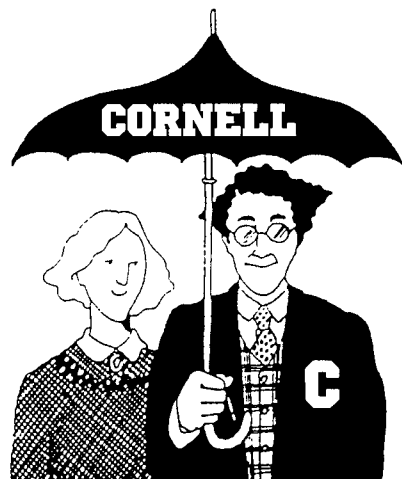
Answers to questions: 1. The predominant answers were "integrity" and "compassion." 2. "Client-owner relationships" topped the list, with "variety of work" coming in second. 3. "Developing animal-to-human and human-to-human bonds."

ALUMNI DEATHS

- '23—**Ardella Farnsworth** of East Syracuse, NY, exact date unknown.
- '23—**Evelyn Reyna Wilgus** (Mrs. Herbert S. Jr. '26) of Orange, CA, formerly of Santa Ana, May 20, 1999.
- '24—**Louise Alter Clarke** (Mrs. George C.) of Miami Beach, FL, exact date unknown.
- '25 **BS Ag, MS '30—Dorothy M. Compton** of Pitman, NJ, exact date unknown.
- '25 **CE—Frank J. Pagliaro** of Mount Kisco, NY, June 20, 1999; retired owner/president, Pagliaro Construction Co.; active in professional affairs.
- '26, **CE '27—Eugene L. Lehr** of Bethesda, MD, June 22, 1999; retired captain, US Public Health Service. Pi Kappa Phi.
- '27 **BA—William Effron** of Poughkeepsie, NY, and West Palm Beach, FL, February 25, 1999; founder and president, EFCO Products, Inc.
- '28 **BS Ag—Hilda M. Anderson** of Bethesda, MD, February 14, 1999.
- '28—**Miguel A. Balasquide** of Ponce, PR, January 1990.
- '28—**Joseph Jacobs** of Atlanta, GA, exact date unknown.
- '29 **BA—Dorothy Heyl Jones** (Mrs. Roger W.) of New Hartford, CT, July 9, 1999; retired librarian, National Cathedral Theological Library; active in community and professional affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.
- '29 **BS HE—Alice Myers Ketcham** (Mrs. Henry C. '29) of Greene, NY, April 13, 1999.
- '29 **BS Ag—William J. Losel** of Kenmore, NY, July 7, 1999; retired principal, McKinley High School, Buffalo; teacher, Boys Vocational High School, Buffalo; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '30, **CE '31—Henry D. Bean** of Haddonfield, NJ, and Tequesta, FL, June 30, 1999; founder, Henry D. Bean Insurance Co.; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- '30, **EE '31—Felix R. Caldwell** of Miami, FL, January 9, 1999.
- '30 **PhD—Everett C. Hughes** of Pasadena, CA, June 18, 1999; associate professor, University of Southern California Medical School, vice-president, Standard Oil Co.; active in professional affairs.
- '30 **MA—Edna C. Kleinmeyer** of Cleveland, OH, June 26, 1999; retired teacher, Lakewood High School, Cleveland; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '31 **BA—James N. Barroway** of Cherry Hill, NJ, exact date unknown; retired medical director, Camden County division of children; veteran; active in professional affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.
- '31—**Deane L. Bassett** of Mason, NH, March 9, 1999; retired advertising and office manager, Standard Duplicating Machine, Inc., Everett, MA; active in religious affairs. Kappa Sigma.
- '31 **BA—Richard S. Bentley** of Tavares, FL, April 12, 1999; retired, K. W. Battery Division, Westinghouse Co. Theta Delta Chi.
- '31 **MD—Elizabeth Humeston Brittain** (Mrs. James M.) of Carmel, CA, December 20, 1998.
- '31 **BA, MD '34—William H. Eberle** of Chagrin Falls, OH, formerly of Ashtabula, July 13, 1999; retired pediatrician; veteran; active in civic and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma.
- '31 **BA—David Fettner** of Jamaica, NY, December 15, 1998.
- '31 **BA '32—Russell L. Lawson** of Wheaton, IL, May 30, 1999.
- '31 **BS HE—Evelyn Fineman Miller** of Atlanta, GA, March 19, 1999; former guidance counselor, New York University. Sigma Delta Tau.
- '31—**Jack Schiff** of New Rochelle, NY, April 30, 1999. Theta Delta Chi.
- '32, **BS Hotel '33—John R. Beyer** of Buffalo, NY, March 17, 1999. Delta Chi.
- '32—**Ishbel G.M. Campbell** of Southampton, England, formerly of Newtonmore, Scotland, exact date unknown.
- '33—**Marcia Brown Hart** (Mrs. Elizur K.) of Albion, NY, formerly of Pleasantville, June 21, 1999; active in community affairs.
- '34 **PhD—Louis C. Conant** of Palo Alto, CA, formerly of Cupertino, CA, and Washington, DC, June 2, 1999; active in alumni affairs.
- '34—**Daniel N. Dressler** of Binghamton, NY, February 20, 1999.
- '34 **EE—Robert B. Gray** of Erie, PA, June 8, 1999; retired technical services consultant, Hartman Metal Fabricator's Allis-Chalmers Division; active in professional affairs.
- '34 **BA—Ruth Buckland Hoffman** (Mrs. Joseph G. '35) of Amherst, NY, June 26, 1999; retired librarian, Buffalo State College; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '34, **BS AEM '35—Joseph P. Kittredge Jr.** of Hermitage, PA, June 23, 1999. Kappa Alpha.
- '35, **BA '36—John P. Batchelar** of Pittsburgh, PA, April 16, 1999.
- '35 **BA—R. Kirk Batzer** of Summit, NJ, May 9, 1998; retired senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand; former editor, CPA Journal; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.
- '35 **BA—Donald A. Farrey** of Miami, FL, formerly of Lakehurst, NJ, exact date unknown. Sigma Pi.
- '35, **BA '36—William K. Kellogg** of Sun City West, AZ, February 25, 1999. Delta Tau Delta.
- '36 **BS HE—Virginia Day Fisher** (Mrs. Rowland S.) of Java Village, NY, February 1, 1998; former postmaster; active in religious affairs.
- '36 **BS Ag—James F. Geary** of Seminole, FL, formerly of Lancaster, PA, July 14, 1999; retired sales manager, John B. Eschelmann Livestock Feed Sales, Lancaster; active in community and religious affairs.
- '36 **BA—Theodore M. Hogeman** of York, PA, formerly of Norwich, NY, June 11, 1999; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Phi.
- '37—**Clarence B. Dickinson** of Nellysford, VA, formerly of Lake Forest, IL, August 14, 1998; chief pilot, Square D Co.; veteran.
- '37 **BS HE—Phyllis Goldberg Johnson** of Inverness, FL, May 21, 1999.

- '37 BA—Theodore M. Kaufman** of East Hampton, NY, June 16, 1999; apparel industry leader; veteran; active in civic and professional affairs. Pi Lambda Phi. Wife, Grace (Miller) '37.
- '37 BS Hotel—Verne M. Ketterer** of Spring Lake, NJ, formerly of Glen Ridge, and Sarasota, FL, June 19, 1999; district manager, Saga Food Services, NJ. Sigma Chi.
- '37—Arnold P. Paltrow** of Palm Beach, FL, formerly of Great Neck, NY, July 10, 1999.
- '37 EE—Theodore C. Rehm** of Cape Coral, FL, June 22, 1999.
- '38 BS Hotel—E. Eastman Beers** of Dundee, NY, July 4, 1999; partner, Spring Ledge Farms; co-founder, Glenora Wines; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '38 MD—Eugene J. Cohen** of Old Westbury, NY, July 16, 1999; retired endocrinologist.
- '38—Emil Ferdinand Dahlquist** of Catskill, NY, exact date unknown.
- '38—David R. Flynn** of Orange Park, FL, exact date unknown.
- '38, BA '39—Louise Welsh** Shangle of Kennebunkport, ME, July 10, 1999; co-founder, Snow Goose Inn, Goose Rocks, and Yankee Pantry, Carmel, CA. Alpha Phi.
- '39 BA, JD '41—Lee Feltman** of New York City, July 1, 1999; attorney, Feltman, Karesh, Major, & Farbman; Tau Delta Phi. Wife, Shirley (Benjamin) '40.
- '39—Gertrude Sherman** Littlepage of Charleston, SC, formerly of Washington, DC, exact date unknown.
- '39 BS AEM, MS Eng '45—Martin W. Sampson Jr.** of Roseville, MN, formerly of Ithaca, NY, June 6, 1999; emeritus professor, Cornell University; active in community affairs.
- '40—Harry C. Copeland Jr.** of New York City, exact date unknown; owner/president, H.C. Copeland & Associate. Zeta Psi.
- '40 B Chem, Chem E '41—Robert P. Ogden** of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, July 1, 1999; retired corporate vice-president/chemicals, Pennwalt Chemicals; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.
- '41 BS Hotel—Robert G. Bartholomew** of Port St. Lucie, FL, January 8, 1996; retired restaurant manager, Port St. Lucie Hilton Country Club; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.
- '41 MA—Christine Albanese** Bartlett of Edgar, FL, 1992.
- '41 BS Ag—Bruce M. Budman** of Easton, PA, July 2, 1999; retired district sales manager and local agent, Nationwide Insurance Co.; instructor, Pennsylvania State U.; veteran.
- '41 BS Hotel—Arthur E. Patterson** of Akron, OH, May 14, 1999; retired manager, Agri-Industrial Tire Marketing, Goodyear Co.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Theta Delta Chi.
- '41 BCE—Bart C. Tully Jr.** of Memphis, TN, May 10, 1999.
- '42 BS Ag, JD '56—Leo V. Berger** of Bal Harbour, FL, formerly of Miami, and Old Westbury, NY, July 24, 1999; shipping magnate; founder, Apex Marine Co., Lake Success, NY; merchant marine; veteran; active in alumni and professional affairs.
- '42 BArch—Marjorie Eilenberg** Carnes (Mrs. Thomas S. '42) of Ithaca, NY, formerly of Holliston, MA; exact date unknown. Alpha Omicron Pi.
- '42 BS Ag—John H. Conroy** of Arlington, VA, June 29, 1999; retired senior program leader, Arlington County Recreation Department; formerly environmental consultant and economic development advisor, Department of Agriculture and the Agency for International Development; veteran; active in civic, professional, and religious affairs.
- '42 BS Ag—Arthur E. Hausner** of Palmetto, FL, March 13, 1999.
- '42 BS Hotel—Gordon H. Hines** of Darien, CT, exact date unknown; retired manager, Blaikie, Miller, & Hines, Stamford. Sigma Nu. Wife, Priscilla (Blaikie) '42, BS Hotel '41.
- '42 MS HE—Eleanor H. Holmwood** of Richmond, VA, exact date unknown.
- '42—Giltner J. Knudson** of Costa Mesa, CA, January 2, 1999; president, Moonlight Marine Corp. Seal and Serpent.
- '42 Sp Ag—Reginald P. Lawrence** of Bemus Point, NY, exact date unknown.
- '42 BS HE—Eugenia Slaght** Mayer of Dalton, MA, May 7, 1999. Kappa Alpha Theta.
- '42 BS AEM—Donald E. Mead** of Upper Saddle River, NJ, June 14, 1999; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Sigma.
- '42 MA, PhD '51—Ruth E. Corp** Polson (Mrs. Robert A.) of Ithaca, NY, July 6, 1999; active in alumni affairs.
- '42 BS AE M—W. Robert Read** of Milwaukee, WI, May 5, 1999; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
- '42 MA—Catherine Crook** Ritchie (Mrs. Frederick A.) of Needham, MA, formerly of Wellesley Hills, and Washington, DC, July 14, 1999; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Kappa Gamma.
- '42, B Chem E '43—Philip H. Seaver** of Marblehead, MA, July 25, 1999; retired president, Badger Co., Cambridge; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Sigma. Wife, Anne (Laskowy) '42, B Chem E '43.
- '43—Carl E. Anderson** of Avon, CT, formerly of West Hartford, July 12, 1999; owner, E. J. Anderson Co., Hartford.
- '43—Robert E. Bain** of West Winfield, NY, exact date unknown.
- '43 BS Ag, MD '49—Bruce K. Beasor** of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Theresa, NY, June 15, 1999; retired guidance counselor, LaFargeville Central School; previously employed as a teacher; veteran; master gardener; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '43—Everett E. Bowles** of Omaha, NE, formerly of West Wareham, MA, exact date unknown.
- '43 BA—Frank J. Giambona** of Daytona Beach, FL, January 2, 1999.
- '43 BS Hotel—Richard R. Nickerson** of Holyoke, MA, July 10, 1999; retired corporate officer, Autotron Inc. Kappa Sigma.
- '44—James A. Collins**, exact date unknown. Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- '44—Wallace F. Howard** of Vienna, VA, exact date unknown. Sigma Phi Epsilon.
- '44 BA '47—Robert L. Kenerson** of Ithaca, NY, June 20, 1999; former executive director, United Way; veteran; active in community affairs. Kappa Sigma.
- '44—Robert Fisher Laird Jr.** of Salem, NJ, January 20, 1999; Beta Theta Pi.
- '44, B Chem E '47—George D. Ward** of Washington Depot, CT, June 29, 1999; director, Ward, Douglas and Co. Inc.; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.
- '45—Robert D. Dewey** of Littleton, CO, exact date unknown. Psi Upsilon.
- '45 BS HE—Elizabeth Hopkins** Collins of Barneveld, NY, exact date unknown. Husband, John M. Collins '43.
- '45, BS Ag '48—Bart J. Epstein** of Akron, OH, exact date unknown. Sigma Alpha Mu.
- '45 MME—Mehmet S. Gonul** of Istanbul, Turkey, September 27, 1988.

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'46-48 Sp Ag—**Alvin J. Braun** of Geneva, NY, June 7, 1999; professor emeritus of plant pathology, NYS Agricultural Experiment Station; active in community and religious affairs.

'46 BS Nurs—**Jennie Kline** Cosky (Mrs. Thomas C.) of Pinellas Park, FL, July 10, 1999; staff nurse and surgical and recovery room supervisor, VA Med Center, Bay Pines; active in professional and religious affairs.

'46 JD—**George S. Dillon** of Springburg, NJ, and Boynton Beach, FL, June 7, 1999; former president, CEO, and chairman, Air Reduction Co. (Aircro); former partner, Shearman & Sterling; veteran; active in community affairs.

'46 BCE—**E. H. Lannom Jr.** of Dyersburg, TN, February 6, 1999; president/CEO, Forcum-Lannom Inc. Kappa Sigma, Delta Phi.

'47 BA, MA '49—**Richard E. Flight** of Ithaca, NY, June 18, 1999; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi. Wife, Isabelle (Trefethen), MSHE '49.

'47, BS HE '46—**Dorothy Kandl** Lagunowich of York, PA, exact date unknown. Husband, Michael A. Lagunowich '48.

'46-48 Sp Ag—**Harold J. Hait** of Jefferson, NY, January 3, 1998; ag and biotechnician, Eastern AL Coop.

'47 BA '46—**Elizabeth Smythe** Novotny of Topeka, KS, June 24, 1999; clinical child psychologist, Menninger Foundation; active in professional affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'48 BME, PhD '56—**Kenneth S. Edwards Jr.** of El Paso, TX, July 16, 1999; professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, U. of Texas; active in community and professional affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'48 BFA, MA '66—**Jeanne Galloway** of Grosse Pointe, MI, October, 1998; retired professor, Wayne State University.

'48 BME—**Warren G. Halliday** of Monument, CO, exact date unknown; engineer, Diamond International Corp.

'48 PhD—**Maurice A. Hatch** of Lexington, KY, exact date unknown; retired professor, University of Kentucky; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'48, BS HE '49—**Phyllis A. Heckelmann** of Westbury, NY, formerly of Garden City; exact date unknown.

'48, BCE '49—**William W. Holman** of Lake City, FL, formerly of Westerville, OH, April 13, 1999. Wife, June (Story) '47, BA '48.

'48 BS Hotel—**Frederick A. Rufe** of Stroudsburg, PA, formerly of New York City, June 5, 1999; owner, Frederick A. Rufe Associates; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Theta Chi.

'48—**Lorraine Frederick** Tilden (Mrs. Wesley) of Claremont, CA, March 20, 1999.

'50—**Sam Agati** of Syracuse, NY, exact date unknown.

'50 MS Ag—**Robert E. Danielson** of Fort Collins, CO, exact date unknown.

'50 BS Ag—**Sally Stroup** De Groot of St. Petersburg, FL, and Robbins, NC, June 2, 1999; retired professor of microbiology, St. Petersburg Junior College; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'50 BA—**Raymond L. Eggert Jr.** of Hilton Head Island, SC, formerly of Chatham, NJ, August 27, 1999; retired president/CEO, Ray Lee Inc.; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'51 BS Ag—**Reginald W. Barker** of South Wales, NY, July 13, 1999; retired supervisor and loan officer, USDA Farmer's Home Administration of Erie and Wyoming Co.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'51—**Robert L. Blake** of Oxford, OH, May 29, 1999; retired associate director of admissions, Miami University; former teacher, coach, and counselor; veteran; active in civic and professional affairs.

'51 CE, BCE '52—**James B. Casey** of Cincinnati, OH, July 15, 1999; retired owner, Eastern Casey Office Supply; veteran; founder, Cayuga's Waiters; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'51 BS Nurs—**Jane Henderson** Mohr (Mrs. Robert C.) of Metuchen, NJ, March 7, 1999.

'52 MS HE—**Dorothy A. Bissell** of Arcata, CA, exact date unknown.

'52 BEE—**Joseph S. Camasta** of Whippany, NJ, March 28, 1999.

'52 LLB—**Frank G. Chapman** of Zephyr Hills, FL, formerly of Gardiner, ME, December 12, 1998.

'52 PhD—**Marie Christodoulou** Fox (Mrs. Lawrence) of La Luz, Mexico, June 1, 1999; professor, California State U., San Jose.

'52 B Chem E—**John E. Hinman** of Portage, IN, January 1, 1999; retired manager,

Amoco Chemical Co., Chicago. Triangle.

'52, BCE '53—**John C. Kohm** of Kapa'a, HI, formerly of Halesite, NY, exact date unknown; owner, JCK Engineering Services, Kapa'a, former owner/president, J. C. Kohm, Inc., Halesite. Zeta Psi.

'52 BFA—**Nancy Montgomery** Post (Mrs. Joseph D. '52) of Westminster Station, VT, June 25, 1999; retired proprietor, Nancy J. Post Realty; active in community affairs. Chi Omega.

'52 BS HE—**Wilma Robbins** Starke (Mrs. Ralph M. '52) of McDonough, GA, formerly of London, England, May 15, 1999; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'53 PhD—**Theodore P. Cotter** of Los Alamos, NM, exact date unknown.

'53 BA—**Nadine Bixby** Kirk of Hydesville, CA, formerly of Palo Alto, June 17, 1999; retired systems analyst, Intel Corp.; active in community affairs. Alpha Phi Omega.

'54 BFA—**Kathleen Scholl** Irwin of Mt. Pleasant, SC, exact date unknown. Delta Delta Delta. Husband, Thomas C. Irwin '55.

'55 BS HE—**Hazel L. Bowdren** Ritchey of Davis, NC, formerly of Raleigh, June 3, 1999; consultant, Workable Systems, Inc., Davis. Husband, James F. Ritchey '54.

'55—**Selika Clark** Conover, exact date unknown.

'56—**Robert B. Polhill** of Arlington, VA, formerly of Beirut, Lebanon, and New York City, July 1, 1999; former assistant professor, Beirut University College.

'56 PhD—**Gerald A. Fortin** of Montreal, Canada, exact date unknown.

'57, BCE '58—**David F. Davis** of Danville, CA, exact date unknown; president/CEO, The Foundation Cos., Oakley, CA. Delta Upsilon.

'57—**Richard H. Kerr** of Richford, NY, formerly of Endicott, June 23, 1999; technical writer, IBM, Endicott; active in community and religious affairs.

'57 BA, M Ed '58—**Emily Mountz** West of Cambridge, MA, formerly of Appleton, WI, May 20, 1999; retired social worker; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Chi Omega. Husband, Allen C. West, PhD '61.

'58 DVM—**Eric G. Archer** of Sebastian, FL, formerly of Old Saybrook, CT, January 1997. Omega Tau Sigma.

'58 BS Ag—**Donald C. Brotzman** of Churchville, NY, formerly of Canisteo, April 20, 1999.

'59 BS Hotel—**George H. Ebdon** of Houston, TX, exact date unknown; corporate officer, Heritage Golf Associates.

'59, BA '60—**Lawlor M. Reck** of Kaaawa, HI, June 14, 1999; owner, Dive Oahu, Laie; federal administrator, US Army, HI.

'59 BS Ag—**Richard J. Shoup** of Buffalo, NY, March 28, 1999; former owner/operator, Denim World, Phoenix, AZ. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'60 BS ILR—**Robert A. Bloom** of Scarsdale, NY, February 2, 1999; health administrator, Beth Abraham Health Services, Help/Project Samaritan, Inc., Bronx, NY. Phi Sigma Epsilon.

'60 BS Hotel—**Gale R. Green** of Gig Harbor, WA, July 14, 1999; veteran.

'60 BA—**Deanne Porchenick** Savelson of Scarsdale, NY, July 1999. Sigma Delta Tau. Husband, Robert S. Savelson '60.

'61 PhD—**Leila C. Diamond** of Philadelphia, PA, exact date unknown.

'61 BS HE—**Phyllis G. Wightman** Mozgawa (Mrs. Edward) of Fort Pierce, NY, June 16, 1999; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'64, BArch '65, MArch '67—**Wayne W. Copper** of McKeesport, PA, June 13, 1999; architect and designer, Louis Berger International; active in alumni affairs.

'64 DVM—**Meyer Kaplan**, exact date unknown; veterinarian, Levittown Animal Hospital, Levittown, NY.

'68 BSHE—**Anne Gilfoil** Borrusch (Mrs. Lawrence) of Northville, MI, March 13, 1999; nutrition educator; active in religious affairs.

'68 PhD—**A. Doyle Cohick Jr.** of North Kansas City, MO, July 7, 1999; retired research biologist, Bayer Corp.; formerly teacher, Raytown School District; active in community affairs. Phi Sigma Epsilon.

'68, BS Ag '69—**Benjamin B. Stone** of Montrose, PA, April 10, 1999; former owner, Stone's Stoneworks, Montrose; active in community affairs. Watermargin. Wife, Joyce (Barnes) MS '69.

'69 BA—**Jill A. Boskey** of North Caldwell, NJ, formerly of New York City, January 1999; manager, Lambrecht Typography, New York City.

'69 BS Ag, MS Ag '74—**Judith S. Johnessee** of South Salem, NY, exact date unknown.

'71 BSHE—**Katheryn R. Donnelly** of Auburn, NY, April 1, 1999; former guidance

counselor, Cato-Meridian High School.

'73 PhD—**Zoreslava Kushner** Kaulbach of Austin, TX, formerly of Rochester, NY, January 18, 1999; instructor, University of Texas, Austin. Husband, Ernest N. Kaulbach, PhD '70.

'73 JD—**Harriet Stein** Mancuso of New York City, May 5, 1999; former partner, Davis & Cox. Husband, Robert F. Mancuso, JD '73.

'74 BA—**Samuel R. Costa** of St. Paul, MN, formerly of Portland, ME, April 17, 1999; founder and artistic director, Ten Thousand Dances Co.; dance teacher, Ramsey International Art School; artistic director, Young Dance. Delta Upsilon.

'76 BS Eng—**Harvey A. Hirsch** of Edison, NJ, exact date unknown.

'78 PhD—**Sergio Neyeloff** of Mansfield Center, CT, June 15, 1999; former associate professor, University of Connecticut; active in community and professional affairs.

'79 BS Ag—**William G. Schimpf** of Columbia, SC, formerly of Port Richey, FL, and Kenmore, NY, July 11, 1999; systems analyst, Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Columbia, instructor, Daemen College, Medaille College, University of Buffalo. Chi Psi.

'81 BS Ag—**Michael A. Klarberg** of Brooklyn, NY, January 17, 1999; bank/financial manager, National Bank of North America. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'82 BS HE—**Gloria Parham** Turner of Bronx, NY, formerly of Jamaica, NY, May 31, 1999; vice-president, J. P. Morgan.

'83—**Mark D. Olsen** of Mukilteo, WA, April 13, 1999.

'86 BSEng, MEng '87, MBA '88—**Frederick C. Fichtl** of New York City, formerly of Philadelphia, PA, and Sparta, NJ, exact date unknown; accountant and consultant, formerly with Arthur Andersen and Co.

'89, BS HE '90—**John D. Anderson** of Wichita, KS, formerly of Albany, NY, and Raleigh, NC, exact date unknown.

'90 PhD—**Nicholas P. Bigelow** of San Francisco, CA, formerly of Pittsford, NY, exact date unknown. Wife, Judith (Anderson), DVM '88.

'95 BS HE—**Camille S. Forbes** of Brooklyn, NY, August 1998.

'95 BS Ag—**Bryan J. Hickman** of Niagara Falls, NY, July 9, 1999; Phi Gamma Delta.

'97 JD—**Jerry Marti** of Forest Hills, NY, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the January/February 2000 *Cornell Magazine*.



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MARQUEE MOMENTS. DAVID GUMPIL IN *WALKABOUT*, DIRECTED BY NICOLAS ROEG (ABOVE). GIULIETTA MASINA IN FELLINI'S *LA STRADA* (BELOW). EVERETT SLOANE, ORSON WELLS, AND JOSEPH COTTON IN *CITIZEN KANE* (RIGHT).

THE LAST PICTURE SHOW

With twenty-two screens in a city of 25,000 people, Ithaca is a film buff's paradise. Two outposts of the mall-based Hoyt's chain account for fourteen of those, the downtown art houses have a total of five, and one is located in a seldom-used State Street theater. The other two are on campus: the Willard Straight and Uris venues of Cornell Cinema.

A program within the Department of Theatre, Film, and Dance, Cornell Cinema shows more than 400 movies each academic year (half art films, half second-run Hollywood fare) and sells upwards of 70,000 tickets. A sampling of February's offerings: a restored print of the World War I drama *Grand Illusion*; the documentary *Trekkies*; *Fight*

Club, part of a series entitled *The Male Body: Screenings & Preenings*; and the Ithaca premiere of *World's Best Commercials of the Century*.

When Cornell Cinema was founded in 1970, campus film societies were all the rage. Thirty years later, many of its peers have dimmed their projectors for good, or at least scaled back their

schedules. In a 1997 article on the demise of campus cinema, *Variety* noted that the average college of 15,000 hosts eight to twelve films a year. Cornell shows twelve to fifteen a week. In a similar vein, *The Village Voice* called Cornell ("with screenings seven nights a week and programming that would make a film buff drool") one of the top two programs in the nation and one of the few exceptions to the downturn; others included Wesleyan, Vassar, and the University of Chicago.

Although Cornell Cinema has managed to survive, it's also seen a 50 percent drop in attendance from its heyday. The most obvious explanation: the advent of VCRs and cable TV. Once, film fans could only catch *Rashomon* on the big screen, but now they can see it on Bravo or rent it at any decent video store. The rise of the multiplex has also had a trickle-down effect, says cinema director Mary Fessenden. "The mall picks up things it didn't used to get," she says, "and it's holding on to them longer." Movies (say, *Sense and Sensibility*) that would have opened at an art house go to the multiplex instead; the art houses, in turn, dip into more obscure fare that would have premiered at Cornell. And by the time the mall theater finally lets go of that new Adam Sandler picture, it may not generate much second-run revenue.

With four full-time employees and an annual budget of \$430,000, the cinema relies on ticket sales, grants, and revenue from the student activities fee. Among its survival strategies are co-sponsorships with campus clubs and academic departments, as well as regular series (the Ithakid Film Festival, Gay Film Fridays) and annual traditions such as the year-end screening of *The Graduate*. In January, it shows spicy titles like *Exotica* and *Eyes Wide Shut* for a series called Hot Winter Nights—designed, says Fessenden, "to warm the students up when they come back to a cold Ithaca."

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How to cook a steak:

Buy top sirloin at supermarket.

Grill until done.

Bon appétit.

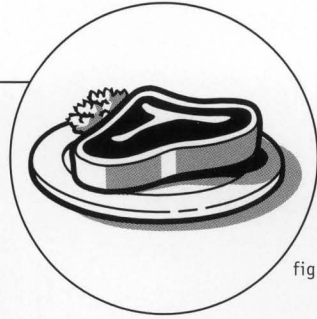


fig. 1

over done.

How to cook a steak:



fig. 1

Fly to Montana.



fig. 2

Buy a Black Angus steer.

Hire the hottest celebrity chef to come over and cook for you.



fig. 3

Have it filleted and flown to N.Y.



fig. 4

Buy all new dishware and silverware for the occasion.



fig. 5



fig. 6

Once he arrives by limo, he gives you the choices: steak au poivre, steak Diane, steak frites.



fig. 7

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