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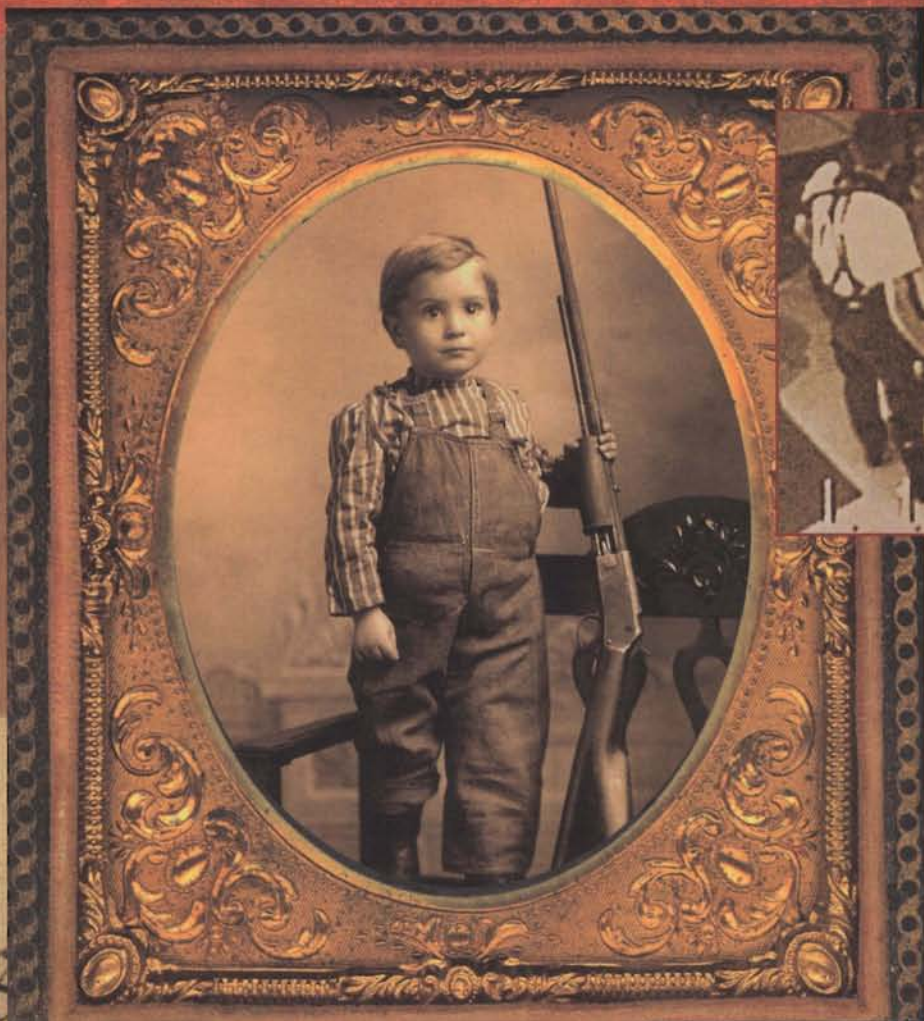
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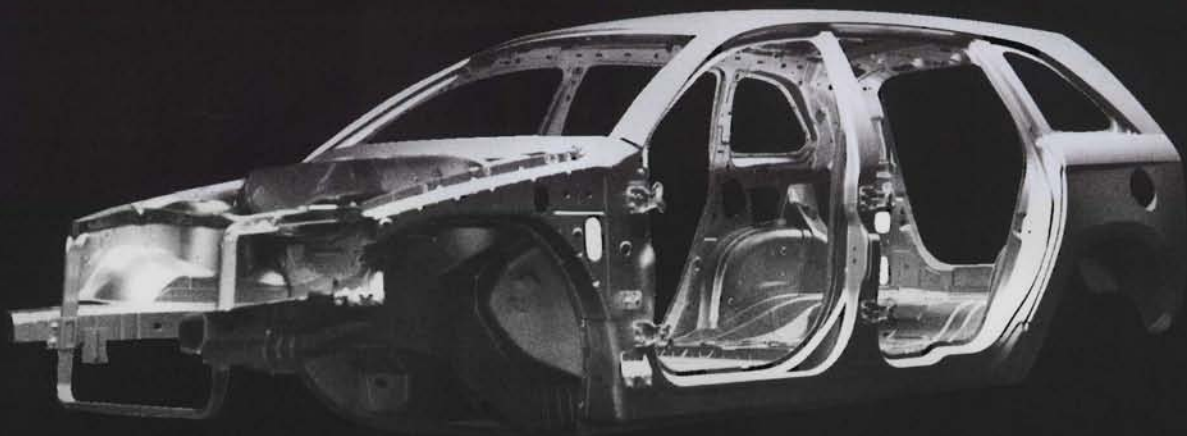
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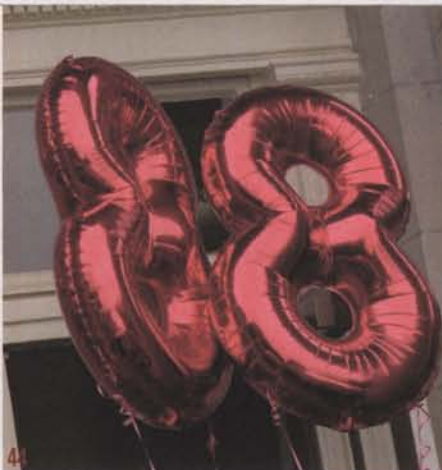
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SHARON TREGASKIS

In 1892, a teenage boy named Charley Miller was hanged in Wyoming for a double murder. In his story, historian Joan Jacobs Brumberg finds a case study in violence, adolescence, and the media in an earlier America. "For me this was the flip side of the Horatio Alger story," she says. "There's this enormous mythology about success in America. Charley Miller was a dismal failure on all counts."



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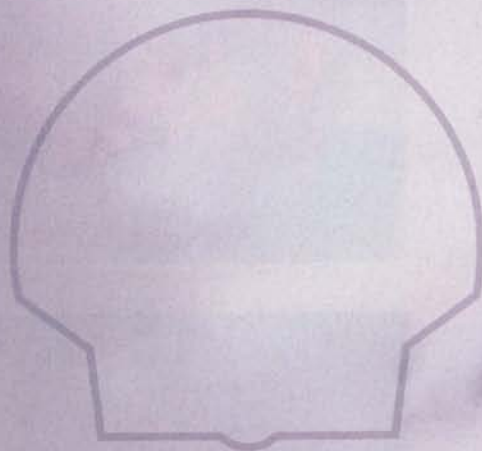
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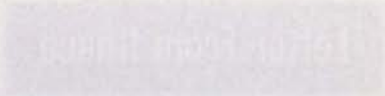


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## THE FUTURE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

**T**HE RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN *Grutter v. Bollinger* was a victory in more ways than we know. The majority endorsed Justice Lewis Powell's view in the 1978 *Bakke* case that diversity is a compelling educational and societal interest and that race can be used as a plus, but not a pivotal factor, in admissions. The court also gave deference to educational judgment and encouraged a broad measurement of merit. This decision allows institutions like Cornell to continue to manage their admissions processes in a way that is consistent with what we have done for more than three decades. It also allows us to continue to offer students, faculty, and staff a community enriched by the sum of our parts.

Leading up to the recent decision, much was said about the pros and cons of affirmative action. And yet, voices on both sides of the argument have been relatively quiet since the court rendered its decision. There have been news stories here and there, but nothing like the avalanche of attention the issue received before the decision. What this may say about our attention span is one thing, but what it may say about how much we will accomplish in the next twenty-five years is another.

Writing for the majority, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor gave us a deadline of sorts with regard to addressing (and possibly resolving) this societal issue within the next twenty-five years. It has been that long since *Bakke*, and while much progress has been made it is clear that our society has not yet rid itself of the issues (and problems) that bring these cases to the Supreme Court. Can we do better in the next twenty-five years so we don't have another case like this going to the nation's highest court? Or will we, once again, wait until five years before the "deadline" to begin testing the legality or usefulness of affirmative action?

At Cornell, we can't wait another twenty-five years—we must begin the work now. That work involves our continued use of a holistic admissions process that acknowledges and values many attributes in the determination of "merit." That work involves the strengthening of our town-gown relations, land grant mission, employment and hiring practices, and support of religious, cultural, and political differences. It involves our commitment, as

Cornellians, to eliminate bias and racism—of all sorts—from our communities and work places.

We must also work to dispel the myth that students of color are admitted to selective institutions solely based on race or ethnicity. Some individuals have argued that race-based preferences adversely affect the academic performance of students of color, because these students (and presumably everyone else) know that their admission was based

only on race and was, therefore, undeserved. As an admissions professional for more than twenty years, I know that "affirmative action" benefits are extended to all kinds of students. It is also true that no applicant is entitled to be admitted, and that more than 80 percent of the applicants who present the minimum qualifications for admission could, indeed, be admitted if space allowed.

In making our admissions decisions, we acknowledge our allegiance and responsibility to the student and to the institution. The recent Supreme Court decision allows us to effectively honor this allegiance and to faithfully fulfill this responsibility. I celebrate this decision for, among other things, the promise it holds for the next twenty-five years.

—Doris Davis

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## Correspondence

# Fat Chance

### WEIGHING IN ON DIETARY CHOICES

I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT BETH Saulnier quoted David Levitsky in her article about obesity ("Losing It," July/August 2003). I am sure Levitsky never studied the chemistry of food in his biochemistry courses, and when he says that a high-fat diet is "directly antagonistic to everything nutritionists and medical people have been saying for the last 100 years," he is demonstrating an inadequate education in basic science.

In my 1946 biochemistry course at Cornell, Dr. Clive McCay taught us that hydrogenated fats like margarine can kill you because the carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen cannot be separated but stay in a clump, causing seed tumors, strokes, and heart problems. Butter, on the other hand, disintegrates in the acids of the digestive system, releasing vitamins A and D, vannic acid, and conjugated linoleic acid to promote good health.

The ideas Levitsky referred to came from a scheme by the hydrogenated fat industry to discredit natural fats so they could sell their artificial fat products. The notion that natural fat is somehow unhealthy is nothing more than a hoax. For information about healthy fats and unhealthy fats, see Dr. Uffe Ravnskov's book *The Cholesterol Myths* and the Weston A. Price Foundation's studies on fats at <http://westonaprice.org>.

*Ed Slusarczyk '49*  
Ag Radio Network, Inc.  
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*David Levitsky responds: Mr. Slusarczyk's view of dietary fats is that of a food chemist.*

*Indeed, under conditions where the ratio of energy consumption to energy expenditure is low, he is absolutely right: "natural" fat is not unhealthy. The problem is that Americans do not have a low ratio of energy intake to energy expenditure—the primary reason why we are getting fatter. Consuming an increasing amount of energy as fat, under these conditions, has been demonstrated repeatedly in both laboratory and epidemiological studies to be associated with higher morbidity than consuming a diet low in dietary fat.*

YOUR LENGTHY ARTICLE ON THE overweight/obesity problem in America tells us what we already know about the extent of the problem, and this is fine. My

objection to this and all other articles of this type is the importance attached to the BMI (body mass index) as a measure of one's proportions. I find that a reliance on height and weight ratios as a good indicator of a person's degree of body fat is totally misleading.

I go to the beach often, where I can assess body types and body build without

the distraction of people wearing heavy clothing. I have seen two men, both 5 feet 10 inches, both weighing 170 pounds; one has a huge pot belly with skinny arms and legs, and the other (maybe the lifeguard) with heavily muscled arms, legs, and chest, and a flat waistline. Both have BMI measures of 24.39, just within the limits of "healthy." I would not consider them equally healthy specimens. One has too much fat, and that is obvious visually.

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*Simeon Ross, DVM '50  
Greenlawn, New York*

### Architectural Gaffes

I AM ASTOUNDED THAT YOU PUBLISHED an article extolling the design of the new Imogene Powers Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity at the Lab of Ornithology without mentioning the name of the Cornell-educated architect who designed it ("Bird's-Eye View," May/June 2003). This fabulous new building was designed by Alan Chima-coff '63, BArch '64, a member of the Cornell architecture faculty 1969-73 and now principal and director of design at Hillier, the nation's fourth-largest architecture firm. Chima-coff was also the architect for the much-praised North Campus.

Your news item about the West Campus Residential Initiative does not identify that architect either. After the recent controversy over the proposed dissolution of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, *Cornell Alumni Magazine* should make a point of naming the architects for all new buildings and identifying those with Cornell connections.

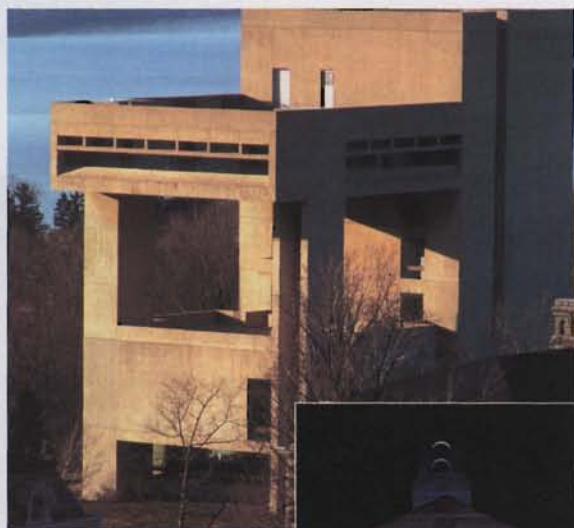
*Elsie Dinsmore Popkin '58  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

*Graham Gund Architects designed the new West Campus residences; Gund received his architecture training at Harvard.*

I RETURNED FROM ITHACA A FEW hours ago, and the Cornell campus was as beautiful as ever, with a few glaring exceptions: the buildings that have been erected over the past few decades, which stand in

garish contrast to the more traditional "campus gothic" architecture.

One building that stands out is the Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts in Collegetown. Frankly, it looks like it's made out of cardboard. Then there's the subterranean campus store and the cinderblock art museum. Each of these structures has possibilities, but they look as if they were 90 percent completed and then someone yelled "Stop!" I don't think it was because of lack of money, but rather lack of imagination. The Performing Arts building, for example, could be improved by putting trim (maybe copper) around



**"Glaring exceptions":  
One alumnus laments  
recent designs, including  
the Johnson Museum,  
above, and the Center for  
Performing Arts, right.**



all those sharp edges. Perhaps friezes or other types of creative borders could be installed on the exterior of the art museum. I like the "high tech" style of Rhodes Hall. Maybe something like that could be done with Olin Library? We do have a school of architecture—maybe they should be contacted for ideas.

*Roy Troxel '66  
Alexandria, Virginia*

### The Last Word on Legacies

THE LETTER FROM MARCIA MCPEAK '86, MPS '93, in response to Lauren Eade '01 regarding affirmative action at Cornell is insulting to Ms. Eade and, simply, stupid (Correspondence, May/June 2003).

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Affirmative action supporters like to make broad generalizations about groups of people so they can afford rights and privileges to entire groups. So it is easy for Ms. McPeak to make assumptions about what criteria Cornell used to accept Ms. Eade. Ironically, Ms. McPeak's own letter demonstrates what is wrong with judging people based on little information.

Worse, though, the letter should embarrass any Cornelian on either side of the issue. Cornell does discriminate and always has! Cornell discriminates with regard to legacies. It also discriminates on the basis of SAT scores, grades, community service, athletic ability, and other factors. Ms. McPeak, in her knee-jerk reaction, has not even taken the time to understand the issue—not whether Cornell can discriminate at all, but whether it can discriminate on the basis of skin color. With regard to that kind of discrimination, the U.S. Constitution is clear. Cornell cannot discriminate on the basis of skin color, race, religion, or beliefs.

*Bob Zeidman '81  
Cupertino, California*

LEGACIES SHOULD RECEIVE PREFERENCE in Cornell's admissions process. The university is outstanding and successful due in part to the loyalty, financial support, and personal pride of its graduates. To assume that "another student was denied the opportunity to be admitted" simply because Lauren Eade was a legacy implies that "another student" would have made better use of the opportunity. Ms. McPeak's insight must come from a crystal ball not available to the rest of us.

I entered Cornell as a V-12 student in 1943; the *Daily Sun* welcomed us with an editorial stating: "Cornell should not sacrifice its high standards on the altar of patriotism." Today, Cornell should not sacrifice its high standards on the altar of blatant political charades!

*Walter Merkel '47  
Lakeland, Florida*

### Renewed Efforts

WITH THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S decision upholding affirmative action in university admissions and the departure of Hunter Rawlings, I hope Cornell's neglect of minority admissions and timidity on the issue, which have been such an embarrassment to many in the Cornell community, will be replaced by renewed

efforts to bring Cornell even with its peer institutions in the enrollment of minorities.

Ralph Deeds '57  
Birmingham, Michigan

### The Whole Point

I AM SURPRISED THAT MY FRIEND Mary Pasley '68 says, "It's hard for me to believe that I grew up with Paul Wolfowitz '65 on the same block in Ithaca—we couldn't be more diametrically opposed" (Class Notes, Class of '68, July/August 2003). Why is it surprising that two people who grew up on the same block could think about political issues and arrive at opposite conclusions? Americans don't have to agree. That's the whole point of this country.

Felicia Ackerman '68  
Providence, Rhode Island

### Author's Request

HARRY LITTELL '85 AND I ARE TEAMING up for another Cornell-related book after enjoying a warm reception for *Cornell Then & Now: Historic and Contemporary Views of Cornell University* (excerpted in March/April 2003). Our new book will be on the early photographic career of Margaret Bourke-White '27. We would love to hear from former students who may have known her and/or purchased her photographic prints of Cornell. We have access to most if not all of the published books on her or by her, but we'd also appreciate learning of lesser-known articles or works that may have been published concerning her early life and career, especially through the mid-1930s. If anyone has any information concerning this famous American photographer, please e-mail us at <reo2@cornell.edu> or <harrylittell@yahoo.com.> All persons who extend help will be acknowledged in our book. Thank you.

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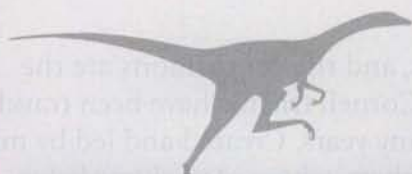
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### **Mexico from the Aztecs to the Spanish Conquest: Veracruz, Puebla, Mexico City, Teotihuacan, Tula, and Cuernavaca** January 6–18, 2004

Designed and led by CAU's favorite anthropologist John Henderson, professor of and director of the Archaeology Program, we'll examine the world that Cortes encountered. Our focus will be the military and political methods and mindsets of the conquistadores, the legacy of centuries of Spanish rule, and older surviving native traditions.

### **The Russians' Russia: Moscow and St. Petersburg in Winter** January 9–17, 2004

Don your parka and do what timid tourists avoid! Savor the cities of Tolstoi, Lenin, and Anastasia at the time of year when Russia is truly Russian. Accompanied by Patricia Carden, professor of Russian literature, we'll explore historic streets and squares, spend our own royal evening at the Bolshoi, and visit the world famous galleries of the Hermitage.

### **Probing the Cosmos: A Seminar in Arecibo, Puerto Rico** March 2–6, 2004

Yervant Terzian, CAU's astronomer extraordinaire, will open our eyes and minds to the cosmic discoveries being made at the facilities of Cornell's National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center, home of the world's largest telescope. Our headquarters for this space adventure will be the beautiful Hyatt Dorado Beach Resort.

### **Treasures, Tradition, and Change in Persia and Iran** March 12–27, 2004

Traders, conquerors, and zealots have come and gone, built and sacked, abandoned and rebuilt Persia for millennia. Led by Near East archaeologist David Owen, Professor in Ancient Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, we'll walk in the steps of Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, and Marco Polo from Tehran to Bam, Yazd to Shiraz, Isfahan to Kashan.

### **Take Me Out to the Ballgame: The Culture and Business of Major League Baseball** March 21–26, 2004

Head off to spring training with Glenn Altschuler, Professor of American Studies and Dean of the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions. He'll take us to ballparks and behind the scenes in Arizona's flourishing Cactus League, where twelve major leagues prepare for the season each March. We'll have terrific seats for three games, and we'll be based in Scottsdale's Millennium Resort McCormick Ranch.

### **Bibliophile's Boston: The Great Libraries and Collections** April 14–18, 2004

Led by Sarah Thomas, presiding officer of the Cornell library system, and Peter Hirtle, Director for Instruction and Learning in the Division of Research and Information Services, we'll enjoy great libraries, collections, books, and buildings, meet curators and librarians, learn about the latest technologies, and tour several of the most splendid reading rooms in the nation. From our headquarters at the Inn at Harvard, we'll also have ample time to stroll the streets of Cambridge and Harvard Square.

### **The Play's the Thing: London Theatre** May 9–16, 2004

For centuries, London has been synonymous with great theatre. Cornell professor and Artistic Director David Feldshuh, along with Professor Glenn Altschuler, will be our guides to the London stage, where we'll be seeing six plays in all, including productions at the Royal National Theatre and in the West End. We'll be lodged at the Radisson Mountbatten, perfectly set between the theatre district and Covent Garden.

### **The World of Art in London** May 16–23, 2004

We'll explore, discover, and enjoy the full montage of the art world: the places for which great works of art were made, the galleries and auction houses which still sell them, and the museums which display the very best of them all. Frank Robinson, a nationally respected authority on European art and the Director of Cornell's Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, will guide us throughout.

### **For the Birds: Spring Migrations in Ithaca** May 20–23, 2004

More than 120 different kinds of birds migrate to and through Ithaca in spring, and a good birder can see and hear more than 100 of them in a twenty-four hour period. Led by renowned ornithologist Charlie Smith, we'll form our own flock to find, follow, observe, and enjoy the 2004 spring migration. Our forays will include treks through Sapsucker Woods, McLean Bog, and the Ringwood Preserve.



### **Life, Wildlife, and Natural Habitats of Iceland** June 5–18, 2004

Warmed by the Gulf Stream and twenty hours of sunlight, Iceland's cities and towns sparkle with lovely people, good food, delightful inns, and immaculate villages. Led by Tim Gallagher, editor of *Living Bird* magazine, and Cornelian Olafur Nielsen, a leading Icelandic ornithologist, we'll savor Iceland's springtime pleasures, roam its coasts and national parks, savor its unique geological landscapes, and observe its splendid variety of birds at their busiest season.

### **History and Horticulture in the Hudson Valley** June 13–18, 2004

Our land cruise along New York's flowering Hudson will be led by CAU favorites Stuart Blumin, professor of American history, and Donald Rakow, professor of horticulture and director of Cornell Plantations. From our home base at the Inn at the Falls near Poughkeepsie, we'll set out each day to explore and examine a different area of the valley's cultural and horticultural traditions.

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## From the Hill



Destination Mars: NASA rovers should arrive in January.

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### Big Red Planet

#### TWIN MARS ROVERS ON THEIR WAY, AT LAST

AFTER MULTIPLE DELAYS CAUSED BY WEATHER, MECHANICAL malfunctions, a wayward fishing boat, and insufficiently sticky rocket insulation glue, the second of two Martian missions carrying Cornell-designed science experiments successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on the evening of July 7. The long-range rover *Opportunity* joins its twin, *Spirit*, which was launched June 10 and should touch (or bounce) down on the Martian surface January 4. Nineteen days later, *Opportunity* will follow, landing on the opposite side of the planet.

Both rovers are outfitted with identical Athena experiment packages developed with a team led by astronomy professor Steven Squyres. Designed to perform tests on planetary climate and geology, the mobile labs will be able to roam afield for four months or more, searching for past evidence of liquid water and investigating the possibility that the cold, arid planet once harbored life.

First, however, they have to get there. Historically, the seven-month journey to Mars has been a long and perilous one for spacecraft: about two-thirds of all missions bound for the red planet since 1960 have failed.

### A Division Divided

#### LEHMAN SPLITS UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

PRESIDENT JEFFREY LEHMAN '77, WHO assumed office on July 1, has reorganized the Division of University Relations. In June, Lehman requested the resignation of Henrik Dullea '61, who had served as vice president of university relations for twelve years. "I have long believed that incoming university presidents, governors, and other chief executives should

have the ability to reorganize their administrations," said Dullea in a letter to his staff. "The president-elect has graciously invited me to continue to serve Cornell in the coming year as senior consultant to the president, and I look forward to doing so."

Lehman subsequently announced that university relations would be split into

two divisions: government and community relations, and communications and media relations. Each division will be headed by a vice president. National searches for suitable candidates have begun; Lehman said he hopes to fill both positions by the end of 2003. In the interim, government and community relations will be directed by Stephen Philip Johnson, assistant vice president for government affairs, and communications and media relations will be headed by Linda Grace-Kobas, director of the Cornell News Service.

## Lovely Bones

### MUSEUM OF THE EARTH OPENS AT PRI

THIS FALL, A NEW MUSEUM WILL OPEN at the Paleontological Research Institute (PRI), across the lake from Cornell on West Hill. The Museum of the Earth focuses on the history of the planet and its life forms as seen through the geology and paleontology of the northeastern United States. It combines aspects of a classic natural history museum with a hands-on interactive discovery center. Barbara Page, MFA '74, created "Rock of Ages, Sands of Time," a 500-square-foot mural that lines the walls.

PRI, which houses one of the nation's largest paleontological collections, was founded as an independent research institution in 1932 by retired Cornell geology professor Gilbert Harris. Harris donated his fossil collection and library, and PRI's holdings have grown to include the collections of Ezra Cornell, all of Cornell's non-botanical fossils and modern shells, and the Gilbert Mastodon.

The Museum of the Earth is an



STEPHANE GREEN

Rock star: PRI's new Museum of the Earth

18,000-square-foot public exhibit and educational facility that will provide improved access to the collections. More than fifty Cornell alumni, students, and faculty were involved in the project over the past six years, led by Dr. Warren Allmon, PRI director and adjunct professor of earth and atmospheric sciences. The

facility was designed by Michael Manfredi, MArch '80, of Weiss/Manfredi Architects, who describes the museum as a "metaphorical gorge." The opening is scheduled for September 27. Homecoming Weekend (October 24-26) will be designated as Cornell Alumni Days, with special admission rates.

## Big Dig

### GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW DOWNTOWN BUILDING

ON JUNE 25, A KICKOFF CELEBRATION and groundbreaking was held for the \$28 million downtown office building/Hilton Hotel project to be built by Buffalo-based Ciminelli Development Company. Cornell has announced plans to relocate about 300 workers, including Alumni Affairs and Development staff, to the new building. Speakers at the ceremony included Ithaca Mayor Alan Cohen '81 and outgoing Cornell president Hunter Rawlings. The project was announced in 2001, but construction was delayed by a prolonged dispute with A. Thomas Pine, co-owner of the site at the corner of Seneca and Tioga streets. Pine, who operates Race Office Equipment, resisted Ciminelli's efforts to purchase his property. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2004.

## Robo-Dynasty

### BIG RED DOMINANCE IN ROBOT SOCCER CONTINUES

A TEAM OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS HAS ONCE AGAIN TAKEN HOME THE RoboCup, defeating the University of Queensland, Australia, in the finals of the annual robot soccer competition. The games, held in July in Padua, Italy, pitted autonomous robotic players against rivals from around the world. Thirteen teams competed in the "small-sized" league, in which five-member squads of small, wheeled robots use a video camera and artificial intelligence to pass, dribble, and shoot an orange golf ball around a large table. Other leagues are designated for larger, four-legged, and humanoid robots. In the brief history of organized international robot soccer, Cornell has emerged as something of a superpower, prevail-

ing in four of the past five years. The 2003 edition was a thriller, with CU icing a pair of sudden-death overtime play-offs to eke out the championship. "Our win this year was by far the sweetest of all," says coach Raffaello D'Andrea, associate professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering. "We were essentially written off by most of the good teams at the competition."

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Comeback kids: The RoboCup squad celebrates.

## Feds Fund Food Park

### \$2.8 MILLION GOES TO PROPOSED RESEARCH FACILITY

TAKING STEPS TO “GROW AND RETAIN THE BIOTECHNOLOGY brain trust in New York State,” officials from the U.S. Department of Commerce have allocated a \$2.8 million grant for site preparation and construction of the first building of the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Park. Located adjacent to the Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, the seventy-four-acre park hopes to lure private companies with research facilities and access to Ag college expertise in food science, entomology, plant breeding, genetics, and related fields.

In addition to the initial 20,000-square-foot “flexible technology” research building that will house biological and chemical wet labs, plans include a proposed USDA Grape Genetics Laboratory. According to an analysis by the federal Economic Development Administration, which approved the grant, the park could eventually create more than 600 jobs in agriculture, food, and biotechnology, lending support to New York State governor George Pataki’s vision for a Buffalo-to-Albany “high-tech corridor.”

## Give My Regards To . . .

### These Cornellians in the News

Professor of astronomy **Joseph Burns, PhD '66**, named vice provost for physical sciences and engineering.

**Jules Kroll '63**, founder of Kroll Inc., a leading independent risk consulting company, honored as Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year.

Professor of electrical and computer engineering/science and technology studies **Ronald Kline**, named the first holder of the Bovay chair in ethics and history of professional engineering.

Civil and environmental engineering undergraduates led by **Jennifer Grubb '03** and **Jennifer Preston '03**, honored at the opening of the Gully Bridge, a recycled-plastic pedestrian span over Six Mile Creek that they designed and built.

**The National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center's Arecibo Observatory**, which received a \$600,000 grant from the NSF for a three-year program with the University of Puerto Rico, engaging Hispanic students in scientific research on the island.

Assistant professor of computer science **Johannes Gehrke**, assistant professor of biomedical sciences **David Lin**, and Weill Cornell assistant professor of microbiology and immunology **Diana Murray**, named Alfred P. Sloan Fellows.

**Eric Edelman '72**, former national security advisor to Vice President Dick Cheney, sworn in as the new U.S. ambassador to Turkey.

## Scholar Shift

### STAFFING CHANGES FOR THE CORNELL COMMITMENT

CITING “BUDGET CONSTRAINTS,” PROVOST BIDDY MARTIN announced an administrative overhaul of the Cornell Commitment, which provides scholarships and research support for undergraduates. In a statement to students and alumni of the programs, Martin said: “While Cornell’s commitment to these programs remains unchanged, we cannot insulate them from the thoughtful review of administrative structure and support needs that is currently under way across campus. . . . We have approached the task of review by trying to balance our commitment to the programs and students they have benefited with our responsibility to make necessary budget reductions.”



Provost Martin

Most of the staff members for the Commitment’s three programs—the Cornell Tradition, the Meinig Family Cornell National Scholars, and the Cornell Presidential Research Scholars—have been reassigned. As of August 1, administrative oversight of the programs has been divided between Doris Davis, vice provost for admissions and enrollment, and Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, vice president for student and academic services. In her statement, Provost Martin indicated that there would be no reduction of financial support for scholarships, internships, or student research.

## Alumni “Superfriend”

### WILLIAM FUERST JR., 86

BILL “SKIP” FUERST '39, MS '61, KNOWN TO GENERATIONS OF faculty, staff, and students as a tireless advocate and benefactor of all things Cornelian, died June 28, two days after his 86th birthday. A longtime Ithaca resident, Fuerst maintained extraordinarily close ties with his alma mater for more than sixty years. “Bill’s total focus as an alum was the students,” says Anne Benedict, director of development at the Ag college. “I can’t even quantify what he did for students that will never show up on the books.” Fuerst was a fixture at athletic events (he sometimes attended four or five games in one day), and he helped support a wide range of university endeavors. In addition to buying Thanksgiving dinner for the basketball players every year and advising Beta Sigma Rho fraternity brothers, Fuerst endowed an award program for student library employees, purchased a watering truck for the Cornell Plantations, and served as treasurer of his Class of '39 since 1974. He received the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award in 2000, and in 2002 became the first non-athlete or non-coach elected to the Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame.



# R&D

More information on campus research is available at [www.news.cornell.edu](http://www.news.cornell.edu).

In a series of five papers, nutrition professor **Jean-Pierre Habicht** argues that most childhood deaths in developing countries are caused by malnutrition and its interactive effect on preventable diseases, with mild-to-moderate malnutrition leading to 80 percent of those related deaths.

According to **Sean Brady**, a post-doctoral researcher in entomology, army ants march against the conventional wisdom of evolutionary biology. Brady says the ants, which are much the same all over the world, have evolved only once in the last 100 million years.

Following thirty children for two months, researchers found that those who drank more than twelve ounces of sweetened drinks per day gained more weight than those who drank less. The study, by nutrition professor **David Levitsky**, supports previous findings that such drinks factor significantly in childhood obesity.

Physics professor **Michelle Wang** and researcher **Steven Koch** have invented a technique called "unzipping force analysis of protein association," or UFAPA. It entails pulling apart the two strands of a DNA chain to study its properties, and could prove useful in pharmaceutical research.

Evidently, opposites do not attract. According to a survey conducted by animal behavior students, people look for mates similar to themselves. Instructor **Peter Buston** and neurobiology professor **Stephen Emlen**, who reported the results, predicted that marriages between similar partners would be more successful.

A proposed imaging procedure could be used to diagnose cancers without biopsies and reveal the nerve cell damage caused by neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's, says applied physics professor **Watt Webb**. He is head of a Cornell-Harvard team, which has published its findings based on testing in rats.

## Dean to Depart

BRANNON WILL STEP DOWN IN 2004

ON JULY 29, PATSY BRANNON, PHD '79, ANNOUNCED that she would not seek reappointment as dean of the College of Human Ecology. "After ten years as an academic administrator," Brannon said in a statement, "my desire at this time is to refocus on my teaching and scholarship." Formerly chair and professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Maryland, Brannon accepted the post as CHE dean in 1999. Her term will expire May 30, 2004.



## Self-Congratulation Department

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THE COUNCIL FOR ADVANCEMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION (CASE) HAS presented three 2003 Circle of Excellence awards to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Two were won by Associate Editor Sharon Tregaskis in the Best Articles of the Year category: a gold medal for her feature about admissions, "Making the Cut" (May/June 2002), and a silver medal for "Books Behind Bars" (January/February 2003), which highlighted the work of English professors Pete Wetherbee and Paul Sawyer in teaching inmates at the Auburn Correctional Facility. Art Director Stefanie Green won a bronze medal for her design of "Head of the Class" (May/June 2002), a profile of then-New York City Schools Chancellor Harold Levy '74.

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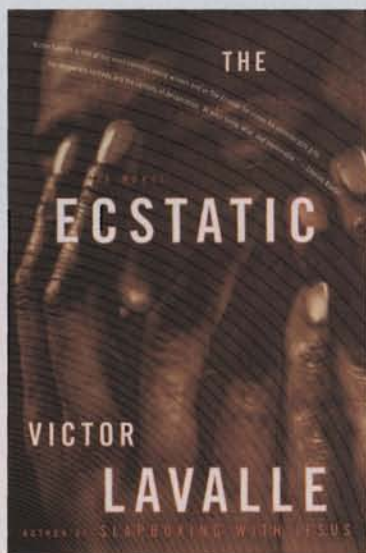
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## In Brief

**THE ECSTATIC** by Victor LaValle '94 (Crown). LaValle's short story collection, *Slapboxing with Jesus*, established him as an eloquent new voice in American fiction. He follows up with a darkly comic first novel about the picaresque adventures of Anthony James, the 318-pound, schizophrenic hero who, in a narrative voice by turns sarcastic and sweet, reveals a world of bizarre weight-loss regimens, a Miss Innocence beauty pageant, loan sharks, storefront evangelists, horror movies, and a super-dysfunctional family trying to save itself.

**LIVING WITH HIS CAMERA** by Jane Gallop '72, PhD '76, photographs by Dick Blau (Duke University). Combining memoir with literary theory, a professor of comparative literature at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, meditates on her partner's photography and its place in her private life.

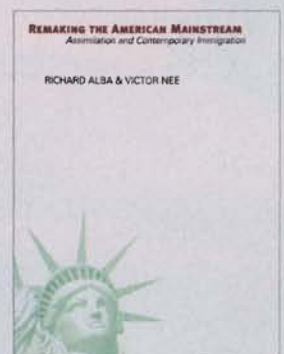
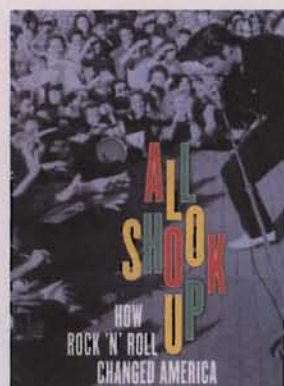
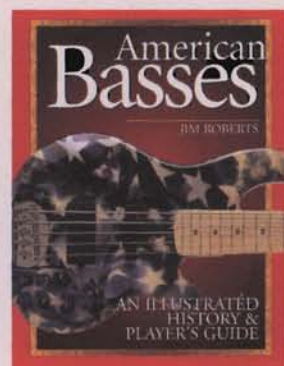


**3: A NOVEL** by Julie Hilden, MFA '96 (Plume). A modern-day *Story of O* that chronicles the effects of obsession, power, and sacrifice on a married couple who engage in sexual experimentation. Hilden is the author of the memoir *The Bad Daughter*, and her regular law column appears in FindLaw.com's online magazine *Writ* and on CNN's "Law Center."

**AMERICAN BASSES: AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY & PLAYER'S GUIDE** by Jim Roberts '71 (Backbeat). The founding editor and former publisher of *Bass Player* magazine pens the first comprehensive book to cover the full range of American-made electric and acoustic bass guitars, and offers a wealth of information about more than 100 builders, from one-man shops to the largest manufacturers.

**ALL SHOOK UP: HOW ROCK 'N' ROLL CHANGED AMERICA** by Glenn C. Altschuler, PhD '76 (Oxford University). Altschuler, the Litwin professor of American Studies, places rock & roll in its cultural and political context, showing how the music challenged and changed America's accepted values of race, family, and sexuality in the 1950s, and prepared the way for the social upheaval of the 1960s.

**REMAKING THE AMERICAN MAINSTREAM** by Richard Alba & Victor Nee (Harvard University). Nee, the Goldwin Smith professor of sociology and director of the Center for the Study of Economy and Society, and his co-author survey the continuing importance of assimilation in the immigrant experience in America.





## Recently Published

### Fiction

**EVERY STEP YOU TAKE** by Judith Kelman '67 (Putnam). Kelman's thirteenth psychological thriller takes identity theft to frightening extremes, portraying a woman whose life becomes a nightmare when someone gains access to her computer files.

### Non-fiction

**AMARILLO SLIM IN A WORLD FULL OF FAT PEOPLE** by Amarillo Slim Preston with Greg Dinkin '93 (HarperCollins). The memoirs of the larger-than-life gambler and former winner of the World Series of Poker, written with a columnist for *Card Player* magazine.

**FRITZ MÜLLER: A NATURALIST IN BRAZIL** by David A. West '55, PhD '59 (Pocahontas Press). A biographical account of the pioneering naturalist and Charles Darwin correspondent who discovered "Müllerian mimicry" in the butterfly kingdom, by a retired Virginia Tech biologist.

**GENDER ON TRIAL** by Holly English '78 (Law Journal Press). A lawyer and founder of Values at Work describes the legal profession's struggle with persistent stereotypes, and suggests steps to create a workplace free of gender bias.

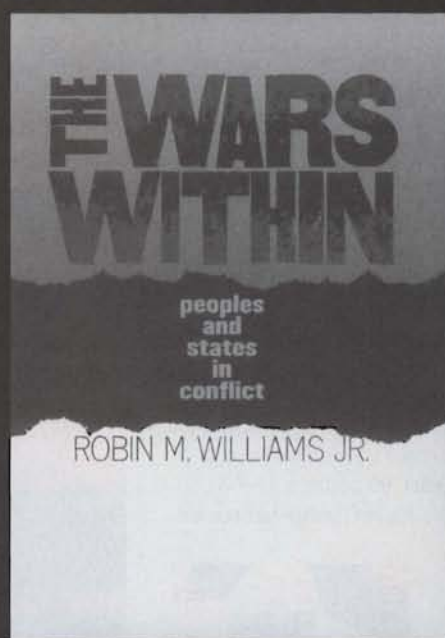
**VALLEY OF SORROWS** by Alexander B. Morrison, PhD '56 (Deseret Book). A part clinical, part spiritual guide that tries to debunk the bad information that surrounds our understanding of mental illness.

## Recent CD Releases

**RAZA HOODÍA EP** by the Hip Hop Hoodíos. Josué Noriega (Joshua Norek '97) and bandmates offer the distinctive sound of Latino-Jewish hip hop on "Havana Nagila," "Ocho Kandelikas," and other songs.

**EIGHTY NUMBERED STREETS** by Sam Shaber '94 (SMG Records). Shaber, winner of a John Lennon Songwriting Award and named Best Independent Female Artist of the Year by Femmusic.com, releases her fourth album.

**THE CORNELL CHIMES: FAR ABOVE CAYUGA'S WATERS** by the Cornell Chimesmasters. The first full length recording of the Cornell Chimes since the bells were tuned in the late Nineties.



In *The Wars Within*, Robin M. Williams Jr. brings together decades of thought about ethnic conflicts in an effort to better understand their dynamics and to lessen their disastrous consequences. Throughout, Williams attends to present-day realities and continually reminds readers that ethnic conflict has human significance and lasting effects.

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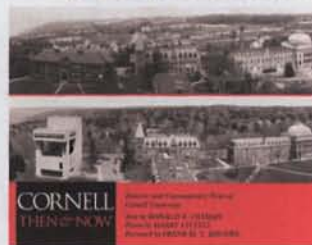
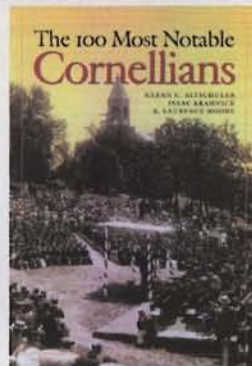
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**GOALIE GOES** **David LeNeveu '05** ended his Cornell hockey career on July 2 when he agreed to sign with the NHL's Phoenix Coyotes. A Hobey Baker Award finalist and first-team All-American, LeNeveu had one of the best goaltending seasons in college hockey history last winter, posting a record 1.20 goals-against average with a .940 save percentage and 28-3-1 record while leading Cornell to its first Frozen Four appearance since 1980. Selected by the Coyotes in the second round of the 2002 draft, LeNeveu finished his two-year Cornell career with a 39-5-2 record. Phoenix's top minor league affiliate is the American Hockey League's Springfield Falcons, where **Jean Marc Pelletier '99** posted a 12-7-4 record with a 2.37 goals-against average last season.



David LeNeveu

**DRAFT PICKS** Two members of the men's hockey team were selected in the 2003 NHL draft on June 21-22. **Shane Hynes '06** was taken in the third round by the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim after scoring 11 goals and nine assists in 32 games. The Pittsburgh Penguins picked **Matt Moulson '06** in the ninth round; he had 13 goals and 10 assists in 33 games. In addition, three incoming freshmen expected to join the team this fall were drafted: defenseman **Ryan O'Byrne** (third round by Montreal), forward **Byron Blitz** (fourth round by Boston), and forward **Mark McCutcheon** (fifth round by Colorado). McCutcheon is the son of former Cornell hockey star **Brian McCutcheon '71**, who coached the Big Red from 1987 to 1995 and now serves as an assistant coach for the Buffalo Sabres.



Matt Moulson



Pat Dutton

nation's outdoor professional league. **Justin Cynar '02** is splitting time in the nets for the Bridgeport Barrage, **Ryan McClay '03** is a defender for the New Jersey Pride, and **Pat Dutton '99** is a midfielder for the Rochester Rattlers. In addition, **Norm Engelke '81** is serving as an assistant coach for the Long Island Lizards.

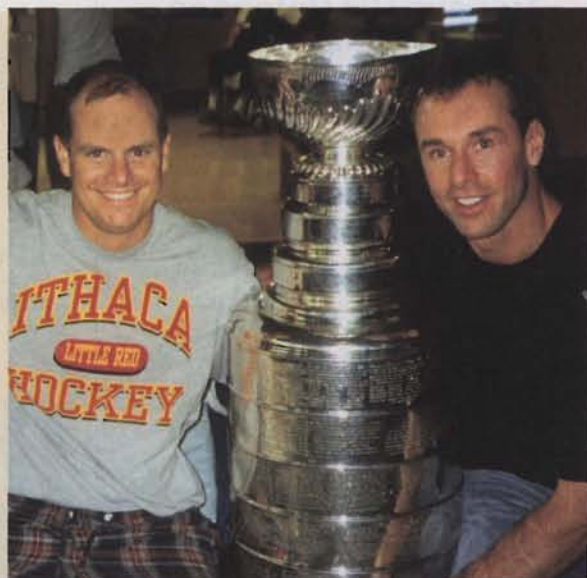
**MAJOR LEAGUE LAX** Hockey isn't the only sport where Cornell alumni are making an impact on the professional level. Three former men's lacrosse team members are playing in Major League Lacrosse, the

**HALL OF FAMERS** The Cornell University Athletic Hall of Fame will welcome 13 new members this fall, including six former All-Americans and an Olympian. The Class of 2003 will be inducted on October 3, raising the

## Big Game

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The annual alumni hockey game was an extra-special event this year, as the Stanley Cup made its way to Lynah Rink courtesy of former Cornell All-American **Joe Nieuwendyk '88** (right), a member of the 2003 NHL champion New Jersey Devils. In addition to bringing together many Big Red hockey greats, including members of all ten ECAC championship teams, the game raised funds for **Mike Tallman '90**. A former Cornell hockey player, Tallman was paralyzed below the waist as the result of injuries incurred during a hockey game in New Jersey. Nearly 3,000 people paid the \$5 admission fee, and hundreds paid an additional \$20 for an autographed picture with Nieuwendyk and the Cup. (For information about the Tallman Family Fund, go to: [www.tallmanfund.com](http://www.tallmanfund.com).)



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number of Hall of Famers to 422. The inductees are: **Jim DeStefano '81** (football and men's track and field), **Mark Ferguson '93** (wrestling),

**Melissa Gambrell '90** (women's soccer and ice hockey), **Paul "Spike" Gerwin '61** (men's basketball and baseball), **Christine**



**Loren Mooney**

**Hamori '85** (women's fencing), **Gary Kaczor '80** (baseball), **Ken Light '72** (men's swimming and diving),

**Duanne Mosher '86** (men's hockey), **Loren Mooney '93** (women's track and field), **Tom Murray '91** (men's crew), **Reeve Vanneman '67** (football and men's lacrosse), **Karen Walker '91** (women's basketball), and **W. Barlow Ware '47** (friend of Cornell athletics). DeStefano, Ferguson, Gambrell, Hamori, Light, and Mooney were All-Americans, while Murray rowed in the 1996 Olympics.

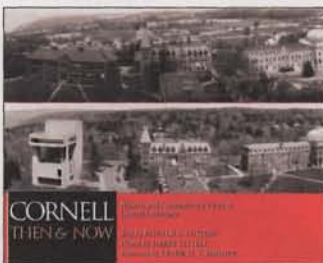


**Mark Ferguson**

**LONG THROW** **Scott Benowicz '03** finished his record-setting Cornell track and field career at the NCAA Championships, where he finished 24th. Benowicz qualified for the NCAA meet based on his 232 foot, 6 inch javelin throw at the Sea Ray Relays in April, which broke the school record for the new-style javelin that was introduced in 1986. (**Brian Cullinan '82** holds the record for the old-style javelin at 250 feet, 2 inches.) Benowicz also finished second at the Penn Relays.

**BARNSTORMING** The long road trip to Harvard and Dartmouth should seem a lot shorter to the Cornell men's basketball team this season, at least compared to the 20,000-plus-mile jaunt it made to Australia in May. A traveling party of 21, including 12 players, ventured down under for 11 days of bonding and basketball during the program's first international trip. The Big Red went 3-1, beating the New South Wales Under-18 Team 140-80, the Sutherland Sharks 110-69, and the Cairns Marlins 102-98. The only loss came to the Kuyam Pride, 115-109. **Cody Toppert '05** led the team offensively, averaging 30 points per game.

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October 25	BROWN	1:00 p.m.
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November 22	@ Penn	12:30 p.m.

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- September 20 vs. Bucknell**  
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- October 4 vs. Colgate**  
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- October 11 vs. Harvard**  
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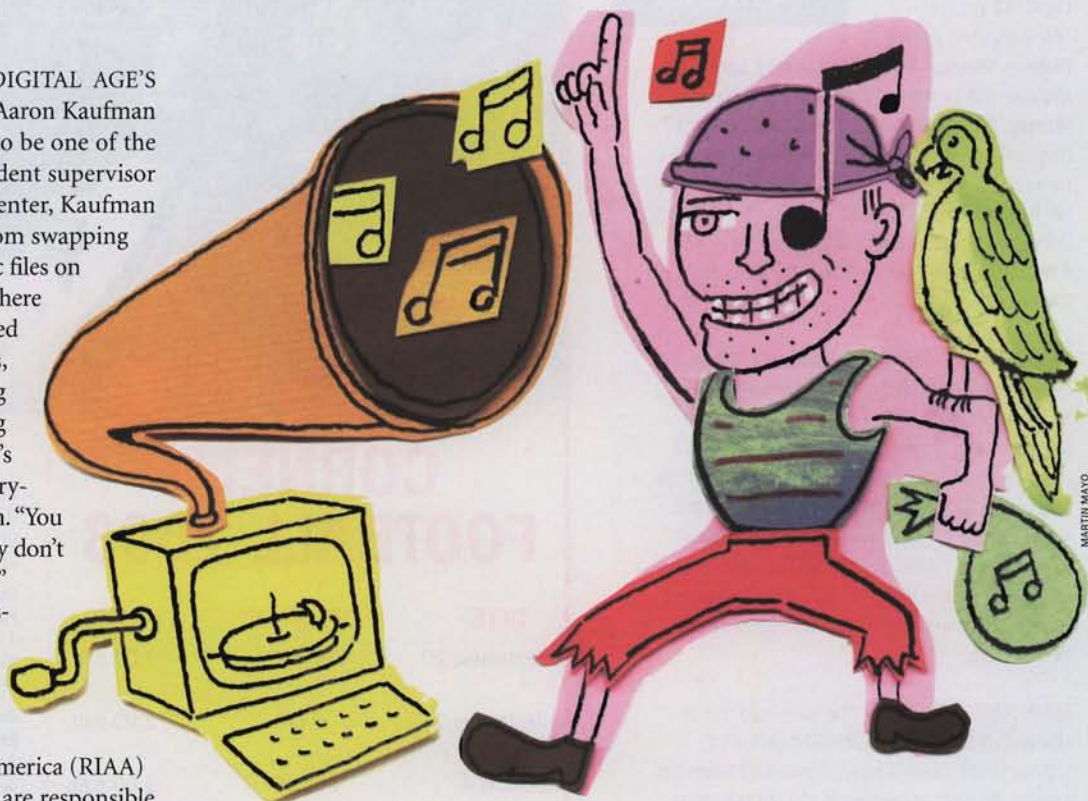


# A Pirate's Life

TAKING ON THE NOT-SO-SECRET SHARERS OF ONLINE MUSIC

**h**ERE ON THE DIGITAL AGE'S lawless frontier, Aaron Kaufman '03 is supposed to be one of the sheriffs. As a student supervisor at Cornell's computing center, Kaufman must discourage users from swapping copyright-protected music files on university machines. But there are 450 computers scattered throughout the facilities, and illicitly downloading that new Metallica song takes only seconds. "There's no way we can look at everyone at once," says Kaufman. "You try to scare people, but they don't really take it too seriously."

In the recording industry's ongoing war against file sharing, college campuses are caught in the crossfire. The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) claims that digital pirates are responsible for the crash in CD sales, and much of this alleged plundering is taking place over university-run networks. Not only are students keen users of peer-to-peer ("P2P") file-sharing services like Grokster and KaZaa, which let them download copyrighted songs, games, and movies from other members' computers, but super-fast academic networks like Cornell's ResNet make ideal havens for song swappers. Unable to shut down the P2P sites, the RIAA is pressuring universities to discipline their student scofflaws. Last April, the RIAA sued four students for file swap-



ping and won substantial out-of-court settlements. And in June the industry group made headlines again by warning of more legal actions aimed at individual users.

All this puts university officials like Tracy Mitrano in the difficult position of balancing academic freedom with federal copyright law. Mitrano, the director of computer law and policy at Cornell, is policy advisor for the Office of Information Technologies; she's also the school's Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) agent, which means that she tells violators

when record companies nab them in the server scans they aim at academic networks. It's a job she does with increasing frequency—Cornell receives some 200 violation notices a month, she says, up from about eighty a few years ago.

So far, colleges have met the file-sharing crackdown with a variety of tactics—some have confiscated computers, raided dorm rooms, and blocked file-sharing services from the school's network, even though P2Ps themselves are legal and can be used to swap lecture

notes as easily as Britney bootlegs. It's a policy that Mitrano strongly objects to. "That speaks to the very meaning of higher education," she says. "Blocking these file-sharing programs abrogates the spirit of the enterprise."

Instead, she's steered Cornell towards educating students on the finer points of copyright law and how file-sharing actually works. Mitrano e-mails every student an explanation of university policy at the beginning of the year, and she encourages replies. She's also tweaked the policy to better protect user identities. Until 2002, offenders would get a warning and a request to remove the material from their computer; now the student's IP address is immediately blocked until the downloads are deleted. "It's not discipline," Mitrano says. "It's complying with the law." (The Judicial Administrator handles the discipline: triple offenders can have their IPs shuttered for a semester.) Mitrano says that Cornell is obligated by the DMCA to remove material from its servers when alerted by aggrieved copyright holders, but it doesn't police the network itself.

For students, the RIAA doesn't seem to inspire much fear, in part because file swapping has been a part of college life since the file-sharing site Napster debuted in 1999. A court order closed Napster in 2001, but a wave of second-generation P2Ps with decentralized servers has more than taken up the slack. "Probably just about every student has some P2P software," says Aaron Carlton '03. And even those who aren't using them can digitally sidestep the CD store: Carlton avoids the spotty results and privacy concerns of P2P by asking friends to send him Mp3 music files via AOL's Instant Messenger. "It's quicker," he says. He finds the RIAA's argument—that such practices steal money from recording artists—unconvincing. "They seem more concerned with trying to muzzle technologies, which I'm always against," the Engineering student says. "It's the record companies that will have to change, not us."

For this generation, copyright laws written in the age of the Victrola are a poor match for 2003 technology. "A big part of the problem is [the entertainment industry's] insistence on taking a regressive business approach," says Mitrano.

## Funny Gal

It was a busy summer for Ann Coulter '84. The lawyer-turned-conservative-provocatrix unleashed her third book, *Treason*, a light-hearted chronology of "liberal treachery" since the Cold War, and launched a typically contentious promotional blitzkrieg. (According to the *New York Times*, Coulter gave 160 radio, television, and print interviews in the book's first four weeks of release.) Presumably saving her voice for "Hardball," the former history major, Cornell Review founder, and Delta Gamma sorority sister took a moment to e-mail a few reminiscences about her Young Republican years on the Hill. Rimshots optional.

### What was the most valuable part of your Cornell experience?

Living in Upstate New York. I'll never forget my first "Listening Tour" during freshman year.

### Any memorable undergraduate hijinks you'd like to share?

I was there the night Bill Nye ['77], "The Science Guy," first came up with his theory of global warming. That was also the first time I'd ever seen anyone take mushrooms.

### What was your least favorite class?

I wouldn't want to put anybody on the blacklist. They know who they are. I guess the low point was when I got caught cheating on the final in an ethics class, although that incident actually helped me get into law school later.

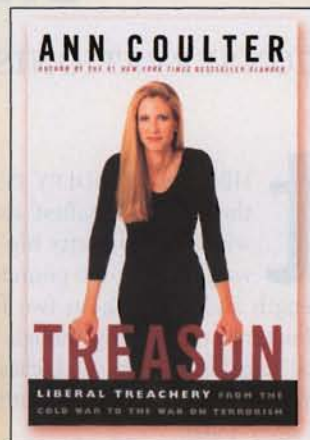
### Did living in Ithaca shape your politics?

Absolutely. I had been a casual conservative prior to matriculation. Afterwards, I was a violent one. I don't want to say Ithaca's an ultra-leftist town, but as a student I sometimes had to spend weekends in Berkeley just to get my head together.

### Do you ever exchange fond campus memories with Bill Maher '78?

Wait a second! I think HE was the guy with the mushrooms and the global warming theory.

## TRIPPING DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH PUNDIT ANN COULTER



"They've decided to use copyright law as a cudgel to beat millions of people over the head." So far, the RIAA has succeeded only in creating a huge and defiant nation of federal-statute violators. Carlton says that P2P's outlaw status is part of the allure. "People like the fact that record companies can't stop it. They think it's intriguing."

The entertainment business may be getting the message: some record companies are quietly negotiating with P2P networks. Apple's iTunes Music Store, which sells licensed music online for ninety-nine cents per song, may be a model for commercially viable digital distribution. And college administrators have now formed a

task force to find legal means of purchasing online music on campus.

Meanwhile, the battle rages on. The newest generation of P2Ps can stay several steps ahead of the RIAA's lawyers with encryption that preserves user anonymity. But Mitrano's advice to students isn't to flout the law, it's to organize and change it. "Copyright is the political movement to this generation what civil rights was to my generation," she says. "The silver lining is that this provides a unique opportunity to talk about the relationship among ethics and law and civil behavior. And possibly civil disobedience."

—David Dudley

# Shell Game

CONSERVATIONIST GIVES TURTLES A CHANCE

**T**HE KEMP'S RIDLEY IS ONE OF the world's smallest sea turtles, which is still pretty big—average weight about 100 pounds, average length and width about two feet. They don't start out that big, though. The typical hatchling is about 1.5 inches long and weighs just 0.7 ounces—about the size of a silver dollar.

Now imagine that you're only one among thousands of hatchlings that has to make its way from the beach to the ocean. You're already lucky to have gotten out of the egg, because developers are tearing up your nesting ground for condos and men are snatching up your fellow eggs for use as aphrodisiacs. If you manage to get to the water, you'll have to elude shrimp nets, other forms of commercial fishing, and natural predators for at least seven years if

you want to return to the beach to build a nest of your own.

No wonder you're an endangered species.

With conservationist Donna Shaver '81 on your side, though, you stand a much better chance than you did back in 1980 when the wildlife biology student first came to the Padre Island National Seashore in south Texas. The Syracuse native had never even seen the ocean before she volunteered for the Student Conservation Association the summer between her junior and senior years. She certainly had no idea that twenty-three years later she'd still be at Padre Island, and she'd be "to the Kemp's ridley sea turtle what Jane Goodall is to the chimpanzee," as one local writer put it. "My grandfather had given me an appreciation

for animals, and I'd always been fascinated by biology," Shaver says, remembering life before she met her first sea turtle. "When I got here, though, it was a moment of epiphany. I was so young and naive, but I knew that working to bring back the turtle was the most important thing that I was going to do with my life."

Shaver arrived in the middle of a conservation crisis. A home movie from 1947 shows more than 40,000 turtles nesting at Rancho Nuevo, Mexico, but by the late 1970s the number had dwindled to 1,000 or so. The situation was even worse at Padre Island, the turtle's only other native nesting ground. It was clear to scientists that without a dramatic effort, the species would be extinct in less than ten years. "This animal had existed for four million years, and human actions had decimated the population in just a few decades," Shaver says, referring to the fishing practices that killed hatchlings, not to mention the consumption of eggs by pre-Viagra Lotharios.

In 1978, the U.S. government inaugurated the Headstart program for American school children—and Padre Island began its own "headstart" program for the sea turtles. Shaver spent her first summer working with scientists who went to Mexico, gathered eggs as the mothers laid them, and flew them back to Texas. There the turtles were hatched and raised until they were a year old, and then released on the Padre Island shore. The hope was that when the turtles reached adulthood, they would come back to the island to nest.

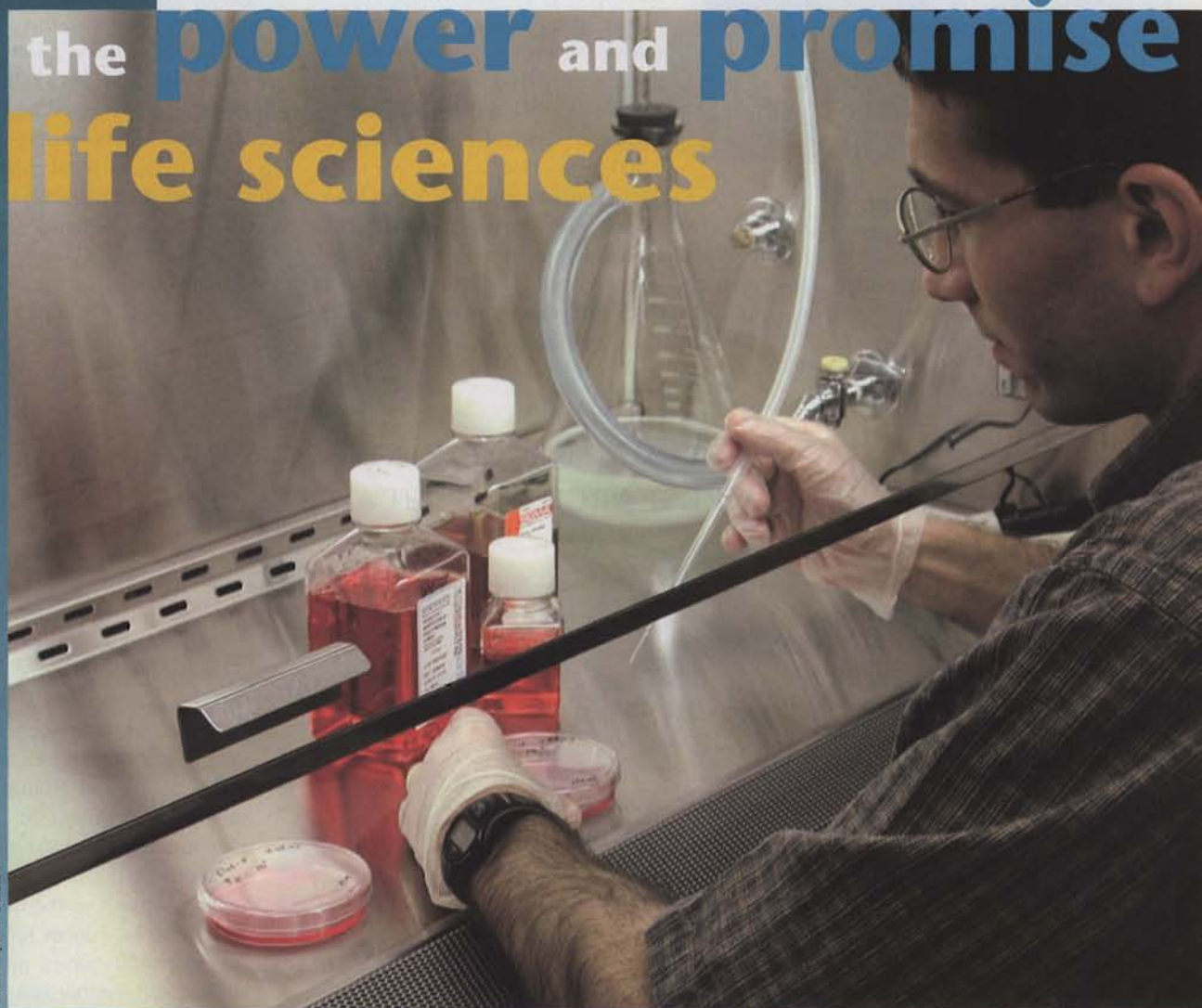
Ten years into the program, no known turtles had come back, and John Miller, a chief scientist of resource management with the National Park Service, ordered the end of the turtle program. Eventually, though, Miller fell in love with the turtles—and with the woman who was trying to save them. Shaver and Miller were married seven years ago. His admiration for her work helped to keep the program alive until the turtles started showing up in 1995. "When you work with sea turtles," Shaver says, "you've got to have a lot of patience."

Now Shaver, who holds a PhD in zool-



**Flipper of hope: Donna Shaver tracks Padre Island's turtles.**

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**Beachcomber: Shaver collects Kemp's ridley sea turtle eggs.**

ogy from Texas A&M, is both the head of the U.S. Geological Survey's Padre Island

Field Research Station and a one-woman publicity campaign for the turtles. She gives dozens of interviews a year, and has turned the annual release of hatchlings into a media event that draws both locals and tourists. In 2002, the research station incubated nearly 3,000 eggs; almost 2,000 survived to return to the wild.

"At the public hatchling releases, I can see the expressions on the children's faces, and even grown men with tears in their eyes," says Shaver. "They're thinking about these little babies and their plight, the fact

that only one in a hundred or a thousand will survive to adulthood." Shaver herself is still moved by the sight—and by the fact that last year there were thirty-eight nests found along the Texas coast, up from a record low of eight. "As a scientist you're supposed to be detached and matter-of-fact, but it's a bittersweet experience," she says. "It's particularly touching when the eggs are from the turtles that I hatched fifteen years ago. Someone said to me, 'Donna, you're like a grandmother now,' and I think that's right."

— C.A. Carlson '93, MFA '96

## Inquiring Minds

**W**hat do you get when you cross a Cornell student with a Cuban mambo? A research topic. Undergraduates who study everything from quantum physics to restaurant chains now have a forum to share their discoveries in *The Research Paper*, a student-run magazine of undergraduate inquiry. "I like the idea that students have specific interests," says editor-in-chief Emily Posner '04, "but our goal is that in reading the magazine they will discover a little about everything and possibly find new things that interest them."

Posner decided to launch the publication after realizing that many undergraduates conducting original studies had no way to communicate what they'd learned, and that increasing numbers of freshmen were seeking information to help them choose their fields of study. "What I wanted at Cornell was missing," says Posner. "We needed mass communication for students on how to get involved in research—a central network. Students are doing work in their majors, unaware that other students may be having the same experiences or encountering the same difficulties." Each semester, the magazine has student-written profiles featuring one undergraduate researcher from each college; so far, it has covered everything from social drinking and the workplace to Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and its connection to perceptions of science. Graduate students, faculty, and distin-

## STUDENT MAGAZINE GIVES UNDERGRAD RESEARCHERS A HEAD START



Emily Posner

VINHAI PHAM '03

guished alumni such as Janet Reno '60 have also appeared.

Founded in the spring of 2001, *The Research Paper* has no central office—contributors work at home and submit their work to Posner, who assembles each issue with a team of student editors, photographers, and designers. Thanks to support from Isaac Kramnick, the vice provost for undergraduate education, as well as the deans of several schools, Posner has been able to print 750 copies per semester. It's a small number, but the communication major is confident the magazine will grow. "Every aspect of starting this publication was a challenge," she says. "I was told at the beginning that this was not going to happen—or, if it was, it would only be online. But I had this idea, and I

could see all the benefits it could bring to Cornell and Cornell students."

Posner's ultimate goal is to spur interest in research among undergraduates. "If you can do research," she says, "you're giving yourself the opportunity to discover something new. In a larger sense, it's not so much about data sets as it is about exploring an area and sharing it with the rest of the world." That student exploring the mambo? He's Neil McQuarrie '03, a physics major who visited Cuba during his junior year to study rhythm with local drummers and ethnomusicologists.

— Signe Pike '03



# Pigskin Pioneer

FORGOTTEN FULLBACK'S SINGLE PRO SEASON MADE HISTORY

**I**N THE LONG HISTORY OF CORNELL football and the slightly shorter history of the National Football League, nearly three dozen Big Red players have gone from the university's playing fields to the pros. It is safe to say that Ignacio Molinet '27 is among the least remembered of the bunch. He wasn't the first to make the jump to the NFL (four Cornellians did it in 1920, the league's inaugural season). He wasn't the most successful (Pete Gogolak '64 is the New York Giants' all-time leading scorer). And he certainly wasn't the most famous (after all, tailback-turned-thespian Ed Marinaro '72 came *this* close to winning the Heisman Trophy and the heart of Laverne DeFazio).

But arguably the most significant Cornellian ever to play in the NFL was a little-known 5-foot-11, 195-pound fullback nicknamed "Molly." And until a couple of years ago, nobody realized it. It took a confluence of curiosity—from a self-made sports historian in Texas, an archivist in Ohio, and a loving granddaughter in New England—to come to the unexpected discovery that Molinet was a pigskin pioneer.

The voyage to discovery began in 1980, when Heidi Cadwell was sorting through her late grandparents' belongings. You could say that Cadwell, a forty-seven-year-old special education teacher from Hollis, New Hampshire, is family-oriented. Indeed, she and her husband took in thirty-six foster children before having two of their own. ("We have a padded cell waiting for us in heaven," she jokes.) So when she came across her grandfather's 1927 NFL contract and some correspondence about the negotiations, she saved it as a reminder of a man she adored. For nearly two decades, it remained tucked away, a memento of interest to nobody, she

figured, but the man's descendants.

Meanwhile, a part-time historian named Mario Longoria was in the process of investigating the Latino presence in professional football. His fourteen years of study became a book—*Athletes Remembered: Mexicano/Latino Professional Football Players, 1929–1970*—in which he concluded that Jesse Rodriguez, a fullback

with the 1929 Buffalo Bisons, was the first NFL player of Hispanic heritage.

But then, in 1999, interests intersected. Cadwell called the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, to see if they would be interested in her grandfather's NFL contract. She spoke to Jason Aikens, the collections coordinator, who told her no thanks. After all, if they took in every signed contract... "Well, I have all of his correspondence from Cuba," Cadwell told him.

"Cuba?" There was a pause. "Isn't Molinet a French name?"

"My grandfather was Cuban."

Another pause. "I'll have to get back to you."

Aikens informed his boss of the phone call, and he contacted Longoria. The researcher then called Cadwell to affirm her grandfather's ethnicity. They all came to the same conclusion: Ignacio Molinet had been the first Latino player in the league.

Molinet's parents had come to Cuba from Spain, their ancestors having likely crossed the Pyrenees from France. They were a well-to-do family. In fact, his uncle was a high-ranking government official. Molinet was educated primarily in America, attending prep school in New Jersey before enrolling at Cornell, where he followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Joaquin, Class of 1921, an excellent all-around athlete who has been inducted into the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame.

The younger Molinet lettered twice each in basketball and football, but following his sophomore year both of his parents died. Financially and emotionally, he found the prospect of returning to Cornell too challenging, so he remained at home in Chaparral, Cuba. But when the Frankford Athletic Association of Philadelphia contacted him about



**NFL bound: Cuban-born Ignacio Molinet '27 played just two seasons on campus, but became the pro league's first Hispanic player.**

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playing for the defending NFL champion Frankford Yellowjackets—at a salary of \$100 per game—that seemed a worthwhile challenge.

Statistically, Molinet's single NFL season was unremarkable. He rushed for seventy-five yards, threw for another thirty-five, caught a couple of passes, and scored a touchdown. Frankford finished in seventh place. Afterward, Molinet returned to Cornell to finish up his mechanical engineering degree, having played a grand total of nine games as a professional half-back. But Molinet's numbers don't tell the whole story. "[His position] is important, because if you ask the average pro football fan nowadays about Latinos, they'll mention only kickers and linemen," says Longoria. "But the initial history of the Latino presence in professional football is at the running back spot, and it starts with Molinet."

Fewer than two dozen of the 1,590 players on NFL rosters today are of Hispanic heritage, but over the years some of the league's brightest stars have been Latinos, including Hall of Fame offensive lineman Anthony Munoz and Super Bowl-winning quarterback Jim Plunkett. Still, there remains a good deal of misinformation about the man who led the way. According to *Good Sports*, the comprehensive history of Cornell athletics written by former athletic director Bob Kane '34, Molinet, who died in 1976 at the age of seventy-two, spent his entire working career at Eastman Kodak. He actually worked for the Carrier Corporation, first in New York City, then in Rochester and Syracuse. In addition, accounts of his pioneering efforts often refer to him as "Lou" Molinet. His family states he was never called that—just "Molly," they say, and later "Iggy."

Terri Van De Carr Godshell, one of Molinet's five children and Heidi Cadwell's mother, doesn't recall her father ever discussing his single campaign in pro football. But she does have memories of joining him around the radio, rooting for the Big Red. "I can still remember listening to Thanksgiving football—Cornell versus Penn," she says, "and hearing that wonderful announcer say, 'Molly could have made that play.'"

—Brad Herzog '90



T. GUNN

## A Mouse of a Different Color

MUTATION MAY HOLD KEY TO CURE FOR PARKINSON'S AND OTHER BRAIN DISORDERS

**I**'m convinced that all the major discoveries in science must happen by accident," says biomedical sciences professor Teresa Gunn. Five years ago, as a postdoc at Stanford, Gunn made an unintentional breakthrough of her own: she linked a condition found in two rare forms of mice with such neurological conditions as "Mad Cow," Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's. "Very little is known about any neurodegenerative disorder," says the geneticist, "and these mice are a model to study why neurons die."

The mahogany-colored, curly-haired rodents in question—called Mahogunin and Attractin after their mutations—were originally subjects in a study seeking the connection between their genetic makeup and a tendency toward hyperactivity. When Gunn observed that they also had porous, spongy brains resembling those of animals infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy, her research took a new twist. "When we stumbled across the degeneration in the nervous system, we started thinking," says the Vet college professor, "but there were no obvious hypotheses."

Now the researcher believes the critters may hold the key to a better understanding of how this type of degeneration can cause similar symptoms in other animals and humans. "The kind of gene that's mutated in these mice is similar in function to at least one gene that's been implicated in Parkinson's," says Gunn. "So there's a connection." Her findings, published last January in *Science*, represent a step toward learning more about such chronic neurological problems, but the cure remains far off. "Right now," she says, "we're just trying to get a better understanding of these diseases."

—Everett Hullverson '05

# Dishing Dirt

CAMPUS FARMERS DEVELOP AN APPETITE FOR DECOMPOSITION

**C**ORNELL'S STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY generate more than 10,000 tons of trash each year. About one-sixth gets recycled. But since 1992, a growing percentage of the university's organic solid waste has made its way to an abandoned grazing pasture northeast of the Cornell orchards. There, on a four-acre plot, a team of farm services employees converts the matter—including manure and bedding from the Vet college, clippings from campus greenhouses, and food scraps from the dining halls—into prime potting material. The effort began in the late Eighties as a low-cost attempt at reducing the odors associated with spreading manure from the campus dairy directly on fields. Now composting has become a strategy for managing 3,600 tons of refuse each year.

"Compost can be as simple or difficult as you want it to be," says farm manager Gary Tennant, who supervises the operation. "Some people check the moisture and oxygen daily. Some have



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recipes. But it pretty much all comes out the same." Tennant accepts whatever comes his way, from slow-decomposing, carbon-heavy wood chips—Tennant calls the lignin in pine and other soft woods "chewing gum for bugs"—to the nitrogen-rich food scraps

## Cover Girl

## JUNIOR LIFTS SPIRITS WITH COSMETICS

**m**ost college students use their parents' basements to stash belongings they can't fit in their dorm rooms. Rachel Doyle '05 uses hers to store makeup by the truckload. As president of GlamourGals, Doyle runs a community service organization that trains high school and college students to give makeovers to elderly women in assisted living centers. The program involves more than knowing which shade of lipgloss to apply—volunteers spend time getting to know residents before initiating the makeovers.

Doyle created GlamourGals four years ago when her grandmother's loneliness and isolation in a nursing home inspired her to give elderly women a renewed sense of dignity by helping them feel beautiful. "Everyone wants to feel and look good," says the policy analysis and management major. "But people who are living in care facilities may not be getting the kind of attention they need."

Doyle's efforts have landed the Long Island native on the

"Oprah Winfrey Show" and in the pages of *Cosmogirl!* magazine and the *New York Times*. Thus far, the club, which relies on free samples from cosmetic companies including Mary Kay and Nivea, has received \$3,000 in corporate donations. Her parents and brother Noah Doyle '03 serve on the organization's board of directors.

Launched in Commack, New York, the not-for-profit has grown to include ten chapters with nearly 200 members across New York State. Last spring, Doyle started a Cornell chapter with twenty members who visit residents of Kendal at Ithaca. Doyle herself has given more than 250 makeovers. "If you want meaningful community service," she says, "it's meeting and touching the people you affect."

— Lauren McSherry '02



that are nearly all water. Apart from turning the 250-foot-long windrows at least once weekly—providing the farmers aren't busy haying or planting—and spraying them with water at the height of the summer's heat to maintain 50 to 60 percent moisture content, the facility requires minimal regular effort. The most time-consuming element, collecting the compostable materials from around campus, takes less than forty hours a week.

New York State has more than 270 composting locations, from simple leaf and yard waste programs to high-tech plants that process biosolids (anything that can be flushed down a drain, including hairdressing chemicals and photographic development solvents). Compost specialist Jean Bonhotal, a Cooperative Extension researcher, points out that Cornell's facility is higher-tech than some. The site includes such engineered features as an improved gravel pad eight to twelve inches thick on a 2 percent grade with a lagoon to collect run-off. And while Tennant may not have a recipe of his own, Cornell's diverse waste stream makes up for it. "We have a huge variety of manure out there—emu, woodchuck, cows, quail," says Bonhotal. "The more diverse your feed stock, the more balanced your product."

During the initial, thermophilic phase of decomposition, microbial activity yields temperatures of 120 to 150 degrees Fahrenheit. The steady heat kills pathogens, fly larvae, and seeds, any of which would make the finished product less attractive for spreading on fields and gardens. Regular turning maintains uniform moisture levels, prevents the temperature from spiking, and incorporates oxygen into the pile. Without it, anaerobic microbes take over. "Then," says Tennant, "you get a really bad smell." After two to three months, the pile temperature drops, indicating the end of thermophilic decomposition. Tennant and his team push the finished windrows into a large curing pile at the east end of the lot, where mesophilic microbes, earthworms, and beetles take over the process. Six months later, the compost is ready for use.

On cool days, steam rises from the active piles, and in winter, small animals occasionally spend the night at their edges

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for warmth. The piles are turned too regularly to provide easy meals, says Tennant, so critters haven't been a nuisance. Neither has odor. Tennant admits that as a farmer, he doesn't think of manure as noxious, but points out that the site's neighbors—a trailer park and a Department of Conservation pheasant breeding facility—have never complained. "Finished compost has a leafy, musty odor," he says, "like in a forest."

In addition to saving the university

money at the landfill, the facility has provided a living laboratory for campus researchers. Assistant farm manager Drew Lewis, MS '03, studied how compost affects weeds for his thesis project. "In direct manure, seeds go through the cow and directly onto the field," he says, "where they germinate." At the Vet college, animals come from throughout the world for treatment; spreading their seed-rich manure could introduce non-native

## Sweet Smell of Success

AG STATION GROWS  
BETTER BERRIES

Strawberries may be small, but as the third most valuable fruit in New York, they returned \$8.82 million to growers in 2002. Farmers continually seek new breeds to increase profitability, and Courtney Weber, director of the small fruit breeding program at Cornell's Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, aims to give them what they want. This summer he released the new Clancy and L'Amour varieties. Clancy, in development since 1988, grows in late June—after the weather has gotten too warm for most eating berries. L'Amour, in development since 1994, grows in early June and holds its flavor much better than the current market berry, Honeoye (released by Cornell in 1979). Weber named his creations after his favorite authors, Tom Clancy and Louis L'Amour. "One of the hardest things is finding a name," he says. "There's a guy in Maryland who names them after women in his family, and another in Arkansas who uses Indian names."



Since it began selective breeding in 1880, the Agricultural Experiment Station has developed more than 245 fruit varieties, including apples, grapes, and thirty-eight kinds of strawberry. Its best known creations include Empire apples and Surefire sour cherries. To produce the Clancy and L'Amour berries, Weber planted more than 11,000 seedlings. "It's a process of elimination," says the horticulturist. "A usable berry will be one out of hundreds." Through breeding, Cornell helps farmers increase their profitability; in return, the university receives royalties that support further research. "Growers want berries that appeal to consumers and contribute to the bottom line," says Weber. "A higher quality breed will not only increase the percentage of usable berries, but also decrease wasted money spent on pickers who pick unsaleable fruit."

— J.R. Johnson '04

weeds to the university's fields. But composting eliminates that problem. Lewis found a 100 percent mortality rate for seeds mixed into actively decomposing piles. "They're either cooked," says Tennant, "or they sprout, then get turned into the center of the pile and composted." Additionally, when spread on a field, the high pH of the finished compost retards the growth of weeds, which thrive in acidic soils.

The Center for the Environment's Waste Management Institute has examined the life cycle of pathogens in compost (very short) and tested the quality of equipment and methods. The Institute also maintains the university's comprehensive "Cornell Composting" website and generates outreach materials. Its seven-minute video, subtitled "Because a Rind is a Terrible Thing to Waste," guides large institutions—such as hospitals and prisons—through the finer points of food scrap composting.

More recently, the Institute has focused on composting as a solution for farmers facing the combined pressure of neighbors who complain about the stink of raw manure and increasingly restrictive environmental regulations. Additionally, while carcass disposal once required just a call to the local rendering plant, plunging prices have left many farmers and butchers without a cost-effective strategy for dealing with unwanted remains. Institute researchers developed an elegant solution: the farmer puts down a bed of wood chips twenty-four inches deep, lays the cow on top, lances its rumen to prevent explosion from gas buildup, and covers the carcass with a two-foot layer of dry, high-carbon material (straw bedding, more wood chips, or dry manure). "Just set it and forget it," says Tennant, who oversaw experiments with two carcasses from the Vet college last fall. After six months, the farmer checks the pile and, if necessary, turns it and adds more compost to complete the process. In 1999, Ithaca's Paleontological Research Institute used a similar technique to liberate the skeleton from a 30,000-ton Northern right whale. "We take a foul-smelling product," says Tennant, "and make something that doesn't smell bad."

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# Root Cause

## THE YIN AND YANG OF NEW YORK GINSENG

**O**N A CRISP AUTUMN AFTERNOON, Bob Beyfuss and Bruce Phetteplace trudge through the leaves of a Central New York forest. The two men are a study in contrasts. The fifty-three-year-old Beyfuss, MS Ag '87, is lean, with blue eyes, silver hair, and a brush mustache; Phetteplace is stocky, with straight brown hair that makes him look younger than his fifty-one years. The New Jersey-born Beyfuss is a natural storyteller, while Phetteplace, a lifelong woodsman, is guarded and shy. What unites them as friends is their passion for a pale, gnarled root. "I guess you could say I'm haunted by ginseng," says Beyfuss, pulling up his sleeve to reveal a botanically accurate tattoo of a ginseng root.

Today's mission is to gauge the progress of Phetteplace's ginseng beds,

hidden deep in the woods under a canopy of sugar maples. Beyfuss, a Cornell Cooperative Extension agent for Greene County, has been a ginseng believer since he began taking it in capsule form to ease the pressure of graduate school. But that's not the reason for his decades-long obsession. In this part of the state, where family farms are failing at an alarming rate, ginseng is a rare thing: a native product with a growing market and a steadily rising price. Diggers can get more than \$400 for a pound of dried roots, and more than \$1,000 per pound for the best specimens.

That's if they can find them. Although the plant is now protected (the "hunting" season in New York runs from September to November), wild populations throughout the eastern U.S. are plummeting under pressure from poaching and over-picking.

**Wild American ginseng: New York's family farmers cultivate a forest-friendly cash crop.**



ROBERT BEYFUSS

The most valuable roots, which are often fifteen to twenty years old, are becoming especially scarce.

For Beyfuss, the solution is simple: convince landowners to plant ginseng in the woods, simulating the conditions under which it thrives in the wild. That's exactly what Phetteplace has done on his property, a former dairy farm now covered in forest.

Phetteplace has planted more than 100,000 roots in slightly raised beds barely visible under a carpet of leaves. He keeps notes on everything he does in pencil on scraps of cardboard—where the seeds come from, how many pounds of leaves he's used as mulch. He rarely harvests the older roots—he calls them his retirement plan. Most of his income comes from selling rootlets and seeds to other growers.

"These are like my kids," he says as he gently uncovers a seventeen-year-old root with his finger. "I've been babying and nursing them for years and years. It's hard to dig them and send them off to be eaten. I enjoy sending the rootlets more than anything else, because I know they're going to see new lands, get planted in new places."

New lands and new places—the words are music to the ears of Beyfuss and several of his Cornell colleagues, including Louise Buck, PhD '00, a senior Extension associate in the Department of Natural Resources. Ginseng growing—and "forest farming" in general—"makes sense at several levels," says Buck. "It's a really good way for landowners to make money without destroying the forest or endangering watersheds. In fact, to create the right conditions for ginseng, you normally end up improving the forest."

American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) is no New Age fad. Asians have prized it for centuries for its therapeutic properties. Devotees claim that American ginseng enhances a person's yin, reducing stress, while the more common Asian ginseng—*Panax ginseng*, its botanical cousin—provides an invigorating jolt of yang. George Washington sold ginseng from his Virginia property; the pioneer Daniel Boone was an avid digger and dealer.

Ginseng cultivation is not new either. Farmers have been growing it in shaded fields since the 1840s, mainly in Wiscon-



sin and Canada. In 1904, Liberty Hyde Bailey, then the director of Cornell's Ithaca Experiment Station, remarked on the increasing importance of ginseng as a commercial field crop.

But field-grown ginseng grows straight and smooth, and—although there's no evidence that it's any less potent—sells for a fraction of the price of the wild root. The challenge for woodland growers is to replicate the twisted, textured appearance sought by Asian buyers. "It doesn't matter how it was grown," says Beyfuss. "If it has that wild look, it'll sell for a wild price."

Scientists know remarkably little about American ginseng—what sort of soil it prefers, how it defends itself against pathogens (historically, fungal diseases have been problematic), or what genetic and environmental factors determine its shape, potency, or rate of growth. Not to mention how (or even whether) it does what users claim.

The knowledge base is growing, though, thanks in part to a Cornell-led "learning community" that has encouraged information sharing among researchers, educators, extension agents, and landowners throughout the Northeast. That process will soon go nationwide with the development of an online, interactive course on forest medicinals funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Although interest is growing, Buck says cultivating "wild-simulated" ginseng is not as easy as she and her colleagues had hoped. Even where site conditions are perfect, unfavorable weather during the critical first year can spell doom for a crop. Recent droughts in New York state wreaked havoc on Cornell test plots and frustrated many would-be growers.

Phetteplace counsels patience—something his friend Beyfuss has in long supply. Beyfuss has been campaigning for woods-grown ginseng since the Eighties, but says it's only in the last five years that his work has attracted much attention. He's been interviewed by national media and invited to speak all over the country. "I've been tilting at windmills for a long time, and now I'm starting to hit them," he says. "It's nice to know that, after twenty-five years of hard work, you can become an overnight sensation."

— Jon Miller

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## She Devil

## DEBUT NOVELIST STIRS CONTROVERSY

**f**resh out of college, Lauren Weisberger '99 landed her dream job, as personal assistant to *Vogue* editor Anna Wintour. It turned into a nightmare: Weisberger spent hours seeking out trendy totes for Wintour's daughters and picking up drycleaning for her ungrateful boss. "You just don't say no to *Vogue*," she told the New York weekly newspaper *Forward* of her decision to work for the industry icon, "but there were days when I wanted to kill myself."

But the experience also inspired the former English major to pen a series of fictional vignettes for a creative writing workshop. After seventy-five pages, the teacher suggested Weisberger get an agent. "The novel just took off from there," she says. "I got lucky."

In April 2003, Doubleday released 250,000 copies of *The Devil Wears Prada*, a gossipy roman à clef about Weisberger's *Vogue* experience. To her surprise, the rookie author found herself spurned by New York's literati and fashionistas. The *Washington Post* and *New York Times* critiqued both her writing and her motives; former *Harper's Bazaar* editor and Wintour



protégé Kate Betts called the novel a mean-spirited vendetta that capitalized on Wintour's celebrity. "Start with a *Mommy Dearest* premise featuring our most famous fashion editor, add an irresistible title, and throw in a six-figure movie deal," she wrote. "Does it even matter what's actually on the page when everybody is reading between the lines?" Weisberger, on the other hand, insists her characters are pure fiction. "I did not base the book or any of its characters on anyone," she told *Forward*. "My experiences at *Vogue* definitely informed the writing, but it's an amalgamation of stories from my friends, sitting around bitching at four a.m."

Ultimately, says Weisberger, asking whether the book's protagonist, Brown graduate Andrea Sachs, is a thinly-veiled proxy for the author or whether she resents her former boss is beside the point. "This is clearly not *War and Peace*. I'd love to hear that people just enjoyed themselves while reading the book. That would be perfect."

— Everett Hullverson '05



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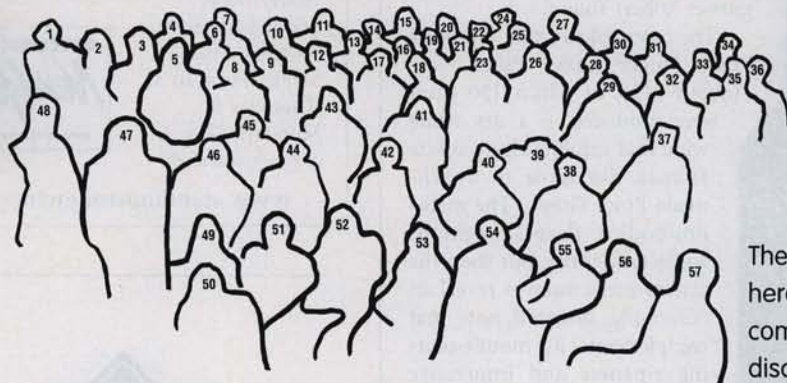
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# Wines of the Finger Lakes

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### 2002 ANTHONY ROAD FINGER LAKES PINOT GRIS

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"As with all of our wines," says co-owner John Martini, "we are trying to establish a Finger Lakes style." John, who came to the region with wife Ann in 1973 to grow grapes on 100 acres of land overlooking Seneca Lake, is enthusiastic about the variety. In fact, he was inspired enough to supplement the 500 vines at Martini Vineyards with another ten acres near Dresden on a 100-acre site pur-



chased last year by longtime friend and renowned California grape grower Robert Young.

The non-oaked 2002 Anthony Road Finger Lakes Pinot Gris (about \$13), of which 130 cases were produced, is a dry white wine that exhibits clean, subtle aromas, like those of a well-made Pinot Grigio. The medium-bodied flavors begin as apple and citrus, but then the acidity melts away to reveal an Alsace-like honeyed note that complements its mouth-coating ripeness and impressive persistence of flavor. "We like this wine with scampi," says John—and a more congenial food accompaniment is difficult to imagine.

— Dana Malley

DANA MALLEY is the wine buyer and manager of Northside Wine & Spirits in Ithaca.



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something old, something new

# REUNION 2003

photos by Shai Eynav

Reunions, inevitably, tend to be built on wistful emotional foundations—we shadow our younger selves along once-familiar paths, inspect changes wrought in our absence, compare waistlines and hairlines, births and deaths. This year's version was no exception. With the looming departure of Hunter Rawlings, the proceedings may have been even more nostalgia-minded than usual: at the outgoing president's farewell State of the University address, attendees were treated to a slideshow retrospective of the past eight years, and the achievements of the Rawlings administration were duly noted.

Memory lane: (from left to right) Rachel Zweighaft '94 and husband Gerry Adamski '93, Edit Szalai, and Joe Kukura '93 stroll through campus.

But amidst all the determined looking back, some still managed to see the present and look toward the future. At a reunion symposium called “The Next Fifty Years,” former president Frank H.T. Rhodes affirmed his faith in the role higher education will play in the coming days. “The university is the future,” he declared. “The future of our nation, our culture, our health, our environment, the human race, and the planet.”

On a smaller scale, the future of Cornell was glimpsed as the endless work-in-progress that it is. Bailey Hall hosted its last Cornelian Night before construction crews moved in to give

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### reunion by the numbers

**Total attendance: 6,432**

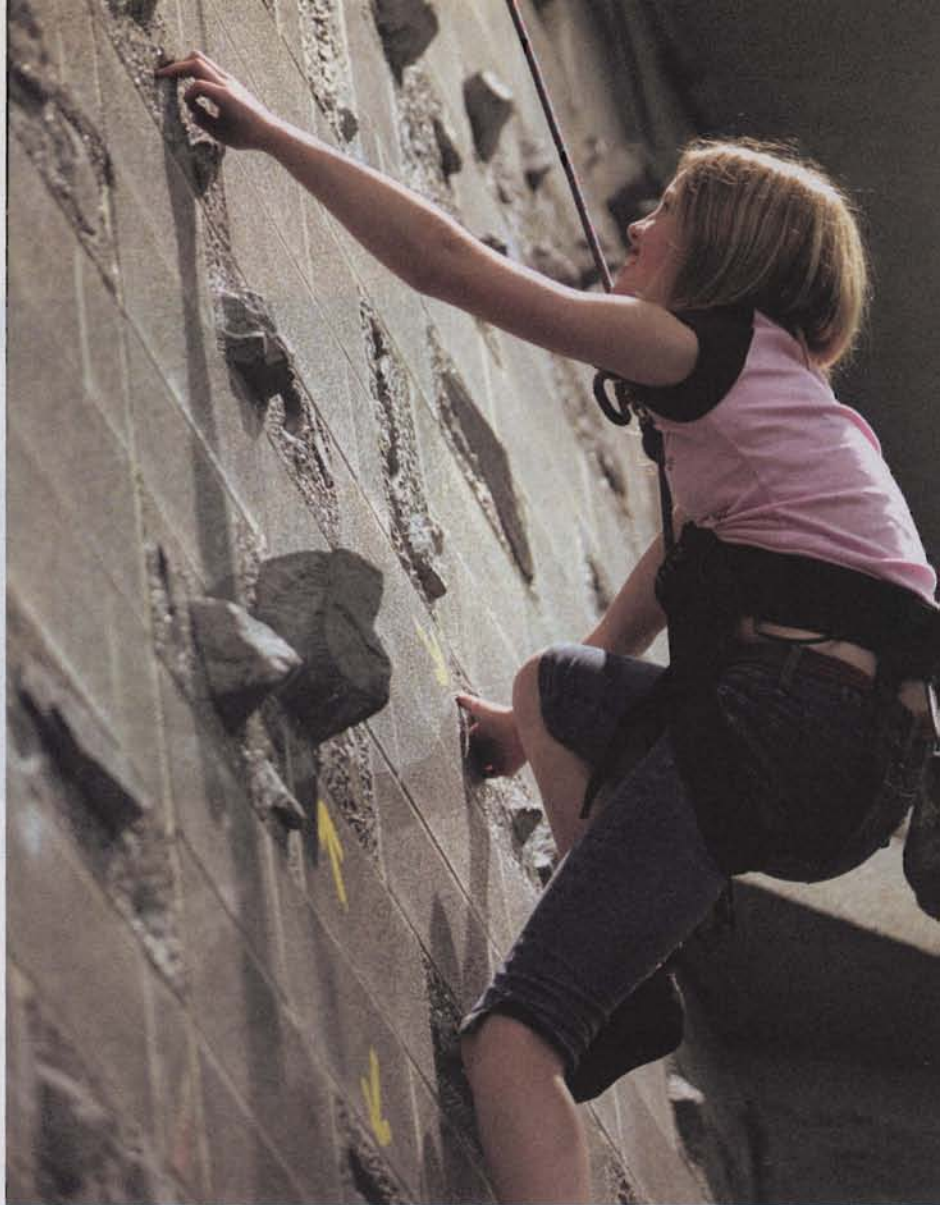
**Alumni attendees: 4,178**

**Children attendees: 746**

**First-time attendees: 255**

**Oldest attendee:**

**Jesse Kashin, Class of 1928**







Taking in the sights: (clockwise, from above) Bill Robey '53 scouts the skies on the Lab of Ornithology's bird walk; on patrol on Beebe Lake; a man and his monkey; reunion runners await the starting gun early Saturday morning; poodle Destiny Eustis and pal on parade; and scaling the Lindseth Climbing Wall in Bartels Hall.



### reunion by the numbers

Highest class attendance:  
504, Class of 1998

Highest attendance percentage:  
29.2 %, Class of 1953

Participants in Saturday's  
Reunion Run: 170

Canoeists on Beebe Lake, 2002:  
246

Canoeists on Beebe Lake, 2003:  
111 (raining)



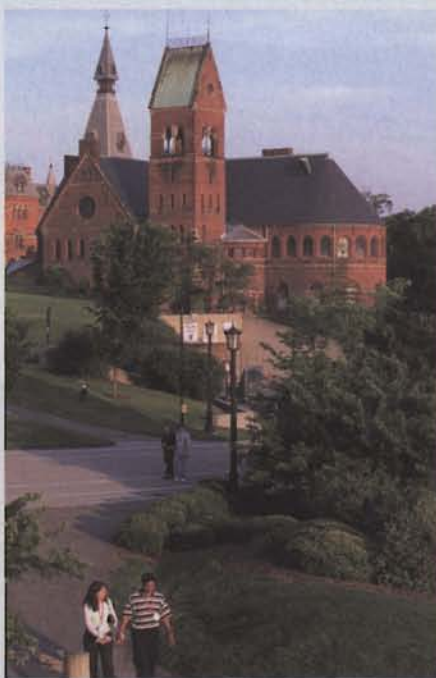


the bedraggled 1912 auditorium a much-needed two-year-long renovation. Meanwhile, curious alums donned hard hats to tour unfinished Duffield Hall, a gleaming \$62.5 million research center devoted to an emerging science—nanotechnology—most had never heard of five years ago. The reassurance of familiar scenes was balanced by the shock of unexpected ones—a half-built addition growing on Statler Hall, raw earth and orange construction barricades preceding some big changes on





(Clockwise, from above) Duffield Hall gets the once-over; Barnes Hall and the Campus Store from the library patio; Libe Slope sunset; big red Cruiser; White Hall visitors; Jasmine Eng, daughter of Douglas Eng '88, holds Wendy Huang '88's reunion button; Cornell kid Rebecca Anderson prepares to spike one; Tyler Johnson stays dry in the boat-house; and Reunion Row gets wet.



## reunion by the numbers

Sets of twins in attendance: **15**  
 Sets of triplets in attendance: **1**  
 Countries of origin: **15**  
 Largest class gift: **\$11,738,236**,  
**Class of 1953**

Model year of the Plymouth that Al Harris '53 and Ed Eigner '53 drove to Ithaca from Connecticut: **1941**

Estimated hours of reunion planning: **18,000**

Sunbathers on Libe Slope, 2 p.m. Friday: **14**

Sunbathers on Libe Slope, 2 p.m. Saturday: **0** (raining)

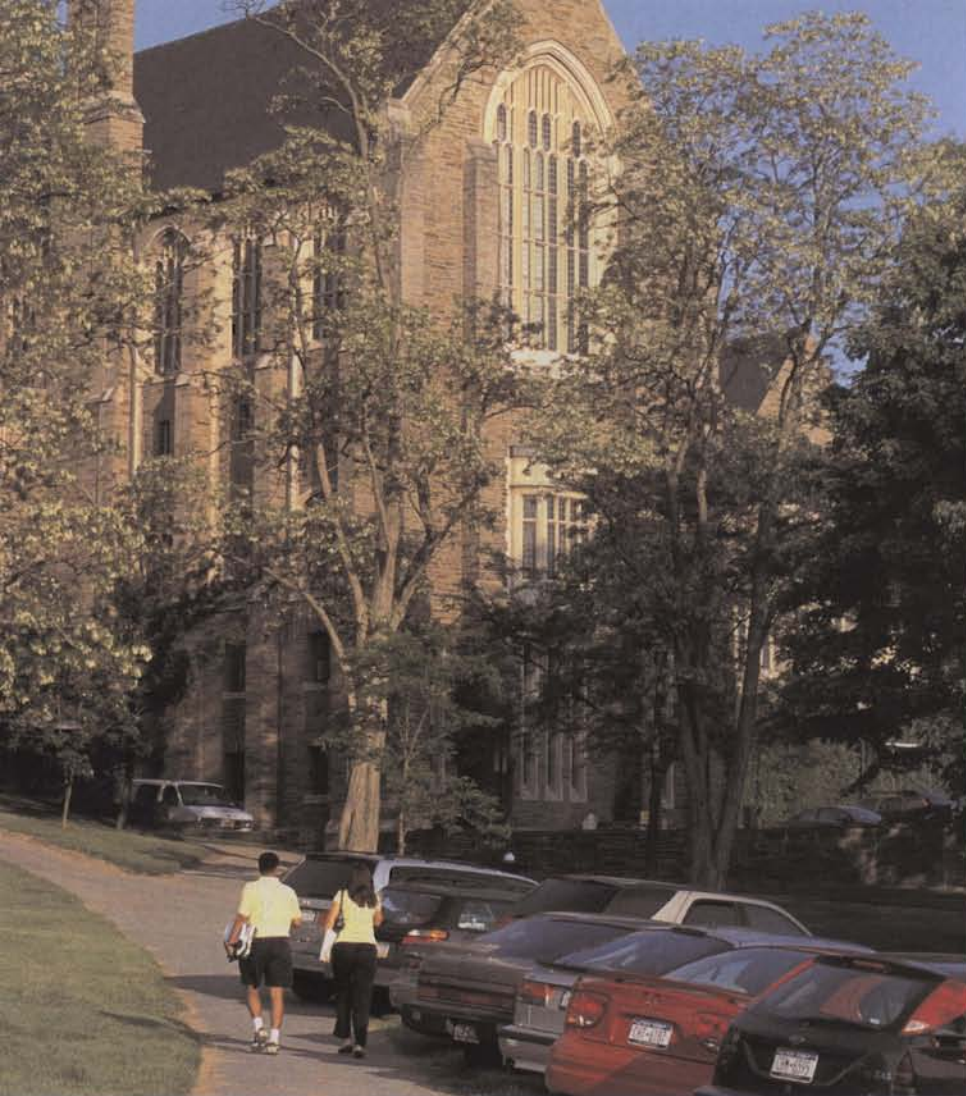
Roving sousaphones in Pep Band, Barton Hall, Saturday: **4**

New York State wineries at wine-tasting, Hall of Fame Room, Saturday: **9**

Cornell Catering's estimated total catering staff: **500**

Number of waiters and bartenders: **300**





(Clockwise from above, this page) Leafy Balch Hall; boater-and-bolo-tie wearing Bob Persons '48; Sandy Berger '67 talks politics; Hunter Rawlings says farewell; and the class of '88 reconvenes.

(Clockwise from top left, next page) Dick Eustis '43 makes the rounds; the class of '88's inflated self-image; pals Trisha Flynn '98 and Shana Beemer '98; reunion stalwart Bill Vanne-man '31; Joanna Turner '93 and fiance Tristram Bisgrove's enchanted evening; and holding down the bottom at the Savage Club show.





West Campus. Off campus, other endings and beginnings: old haunts vanished, and new attractions appeared. Or maybe some of them were there all along, and we were the ones doing the changing.

Some things, at least, could be depended on. There was eating and drinking and singing and dancing; the Ithaca weather included a marked amount of precipitation. The marching band marched and the Sherwoods reassembled. Grown men wore beanies and boaters. And for all the talk of bygone days, there was equal time for the here and now—and the next. ☺

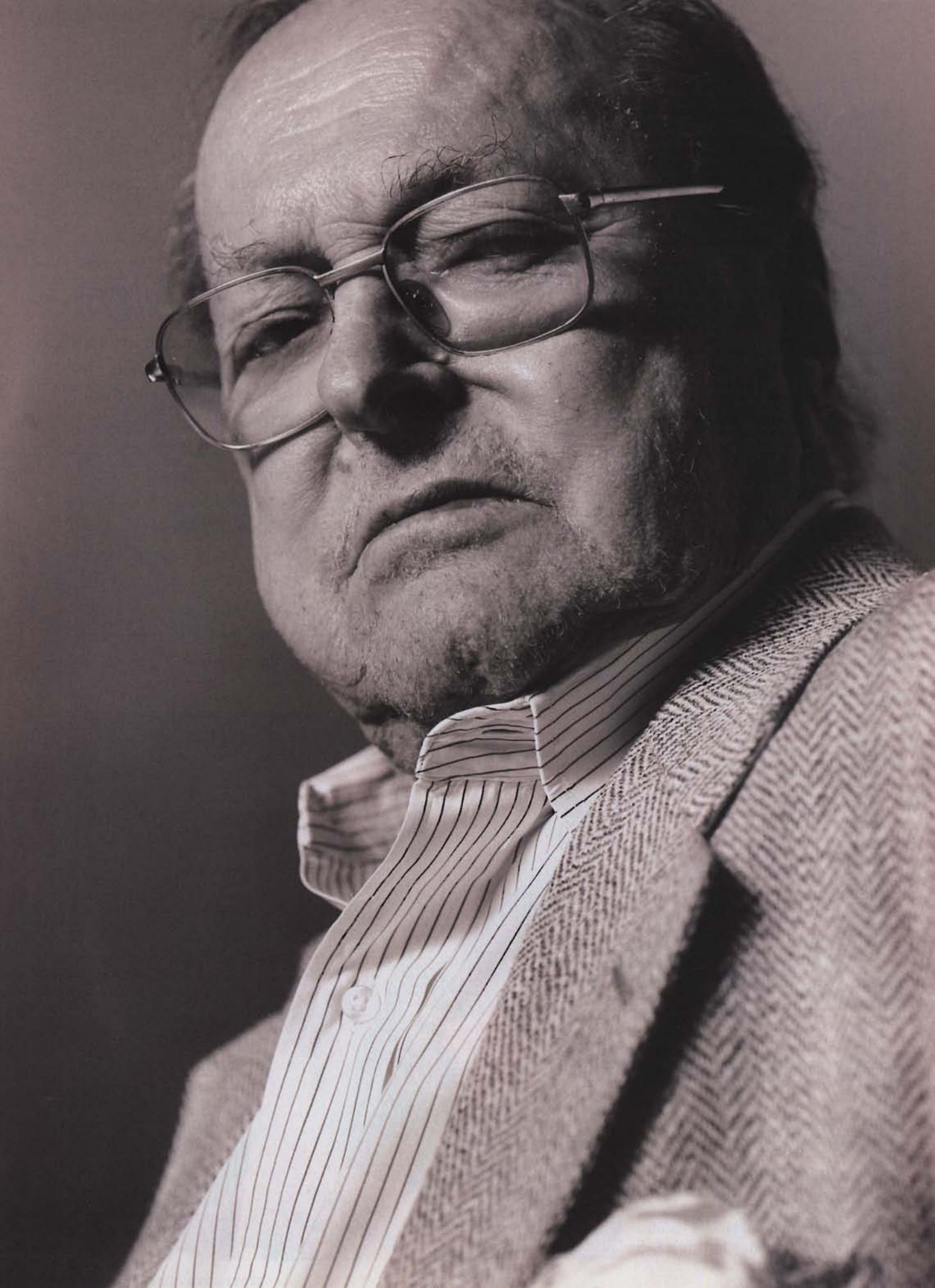
### reunion by the numbers

Pounds of filet mignon consumed: **2,200**

Number of chocolate-covered strawberries served: **3,600**

Overtime hours worked at Alumni Affairs office: **660**

Final score of alumni baseball game (called in 4th inning due to rain): **6-5**



**Friends of retired astrophysicist and full-time contrarian**

**Thomas Gold say he should be quietly tending his legacy**

**as one of the maverick giants of modern astronomy. Instead,**

**he's doing what he does best: making people very angry.**

# the wrong man

By David Dudley

What would you do if you figured everything out, and no one believed you?

This is Thomas Gold's never-ending story, the distillation of a long career of outrage and insight. The plot goes like this: distinguished but controversial scientist proposes radical idea in some unfamiliar field, something strangely plausible and yet completely heretical about, well, anything—dust on the Moon, or the origin of life, or how the inner ear works. The experts ignore it, or dismiss it, or shake their fists at it. Time passes: years, sometimes decades. And then it turns out the oddball scientist was right after all, or at least half right. But by then no one remembers. Or, perhaps, they prefer not to.

What they do remember is that Tommy Gold, the polymathic Vienna-born astrophysicist and longtime head of Cornell's astronomy department, is one of the premier scientific provocateurs of his time. He has lived and worked in a roiling state of near-perpetual controversy for

"It's completely ridiculous to even debate the issue anymore," he mutters. And then he does just that, patiently restating the geological and chemical evidence he has gathered over the past decades. Gold is eighty-three now, slightly stooped and surprisingly frail for those

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nearly sixty years, with no end in sight. Gold first found fame of a sort as one of the three architects of the alternative Steady State model of the universe, which duelled with the arch-rival Big Bang for the hearts and minds of the scientific establishment during the 1950s. And they also remember what eventually happened to their theory—tossed, after mighty effort and rancorous debate, into cosmology's bulging dustbin. No one believes in the thing now, and Gold's name is forever associated, along with collaborators Hermann Bondi and Fred Hoyle, with a wrong idea.

Retired since 1985, Gold has spent much of the last twenty years championing another notion that few mainstream scientists seriously consider—that petroleum is not a "fossil fuel" derived from decomposed plants and animals, but a primordial hydrocarbon that wells up from deep within the planet, providing food and energy for a vast underground bacterial biosphere that thrives miles beneath the crust. What's more, Gold believes that surface-dwellers like us evolved up from this rocky subsurface life, not from the organic soup biology textbooks suggest. The idea formed the basis for his 1999 book, *The Deep Hot Biosphere*, and, if recent discoveries of abiogenic (or non-biologically derived) methane gas and deep-dwelling microbes are to be believed, Gold may yet be proven more correct than many geologists and biologists would prefer. If he's even half right, much of what we take for granted about life on Earth—not to mention the global economy—will be dramatically changed. But Gold is rarely interested in being half right.

who remember him as a vigorous athlete, a skier and scuba diver who water-skied Cayuga Lake and entertained cocktail party guests by walking a backyard tightrope, martini in hand. His voice, still bearing the courtly trace of an Austro-English accent, now sometimes barely rises above a whisper. There are only glimpses of the flamboyant scientific streetfighter known and feared for his ability to construct convincing arguments for implausible phenomena. "I don't know if I ever saw him back down from any point of view that he had," says UC Santa Barbara astrophysicist Stan Peale, PhD '65, who was Gold's advisee at Cornell. "It's impossible to reason with him. There's no consideration that he might be wrong."

True to form, Gold refuses to soft-pedal his theory's most controversial claim—that all commercial oil, coal, and natural gas is non-biological in origin and exists in vast and nearly limitless supply. "What people want me to say is that maybe both things exist—non-biological and biological petroleum," he says. But compromise seems unlikely. He shakes his head sadly.

"That," he says, "would not be my style."



On a warm June day, the work continues in a stuffy attic over the garage. Gold says he puts in four hours daily here in the office atop his Cayuga Heights home, a room lined with file cabinets straining to contain the paperwork of his far-flung enthusiasms. He's looking for one particular photo-

graph, a close-up of a crater on the asteroid Eros that illustrates his theory of electrostatic dust levitation. But the photo is missing from its proper folder and can't be found. "My wife has tidied up my office, and the result is disastrous," he says, poking into stacks of scientific journals.

Lately, Gold has been doing, in his words, "some novel work on a somewhat esoteric subject"—an issue related to electromagnetic radiation pressure that he believes poses a heretofore unseen conflict between the laws of conservation of momentum and conservation of energy. "You wouldn't think so, but there are so many basic unsolved problems in physics," he says. This is typical for Gold, who has a well-deserved reputation for correcting, gleefully, other people's fundamental errors. As a young lecturer he made a habit of reading popular textbooks in every imaginable field, looking for mistakes—

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and alerting the authors when he found one. In this case, he thinks he's poked holes in the assumption behind a popular space travel idea. "Have you heard of the theory of the solar sail, where you use the sun's radiation to propel a spacecraft?" he asks. "Well, it won't work." In September, a private foundation plans to launch the first working solar sail into orbit, and Gold is eager to be on record predicting its impending failure. But he's unable to find a peer-reviewed publication that will take his paper. "To get it into a journal seems out of the question," he says. "I can't find seven people who can understand it."

This, too, is typical for Gold, who has never made a secret of his unhappiness with the hidebound conventions of proper mainstream science. He is a sharp critic of peer review and the resulting blind "herd

mentality" that, he believes, stifles the sort of cross-disciplinary work that once bred great innovation. "Gold is no respecter of authority," says friend and former student Steven Soter, PhD '71, now an astronomer at New York's Hayden Planetarium. "One of his credos in school was, 'There is no virtue in timidity and no shame in being wrong.'"

It was a lesson Gold learned early. Educated in a Swiss boarding school, he was studying engineering at Cambridge University when the war intervened; as an Austrian citizen, Gold was temporarily interned in Canada with a fellow Viennese, mathematician Hermann Bondi. After their release, the two were recruited in the British war effort, working on radar research with astronomer and future collaborator Fred Hoyle. It was Gold's engi-

neering background in radar that led him, after the war ended and he had obtained a position as a physics lecturer at Cambridge's Trinity College, to think about how the inner ear worked. Gold thought that, like a radio amplifier, the ear must have some sort of electrical feedback system, and he designed a series of elegant experiments to test the theory, using instruments to listen for the faint sounds of this feedback coming from the ear itself. When he published the results in 1948, the idea was ignored by the auditory experts of the time. "The physiologists didn't understand it," remembers physicist Freeman Dyson, who met Gold at Trinity in 1946 and participated in his experiments. "They thought, well, obviously this guy doesn't know what he's talking about, since he wasn't a member of the club."

**Masters of the universe (left to right): Mathematician Hermann Bondi with Gold, Ed Salpeter, and Yervant Terzian at Cornell in the late 1960s.**



Thirty years later, British engineer David Kemp detected the sounds Gold had been searching for—"otoacoustic emissions" from the cochlea—and in the 1980s the hypothesis of positive feedback in mammalian hearing was finally validated. The experience left Gold with an enduring lesson: the experts can be very wrong. "I had no doubt that I was giving the right explanation," he says. "And, of course, I was quite disappointed as years and years went by and I couldn't persuade anyone else. I can't help thinking that I was the person who explained the function of the second most important sensory system that we have."

Gold learned something else from his brief foray into auditory physiology. "The greater the opposition a theory has, the greater the credit that you get for it when it is finally proved right," he says. "No, the meek will not inherit the Earth, if you know that stupid phrase."

As Gold's early career proved, he lived by that rule. After making scientific waves with the Steady State theory and engaging radio astronomer Martin Ryle in a celebrated disagreement over galactic radio sources in 1951 (Gold won), he was made chief assistant to Britain's Astronomer Royal by 1953. In 1955, Harvard made him a full professor at thirty-two. Cornell lured Gold away in 1958, promising him a free hand to establish a serious astronomy department. Former chairman Yervant Terzian, who arrived in Ithaca in 1965 and ran the department from 1979 until 1999, credits Gold with building it into a space sciences powerhouse, founding the Center for Radiophysics and Space Research in 1959, overseeing the running of the huge Arecibo Observatory throughout the 1960s, and seeding the growing department with similarly adventurous souls like SETI pioneer Frank Drake and the late Carl Sagan. "Modern astronomy," Terzian declares, "started with Tommy at Cornell."

"He was extraordinarily original and thorough," says Phil Morrison of MIT, who was then on the physics faculty at Cornell and, with fellow Manhattan Project veteran Hans Bethe, recruited Gold for the astronomy post. "Always interested in the new and chancy. He didn't accept any words without understanding what they really meant." Physics professor Ed

Salpeter marveled at Gold's "immense drive"—and utter fearlessness. "I've not been as courageous as Tommy," he says. "He's gone into totally different fields, just working on his own."

Gold's daredevil approach made headlines and ruffled feathers. When the first pulsars were discovered in 1967, Gold

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stated that the strange, regular radio signals that galvanized the world were coming not from other civilizations but from a rapidly spinning neutron star, the then-theoretical superdense remnant of a supernova. He further predicted that the pulses would slow as the star decelerated, and other, younger pulsars would be found spinning at a much higher frequency. "I already had that answer in my head," he says. Few believed him. At a conference convened to investigate the mystery, Gold says he was denied floor time: the idea was too outlandish to consider. Within months, his explanation was proven correct, and Gold enjoyed the sweet redemption of one of science's great I-told-you-so moments. "I always make predictions in anything I write," he says now. "It's the only way to get your enemies to concede."

Gold should know. By most accounts, he's collected more than his share of professional adversaries. During the Apollo lunar program, his feud with the late astrogeologist Gene Shoemaker was the stuff of legend. Back in 1955, Gold had theorized that the Moon's maria were covered in a deep layer of dust, while Shoemaker's team of NASA geologists insisted that the surface was hard and volcanic. In 1965 Gold warned that this dust was potentially thick enough to endanger a lunar lander. ("If I were at the controls of an Apollo vehicle tomorrow," he told the *New York Times*, "I would not be willing to set it down—and I am a daring man in other things—for fear that it would sink

too much.") NASA geologists thought otherwise, and when Neal Armstrong made his famous first steps in 1969, Gold's "lunar quicksand" was promptly ridiculed. Mention of the topic infuriates him to this day. (Gold now calls the notion that the astronauts would sink out of sight "a pure invention" of Shoemaker, and notes that

he wouldn't have designed a stereoscopic camera for Apollo 11 if he'd thought it would disappear in the dust.) Lost in the furor was the fact that Gold's early vision of a fine, powdery surface was otherwise accurate.

"You can't have a new idea and get it all right at once," Phil Morrison says. "Only Einstein could do that. Tommy is 90-percent ironclad." (Morrison says Gold is right about his deep biosphere, too—even if he may have "exaggerated it a bit.") Freeman Dyson puts the number a bit lower. "I think his batting average is around 50 percent, which is pretty good if you have a lot of original ideas." Gold himself stakes out a bolder position.

"I deny that I've made *any* significant mistakes," he says of his published work. "I insist on being right." His eyes are flashing, and for an electric moment he is the swashbuckler of old. "You tell me—what do you think I was wrong about?"



eter Goldreich '60, PhD '63, was an engineering physics undergrad when he met Gold in 1960. "He sort of adopted me," remembers the Caltech astrophysicist. Gold would serve not only as his graduate advisor, but his landlord: Goldreich and his wife moved into a top floor apartment in the Gold family's

home on Cayuga Heights Road. There, between bouts of Ping-Pong, Goldreich had a front-row seat for his mentor's stormy adventures. "He was a scientific explorer," Goldreich says. "He'd sort of stitch together a tapestry of things. And

# Fuel On The Fire

Considering its importance to the global economy, one might think that scientists would have figured out where oil comes from by now. But debates about the origins of petroleum have persisted ever since the stuff was discovered. The Russian chemist D.I. Mendeleev, developer of the periodic table of the elements, proposed that oil was non-biological in 1877, and many of his countrymen concurred—some Russian experts now subscribe to an abiogenic petroleum model. But since the late nineteenth century, the conventional view has been that coal, oil, and natural gas were all created from buried biological debris, cooked by heat and pressure over the millennia. Oil contains the unmistakable molecular fingerprints of biological material, and its predominance near the surface in geologically young sedimentary rock would seem to seal the case.

Thomas Gold, however, approached petroleum from a typically cosmic perspective. Hydrocarbon compounds, astronomers know, are abundant throughout the solar system and beyond, from the methane clouds of Saturn's moon Titan to grains of interplanetary dust. Why, then, must our hydrocarbons come from buried prehistoric forests? "The earth is, after all, a planet," Gold writes in *The Deep Hot Biosphere*. His theory turns the formation process upside down: the gas is coming up from below, from primordial hydrocarbon molecules present since the Earth's birth 4.5 billion years ago. As these lighter hydrocarbons seep upwards through the mantle to the crust, they are chemically altered deep underground and turn into the various forms of petroleum that eventually collect in near-surface reservoirs and coal seams. Gold posits that the "biomarkers" in oil are not evidence of biological origin but signs of primitive microbes that feed on hydrocarbons miles beneath the surface.

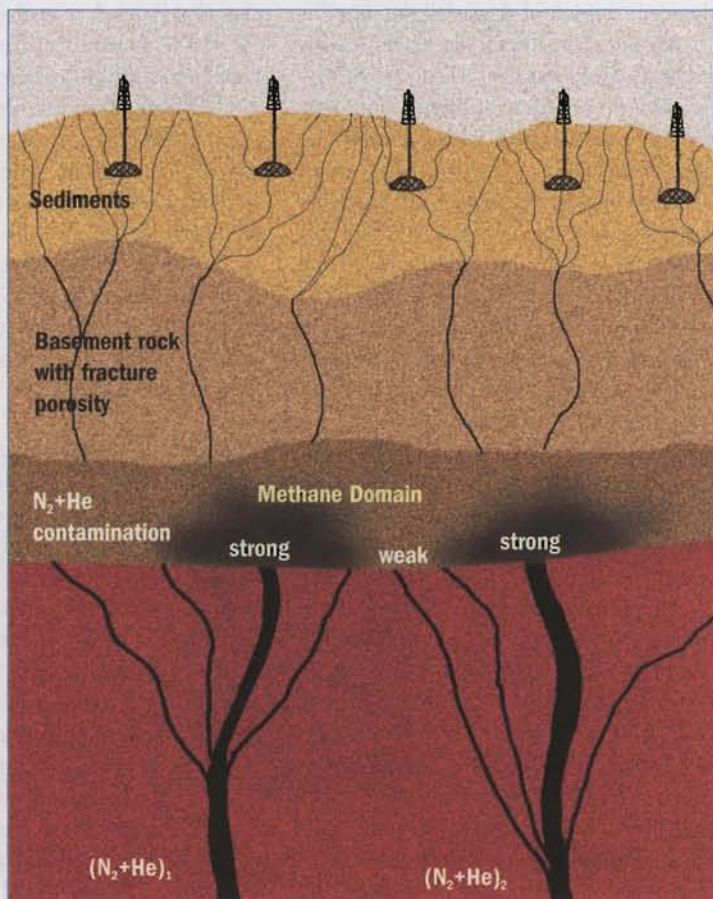
An abiogenic theory would help explain several petro-oddities: a Gulf of Mexico reservoir that is mysteriously "refilling" itself, coal seams so thick that only eons of dense forests could have compacted to create them, oil fields off the coast of Vietnam producing crude from solid granite basement rock where no dinosaur ever walked. But Gold's favorite evidence involves helium—an inert "noble gas" that is concentrated only in association with natural gas deposits. Gold believes that the helium, which is distributed in minute traces throughout the planet, must be swept up by the migrating hydrocarbons. "You can't pull the helium in sideways," he says. "There's just no way you could make it always flow towards the petroleum—there's no chemical affinity. The only way you can concentrate it is by gathering it up from the greatest depth."

Most petroleum geologists remain unconvinced, but

several recent findings support Gold's vision of a massive subsurface microbial realm: bacterial life has been found thriving at depths and temperatures once thought impossible. And in 2002, a University of Toronto geochemist proved that hydrocarbon gases discovered two kilometers deep in an Ontario mine were indeed abiogenic, though their isotopic signature didn't match that of hydrocarbons from commercial fields.

Next summer, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) plans to convene a conference on the petroleum origin debate, bringing supporters of the traditional and the abiogenic models together. "[Gold's] theory is conceivable—it could have happened that way," says geologist and legendary Texas wildcatter Michel Halbouty, who is one of the conference conveners. Fully half of the papers he has received are in the abiogenic school, and Halbouty allows that some of their evidence is compelling. "It makes me believe that there may be something to it."

Gold, however, says he'll sit out this round: he doubts he'll get a fair hearing. "All the AAPG will do is make sure they have enough applicants who support their traditional viewpoint, to overwhelm the rest," he says, shaking his head. "The petroleum geologists will never give in. It's absolutely hopeless."



**Volatile issue:** Why does helium, an inert element, get concentrated in natural gas fields? In Gold's deep-earth gas theory, the helium hitchhikes a ride with upwelling nitrogen and is mixed with methane.

sometimes he got it completely wrong.” Gold’s freewheeling style was, Goldreich recalls, of mixed benefit. “For students like me, having a person who spewed forth ideas—some of them half-baked, stuff you wouldn’t read in books—this was unusual and very valuable,” he remembers. “He was very good at suggesting that there were all these puzzles out there, and if you were a clever guy you could think about all of them.”

And Gold did. In his spare time, the former engineer was an inveterate tinkerer, constantly dreaming up unlikely inventions. Some worked better than others: the hydrofoil waterskis were difficult to control, and the no-shovel driveway—with electric heating elements buried in the concrete—proved no match for Ithaca winters. Gold says he tried, and failed, to interest manufacturers in the concept of the ground-fault circuit interrupter years before electrical engineer Charles Dalziel patented the now-familiar household safety device in 1961. “I just thought of it,” Gold shrugs, when asked what inspired the idea. “I think of things all the time.”

This, students recall, was what life with Professor Gold was like. “He’d play Aristotle, and we graduate students would sit around and listen to him,” remembers Stan Peale. “He was really an idea man; he’d have all these ideas, and he’d keep students busy investigating them. He had this incredible intuition and grasp of elementary physics, and he would always look at a problem in a very broad sense, so he would be aware of things that all the specialists who focus on one narrow thing weren’t aware of. He was very good at picking these things out—and he was sort of ruthless in showing them how they were wrong, too.”

Gold’s fondness for flitting from discipline to discipline—and, says Goldreich, the fact that “he was willing to comment on just about anything”—infuriated experts in various fields, who did not always welcome outside input. Gold was also a skillful salesman for his ideas: the more cautious Apollo-era scientists who tangled with Gold during the 1960s were often left in the dust by his Cambridge-honed debating tactics. “Tommy tended to

## ‘Tommy tended to confuse winning arguments with searching for truth,’ Peter Goldreich says.

### ‘He would have been a great lawyer.’

confuse winning arguments with searching for truth,” Goldreich says. “He would have been a great lawyer.” Peale recalls that Gold “could just devastate people” with verbal attacks. “He was once described to me as ‘the most dangerous man in science,’” he says. “Because he was often wrong, but he could argue so persuasively that he could convince you he was right.”

But Steven Soter, who collaborated with Gold on several papers, says that “criticism is the lifeblood of science” and notes that Gold often needed to overcome equally formidable opposition. “There’s a resistance to challenges to orthodoxy, particularly when it comes from someone outside the field,” he says. “He had to have extremely strong opinions to stand up to the withering criticism.” Terzian argues that Gold’s track record speaks for itself. “If you’re as smart as Tommy,” he says, “you have the right to comment on different subjects.” Besides, his mistakes were often useful: the discarded Steady State theory, for example, “stimulated a lot of thinking about the nature of the universe.” And perhaps science will yet come around to Gold’s more recent heresies. “Some ideas take longer to get digested,” Terzian says, “and in time, most of Tommy’s ideas will be proven to be correct.” He pauses, then quickly adds: “I said ‘most!’”



he story—perhaps apocryphal—goes that Bondi, Gold, and Hoyle were at the movies when the Steady State universe was born. In 1946 the three Cambridge colleagues attended a British horror film called *Dead of Night*, an anthology of ghostly tales with an ingenious circular framing story: the protagonist, haunted by nightmares, awakens one morning and then meets the very characters who have inhabited his dreams at a dinner party. At the climax, the hero finds himself at the beginning scene of the film, waking up to repeat the nightmare cycle anew. It was the sort of gimmick Gold loved, and he later wondered

aloud if the universe could be constructed like that as well.

Like many scientists of the time, Gold and company were unhappy with prevailing cosmological models. Astronomers knew that the galaxies appeared to be receding from the Milky Way, and that the universe was therefore expanding. Logically, then, there must have been a point of great density in the distant past, a singularity from which all matter somehow burst into being (Hoyle would later coin the derisive term “big bang”). The Big Bang universe had a finite existence, with a definite beginning and end. The alternative Steady State universe that Bondi, Gold, and Hoyle hypothesized was reassuringly eternal: matter was constantly appearing to fill in the gaps between expanding galaxies and maintain a steady density, and the universe as a whole would appear unchanging in space and time, forever creating itself, world without end.

It was an elegant premise, but one that, as radio astronomy improved, tended not to match the newest observational data. The Steady State model slowly lost its devotees in the 1960s. The late Sir Fred Hoyle noisily advocated a variation of it up until the end, however, and many believe that the great British astronomer was professionally isolated and denied a Nobel Prize because of his dogmatic embrace of an unpopular idea. Gold remained a Big Bang skeptic but largely bowed out of the cosmological debate, and he didn’t join Hoyle in defending the universe he helped imagine. Lately, however, he thinks maybe the three of them might not have been so wrong after all. “The original, simple-minded Steady State is still the best fitting for all the modern data,” he says.

The parallels between the career arcs of Hoyle and Gold are impossible to ignore. “There’s some similarity there, yes,” Gold agrees. In his case, though, it’s been Gold’s non-biological petroleum that has made him something of a pariah. Most scientists file the theory alongside cold fusion and perpetual motion machines, and Gold’s legacy may have been damaged

be on record, when they finally find the deep hydrocarbons, that he was the one," he says. "He wants some kind of immortality."

And what then? The textbooks will be rewritten, the world will turn upside down, and Tommy Gold will pull out one last coup against the timid herd. "He's like an aging heavyweight," Goldreich says. "He's got no legs and no punch, and he's just reeling around the ring. But you can't quite count him out."

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nother warm June day, two weeks later, and things are looking up. Frustrated with the inability to find a journal to publish his solar sail theory, Gold posted it on ArXiv, a non-

refereed Internet clearinghouse for scientific papers—and, for Gold, something of a venue of last resort. As he'd hoped, he has attracted some attention. Within days, a reporter from *New Scientist* magazine called, and Gold looks delighted. He knows, from discussing his theory with dubious physicist friends, that absolutely no one will believe him.

In a week, the *New Scientist* story will appear: "Solar Sailing 'Breaks Laws of Physics.'" And, as predicted, a small uproar will roil the waters of the virtual physics community. On the bulletin boards and news groups haunted by Web science junkies, academics and amateurs alike will engage in long, angry threads of debate over Gold's idea, and exactly why it is wrong. Some of these posters will sound enraged by the very notion, and by Gold himself. He's a crank, a crackpot, an arrogant fool. He's Gold of the Steady State universe, Dr. Moondust, the fellow who thinks the world is made out of oil. He's the most dangerous man in science.

Conspicuously silent in all this, of course, will be Gold himself, who prefers to debate the old-fashioned way, and who now awaits both the outrage and the inevitable redemption with a mischievous grin. "I'm quite happy to have people write in and say, 'This is nonsense,'" he says, eyes alight. "Because then, when that solar sail flies..." And he laughs, savoring the idea of the misbegotten craft, becalmed for eternity in his vast and indifferent universe. ●

**Lunar dust-up: Gold's concern about the Moon's ability to support weight was ridiculed after Apollo 11. But in other respects, his original 1955 theory of a powdery lunar surface proved remarkably prescient.**

by what many see as a quixotic late-career obsession. "I could see the cost on my own campus," says MIT radar astronomer Gordon Pettengill, who made many of the first pioneering observations at Arecibo under Gold during the early 1960s. "I once suggested he come on campus to talk, and the idea just hit the floor," he recalls. "[The geology department] thought he was barking at the moon."

Ed Salpeter says ruefully that controversial figures are often denied credit, and Gold is now paying the toll for a contentious career: "He fights with people and says unorthodox things," he says, "and that probably hurt him." Goldreich muses that "in science, after a while people stop listening," and says Gold's isolation is largely self-inflicted, a blowback from his Ahab-like pursuit of revisionist myth. "He wants it to

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# YOUNG GUNS

**IN HER NEW BOOK, A HISTORIAN USES THE LIFE OF A BOY MURDERER FROM 1892 TO MAKE A MODERN CASE AGAINST THE JUVENILE DEATH PENALTY.**

**BY SHARON TREGASKIS**

**I**n February, Lee Boyd Malvo turned eighteen. This November, the Jamaican native will stand trial on capital murder charges stemming from last year's Washington-area sniper killings. Malvo may have been just seventeen when he shot FBI analyst Linda Franklin, say the Virginia lawyers prosecuting the case, but the depravity of his crime demands that the confessed murderer be tried as an adult. In January, a Fairfax County juvenile court judge agreed.

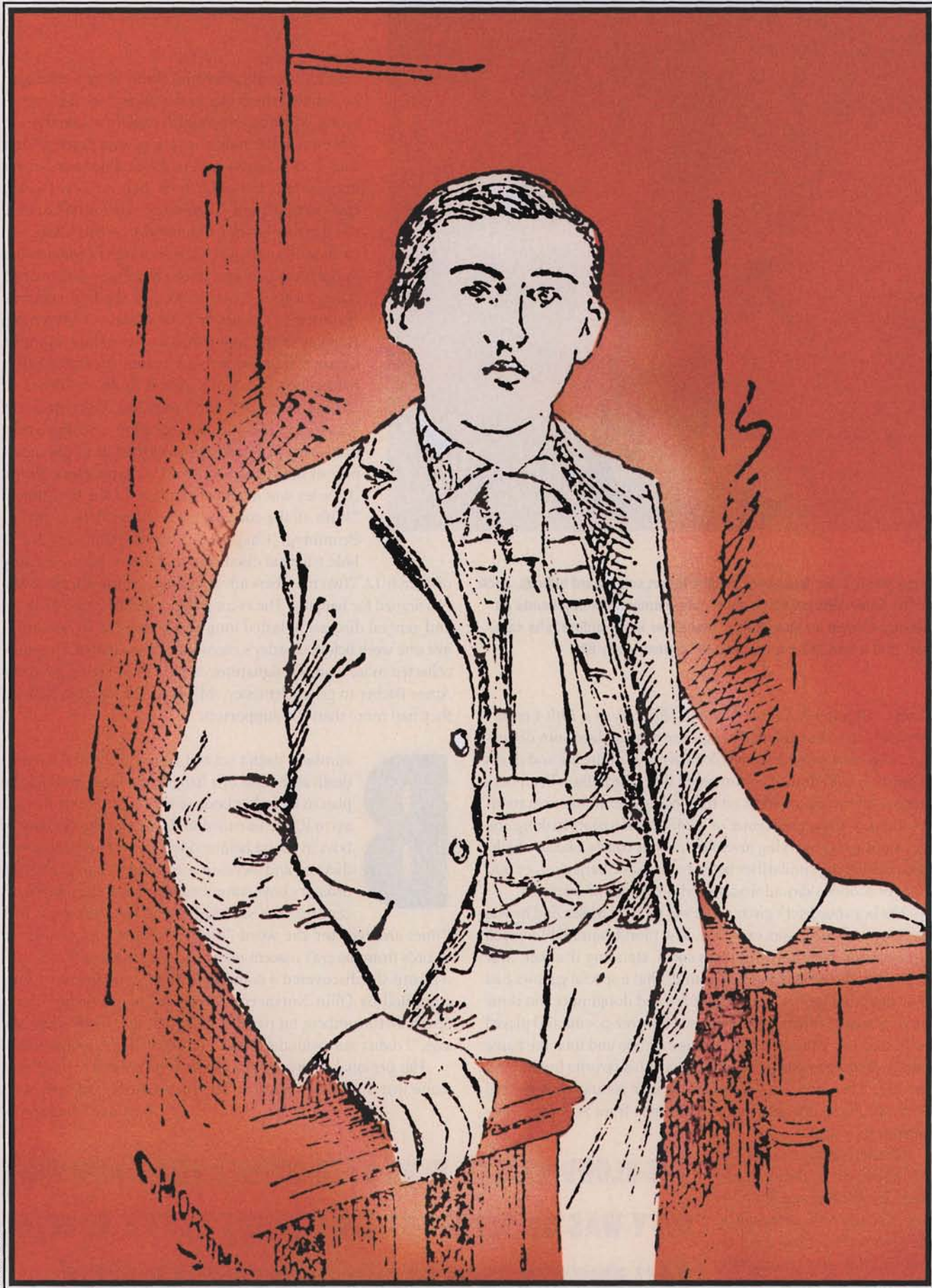
Malvo is just the latest in a growing list of homicidal adolescents. During the 1997–98 school year, for example, boys with guns killed twelve classmates and two teachers. They injured another fifty. The shooting sprees vaulted small towns like Jonesboro, Arkansas, Springfield, Oregon, and Paducah, Kentucky, to national prominence. (Columbine's Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris wouldn't become household names for another year.) Boards of education across the country installed metal detectors and hired security guards. Pundits blamed easy access to guns, the collapse of family values, video games, and violent movies. And as that spring semester drew to a close, undergraduates in Professor Joan Jacobs Brumberg's class on the history of childhood in America wondered aloud

whether teens with homicidal tendencies were really a distinctly modern phenomenon. But the human development professor had what she calls "historical amnesia." "The only ones I could think of were Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb in the 1920s," she says. "That wasn't the same kind of impulsive killing we were concerned about."

But the question started Brumberg on a search for a more satisfying answer. In late September,

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**On trial: The *New York World* ran a pen portrait of local orphan Charley Miller during his 1891 double-murder trial in Cheyenne, Wyoming. No photographs exist of the boy, whose story made headlines from coast to coast.**





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**Angry young men: Brumberg sought to put schoolyard killings, such as the Columbine murders, above, into context. 'Talking heads on television acted as though boys had never killed before,' she says, 'and that it had to be a function of contemporary life.'**

Viking will publish *Kansas Charley: The Story of a 19th-Century Boy Murderer*, the professor's response to that classroom discussion. The book provides a detailed narrative of the life and death of one boy, with limited commentary from the author. Brumberg uses the afterword to reflect on the story and examine such modern topics as the neuroscience of adolescent decision-making and the implications of trying juveniles in adult courts. She also highlights disturbing similarities between Kansas Charley's story and those of modern-day adolescents who commit homicide.

The boy murderer's given name was Charley Miller, and he was seventeen when he was executed. The blond-haired, blue-eyed orphan from New York City was small, standing five feet, four inches tall, and so slight at 120 pounds that a special gallows had to be designed for his hanging. He favored doughnuts and dime novels about gamblers and cowboys. He wrote poems and played the harmonica. At fourteen, he became a hobo and took the name Kansas Charley to evoke the characters in his favorite books. And one year later, on a Union Pacific boxcar rolling west toward Cheyenne, he murdered a pair of older boys from St. Joseph, Missouri, as they slept.

Charley's explanations for the murder were always muddled. Brumberg suggests he was exacting revenge because the Missouri boys had tried to lose Charley at a county fair the previous day. When

Charley turned himself in, about three weeks later, he detailed the crime and even provided corroborating evidence, but couldn't explain his motives. In a pre-trial discussion with a newspaperman later that week, Charley said he'd killed because he was hungry and the older boys had money. During cross-examination, Charley reiterated what he'd told the sheriff—he didn't know why he had killed.

It took a jury just fifteen minutes to convict, and in April 1892, after eighteen months in jail and two failed escapes, Charley became the first criminal executed by the newly created state of Wyoming. Appeals in the case made it to the state Supreme Court, and papers across the country printed letters penned on the boy's behalf from residents of Kansas, New York, and Wyoming. The families of Charley's victims also wrote, calling for enforcement of his sentence. Suffragists weighed in, as did members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (Charley was drunk at the time of the shootings). "With all the controversy and speculation," writes Brumberg, "Cheyenne's Debating Club decided to hold a formal discussion of the issue on the evening

of March 12." Two members advocated life imprisonment while two argued for hanging. The event judges ruled in Charley's favor, and general discussion lasted long past midnight. In late April, just one week before Charley's execution, the people of Cheyenne collected more than 600 signatures on a petition urging governor Amos Barber to grant clemency. Advocates for hanging claimed they had more than 500 supporters.

**B**rumberg didn't set out to write about Charley's death at the end of a hangman's noose, nor did she plan to focus her book solely on the events that led up to it. She intended to document the violence of boys in an era before video games and widespread divorce and develop a typology to explain why ordinary boys committed murder in the nineteenth century. She started by searching the *New York Times* archives for the word "homicide," then moved on to records from the era's nascent reformatory movement. But it wasn't until she discovered a compendium of juvenile executions compiled by Ohio Northern University law professor Victor Streib that Brumberg hit pay dirt. Using his list of offenders, she says, "I didn't start with the crime. I started with the punishment."

Her personal archive of cases grew, some several inches thick, some just a passing mention. She focused only on boys who

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**THE BLOND-HAIRED, BLUE-EYED ORPHAN FROM NEW YORK CITY WAS SO SLIGHT AT 120 POUNDS THAT A SPECIAL GALLOWES HAD TO BE DESIGNED FOR HIS EXECUTION.**





Like Charley, eighteen-year-old sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo's travels across the country ended in murder. Both boys changed their names when they hit the road—Malvo called himself John in honor of his adult companion, while Charley evoked the heroes in his favorite novels by adopting the handle Kansas.

# THE CONFESSIO

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**T**he morning after Charley's first night alone in jail, Sheriff Meyers arranged for him to have an extended personal interview with Albert A. Stewart, publisher and editor of *The Daily Republic*, a leading newspaper in Manhattan, Kansas, the capital of Riley County.

At the time he met Charley Miller in the autumn of 1890, thirty-five-year-old Stewart was deeply involved in promoting Republican candidates in a gubernatorial election year. Stewart's columns during the campaign were avidly pro temperance and intended to stimulate moral fervor about the issue of "demon rum." By 1890, Stewart had identified a looming moral emergency in the form of a prohibition referendum on the upcoming November ballot. Readers of *The Daily Republic* knew exactly where their editor stood because his paper was filled with all kinds of warnings about the ways in which inebriation defiled family and community life and stimulated crime. "Every home in Kansas is in danger," he wrote. "Arouse, ye temperance men, without regard to party and rally to the standard of prohibition. Rum never sleeps."

As involved as he was in partisan politics that October, Stewart was willing to switch gears to a different kind of reporting when there was a homicide to report. Although he always claimed that the sheriff invited him to the parlor that day, the opportunity to talk with a boy murderer clearly served Stewart's professional self-interest and his political goals. He wanted to be the first newspaper man to break the story. The boy had already admitted his guilt, he reasoned, so why shouldn't the public know the full story, told in Miller's own words? As he heard more of it, he also recognized that this particular homi-



cide, with its cast of young men on the tramp, provided a powerful example of alcohol-related mayhem that was good for the temperance and Republican causes.

Neither the misguided sheriff nor the enterprising editor stopped to consider the implications for Charley's future legal defense or the issue of fairness. In the 1890s, the Fourteenth Amendment had not yet been interpreted to provide pretrial rights such as the right to remain silent or the right to an attorney. There was no attorney at Charley Miller's side in

that Manhattan parlor, and he probably was unaware that he did not have to answer the questions posed by the sheriff and the editor. From a contemporary standpoint, the two-on-one setup eviscerated Charley's Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination, but in the late-nineteenth century this kind of pretrial cooperation between a local sheriff and an ambitious editor was not unusual at all.

Despite the unfairness in the situation, Stewart's cordial interest probably felt flattering to a boy who had never had much positive attention from adults. Over the course of the interview, Charley provided a comprehensive account of his life from the New York tenement to Leonardville, Kansas, and points in between. Stewart drew the boy out about the dreary economic circumstances of his early life (including his saloon-keeping, beer-drinking father) and probably also talked with him about their mutual experiences in the printing trade. Then, Stewart worked his way into the murder, the real reason for the interview. According to Stewart, it was all cordial and non-coercive: "[Miller] sat down by the table [in Sheriff Meyer's office] and talked freely and frankly about the deed which has caused him so much trouble of mind since its commission, and concerning

Cheyenne, Wyo.,  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 1892

Ch. Harter,  
As you have followed  
out my instructions, in order  
to receive an invitation to  
my execution, which comes  
out April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1892, I hereby  
invite you to be present  
Chas. E. Miller  
OK as Kelley Sheriff

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which he could have no peace until he had made a full confession." (Like many youthful offenders today, Charley may have tailored his confession to what he thought the adults wanted to hear; some boys in his situation will say almost anything, in the hopes that they will get to go home or simply stop the questioning.)

In his first confession, when Sheriff Meyers asked why he killed Emerson and Fishbaugh, Charley was non-communicative, saying only that he "did not know." But in the newspaper confession, a confession seduced, orchestrated, and reported by Albert Stewart, a motivation was crisply articulated for the first time. "I killed them for their money," he allegedly told Stewart as Meyers listened, and then he added: "I was hungry and desperate." Then Miller admitted something which Stewart really wanted to hear: he was drinking in the hours before the murder. Details like this were sweet music to the ears of the Kansas editor because they made for a human interest story that conveniently confirmed the evils of alcohol, his pet political issue. Stewart was keen to tell the Kansas reading audience that there were partly emptied liquor bottles found in the boxcar.

Stewart's journalistic coup was picked up and transmitted in condensed form on the wires of the Western Associated Press to hundreds of newspapers. In a brief transmission that blanketed the region and the nation, the son of the miserable Karl Muller made his first entrance on the national scene: "Manhattan, Kas. Oct. 16—Chas. Miller, a 15 year old boy, of Leonardville, Kas. has confessed that he is the murderer of Fishbaugh and Emerson, two young men from St. Joseph, found dead in a box car at Cheyenne, Wyo. Sept 27. He was beating his way on a freight train with them and killed them while they were asleep for their money."

In Cheyenne and elsewhere, the Manhattan confession was capped with oversized headlines that acknowledged the young murderer's social status and the frame of mind that led him to

confess: "THE BOY WAS COLD, HUNGRY, PENNILESS, AND DESPERATE" and "TERRORIZED BY HIS SECRET HE TOLD THE STORY TO HIS BROTHER." Because Miller was likely to stand trial in Cheyenne, the editorials there focused on the serendipitous way in which the three young men ended up together in Wyoming, and how the murderer was able to pass so boldly among the citizenry without detection. Nothing at all was said in the Cheyenne papers, however, about the issue of alcohol, suggesting that local editors cut this part of Stewart's story because there was nothing unusual about young men drinking in a town where there was a saloon on nearly every corner. Instead, the people of Cheyenne were riveted by the narrative conveyed by Albert Stewart: "The story of the killing and subsequent flight of the murderer is marvelous. Every circumstance seemed to conspire to aid his escape and shield him from detection."

Back in Manhattan, Stewart was afraid that the boy might change his tune when he got to Cheyenne. For that reason, he made a point to see him off as he left Kansas under the control of Sheriff Martin for the two-day trip to Wyoming. The apprehensive editor reportedly told him as he stepped onto the wagon that would carry him to his train: "Charley, you have told everyone about this. Now when you get to Cheyenne don't let anyone persuade you to contradict this, but throw yourself on the mercy of the court." Fred Miller, who was also there to say goodbye, answered for his brother with a clear vote of confidence: "Charley wouldn't do that. He has told me this and he will tell the same thing there."

**Invitation to a hanging: Charley penned this note, approved by Sheriff Kelley, just weeks before he went to the gallows.**



COLLECTION OF JOAN BRUMBERG

**Costume drama: In a staged photo from the 1890s, parents posed their young son with adult props. The family of Jonesboro killer Andrew Golden, below, took a similar approach with their son.**

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seemed to have killed on impulse—evocative of the modern-day cases that had been so much in the news when she began her study—not psychopaths or serial criminals. “One of the things I realized very early on was that there weren’t going to be a lot of schoolyard shootings,” she says. In the late nineteenth century, most adolescent boys had already left school. Instead, Brumberg found accounts of boys tried for the murder of their employers. “I have a wonderful case of a German immigrant boy in New York,” says the professor of a tale she calls “Dickensian,” of a German who brought boys to America to staff his West Side restaurant, and housed them in its basement. “Eventually,” she says, “one of them gets mad and kills the guy because he’s mean, probably brutal as well.” There was patricide, usually by boys defending their mothers. And there were the murders that stemmed from thwarted romance—boys who retaliated against parents who prohibited them from courting their daughters.

**B**ut there was a problem. “Ultimately,” says Brumberg, “I had to face the fact that I’m not a hard social scientist and I couldn’t control the sample. There were all of these cases that were just going to slip through my screen because of the way historical material falls out and disappears. I didn’t have a data set that was clean enough and extensive enough for the modern behavioral scientist’s perspective. There was no way I could meet the most rigorous

empirical standards.”

Throughout her research, one name had emerged, over and over—in the *New York Times* and the *New York Herald*, even two issues of the *New Yorker*: Charley Miller. And Streib’s book—Brumberg calls it an encyclopedia—didn’t mention the boy. “That tantalized me,” she says. “Here was a case academics hadn’t really talked about.” But Miller had been the subject of intense scrutiny from journalists who covered his trial and execution. Brumberg found his picture on the front page of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, Denver’s *Rocky Mountain News*, and the *Chicago Daily Tribune* and readers across the country saw Charley’s detailed confession to a Kansas newspaperman, distributed by the Associated Press. “Somehow Charley Miller’s case really began to speak to me,” says the historian, “particularly when I realized that his voice had survived through the trial transcript and some of his own writings.”

After the murders, reporters delved into the boy’s tumultuous childhood. Miller’s mother had died when he was five, of what Brumberg suggests might have been complications from a botched abortion, leaving her German immigrant husband to raise four children under the age of ten. Fourteen months later, the man drank insecticide, and within days, he too was dead. Charley and his siblings were taken in by the New York Orphan Asylum, where they lived until each reached the age of twelve. The eldest, Carrie, was placed with an affluent family in Rochester, New York, where she worked as a domestic. Older brother Fred rode an orphan train west to Kansas, where he was

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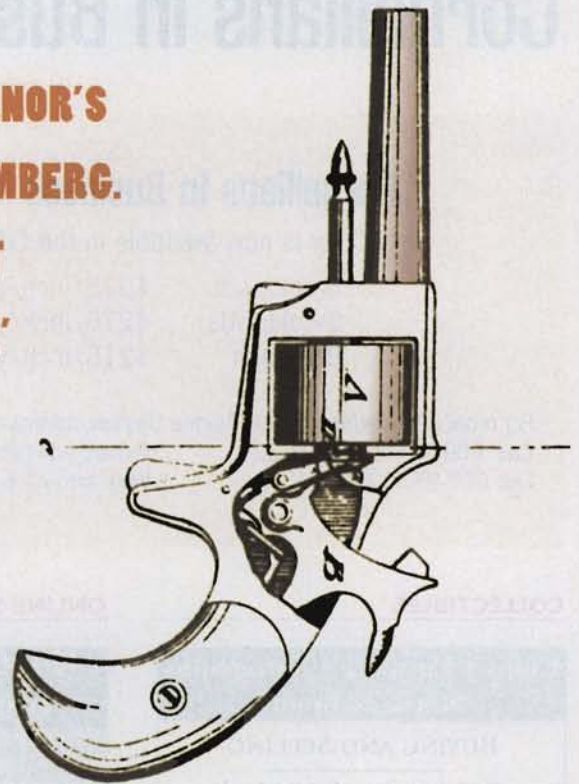
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adopted by a printer and his family, as was Willie, the youngest. Charley, however, developed a chronic bed-wetting problem that plagued him through his years in the orphanage and beyond; placements with families in Virginia, Minnesota, and Kansas failed. "From very early on, Charley was set up to be what we call today a multiple-risk-factor kid," says Brumberg. "That bed-wetting may have been the first real indication." After a Minnesota family abandoned the penniless boy at a local train depot, Charley struck out on his own. He learned to ride the rails for free, drifting back and forth across the country, picking up odd jobs, and sometimes resorting to petty thievery.

The historian's previous book, *The Body Project*, focused on the social, physical, and emotional development of adolescent girls, and the professor often uses journals and letters to teach students how to conduct the kind of primary, archival research that undergirds her studies. The boy murderer didn't leave behind a diary, but Brumberg found everything from snippets of his poetry published in the newspaper during the days prior to his execution to correspondence in the New York Orphan Asylum's archives regarding Charley's early years.

To round out her research, Brumberg traveled to Cheyenne, as well as the small towns in Kansas and Minnesota where Charley had lived. "I didn't understand until I went to Chatfield, Minnesota, what it would have been like for a German immigrant kid from the West Side of Manhattan to land in Chatfield on an isolated farm. You have to understand the culture of boys and men at that time, what tramping life was like, the handicaps of being an orphan, and the whole psychology of being an adopted kid in a family that had no connection to you until they saw you on a stage in a church or school," she says. "I really wanted to put my readers into the nineteenth century and tell the story in such a way that they could draw their own conclusions. I'm obviously sympathetic to Charley, but I don't excuse him and what he did."

Additional detail came from an extensive collection of letters sent to Wyoming's acting governor, Amos Barber, who had the power to commute Charley's sentence once the appeals process had ended. "If I were alive in Cheyenne," says Brumberg, "I would have been on the streets with the pro-Charley forces. I would have been writing petitions to Amos Barber, and asking him, based on the boy's age and his impoverished early life, to give him life imprisonment." But in early April 1892, just days before the boy's execution, the Johnson County War—an armed conflict between wealthy cattle barons and small stockgrowers—provided Barber a powerful incentive not to grant clemency. "In some ways," says Brumberg, "Charley was being sacrificed to state politics and the



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**Weapon of choice: Charley bought his .32-caliber revolver in a Kansas City pawn shop for \$1.50.**

need of the governor to preserve his image as a law enforcement person, even though he participated in this significant vigilante action. The juvenile death penalty is almost always surrounded by local politics. It raises questions for me now about whether it's even possible for Lee Boyd Malvo to receive a fair trial. I think we should bend over backwards with minors to make sure it's not politicized, but I don't think we've been able to do that."

While Malvo doesn't figure prominently in *Kansas Charley*, Brumberg calls the similarities between their cases striking. "The confession in the Malvo case was taken in very curious, if not illegal circumstances, and certainly when people hear about Charley's confession, the modern mentality says, 'Oh my god, what about his Miranda rights?' Journalism then had an impact on Charley's case, and journalism today is going to have an impact on the Malvo case; I don't see a lot of sympathetic writing about Lee Boyd Malvo."

Like Charley, Malvo's early life might evoke more compassion if he didn't seem so callous in the face of the brutality of his crimes. "Malvo is not a great poster child for the anti-juvenile death penalty cause," says Brumberg. "He is alleged to have done something hideous and premeditated. It's almost not human." And yet each case raises questions about the capital punishment of youthful offenders. "Both kids experienced erratic discipline that swung between harsh punishment and lack of love and connection," says Brumberg. "What do we know about young kids who can't or don't have the opportunity to establish real bonds with caregivers? They're at great risk for psychopathologies. In their time, each boy was a throw-away kid. That's what Kansas Charley and Lee Boyd Malvo have in common." ●

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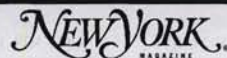
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## Exemplary Service

### 2003 RHODES AWARD HONOREES

**T**HERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT SET Cornell apart from other universities. Perhaps none is more significant than the dedication and commitment of its alumni body. Alumni play an invaluable role in the life of the university—planning reunions, lending expertise to university advisory councils and regional clubs, executing special events throughout the university community, and participating in recruiting prospective students. The unending enthusiasm and energy of Cornellians around the globe keeps all of these activities alive and invigorating.

In recognition of outstanding service, the Cornell Alumni Federation annually awards the Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awards. This year, the awards honor eight distinguished alumni who have throughout the years unselfishly shared with all of us their time, talents, and love of Cornell.

The 2003 Rhodes Award winners (in alphabetical order) and highlights of their volunteer activities:

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A member of the Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1993, Bob Bitz served on the Alumni Affairs and Development, Buildings and Properties, and Land Grant and Statutory College committees. From 1988 to 1993 he was vice-chair of the board's Community Communications Committee. Bob has also served as president of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Alumni Association and raised \$1.5 million as chair of the Alpha Zeta Building Fund Drive.

#### Vanne Shelley Cowie '57

In addition to her dedication as a Plantations Sponsor and volunteer, Vanne Cowie has chaired the Cornell Adult University Advisory Board and been a member of the University Council and its administrative board. While living in Toledo, Ohio, she reactivated the Cornell Club of Toledo and its Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network. She was a member

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of the Class of '57 Major Gifts Committee for the 35th and 40th reunions and served on the boards of the Cornell Alumni Federation and the Federation of Cornell Clubs.

### **Robert A. Cowie '55, BME '56, MBA '57**

After twenty-three years on Cornell's Board of Trustees, Bob Cowie was named trustee emeritus and presidential councillor in 1996. He spent eighteen of those years as vice-chair, chair, and co-chair of the Alumni Affairs and Development Committee. He also served as chair and then co-chair of the Development Steering Subcommittee, and as a member of the Buildings and Properties Committee and the Alumni Affairs Subcommittee. Bob co-chaired the 1990-95 Cornell Campaign: Creating the Future and served on University Council and the board of the Cornell Society of Engineers.

### **Imogene Powers Johnson '52**

Gene Johnson is serving her third four-year term on University Council since 1984. She has participated in every Reunion since 1977 and has been a member of her class's 35th and 50th Reunion Major Gifts Committee. Gene is indefatigable in her efforts on behalf of the Laboratory of Ornithology, having provided eleven years of leadership on the Lab's Administrative Board and having served on its campaign committee during the Cornell Campaign: Creating the Future.

### **Samuel Curtis Johnson '50**

Sam Johnson has been a university trustee since 1966, emeritus since 1988, and a presidential councillor since 1989. He has served on the Board of Trustees' Alumni Affairs and Development, Executive, Investment, Membership, Audit, and Board Nominating committees. He also served as a member of University Council, chaired the Johnson Graduate School of Management's advisory council, and has served on the administrative board of the Laboratory of Ornithology.

### **Robert F. McKinless '48**

Active in the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network for thirty-five years, Bob McKinless was the longtime general chair for the Washington, DC, area. He was president of the Cornell Club of Washington and served as a director of the Federation of Cornell Clubs and of the Cornell Alumni Federation. A Life Member of the University Council, Bob has led undergraduates in the Cornell-in-Washington program on canoe trips and all-day hikes for the past seventeen years.

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A Life Member of the University Council, Maxine Morse has provided strong leadership on behalf of Shoals Marine Laboratory for many years. She chaired the successful 1993 Shoals Marine Lab Campaign Committee and has served as chair of the Shoals Marine Development Committee since 1994. She has served as the class's co-president since 1995 and initiated and chaired its Cornell Tradition Fellowship Project. Maxine chaired the Cornell Club of New Hampshire's Secondary Schools Committee for fifteen years.



Robert W. Bitz



Vanne Shelley Cowie



Robert A. Cowie



Imogene Powers Johnson



Samuel Curtis Johnson



Robert F. McKinless



Maxine Katz Morse



William E. Mullestein

### **William E. Mullestein '32**

Whitey Mullestein is a Life Member of the University Council, a founding member of the Cornell Club of New York, and a member of the Cornell Society of Engineers. He has served as class president and as the class's Cornell Fund representative. He has been a member of the Plantations 21st Century Committee since 1998 and was chair of the Plantations Sponsors. Whitey was instrumental in creating the Cornell Rowing Association and its Courtney Sanford Fund.

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**Western: Los Angeles**—October 29; **Portland**—November 6; **Northern California I**—November 5; **Northern California II**—November 6; **Seattle**—TBD.

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**33** What a refreshing bunch of 90-year-olds turned out for our 70th year's return to Cornell. Look who was there from the Class of '33: **Nathaniel S. Apter**, **Beatrice Alexander** Weingart, **Andrew Stilwell**, **Eli Goldberg**, JD '35, **Herbert Gussman**, **Charles Tracy**, **Henry Horn**, **Eugenia Gould** Huntoon, **Carleen Hutchins**, **Elmer Isaak**, CE '35, **William Neff**, **William Pentecost**, **Alice Rosenstock**, **Francis Rosevear**, **Laverne Haught** Shay, and 19 friends and guests and helpers. It was assumed that the officers would continue year by year!

It was a great time. Our tour of the campus was confusing. So much building has taken place in the last five years that the open spaces have just disappeared with faces of the new—no longer views everywhere. The North Campus expansion is impressive for freshman year and the West Campus expansion for subsequent years is full of promise. The session when we said good-bye to President and Mrs. Rawlings summed up in a slide show that impressive presidency, and three hip, hip, hoorays were offered in Bailey Hall. This former Glee Club member was so pleased with the singing of the "Evening Song" and "Far Above"—with an Alumni Glee Club *with women*, and with the musical parts written for women, too—but for the *first time* in his hearing, and sounding like Eric Dudley's Glee Club of long ago. At last, the women's presence was, shall we say, *dominant*. GREAT!

Personally, I offered "Street Car Sam" again at the Savage Club presentations to a cheering crowd at Bailey Hall, and we sang it once more at the class dinner. Most rewarding to me was sitting in the bus surrounded by standing, crowding people who caught a look at my tag, and we instantly remembered people several times removed from us—others came into thankful memory. Charles "Ted" Tracy supplied the glue that held us together, and Nat Apter took the place of a wise leader guiding us step by step into the next time we meet. We are all grateful for the gentle care we received from students and staff. Only one thing to gripe at—the lingering elevator of Statler Hall when in a hurry. But, generally speaking, Cornell knows how to care for its elders. Thank you.

In closing, we again salute President and Mrs. Rawlings, thanking them for starting off our Reunion with their presence and conversations at our opening dinner. It set our taste buds going for more and really gathered up our own experience of Reunion 2003! Write to ♦ Rev. **Henry E. Horn**, 47-1 Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

**38** The sun finally appeared on Friday, after a week of seemingly endless overcast and dreary days—a situation not uncommon for Ithaca, and certainly no great surprise to the 75 returning classmates and guests taking lunch in Barton Hall. **Miriam Johnson** Faulkner hasn't missed a single reunion and was enjoying a weekend packed with events such as the Savage Club concert, class breakfasts and dinners, and a trip to the Arboretum, to name but a few. Miriam was staying at the Statler Hotel and remarked that one of the nicest things about the weekend was being "treated like royalty." She was particularly pleased to meet up with old friends, and very interested in the changes on campus. Sitting next to Miriam was **Bettina Frost**, MS '40, from Medford, NJ. Bettina has attended most of her reunions and uses the occasion to visit friends in the Ithaca area. She and Miriam got into trouble for roller-skating in Barton Hall during their undergrad years, but remained firmly planted in their seats for the duration of their lunch. Bettina was pleased with the turnout of classmates.

Enjoying life to the fullest were **Tom** and **Helen Brew Rich**. Tom served as president of P&C Foods from 1956 to 1972 and has since moved into golf. He now owns three courses outright, two in Florida (Dog Creek and Kingsgate) and Foxfire in the Syracuse area. Tom and Helen stay active playing two to three rounds each week, as well as keeping up to date with their 11 grand and nine great-grandchildren. They both loved seeing old friends: "Anyone who wants to come to Florida to play golf on one of the courses is more than welcome."

**Marian Myers** Kira, MS HE '60, lives in Ithaca, where she has a very full schedule. Marian is the director of Foodnet, and oversees the delivery of 600 meals each day to the over-60s and handicapped in the community. She is also on the board of directors for the Cayuga Medical Center, and until two years ago was a member of the legislature in the village of Cayuga Heights. Marian is always delighted to see old friends and said that to see them enjoying so much in life "helps you go along." **Sylvia Gluck** Grossman from Roslyn, NY, has attended every reunion, and like many of her peers, she was enjoying running into classmates.

Having lunch together were civil engineers **Dick Goodwin** and **Roy Lockwood**, who said that they particularly enjoyed the Dean's talk at the Engineering college breakfast. Dick recently traveled to Hawaii to meet an old classmate, **Virginia Dominis** Koch, the goddaughter of the last Hawaiian royal family. Dick was obviously en-



Do the hustle: Big Red sousaphonist scoots across Barton Hall during the All-Alumni Affair.

joying the reunion weekend and tells those who couldn't make it, "You missed a good reunion. It would be nice to see everyone sometime." Dick, from Kensington, MD, was using the opportunity to visit his brother-in-law in Syracuse. **Germaine Miller** Gallagher drove from her home in Annapolis, MD, and was staying at a hotel on the Commons for the weekend. She hasn't missed one reunion and, like many others, expressed her delight in seeing so many familiar faces. Germaine remarked on the many changes she has seen at Cornell over the years.

**Judith Jaffe** Newman from Rockville, MD, who was staying at the Statler Hotel with her roommate **Peg Brown** Coryell, firmly believes that "if you don't have your health, you can't do anything." Judith certainly enjoys good health, and has recently traveled to New Zealand for an 11-day vacation. She has taken several "Theater at Sea" cruises, traveling the Amazon and the Mediterranean, and is contemplating a riverboat trip from Germany to Holland later this year. Judith is the president of the seniors group at her congregation and a docent at the Rockville Mansion. She also provides an invaluable service to the blind as a reader for the Washington Ear. When she isn't traveling or working, Judith derives great pleasure from many things: her great-grandsons Cameron and Gabriel, playing '30s and '40s musical hits on her piano, driving her new Toyota Camry, and, last but not least, ballroom dancing. A tour of the new Ornithology Lab at Sapsucker Woods proved to be a highlight of the weekend, as was a photo-shoot with her classmates.

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**43** Our glorious 60th has come and gone. Best ever. Every five years I find myself writing exactly that: best ever. Eighty-nine classmates made it—in the rain—all the way to the top of that fabled Hill. Their spouses, companions, friends, children, and one two-year-old brought the total to 166 souls. (Aside: Our space here is allotted in proportion to paid subscriptions—giving us 900 words—so when this self-indulgent scribbler hits the brakes at 899, be prepared to sit tight till the next issue for word 901 and any others that won't fit today.)

We dwelt in splendor at the Statler—luxurious, convenient, a well-earned upgrade from the highrises, lowrises, Risleys of the past. Past our sell-by date, we are these days shown the consideration age deserves. First stop: our very own hangout, Statler's Harvard Room, where we greeted close friend **Jane Adams** Wait, back for her first-ever reunion—as were **Mal Marlis**, my old roommate, and wife Gilla; and Tracy and **Barbara Wahl** Cate, never, alas, a roommate. In the Harvard Room (does Harvard have a Cornell Room?) co-host **Jack Chance** had collected '43 memorabilia: **Tom Nobis's** magnificent banner commemorating our 1939 undefeated football season; the late **Bob Henderson's** class ban-

ner preserved and forwarded by **Peggy Clark** Salisbury '44; the trophy for winner (**Dick Nickerson**) of the 7th Annual Waiters Derby, along with photos (**Steve Hawley**, for one, with his fellow polo aficionados), and assorted ephemera brought in by assorted classmates. Fun.

At dinner, class president **Roy Unger** welcomed us back and explained the history of the blue blazers and its connection with our souvenir blue pens. Then, sated, some bused to Bailey to audition the Savage Club; the been-there-done-thats elevated upstairs to audition a bed. With Friday dawning clear, we toured the newly expanded Ornithology Lab and trod the new trails. Saw a green heron. Impressed. Green heron saw us. Unimpressed. Me to the Continuing Reunion Club and an update on Big Red athletics by Andy Noel. Most back to Barton for lunch and the mandatory You-Can-Do-It-Fat-Boy Bleacher-Climb Say-Cheese-At-The-Guy-On-The-Ladder Class Photo.

Evening found us assembled for a lobster/chicken bake at Biotec, abutting a building known—but not well known—as Corson-Mudd. Rosa and Frank Rhodes, both looking quite fit despite Frank's accident last year (run down by a motorist; many broken bones), stopped by to shake a few hands before said hands reeked of lobster broth and drawn butter. During happy hour we sat on the atrium steps with **Dick Eustis**, Mary Ann, and Destiny, the aforementioned two-year-old, their social-worker poodle, youngest reuner, best behaved, and by far handsomest. Destiny attended every function, but failed, at this magazine's last accounting, to buy a subscription. Indefatigable all weekend was plucky **Ann Morgenstern** Cohen and her trusty walker. (Sounds like a Tom Swift title.) At dinner Roy told the story of the blue blazers. Little applause this time. A few calls of "Taxi!"

Saturday brought industrial strength showers. At 10:30 our crewmen—in my book, Cornell's most loyal athletes—ten in all, gathered at the boathouse: **Bruce Beh**, **Dave Belt**, MBA '50, **Jes Dall**, one-time commodore **Bill Dickhart**, **Du Bois Jenkins**, DVM '43, Nobis, **Hope Ritter**, **Bob Underwood** '42, Unger, and **Furm South**, openly frustrated because brand new Canadian wife Frances was stuck at US border in immigration dispute (Buy American), but ably chaperoned by handsome long-time son-in-law Mark Malick. In consideration of the weather and the fact that five years ago '43 had set a record in being the first 55th Reunion class to put a full boat in the inlet, all ten voted to postpone Reunion Row until our 65th.

Landlubbers heard outgoing President Hunter Rawlings deliver his final State of the University Address. Then to the Johnson Museum where Director Frank Robinson led tours focused on '43 gifts: the eloquent Leonard Baskin "Riderless Horse" bronze bas relief given by Jan Nickerson in memory of Dick, and the breathtaking Study Gallery exhibit of 21 newly donated Tony Friedkin photographs—"California Dreaming"—commissioned by **Al Dorskind**, JD '48.

Those of you who've never been to a '43

reunion are probably not aware that, while every other reunion class is toggled out in red-and-white, our men wear pale blue blazers. And those of you who have never come back have never heard why. (Reuners, feel free to go read columns by **Bill Vanneman** '31 or **Bob Persons** '48). For the rest of you, here's my version: Fifty-some years ago, reunion chairman **Jack Slater** went to a beerjacketmaker, on the BJM's premises, to procure—you guessed it—beerjackets. The BJM embraced aforementioned Slater, and confided, "Have I got a deal for you!" He then trotted out a light blue jacket/white piping. Jack, no pushover, or at least not yet, reminded the BJM that Cornell's colors are red and white. The BJM, with hundreds of these light blue jobs gathering dust on his racks (he'd tailored them in error for a Yale reunion and discovered too late that Yale blue and Columbia blue are both blue but not the same blue) laced up his selling shoes. The Elis, lest they be mistaken for the lowlifes of Morningside Heights, had refused delivery. Jack, no snob, accepted delivery. At a fire-sale price. His philosophy: "We'll be different." And so we were. And so we are. Fifty-some years later. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, PO Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA; e-mail, [millerharris@netcarrier.com](mailto:millerharris@netcarrier.com).

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Fifty-fifth Reunion Notes: Attendance was 139. All the women were strong (and very pretty), the men were handsome, and the children and grandchildren (one of each) were above average. Everywhere we convened we had banjo, piano, and small bands (with NO electronic amplification) playing all the oldies and goodies, with two nights of group singing using the Class of '48 Songbook.

At our Friday lunch in Bartels (athletic) Hall, ex-President Rhodes and his wife Rosa were present and we saw unveiled a new eight-man shell donated to the crew team by **Hank** and **Nancy Horton Bartels**. Hank gave a short humble speech during which he mentioned how he gave a very small amount of cash to a financial guru on Wall Street who multiplied it so much that Hank and Nancy can't give it away fast enough, preferring that it be used for facilities and equipment in the educational field rather than for yachts, which get rusty and sink. Everyone is wondering who this guru is and if he's still alive. Also on Friday we heard a lecture by **Sandy Berger** '67, the National Security Adviser for ex-President Clinton, who spoke on international problems and events. He seemed to be in favor of the Bush administration's actions.

Chimes concerts on Friday and Saturday were heartwarming. The Saturday concert from 2:00 to 3:00 was a request sing-a-long, with Cornellians singing on the ground as a Class of '58 chimesmaster played the tunes. (No bell cracked.)

President Rawlings delivered a very entertaining farewell speech at Bailey Hall on Saturday. Everyone felt good-all-over. The Barton Hall All-Alumni Luncheon was delicious and the price of beer and drinks was less than in 1998! The band played rousing Cornell music.

Our banquet on Friday was at Willard Straight. No speeches. New officers were elected. You'll be hearing from them. The orchestra played "As Time Goes By," which seemed to be a good moment to announce the winner of the "Casablanca" contest. There were 22 entries. They ALL correctly named "As Time Goes By" as the song that Sam (Dooley Wilson) played. However, the answers to how many times did Humphrey say to Ingrid, "Here's looking at you, kid" (our class motto) ranged from zero to 15! Only nine of the 22 entrants still know how to count and correctly answered "four times." The earliest postmarked answer was by **Vernon "Bud" Shumaker**, civil engineer from Vestal (or his wife Sally?). He won a rebate of his \$160 reunion registration fee. Upon leaving, **George Reingold**, MFS '49, who has no trouble in cow pastures, had a confrontation with the plaza outside the not-too-well-lit front stoop of the Straight, and spent Saturday and Sunday gleefully impersonating a raccoon. Someone forgot to get the ice cream for the Friday night social, so we just sang and drank liquids of choice. Our voices were better lubricated at the Saturday night ice cream social.

On Saturday evening we had a 1-1/2-hour cocktail reception in the alumni lounge, the room with a most spectacular window-wall 20-mile vista of Lake Cayuga on the north side of the Johnson Art Museum, next to Franklin Hall (the former Electrical Engineering building). This was followed by a music/barbecue in a tent on the Libe Slope south of the Art Museum.

Friday was a beautiful sunny day. No one seemed to be bothered by the scattered raindrops on the other days.

Our original class numbered (approximately) 1,571 souls and consisted of "about" 466 women and 1,105 men. The list of deceased names 102 (22 percent) of the women and 392 (36 percent) of the men. There's still plenty of us around to get together and have a fun time, and the "ratio" is improving! One non-human entity with Cornell ID number 920648 (look it up, you computer operators) is named "Class of 1948." It can be assumed, therefore, that this sexless Cornell '48 grad will live forever.

Our 60th Reunion in 2008 will find us comfortably ensconced in the Statler Hotel! Reserve the dates now—first full Thursday-Sunday June weekend.

Oh, yes! **Bart Holm** again came in first in his age group in the two-mile Alumni Run. Again, as in 1998, he was the only one in his age group.

Sad to hear when we got home that **Bob Seidel**, our class president from 1978 to 1983, who never missed a reunion, died in Gladwyne, PA, while we were in our tent outside the new Mews dorms. Bob was an all-out Cornellian. The funeral saw St. Christopher's Church in Gladwyne decorated throughout in Carnelian red, and the organist played the Alma Mater, then, rousing the dead, "Cornell Victorious." Wouldn't we all love to hear this when we go to that big reunion in the sky? Keep the faith. ♦ **Bob Persons**, Class Curmudgeon, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; Phone AND Fax (516) 767-1776.

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Three Cornell presidents helped a record 351 members of the Class of 1953 savor a truly golden Reunion, June 5-8, in sometimes sunny, sometimes soggy Ithaca. Frank H.T. Rhodes gave a class, and Hunter S. Rawlings III joined us for our Friday night banquet at Barton Hall. We welcomed the new guy, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, at a Friday reception. Some 43 of those 351 were reuniting for the first time.

Ithaca bestowed a few drops upon the party. Those who checked in at the giant new Court Hall (a frosh dorm) on Thursday were greeted by wind and rain, but no snow, so indoor activities were in order. Reunion co-chairfolk **Jane Little Hardy** and **Dick Halberstadt** had wisely laid on a bus tour to the Corning Glass factory, led by **Mickie Symonds** Eschweiler, and even more shrewdly, a wine tour, led by **Barbara Green** Bock. There was also a hard core that stuck to the headquarters for the ebb and flow of warmly remembered old buddies—and new old buddies.

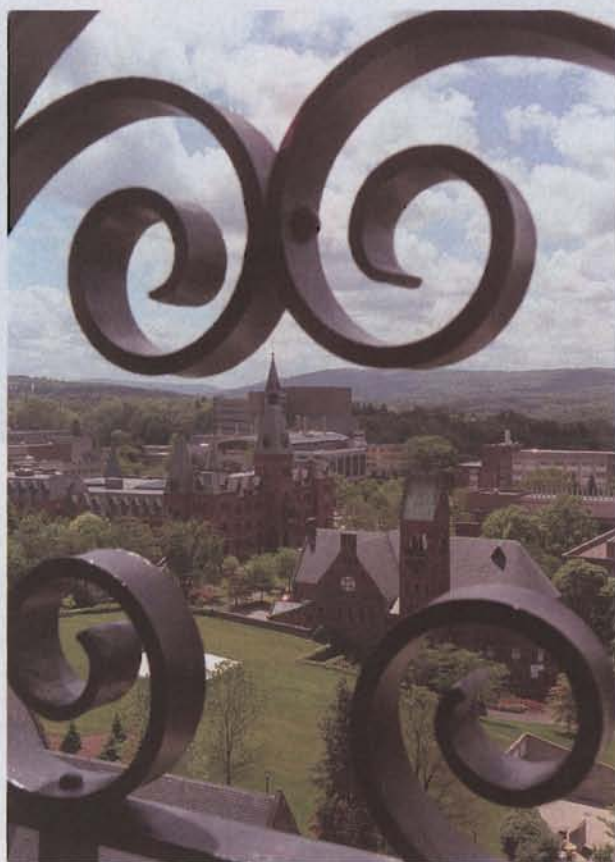
The multitudes—there were officially 571 altogether, including guests and fellow travelers—managed to fit into the '53 tent, near Court, for reconnecting, liquids, and dinner. Then back to the dorm for further old and new stories. And music. Such music! It began with **Stu Warshauer**, MBA '54's haunting klezmer fiddle renditions. Then **Jan Button**-Shafer sat down to the piano—"It's Only a Paper Moon"—and she, Stu, and clarinet virtuoso **Lou Pradt** formed a combo. **Don Lathrop**, MD '57, relieved Jan for a singalong, just like the good old days on the Hill. **Jack Mannix**, JD '58, made a black-tie appearance after proving once again to the Savage Club audience at the soon-to-be-air-conditioned Bailey Hall that he remains the world's seventh-greatest magician. But there wasn't much sound after midnight this time around.

President emeritus Rhodes, astronomy prof. Yervant Terzian, and Frank Robinson, director of the Johnson Art Museum, conducted a ten o'clock, the Class of '53 Forum, "The Next 50 Years in the Arts, in Space, in University Education," on Friday. In the afternoon, **Ellen Bromfield** Geld, up from Brazil, read from her new book, *View from the Fazenda*, and signed copies. **Nancy Van Cott**'s art and craft show displayed the eye-popping range of talent in our class. **Lois Crane** Williams, M Ed '60's Civil War wedding attendant's dress and **Ray Borton**'s photo collection were voted *numero uno*.

We were introduced to President Lehman at a Sage reception before the Friday night Barton

banquet, where **John** and **Lea Paxton Nixon** presented the '53 gift, a huge \$11,737,686 check, to outgoing President Rawlings. He accepted with a salute to the class, noting that we share a 50th anniversary with the discovery of the DNA structure and that our gift arrives at the dawning of the genomic era. Toastmaster Halberstadt announced that free massages would be available the next afternoon. **Mort Bunis**, JD '55, presented '53 certificates of recognition to **Bob Abrams**, **Lilyan Affinito**, **Bob Appel**, **Roz Zalutsky** Baron, **Dottie Clark** Free, **Dave Gatti**, somebody called **Hanchett**, **Pat Gunderson** Stocker, the **Nixons**, and **Clark** and **Claire Moran Ford**.

Old Cayuga's Waiters **Nixon** and **Jack Brophy** swung out with their own "Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie," before leading the hundreds on hand in the Alma Mater and the "Evening



Song." That tuned the voices up more for the afterglow back at Court, with Lathrop chairman of the keyboard. There were previously worn reunion jackets in evidence, two of them on the three children of the late **Poe Fratt**, BME '55—**Laura '81**, **Will '85**, and **Poe, MBA '89**. Will got up in time to do a 31:31 5-mile in the Reunion Run, second among others his age, which prepared him for **Gerry Grady**'s milk punch wake-up call, which prepared many of the class for President Rawlings's farewell address. Or for the annual Alumni Baseball Game at Hoy Field. **Don Unbekant**, BCE '55, started on the mound, still seeking his 300th victory. **Vinnie Giarrusso** covered first base with amazing grace. For once, there was a nuclear physicist coaching at third—

**Dave Rossin.** Cornell won.

And so to lunch at an Ag Quad tent and thence to Bailey for the class photo, and after the massages or whatever to the Plantations for the dedication of another class gift, the Container Gardens at the Lewis Education Center. **Pat Stocker** represented the class. Onward to dinner in a Plantations tent, where we were serenaded by a teenage steel band from Sheffield, PA.

**Chuck Berlinghof** and **Bob**, JD '56, and **Julie Neff** were reported victors in the Reunion tennis tournament. Jane Arnold hit closest among women to the pin on the fifth hole and

into that line, but I'll welcome all the help I can get from you, friends. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

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I have just returned from our fabulous 45th Reunion and wish you all could have been there. We had a wonderful time. How can 45 years have passed so fast? Anyway, I'm listening to **Liz Fillo's** CD, "This Moment" (which is marvelous), and still reminiscing. Please consider our 50th in five years—it's four days of a truly wonderful vacation. We had 12 classmates

'63, with the help of **Glenn** and **Maddi McAdams Dallas** and many others, and donated to the university a grand total of \$6,312,237, with 508 class members participating. Congratulations to you all! There were so many funny and memorable little incidents, too numerous to mention, but **Duffy Mathias** still would not divulge his fabulous recipe for Milk Punch, a treat we don't have much anymore. The Sherwoods were around at various functions and still pack quite a wallop. All can still sing and tell funny, funny jokes. At one point they singled out **Betty Ann Steer Merritt** and serenaded her for all her hard work—quite nice!

On July 1 Hunter Rawlings was to step down as university president, so there were a lot of tributes to him during the weekend. He and Elizabeth will stay on at Cornell after a well-deserved sabbatical. Our class officer slate was presented at one of our dinners and I think it will be just about the same as before, with **Chuck Hunt** and **Carol Boeckle Welch** as copresidents and **Alan Goldman** (new), **Gerald Linsner**, and **Betty Ann Merritt** spearheading the next and biggest reunion. I could go on and on with reunion coverage, but think now I will get to some of the classmate news.

**Law Futterman** is doing some unusual things and I will have more info in my next column. He came to reunion with his beautiful wife, 10-year-old daughter, and 10-month-old yellow Lab! **Esther Puram** Jansing toured around the world in 2000. Since then, she has been to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. She retired as executive director of Leadership Owensboro, but continues as director of The Community Foundation. In May 2002 she was appointed by the governor of Kentucky to a seat on the Kentucky Council of Post-Secondary Education, a coordinating body for Kentucky institutions of higher education. **Carolyn King** Nytych loves being a grandparent to her one and only grandchild, but unfortunately he lives in Massachusetts. She says she doesn't exactly have a career, but is working part-time with ARC of Binghamton, the association of retarded citizens.

**Ann McGinnis** Daiber went on an Opera Tour with the Virginia Opera last year to Vienna and Prague. She completed 400 hours of clinical pastoral education and is going to be a hospital chaplain for her church. **Cynthia Rau** Sears retired two years ago and is enjoying their condo at Albemarle Plantation in Hertford, NC, the home of Jim "Catfish" Hunter. Last summer, **Beverly Amerman** Lewin traveled to the US to visit family, to Liverpool for a conference, and to Turkey for R&R. She is living in Ramut Hasharon, Israel, and has just published a book, *Expository Discourse Continuum 2001*, based on her PhD dissertation. **Eleanor De Mov** Schaffer is enjoying gardening, working out with a trainer, reading, beach activities, and knitting and crocheting. She is also trying to learn the computer! They traveled last year to Florida, Utah, Santa Fe, and Grand Rapids, MI, for a surprise 40th birthday party for her oldest daughter.

**Robert Dunn** was married on New Year's Day. He and his new wife Linda both did graduate work at Harvard and met through an



Beverly and Jim Phillip '68  
in the tents.

Lathrop came in with low gross (for '53) in the golf tourney. **Shirley Sprague** McClintock won the 2-mile walk in the Reunion Run. **Bill McKee** won in the 5-mile run for over-70s, pursued by **Bill Albers** and **Tom Bingham** '54.

At Cornelliana Night at Bailey, the class received a hand for outdistancing the field in reunion giving. **Ed Eigner** and **Al Harris** were mentioned for chugging back to campus from Connecticut in the same '41 car that Al drove as a student. Then back for another afterglow after a look into the Arts Quad tents. And you should have heard **Ann Gleason** Sequerth's reprises of "Over the Rainbow" and "Look for the Silver Lining." Their pipes haven't rusted, kids. Before the so-longs (till we meet again), **Caroline Mulford** Owens led a memorial service in the Appel (as in Bob) Commons for those we have lost. To Dick and Jane, a resounding thank you for an outstanding reunion.

To take us to the next stop, we have new officers, but prez emerita Claire Ford is first vice president and class council liaison. There are a passel of VPs: Bunis, Jane Hardy, Halberstadt, Roz Baron, **Jim** (planned giving honcho) **Blackwood**, Clark Ford, Gatti, and **Joyce Wisbaum** Underberg. One good term deserves another, so **Judy Resnik** Chabon gets one as treasurer. The Nixons continue as Cornell Fund reps, and Dottie Free remains historian. Class columnist? *Moi*, again.

Fifty-three has been led by strong, imaginative presidents and, well gee, I'm proud to step

coming back for the first time. They are **Lois Pape** Dam, **Gretchen Cuyle** Davis, **Bill Evarts**, **Jiffy Farnham**, **Ed Fox**, **Sylvia (Kane)** and **John King**, **Glenn Light**, M Aero E '62, **Bud Owens**, BME '60, **Robert Reinhard**, **Fred Smith**, **Britt Stitt**, and **Joe Visconti**. In total, we had 257 returnees. The weather was not the best, but everything went as planned and we never noticed, except for a little mud here and there.

**Elsie Dinsmore** Popkin had a wonderful display of her paintings ("Cornell Views") at the Johnson Museum, and we were fortunate enough to see them and have Dinny discuss them. She is so very talented and generously auctioned one of the paintings, "A View from the Statler, Libe Tower, and Sage Hall." A fierce bidding went on and **Al Podell** was the highest bidder. He then most generously donated the painting back to the museum and last I heard, it was going to be lent to the Business School dean to use in his office. He really loves it. All the money will go to our class project. Speaking of Al Podell, one couldn't miss him in his array of "different and wild" jackets and clothing styles! Dinny also had some funny tales to tell of the showers in the dorm rooms! The campus, the Plantations, and all the new buildings couldn't have looked better. Things have really spread out since we were students, but Cornell still retains the same feeling.

Our class did a wonderful job of fund-raising under the leadership of **Allan Tessler**, LLB



alumni program. They have been on a continuous honeymoon and had a major trip to Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Cambodia. He is still practicing law as corporate counsel for Real Restaurants and rewriting and updating the three law books that he has in print. **Jim Quirk** retired from law practice three years ago and has now realized, after a "life-long search," that he's found his true calling—retirement! He says it doesn't get any better than grandchildren, travel, skiing, and golf!

**Charles Rosak** discovered San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, last year and tends to return often—a wonderful spot, he says. He keeps busy with travel and car club activities. He also helped his daughters with art renovation in NYC and a house move in Lebanon, NH. **Roger Wiley** had a house exchange with friends in England for six weeks and also went to Alaska. He has been retired for three years, but continues consulting in the paper industry. He enjoys construction and refurbishing projects at his church and plays golf when time permits. Sailing is also an interest (on a friend's boat!). **Stephen Bank** retired two years ago as a dentist and has been working part-time as a library assistant. He still has time for tennis, softball, and running, even though he is usually the oldest guy on the team!

I'd love to hear from you all! ♦ **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook Dr., Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, jjarvie386@aol.com; and **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, rhaggard@voicenet.com.

**R63** Reunion was a great success. The 200 classmates and guests who attended were entertained, educated, wine-d, and dined. Risley, though tired, was the class headquarters—a convenient location for all our activities. Hats off to **Richard McKee**, our chairman! He and his committee brought everything together in time for check-in on June 5. **Judy Clarke** Bennett was the competent registrar. **Donna Forsman** was in charge of food and logistics. **Paula Trested** Laholt Oeste was our webmaster.

Highlights of the weekend were a Friday morning session on Politics, Money, and Terrorism. Johnson Business School Dean Robert Swieringa talked about our 60s and the issues we'll face. Classmate **Jules Kroll** spoke on terrorism, and also looked into the issues we have faced from 1960-2003. Professor Ted Lowi tied it all together in a way that only he can and spoke on politics of the times. Friday afternoon seven '63ers were featured at a Symposium, "Catalyst for Creativity," at the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning. **Tom Beeby**, BArch '64, **Alan Chimacoff**, BArch '64, **Madeleine Leston** Meehan, **Marjorie Walker** Sayer, **Peter Parsons**, BArch '64, **Bob Fox**, BArch '65, and **Donna Forsman** talked about their Cornell experiences past, present, and future. Their works were on exhibit in Sibley.

**Donna Forsman** and the rest of the Reunion committee organized great meals and venues. Saturday's luncheon entertainment was the alumni Sherwoods, who serenaded our own

**Frankie Campbell** Tutt. **Richard Lynham**, BME '65, reported that we had raised over \$2 million for this year's reunion campaign. By the end of Saturday evening, an anonymous donor had challenged '63ers to a \$300,000 matching gift if classmates contributed that amount by June 30.

There were 19 first-time reunion goers. Among them was **Dorothy Teitelbaum** Terman from Tustin, CA. Over the weekend she was searching for Mann Library, when she stopped to ask directions. The distinguished gentleman she ran into said, "Of course I know where Mann Library is" and proceeded to give Dorothy a big hug. It was none other than ex-president Frank Rhodes. **Ira**, BEE '65, ME E '66, and **Pam Ross** attended from Savannah, GA. They spent part of this driving trip in the New York State wine country, visiting grandchildren and golfing. **Ira** is retired and is now a military communication consultant.

**Joe Brennan** brought his companion Elaine Burns from Belmont, CA. He also brought along our Freshman Register and some party photos from Phi Gamma Delta. **Fred** and **Linda Bergmann** came from Williamsburg, VA. Fred is a retired urologist and Linda is a nurse. Fred's first comment to me was that, as a freshman at Cornell, he always wished he could "spend one night in Risley girls' dorm." Forty-four years later he was getting his wish—"and even got to spend three nights!" **Bill Tutt** and **Frankie** are busy with several homes in Colorado. Bill is retired but Frankie is still involved in the travel business. Bill had an emergency appendectomy at Cayuga Medical Center on Saturday night. They ended up extending their Ithaca visit.

**Dick '61**, MBA '63, and **Sara Hart Olson** live in New Jersey. Sara does market research and is an epidemiologist at Sloan-Kettering and has a teaching appointment at Cornell Medical School. She and a group of Pi Beta Phi's meet periodically to hike and have done so at Glacier National Park and Breckenridge, CO. **Bob Pritsker** and his wife **Kimiko** were there with their 7-year-old twins.

A quick diversion. **Shelley Davis** Mandelbaum sent the following: The School of Nursing Class of 1963 held its 40th Reunion on the Alumni Day weekend at Cornell Presbyterian Medical Center in May in NYC. **Ruth Zeitlin** Fischbach was awarded the coveted Distinguished Alumni 2003 award at the annual luncheon. Over 30 classmates from the Class of 1963 attended the event organized by **Shelley**, **Ruth**, **Lee Detrick** Blood, and **Lucy Simon** Levine. They are saddened by the fact that the Nursing school no longer exists, but enjoyed reliving old memories and sharing their lifetime experiences.

Back to the main campus. . . Also attending reunion was **Mary Falvey**, who lives in San Francisco. She is excited about her new second home in Calistoga, Napa Valley. The landscaping project is about to begin there. **Dee Stroh** Becvar came from St. Louis. Dee is a family therapist with her own practice. Her family includes her husband **Ray** and daughter **Lynn Reif**. **Floyd Grove** of New Holland, PA, is another first-timer. He is retired for the second time from Case New Holland. He and his wife like to travel to Bel-

gium. **Judy Clarke** Bennett, our registrar, recently moved to West Palm Beach, FL. She sold her home newsletter business after her husband died and she was ready to retire. Her 2-year-old twin grandchildren live nearby. Reunion Run results: **Nancy Deeds** Meister was first in the Women's 60-69 age group; in the Male 60-69 age group, **Dick Lynham** was first, **Martin Lustig**, BEE '65, was second, and **Gary Smith**, third. Thanks again to Richard and his committee for making the 40th Reunion memorable!

A late news flash from **Peter Lee**: **Jules Kroll** has been named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year. He will be honored Thursday, October 23, at the Statler Hotel and will give a public address on Friday, October 24. **Jules** is executive chairman of Kroll Associates, the world's premier risk consulting company. Congratulations, **Jules!** ♦ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 42 Campus Ct., Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, ickc@excepc.com.

**R68** OUR 35th REUNION WAS SENSATIONAL! Before I get into details, let me first thank those who contributed to this outstanding event, starting with our absolutely super Reunion Chairs **Bob** and **Bette Nelson Zippin**. The Zippins left no stone unturned in their effort to ensure every function worked well and every classmate had a great time at Reunion. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their dedicated work for Cornell and the class. They were assisted by an outstanding committee that included **Kathy Maney** Fox, **Nancy Nystrom** Frantz, **Susan Harrison** Berger, **Helen Karel** Dorman, and **Linda Saltzman** Farkas. **Pete Woodworth**, MBA '69, helped obtain the fabulous class jackets, as always the best souvenir at Reunion. Special thanks to **Susan Harrison** Berger for bringing along **Sandy '67** to speak at our Class Forum.

The nominating committee, consisting of **Linda Farkas**, **Chuck Levitan**, and **Jerry Levitz** (chairman), presented the following slate of new officers for five-year terms ending in June 2008: **Nancy Kulerman** Hodes, President; **Jane Frommer** Gertler, Vice President, Membership; **Beth Deabler** Corwin, Treasurer; **Steve Siegel**, Secretary/Historian; **Gordon Silver**, Class Correspondent; **Walter Schenker**, Webmaster and Cornell Fund Co-Rep; **Jay Waks**, JD '71, Cornell Fund Co-Rep; **Henry Siegel**, Reunion Chair.

Highlights of Reunion Weekend included a wonderful barbecue dinner at the Plantations on Friday evening, followed by an ice cream party at Class Headquarters at Cascadilla Hall. Saturday started off with athletic events, including the Reunion Run, where a very fit **Joel Negrin** distinguished himself by both his performance and his patience. Saturday morning featured the State of the University address by President **Hunter Rawlings** and a private tour of the beautiful new dormitories on North Campus, followed by an excellent lunch in Appel Commons. Saturday evening was a wonderful dinner in the Memorial Room preceded by a cocktail reception on the Terrace at the Straight. Entertainment included musical performances by the Sherwoods and the Hangovers, and tent parties. Our Class Forum

with Sandy Berger, former National Security Advisor in the Clinton Administration, provided an outstanding opportunity for discussion of foreign policy questions.

At our Saturday Reunion Lunch, Jay Waks, who co-chaired our Class Major Gifts Campaign, announced that, through the joint efforts of his committee and our Participation Committee, co-chaired by **Mady Amreich** Bauer and **Brad Carruth**, the class contributed to Cornell a grand sum of \$1,363,067 (as of Reunion) from 625 donors (46 percent participation), 37 of whom made contributions at the Tower Club (\$5,000 or more) level. Twenty of our classmates worked diligently on the campaign effort. The Major Gifts Committee was fortunate to have as vice chairs **Fran Bonsignore**, MPA '71, **Henry Korn**, and **Steve**, MBA '70, JD '71, and **Sharon Lawner Weinberg**, PhD '71; and as members: **Richard Ahlfeld**, MBA '70, **Randy Hallstead Allen**, **Bob Cantor**, **Andrew Crowley**, **Pet Gerschel**, **Elliott Meisel**, **Fran Milberg**, **Pat Orthwein**, MBA '69, **Alice Richmond**, **Steven Siegel**, and **Jane Gleklen Wyeth**. **William Huling**, MBA '74, was a member of the Participation Committee as well. Jay Waks did double duty in delivering breakfast and dinner remarks to the reuniting classes at the Cornell Law School, where he serves as National Chair of the Annual Fund.

In short, Reunion 2003 was a sensational event, and new Reunion Chair Henry Siegel is already planning for 2008. More in the next issue.

Turning to some regular class news, **Eleanor Zenn-Zweibel** lives in New York City with husband Ronald who is a judge on the New York State Supreme Court. Eleanor is involved in management of commercial real estate property. **Tom Silliman** lives in Newburgh, IN. **Sara Straw** Winship and husband Dale live in Atlanta. Sara stopped full-time work and is presently involved in volunteering through her church and local schools. She reports, "The needs out there are so great, and having a chance to give something back is such a gift. Frequently I think back to Cornell and to many of the principles for which it stands. Weren't we all fortunate to have the Cornell experience!"

**Dan Weinberg**, semi-retired, lives in St. Louis and is a part-time freelance writer. **Alan Altschuler** continues as CFO of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation in New York. His daughter Sari graduated from Swarthmore and teaches English at the Riverdale Country School. His son Daniel attends Amherst College. Alan took up acting four years ago and has done several student productions. **Louise May** Gruber and husband William live in New York City. Louise is an executive editor for children's books at Lee & Low Books Inc. She recently saw **Ronna Yosim Kluger**, who has lived in Toronto for several years. Ronna is retired, but is keeping busy with consulting positions in the Toronto school system. **Jeff Burtch** and wife Keira live in Orangeburg, NY. Jeff is a sculptor and had a solo exhibition at the Piermont Flywheel Gallery in Piermont-on-Hudson, NY.

I look forward to hearing from you and continuing as correspondent for our class. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Reunion! ♦

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Sun, warmth, sparkling waters, and blue skies—that's what early reuners experienced on Thursday and Friday. Those who came a bit later discovered the weather they knew well and remembered even better: rainy, cloudy, and cool, draping the campus with its dewy cloak. No matter. Cornell remains the most beautiful campus around and it holds us in its palm whenever we return. Of course, this year's reunion planners had a lock on the weather so our only outdoor function was the Friday night clambake on the Ag Quad. Saturday evening's dinner found us cozily ensconced in the Appel Commons. For those who weren't able to come in person to the 30th, we had as great a time as we ever do, just a little greyer around the edges and more pounds of us to love.

Class officers were elected and **Marty Slye** Sherman, MPS HHS '75, our stalwart reunion co-chair, was elected president for the next five years. **Marty** and **Irene Kohan** Yesowitch did yeoman's work in bringing it all together. The entire committee ably assisted them, of course, but we had a pretty good idea of who should get the standing O. If you haven't done so yet, go to our class website and you can see the photomontage that closed the dinner. I trust you can supply your own music, even if you don't own the LP anymore!

Over 250 classmates made it back to the Hill, including a number of first-timers. I had the pleasure of seeing former apartment mate **Rod "Bert" Welch** at his first reunion. Bert is the chair of the microbiology department at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. His research focuses on *E. coli*. His daughter, a lovely 16-year-old soccer player, may yet end up as a second-generation Cornellian. **Nancy McCarthy**, another first-time attendee, sat at my dinner table. Nancy lives in Marin County and is a lawyer. Nancy's son accompanied her and tolerated the New York weather well. **Ed Schechter**, MBA '74, is now our vice president. He and wife Wendi were both present and shining. Ed brought news of **Paul Harnick**, who couldn't come because of a child's sporting event. All of us can relate to the primacy of sports in our children's lives and our subsequent need to view them. Ed and I missed many of our other pals from our Cornell days, especially those still living in the Ithaca area.

The other class officers elected at our Saturday luncheon include **Eliot Greenwald** as VP and Secretary, **Richard Saltz**, MBA '74, as VP and Treasurer, yours truly as VP and chair of the class correspondents (hey, 20 years and still going strong), **Thilde Peterson** and **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorff as Class Historians, and **Mary Jane Kelley** Anderson as our 35th Reunion Committee Chair (save those dates, June 5-8, 2008). Class Council Members will be **Isaac Lemor**, **Denise Meridith**, **Wayne Merkelson**, JD '75, **Susan Murphy**, PhD '94, and **Mark Wurzel**, MBA '74. Finally, continuing their superb work as our Cornell Fund Committee

will be **Paul Cashman**, **Walter Johnsen**, ME Ch '74, **Jon Kaplan**, MBA '74, **Peter Knight**, and **Susan Robbins**.

We had some big winners during the door prize portion of Saturday's dinner, including three-time winner **Cynthia Kovacs** Perry from Westlake Village, CA, who sat with me at dinner. Cynthia works for the Conejo Valley Unified School District. As a runner, she cleaned up in our age group. **Chris Hunt**, in from Virginia, won a prize for being the 73rd registrant for reunion. Chris is another old friend who works as an engineer for BAE Systems in Washington, DC. We reminisced about the snowstorm that shut down Cornell during our sophomore year, and about frat beer-drinking contests. Anyone who missed reunion missed the joy of seeing old friends, meeting interesting classmates you hadn't met before, and the joys of walking through old haunts and over our beloved gorges.

While not directly related to reunion, the news bag still has some items in it for reporting to you. Unfortunately, one is the death of **Karen Montner Silverman**, whose husband **Sam** is also a classmate. Karen died in February of this year. She lived in Newton Center, MA, and was the community liaison for the Massachusetts Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program and a community organizer. Besides Sam, Karen left a son **Robbie** and daughters **Liza '05** and **Rebecca**, a junior in high school. A long-time women's health advocate, Karen died of ovarian cancer.

**Judy Miller** sent me e-mail news in January and let us know that the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching recently named her the 2002 Massachusetts CASE Professor of the Year, a very prestigious honor. Judy is on the faculty of Worcester Polytechnic Inst. in Worcester, MA. She teaches biology and also directs the teaching center. Judy is married to **Mike Ciaraldi** and has two teenage sons. E-mail from **Margie Smigel** also arrived at the end of 2002. Margie wrote from Chicago, where she is the owner of MetroPro, a real estate company located in the Hyde Park neighborhood. MetroPro not only sells historically significant mansions, but also works to transform blighted buildings on the South Side to create vibrant neighborhoods. Margie has a daughter **Bess** at Tufts and a 15-year-old son **Cobin**, who aspires to the arts. Margie took up ballroom dancing last summer and is "determined to sustain grace in my middle age."

The Alumni Office let us know that classmate **Jonathan Sperber**, a history professor at the U. of Missouri, Columbia, was awarded the Curators professorship, the highest honor a professor can receive within the UM system. Jonathan has taught there since 1984 after receiving his doctorate from the U. of Chicago. He's written six books, three of which have received awards. Kudos! **Michael Principe** was also the recipient of an award. He is the deputy commissioner and director of the Bureau of Water Supply, Dept. of Environmental Protection, for New York, and received the 2003 Sloan Public Service Award by the Fund for the City of New York. Michael received his doctorate from City U. and

has worked at the DEP since 1981. He lives in Westchester County, NY, and is married with two sons. Send your news to ❖ **Phyllis Haight Grummon**. I've changed jobs and my new e-mail is phyllis.grummon@scup.org.

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Kudos go to **Ken Mogil** and **Mary Bowler Jones** for organizing an absolutely fabulous 25th Reunion. There were over 600 registrants and many "first timers" to the reunion experience at Cornell. Thursday and Friday were beautiful, sunny days. There was a buffet dinner in the lounge of Balch Hall on Thursday evening. **Cindy Fuller**, PhD '92, shared memories and stories with **Dan**, MBA '79, and **Gina Lynn** from Texas. **Nina Silfen** and **Suzie Tougas Snedeker**, with her husband **Jeff**, also joined in the vibrant conversation, along with **Suzanne Bishop Romain** and **Libby Waldman Strugatch**. Friday's activities included tours of the Plantations and the nanofabrication facility, a jazz concert at Lincoln Hall, and an explanation of the Mars exploration at the Space Sciences Building. There was a delicious BBQ on Beebe Lake on Friday night. The incoming president of the university, **Jeffrey Lehman** '77, addressed the group during that dinner. It's hard to believe that he graduated just a year ahead of all of us. **Neal Saslow**, DVM '82, also a fellow Vet college classmate, and wife **Vivienne** stopped to chat, as well as **Peggy Frischer Schwartz**. **Ed Spindel**, DVM '84, also a veterinarian, attended reunion. Upon questioning why this was his first reunion, **Gary Horowitz** responded that he came this time because he might be "too decrepit" to make it to the next one!

Unfortunately, the Ithaca weather was true to form on Saturday. It rained most of the day, but didn't dampen the spirits of our classmates. A BBQ lunch was held under a tent adjacent to the Johnson Art Museum. I enjoyed some friendly conversation with **Libby Waldman Strugatch**, **Lori Wasserman Karbel**, and my fellow class correspondent **Eileen Brill Wagner**, who sent along some information for this column as well. **Kevin O'Malley** joined us, at which point **Libby** and **Lori** explained the "myth of Kevin O'Malley" from our undergraduate days. It was claimed that different classmates saw him in more than one place at the same time. No one was sure exactly how many Kevin O'Malleys might be roaming the campus. **Kevin** lives in San Francisco with wife **Christi**. She did not attend reunion, but **Libby**, **Lori**, and **Kevin** talked to her via cell phone. **Kevin** and **Christi** have a speaker marketing company, **Tech Talk Studio**, with clients all over the country. They are also launching a company to empower people to have control over their own health care—a virtual patient advocate, so to speak.

**Jim Heedles** lives in Amherst, NH, with wife **Maureen**. Their 30-year-old son **Keith** lives in Virginia. **Jim**, who calls himself a "software weenie," works for Space Flight Systems. **Jane Tanner** lives in Parish, NY, and she is a professor of mathematics at Onondaga Community College. Her son **Casey** is 17, and stepdaughter **Stephanie** is 20. Reunion was the first time **Jane**

had seen **Liz Debski** in 15 years. The two worked with **Jim** at the Olin Library circulation desk. **Liz** is a professor of biology at the U. of Kentucky and enjoys doing pottery. **Lucy Loveridge** is a children's librarian in Framingham, MA, where she lives with her cat **Opal**. **Henry Farber** made the trip from Bellevue, WA, to attend reunion. He is a lawyer specializing in labor law and has children **Rachel**, 14, and **Jay**, 12. **Henry** flew into Newark and hooked up with his good friend and classmate **Steve Okrend** to make the drive to Ithaca. **Steve** lives in central

chired the major gifts campaign. There were 924 donations, including 61 Tower Club members—a record for our class—and it was more than three times the amount of money ever raised by the class before.

Others helping with the campaign and reunion were in attendance as well, including **Dave Eckhardt**, **Sharon Palatnik Simoncini**, **Suzanne Bishop Romain**, **Margaret "Sunny" Bates**, and **Angela DeSilva**. **Angela**, husband **Michael**, and son **Andrew** enjoyed the lobster-fest at the table at which I was sitting. **Andrew**



Members of the class of '78 at The Palms.

New Jersey and is very happy in his career as a child's librarian.

**Jonathan Honig** has traveled to London, Paris, Holland, and Belgium. He has published an article on fraud that deals with foreign currency and insider trading matters. **Andre Martecchini**, ME C '79, lives in Duxbury, MA, and works as a civil engineering consultant in Boston. He is in his third term as a selectman in Duxbury. **David Doupe** lives in California. His oldest son, **Adam**, is attending Rhodes College in Memphis. **Adam** has promised to go to law school at Cornell. **Douglas Murray** finally was lured back to Dayton, OH, by his mom and five sisters. "I'm like an asteroid; they got close and roped me in." He had been living all over the world, from L.A. to Japan since graduation. **Doug** is now involved with structural finite element analysis with MSC Software.

The cocktail hour and dinner were held in the Ramin Room of Bartels Hall. Dinner was absolutely scrumptious. It was billed as a "clam-bake," but we were served lobster as well. Meat and potatoes were available for those that did not like shellfish. The whole evening was very festive. President **Rawlings** was present and addressed the crowd, and commented that he had never been to a reunion dinner of any kind that served lobster. A check for \$2-1/2 million dollars was presented to President **Rawlings** from our class. This was quite a fund-raising feat, and special thanks go to **Andy Paul**, who

let me know he usually has his hair spiked blue, but his parents made him wash it out for the trip to Ithaca. The **DeSilvas** hail from Texas. Also joining us for dinner was **Vic Janas**, MS Ch '79, and wife **Bernie**, PhD '93. **Phil Bracht** lives in Philadelphia, and although an animal science major in college, he is now a computer technogeek and loves his work. Fellow freshman **Don-lon** classmates were in attendance, including **Pat Reilly**, **Melinda Dower**, and **Genevieve Chu**. **Genevieve** is a stay-at-home mom ("temporarily") in New Jersey, caring for her three children. She is anxious to return to work. **Genevieve** keeps in touch with three other former roommates, **Dawn Cassie**, **Agnes Moy-Sarns** '77, and **Nancy Reese**, all of whom attended reunion.

**Cindy Fuller**, outgoing president, said a few words of thanks to the class. She recently moved to Seattle from North Carolina, so is a bit further from Ithaca now. Her enthusiasm and devotion to the class is beyond comparison. **Cindy** was our representative at the Sage Chapel Memorial Service to remember those who are gone. This was especially meaningful for our class, since **Elizabeth "Buffy" Neuffer**, a journalist with the *Boston Globe*, recently died in Iraq while covering the war there.

After the speakers were through, a photo-montage was viewed on a giant screen. All attendees who had pre-registered had their freshman "pigbook" picture shown next to their graduation picture. Lots of laughter filled the room as

people recognized (or didn't recognize) themselves and their friends. More current pictures followed. It truly was enjoyable. Thanks to Ken Mogil for arranging it. Dessert (mostly very rich cakes, chocolates, pies, cookies, and ice cream with lots of calories) was served. A fantastic band, "The Destination," played great songs, many of which were from the '70s, and the dance floor was full until midnight. A brunch was provided the next morning and everyone then got to say his or her good-byes. My personal impression of our 25th Reunion is that it was a total blast! I know everyone enjoyed the friendship, hospitality, great food, great surroundings (well, except for the rain on Saturday), and a very wonderful class. ♦ **Pepi F. Leids**, Pleids@aol.com; **Eileen Brill Wagner**, brillcon@aol.com.

**R** **83** The Class of 1983 Reunion was an overwhelming success and a lot of fun! **Dave Tralka** reports that a total of 670 people participated: 316 classmates, 141 adult guests, and 213 children. The number of Class of '83 children who attended is an unofficial Cornell record.

We requested that members of our class send in a paragraph about their experiences and impressions from our 20th Reunion. Please send e-mail about your reunion experience to **David Pattison** (DPattison@mac.com) and **Dinah Lawrence Godwin** (dinahgodwin@msn.com), who are our new Class Correspondents. Below are excerpts from the first three e-mails that we received.

**Lisa Esposito Kok** and husband **George '82** enjoyed a memorable Reunion with their chil-

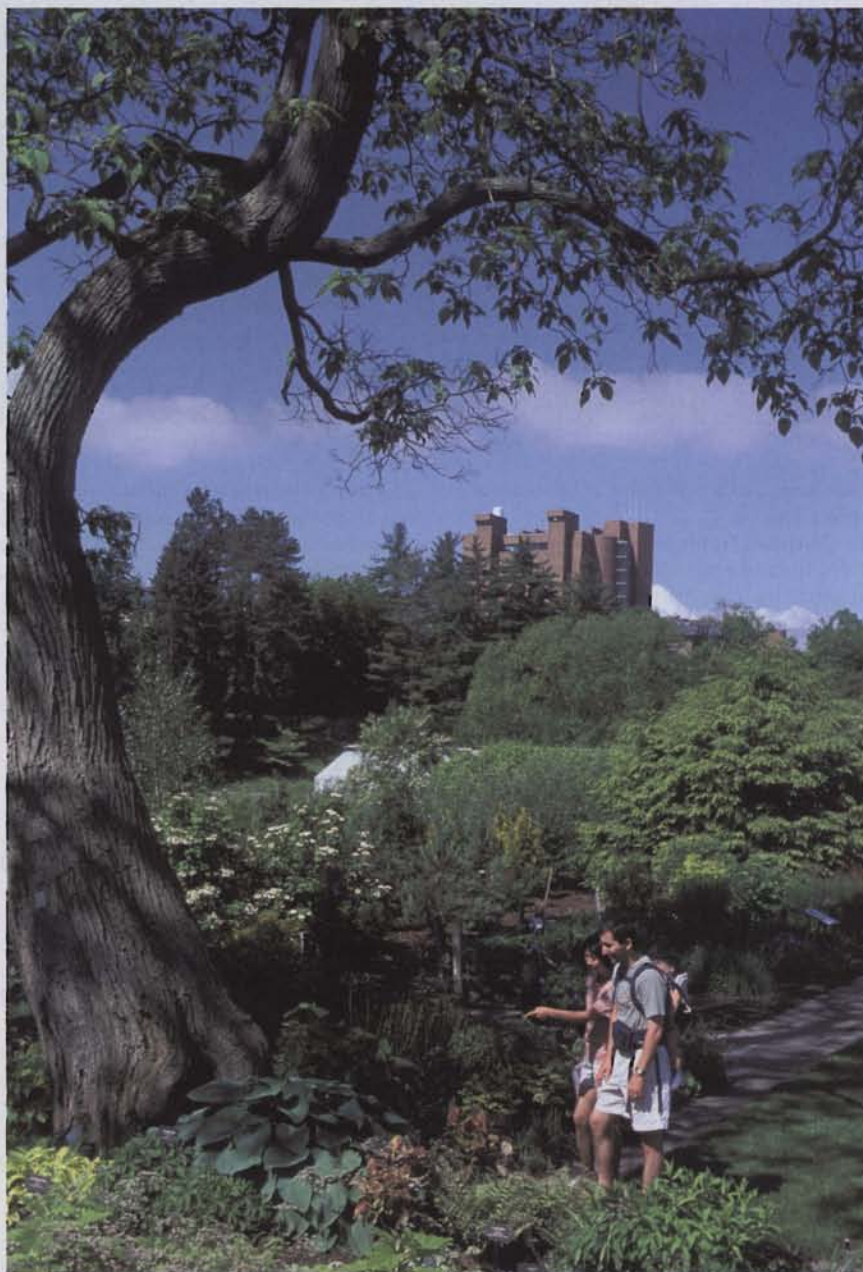
dren. From Lisa: "One of the first things I did when I returned home from reunion was to look into a vacation at Cornell! We had a truly sentimental journey, sitting in old classrooms, eating Nines pizza, and strolling in the moonlight on the Arts Quad. Shouts and hugs and frenzied conversation with friends made the time we had been apart seem like 20 days, rather than 20 years. My youngest child loved listening to the bells chime, while my oldest marveled at the plasma screen TVs in the student unions and the human brain collection. He thought a school that has its own canoeing lake and bowling alleys was pretty 'awesome' but he gained a more heartfelt understanding of our love for Cornell when he heard hundreds of Cornellians of all ages sing the 'Evening Song' at Bailey Hall."

**Mark and Kim Osborn Rhodes** attended with Christopher, 12, and Amanda, 11. Mark and Kim told us, "The kids loved the Youth Program, and Lindseth Wall-climbing and the Hot Truck were huge hits. The U-Halls felt just like old times—noisy, cold, and fun! And all the new buildings have certainly changed the open feel of the campus. I'm glad we still have the Plantations. The best moment was at Cornelliana Night when the kids were awed by the overwhelming school spirit and dedication."

**Scott and Patty Palmer Dulman** took their sons Miles, 5, and Raymond, 8, on their first "pilgrimage" to Ithaca from Arlington, VA. The entire family enjoyed visiting Sapsucker Woods, Cornell Plantations, and the gorges. The boys had a great time in the Youth Program (aka Camp Cornell) at Helen Newman, but the highlight of the weekend for them was the ice cream at the Dairy Bar. Patty and Scott listened to exceptional lectures from **Sandy Berger '67** and Prof. Peter Katzenstein after visiting some of their favorite sites on campus. (It was a pleasure attending a thought-provoking presentation without inane PowerPoint graffiti.) "We will fondly remember this Reunion because we shared the experience with our old Cornell friends and their families at the Class of '83 events. We had not seen many of our classmates for 20 years: **Ellen Bobka**, **Dave Pattison**, **Gui, ME E '84**, and **Amy Hugh Walters, Kathy Stratton**, and **Karen Chin Chang**, among others."

Several e-mails were sent in April and May before Reunion. **Wai-Leong Chan**, ME E '84, MBA '85, reminisces, "Marveling at how my three children are growing up: Jia Han, 8, Jia Min, 6, and Jia Xin, 3. Other parents will know what I mean. Work-wise, still enjoying my role at SAP Singapore. I would love to attend this year's reunion, but my schedule may not allow that. For those who manage to go, have a wonderful time!" **Katherine Haley Breen** is another classmate who is living overseas. She reports, "We have made the big move across 'the pond' to Crickhowell, Wales, where **Dave '84** is now VP of Human Resources for General Dynamics Int'l, UK. Enjoying the serenity and beauty that surround our home, as we are tucked into the foothills of the Brecon Beacon Mountains."

**Kathleen Tobin Erb** writes from Anchorage, AK, "My husband Bruce and I are happy to announce the birth of our first child, a daugh-



**Monica and Joseph Consigli, DVM '98, with baby Benjamin in the Plantations.**

ter, McKenna Tobin Erb, on June 25, '02. The happy grandparents are Jean and **Frank Tobin '55**. Work, distance, and family commitments will keep us from the 20th Reunion, but I still carry many fond memories of my days at Cornell." **Ilene Kamine** McMullen was planning on attending reunion with senior year housemate **Stephanie Kaufman**, and hoped that all residents and guests of Mt. Eddy Lodge could join them for the festivities. Ilene and husband Kevin welcomed twin sons Ryan James and Jack Albert on Labor Day 2002. Both boys are doing fine and enjoy being entertained by big sister Rachel. **3. Andrea Raisfeld** writes, "I live in Bedford, NY, with my husband, photographer William Abranowicz, and our three kids Zander 11, Simon, 9, and Max Athena, 6. I started my own business since moving here more than six years ago as a location agent. I have a large library of houses and apartments in the New York City area and upstate that are available for advertising, catalog, and editorial photo shoots. Our house, newly renovated as of November, will be featured in the September 2003 issue of *Martha Stewart Living*."

We are proud to announce the new class officers for the Class of '83, who will serve for the next five years until 25th Reunion. President, Lisa Esposito Kok; Vice President, **Liz Forman**; Treasurer, Mark Rhodes; Secretary, Ellen Bobka; Reunion Chairs, **Susan Wasserman** Guerin and **Andy Sosa**; Cornell Fund, **Abbie Bookbinder** Meyer and **David Tralka**; Correspondents, Dinah Lawrence Godwin and David Pattison; Class Historians, **Dana Gordon** and **Omar Saldana**; Class Council, **Jean Parker Hill** and **Jim Neville**; Webmaster, **Judy Binderman**. In addition, we would like to thank our past officers, especially for the hard work by the reunion chairs.

This is our last column as your Class of 1983 correspondents. We have enjoyed publishing the news from our interesting, diverse, and prolific class. Please send e-mail updates to Dinah Lawrence Godwin, [dinahgodwin@msn.com](mailto:dinahgodwin@msn.com), or Dave Pattison, [dpattison@mac.com](mailto:dpattison@mac.com). Be sure to check out our class website at [www.classof83.cornell.edu](http://www.classof83.cornell.edu). ♦ **Scott and Patty Palmer Dulman**; **Jennifer Hughes Kern**.

**88** On the first weekend in June, over 200 classmates made the trip to Ithaca to celebrate our 15th Reunion. With family and guests, our total attendance was 379! While the weather on the Hill was not totally cooperative, it did stir many memories of our undergraduate days, and everyone enjoyed lots of facetime with old friends. A tremendous amount of thanks are in order for our reunion chairpersons **Pam Darer** Anderson and **Lisa Pasquale** Semmes for the hard work they did in organizing a great reunion program. Pam and Lisa, please take a bow! Our gratitude also rings out for class campaign chairs **Alan Riffkin** and **Doug Kaplan**. More than 760 classmates made gifts to our reunion campaign for a grand total of \$380,000 as of this writing. Many thanks to all classmates who demonstrated their generosity to Cornell in making a gift to the campaign! Be sure to check out reunion photos

and stories on our class website, <http://classof88.alumni.cornell.edu>.

As always after reunion, we have a change in our class leadership. First, let's extend our thanks to "retiring" class officers Doug Kaplan, Pam Darer Anderson, VP of Regional Events **Lesley Topiol** Kowalski, and class Secretary/Historian **Alison Minton**. Cornell and the class are grateful for all the time, energy, and effort you have devoted over the past five years. Continuing on as class officers are **Robert Rosenberg** as President (taking up the post he held in our undergraduate days), Alan Riffkin as VP of Fund-raising, **Larry Goldman** as VP of Communications, **Chad Snee** as Treasurer, Lisa Pasquale Semmes as Reunion Chair, past-president **Kelly Smith** Brown, MBA '92, as Reunion Chair, and yours truly as Class Correspondent. Coming on board we have **Stacy Smith** Ross as VP of Membership; **Lilli Siegel** Roth and **Meg Hardie** Overstrom as Major Gifts Chair and Participation Chair, respectively, for Reunion Campaigns; **Howard Greenstein** as Webmaster and **Jane Scannell** as Assistant Webmaster; and **Suzanne Bors** Andrews as fellow Class Correspondent. Finally, serving in a brand new capacity as VP of Networking is **Jason McGill**, who will be working with a networking council composed of **Anson Gong**, **Eric Hoertdoerfer**, **Paul Kitamura**, **Tatia Mays-Russell**, and **Mark Mellor**. You will be able to find all our names and e-mail addresses on the class website. Please feel free to write any of us with your questions or suggestions.

Now on to news of other classmates, some of whom were found walking about campus all misty-eyed at reunion. **Jay Dubowsky** married Debbie Neumann in April at the Boston Harbor Hotel. Jay and Debbie now make their home in Roslyn, NY. **Stacy Kaplan** has also tied the knot, marrying Peter Slote back in 1999. Stacy received a Fulbright-Hays award to study history in China for five weeks this summer. And **John Cordo**, JD '95, was wed in January of this year to Jessica Weinstein in Saratoga Springs, NY. John is now a partner in government relations in the law firm Featherstonhaugh, Wiley, Clyne, and Cordo. He and Jessica recently moved to a new house in Delmar, NY.

Classmate couple **Gus Faucher** and **Amy Crawford**-Faucher welcomed their fourth child, Antoinette, in December 2002. Gus is a senior economist at Economy.com and Amy is a family physician teaching in a residency program affiliated with Temple U. After residing in Washington, DC, for six years, Gus and Amy now live next door to a horse farm in West Chester, PA, and Amy has been able to take up riding again. There are quite a number of other births to announce. Last fall, **Richard Colvin** and wife Helen Rayham were happy to have a second child, daughter Katherine, join the family. They are at home in Cambridge, MA, where Richard has been promoted to the faculty of Harvard Medical School. **Suzanne Blatt** and husband Lorne Kerr had son Jacob in November 2002. In the same month, **Alison Diamond** Levasseur and husband Laurent had a girl, Lucie. **Fran Murray** and his wife welcomed their first, daughter Grace Lorraine, in March of this year. **Joel Goldberg** and wife Hilary

had their first, also a girl. They were joined by daughter Emily Rose in December 2002, only six weeks after Joel returned from military duty in southwest Asia. Joel tell us that Hilary insists Emily will attend her alma mater, Columbia, but that he is lobbying hard for Cornell. Never fear, Joel, we know that Emily will make the right choice when the time comes!

At this time when it seems that many people are looking for and moving in new career directions, **Scott LePage** writes that he stayed with Arthur Andersen till the very end and now works with USA Interactive. And after eight years with IBM/PWC, **Joel Velasquez** has changed to a "less traveled" job as director of HRIS at Cushman and Wakefield. Working in what may actually be the more humane world of the animal kingdom, **Bonnie Muffoletto**, DVM '92, bought a small animal veterinary practice. Bonnie has owned a small beef farm and enjoys rural life in Marathon, NY. In Santa Rosa, CA, **Kim Henry** is also a small animal veterinarian, handling mostly emergency and critical care patients. Kim brought her son Aidan into the world in June 2001. Returning to teaching after a two-year absence is **Julie Mlawer** Fegan. Julie and husband Michael have children Eric, 8, and Nicole, 5, who made it difficult for her to decide whether to return to work or not. But the right opportunity came along to job share with another teacher, so this month Julie is starting with a fourth grade class teaching math and science while her counterpart covers language arts and social studies.

I am always impressed by the number of you who take your kids traveling all over the world! **Natalie Lehmann** Jenks wrote that she and her family, including children PJ, 5, and William, 3, made a trip to Budapest. The family makes their home in Landenberg, PA, and Natalie says she is surviving being a stay-at-home mother of two boys and still remaining sane. **Diane Pytcher** O'Kelly and her husband John also headed overseas with their boys Paul, 7, and James, 3-1/2. Last summer the whole gang went to Portugal with other members of the O'Kelly family. Diane is currently working part-time from home for the consulting firm National Quality Review.

It's always a treat when classmates make my job easy by reporting so much information about fellow '88ers. **Michael Fishman** and wife Julie live in Fayetteville, NY, with their daughter Sarah, 3-1/2. Sarah loves camping, animals, and playing outside—just how her dad ended up in natural resources. As a senior wetlands scientist and wildlife biologist, Michael works on development projects throughout the East. Just after reunion he presented a paper at the Society of Wetland Scientists' Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Michael provided news about several other natural resources classmates. **Paul Roberts** is living in Colorado with his wife and son and contemplating a move back to central New York. **Linda Samter** is still living in Vermont, but working at a new consulting firm. And **Kim Claypoole** Farrell delivered her second son last September and is still with the National Resources Conservation Service in Onondaga

County, NY. Thanks for all the updates, Michael!

In closing, I am sorry to report the always sad news of a classmate's passing. On May 17, 2003, **Jennifer Herskowitz** died after a bravely fought battle against pancreatic cancer. Her sister Ilissa informed us that Jenn's family is creating a Cornell Tradition scholarship fund in her name. Jennifer was remembered with other Cornellians who have passed at a memorial service during reunion weekend.

If you were not able to make it to our 15th Reunion, we certainly hope to see you in another five years at our 20th. In the meantime, please send us news about yourself and other classmates as often as possible. ♦ **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; and **Suzanne Bors Andrews**, smb68@cornell.edu.

**93** Having just come back from our 10th Reunion, I have to say it was a fantastic time. First of all, congratulations to **Lauren Bailyn** Sapira, MBA '94, **Christine Watters** Stuhlmiller, and the entire reunion committee for putting together a fantastic weekend! Everything ran smoothly and seamlessly and our two fearless reunion chairs never lost their cool. For those of you who missed it, events included a gathering at the Chapter House on Thursday night to kick things off, beautiful weather, a pancake breakfast, and a wine tour on Friday, and a fabulous Mardi Gras dinner on Friday night. In typical Ithaca fashion, we woke to rain Saturday morning, but that couldn't dampen anyone's spirits as we set out for a slightly soggy lunch by Beebe Lake, various reunions on Saturday afternoon, and an around-the-world themed dinner on Saturday night. Of course the two biggest draws were to see old friends and to see what campus looks like now. North Campus is barely recognizable with the new dorms that have been built, and RPU looks a little like ESPNzone! Many of our old haunts in Collegetown have moved on, and there are a couple of new high rises. I had a great time being back on the Hill and seeing old friends. Now I can start looking forward to our 15th!

**Rob Bruckheimer** attended reunion along with his new wife Alexandra Schein, whom he married just two weeks before (on May 25) in Manhattan. Cornellians in attendance included **Phyllis Bell** Jonas '67, **Marc Klosner**, **Mark Zukowsky**, **Jeffrey Cohen**, ME CS '94, **Ella Argaman** Kohn '94, **Seth Lebowitz**, **Marc Itzkowitz** '94, **David Sarkany** '95, sister of the bride **Gabrielle Schein** '96, **Daniella Stahl** Zablocki '97, brother of the bride **Jeremy Schein** '01, and **Gary Rozenshteyn**, JD '95. While at reunion, the new couple met up with Rob's freshman roommate **Doug Brown** and floor-mates **Bill Belleville** '94 and **Chris Miller** for the first time since graduation. Just a few of the other people I ran into at reunion were **Nora Bensahel**, who is living in DC; **Michelle Lee** and **Abby Wilentz**, who are both living in New York; **Helena Pachon**, MS HE '96, who graduated with a master's in Public Health and is living in Ithaca working on a PhD in nutrition; **Pippa Loengard**, who was there with husband Weston Almond, whom she married on Sept. 21, '02 in

New York City; and **Brett Silverman**, MS HE '95, who was there with wife **Fern Weinfeld** '94 and their new baby daughter.

Some of our classmates who were not able to make it back for reunion had their own mini-reunion weekends. **Ian Brown** wrote that he and wife **Jennifer (Schwartz)** made their own pilgrimage back to Cornell on a beautiful long weekend in mid-April. "It was our first time back since 1995, and it was absolutely great to be there again. We stayed at the Miller Inn B&B at the base of Buffalo Street. Campus looked very much the same, save for the new construction. Even the students looked the same (except for the number of laptops and cell phones, which were much rarer when we were there). We had a chance to sit in on **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76's Pop Culture lecture, then had lunch with him at Banfi's. All in all, a great visit back in lieu of reunion weekend. In other news, I recently received a promotion at Booz Allen Hamilton. I am now a senior associate, leading the firm's software measurement and estimation consulting business."

Others had good reasons for missing reunion, including **Matt Kelman**, JD '97, who wrote, "I missed our 10th Reunion because my wife Karen gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Caroline, on May 28 at Cornell Weill Medical Center in New York. I am an attorney, currently working as in-house counsel for Major League Baseball Advanced Media, the interactive media/internet division of Major League Baseball. I keep in regular touch with '93 grads **Mitch Goldberg**, **Robb Treter**, **Henry Most**, and **Dave Levitt**. Mitch lives in Orlando with his wife and three kids, Robb is married and lives in Philly, and Dave and Henry live in San Francisco." **Todd Neller** wrote in to say that having completed his PhD in Computer Science, he is teaching at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. On Apr. 30, '02, he and his wife welcomed their first child, Taylor Christian. **Jamie Beck** wrote that he graduated from NYU Stern School of Business and that he and his wife had their second child, Andrew, in January of 2002. He joins 2-year-old brother Noah. They now live on Long Island.

**Pricilla Skarada** wrote in to say that she and Steven King were married on July 6, '02 and reside in London. Cornell alumni included the bride's brother Dr. **Douglas Skarada** '91, **Heather Rogers** Barrow, **Jennifer Derow**, **Amy Wang** Liou, **Scott Tarpley**, **Nichole Bialas** Harrison, **Chris Ruggio** '91, **Nikki Vearil** Smith '94, **Patrick Scholes** '94, **Meredith Oppenheim** '95, and **Allison Derow** Gaudet '96. Pricilla is working as a senior underwriter for Chubb. On March 30 I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of **Beth Fisch** to Ron Cohen. Cornellians in attendance included **Shari Presworsky** Tell, **Amanda (Urish)** and **Alan Goodstadt** '88, **Carey (Epstein)**, MBA '98, and **Ken Goldberg**, MBA '97, **Risa (Cherry)** and **Marc Kesselman**, and myself. Beth is working as an assistant Manhattan district attorney, and she and Ron have settled down in New Rochelle, NY. ♦ **Yael Berkowitz**, yberkowitz@buckconsultants.com; **Gregg Paradise**, gparadise@kenyon.com.

**98** Amid a cross-country move to begin business school, a grueling research project in medical school, and two pregnancies, the reunion chairs of the Class of '98 were still able to miraculously plan our 5th Reunion. Throughout the weekend of June 5-8, Ithaca welcomed back over 560 classmates and guests in typical fashion, with rainy weather and cooler temperatures. Luckily, the preview was just a teaser, as sunshine and warm temperatures prevailed.

While the unpredictable Ithaca weather was nothing new, attendees got to experience the ever-changing Cornell campus. For most, this was the first time back since graduation. As the alumni checked in at class headquarters in Clara Dickson, the first thing many asked was, "What happened? Is this really North Campus?" The newly built Appel Commons and dorms caught the attention of many. And while the new structures built on Helen Newman field were impressive, a lot of people were disappointed to see their college "playground" gone.

One thing that didn't change was dorm life. People joked about how old they felt when they were unable to sleep through the late night/early morning partying taking place around them. Others enjoyed the convenience of having their old friends "just down the hall." And some of the more adventurous even reminisced about their younger days by sharing the oh-so-spacious single accommodations.

The Class of '98 reunion was packed with various breakfasts, dinners, and even an on-campus wine-tasting event. In case you missed all of the fun, stay tuned for the next issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* when our new class correspondents **Erica Chan** (hc31@cornell.edu) and **Gregg Herman** (gdh5@cornell.edu) will have exciting details on the events and will share interesting news and stories from Reunion Weekend. ♦ **Jessica Straka-Kim**, jms41@cornell.edu.

**CRC** Between one thing—the economy—and the other—the war—we thought this might be a slow reunion year, but the Continuous Reunion Club drew more than 100 back to campus for the 97th reunion of CRC (est. 1906, without me) last June. (CRC is that dedicated band of alums for whom just one reunion every five years is insufficient, so we go every year, or almost.)

We convened this time in a new place, to us, the North Campus Low Rise 9, aka Just About Music, where people of musical note are housed during the school year. There we met for refreshment, resting up between tastes of the myriad wonders of Cornell in June (even amid monsoons), and engaged in running discourse featuring **Don Sutherland** '49, **John Henrehan** '71, BS Ag '76, **Steve Blum** '72, and a cast of thousands. Sue and **Gerry Grady** '53, among others, split their time between CRC and the nearby '53 headquarters. Joining the revels were the three children of late '53 president and CRC fixture **Poe Fratt**, BME '55: **Laura** '81, **Will** '85, and **Poe**, MBA '89.

There's much more to Reunion than the beer tents these days, but they weren't overlooked by guys like **Don Spittler '40**, still dancing up a storm to the music of Reunion fixture Stan Colella. CRC folk sampled much of the menu, from the tents to the lectures to the fraternity and sorority receptions to visits to electronic genealogy to the rededication of the Korea/Vietnam Memorial to the Savage Club to the new Ornithology Lab to the Farewell State of the University address by President Hunter S. Rawlings III. And more.

But one event that belongs only to CRC is its annual Friday luncheon at the Statler. The largest group of members and assorted coaches ever turned up at this one. First in the order of business was a call for the 50th Reunion '53 members present to be recognized for putting up with each other so long. There was a salute to **Bill Vanneman '31**, who had, one more time, driven to Ithaca from Cape Cod. Retired baseball coach Ted Thoren, CRC's senior (and honorary) member, told a few of what he called *Reader's Digest* stories before introducing Director of Athletics Andy Noel, who introduced his new assistant, Steve Erber, and welcomed a new honorary CRC member, Carolyn Sampson, a staunch friend of Big Red athletics and widow of former football great and trustee **Harvey Sampson '51**. (She joins Thoren, former lacrosse coach Richie Moran, and former sports information director Dave Wohlhueter.)

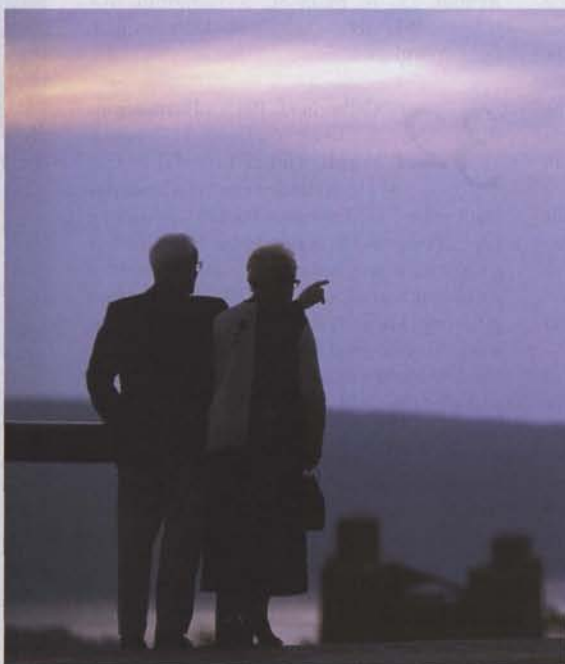
Andy then recapped many of the year's brightest spots on the field of play and over the waters—the Big Red was Ivy League champ of the most sports in years. Football coach Tim Pendergast invited those assembled to watch his team in action. Then middle distance runner **Natalie Whelan '03**, who carried a 3.7 GPA while captain of the women's track team that won unprecedented back-to-back indoor and outdoor Heptagonals, picked up the baton. She described a rainbow range of ways in which Cornell had been fun—like after her first day on the Hill, when she returned to her room to learn that her roommate had ditched all of Natalie's coat hangers because they didn't match hers. Natalie said she kind of thought she'd like to be a CRC member some day (and by the way, there's still plenty of room for more).

Then the CRC leader, *moi*, introduced women's soccer coach Berhane Andeberhan and announced that his booters were recipient of CRC's annual gift to a Big Red team. Gerry Grady closed with a financial report and called for a moment of silence for two members no longer with us: **Francis Keiper '50** and **Roger Garrett '58**, PhD '67.

On Saturday morning, Grady, '53's classic milk punch impresario, welcomed CRC members to share before Thoren's annual Alumni Baseball Game, a never-deadly-serious event. **Art Kesten '44**, BA '49, **Sam Bookbinder '57**,

and **Harry Merker '51** took some swings on a slow track at Hoy Field. In the evening, John Henrehan shepherded diners to Dempsey's restaurant, out Route 34, where they endured Funny Cide's Belmont disappointment but were cheered by a serenade from Dr. **Jon Wardner '79** and the Hangovers. Then to Bailey for Cornelian Night, where CRC and other classes were recognized. One **Jim Hanchett '53** trod the Bailey boards to toss two CRC caps into a clean wheelbarrow full of Reunion classes' souvenirs for outgoing President Rawlings and wife Elizabeth. And so to the tents and back to Low Rise 9 for the wrap-up.

Thus endeth the kind of reunion that keeps bringing CRC types back. Thanks must go to the Alumni House staff, notably **Margaret Gallo '81**, **Cathy Hogan '70**, BS HE '00, and Brenda Canniff, Mike Brown and his crew from Cam-



pus Life, and, for long hours, efficiency, patience, imagination, and enthusiasm—with distinction—CRC clerks **Katrina Stoll '03** and **Nate Bank '05**. ♦ **Jim Hanchett '53**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**CVM** The College of Veterinary Medicine hosted 300 visitors on Reunion Weekend, including 200 alumni from the classes ending in a '3' or '8'! Alumni traveled from the US and abroad (Switzerland and Canada), and from Kansas, Vermont, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Virginia, New York, Maryland, Connecticut, California, Indiana, Florida, Colorado, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Washington, and Texas to attend college, class, and university events. Congratulations to the Class of 1993, bringing back the greatest number of alumni: 39! Many thanks to the volunteer chairs and co-chairs (whose names were listed in our

March/April 2003 column) who assisted in the planning of the weekend.

The weekend began on Thursday evening with a welcome reception introducing special guests **Margaret McEntee**, DVM '86, Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology at the college, and Dr. Alfonso Torres, director of the NYS Animal Health Diagnostic Lab and Associate Dean for Public Policy at the college. During this reception, alumni also had the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with Dean Donald F. Smith. Included in the Friday events were a breakfast with the dean, the annual DVM Reunion Picnic, tours of the college, and dedication ceremony to name the Jane M. Turrel Radiation Therapy Suite at the college.

Saturday began with the annual Alumni Assn. Breakfast and guest speaker. This year's speaker was Dr. John King, Professor Emeritus, speaking on "Veterinary Instruments and Paraphernalia for Museums." At the conclusion of Dr. King's presentation, Dean Smith made remarks which included the awarding of the Dean's Cup for participation. Eligible classes are the 50th Reunion and younger, and this award is for the reunion class having the greatest percent participation in the alumni Annual Fund. This year's recipient was the Class of 1963, with 61 percent participation as of June 6. Congratulations! Kudos are also due upon the successful completion of a 1:1 challenge match made by **Neill Burgher '56**, DVM '58, to his classmates, benefiting the DVM Class of 1958 Scholarship. Many thanks to Dr. Burgher for his generous challenge funds.

Saturday afternoon included a picnic at Treman State Park for 1993 and 1998, catered by the famous Dinosaur BBQ! Also, the college hosted a dedication ceremony to name the Gumaer Necropsy Facility in honor of **Ken Gumaer**, DVM '43, and a tour for members of the Class of 1978, who viewed three client consultation rooms in the CUHA that they helped fund: the Client Meditation Room and ICU consultation room, both in the Companion Animal Hospital, and the equine consultation room in the equine hospital. The reunion celebration culminated with each class having its own dinner celebration. The Class of 1953's 50th Reunion dinner was held at the A.D. White House, with **Francis H.**, DVM '45, and **Cully Fox** attending. The Class of 1963 was joined at Kendal at Ithaca by Dr. and Mrs. **Howard Evans '44**, PhD '50, **Bob**, DVM '46, and **Helen Kirk**, and **Bob**, DVM '55, MS '61, and **Beverly Hillman**. Other dinner sites included the MV *Manhattan* cruise and Bistro Q (where the classes of 1983 and 1978 gathered to watch the Belmont horse race), Bakers Acres in Lansing, and the Ben Conger Inn in Groton.

Plans for reunion weekend 2004 are under way for classes ending in a '4' or '9'. Mark your calendars: June 10-13, 2004. Send your news to ♦ College of Veterinary Medicine News, Office of Public Affairs, Box 39, Ithaca, NY 14853-6401; or e-mail **Tracey Brant**, tlb10@cornell.edu.

**31** Your correspondent went back for a family and Cornell 2003 Reunion in June. (I find myself in the happy circumstance of being able to return to reunion any year and have a member of my family there for a quinquennial.) The university and its people are just as exciting as ever. The new Duffield Hall on the Engineering Quad is now all closed in and imposes a massive block at the end of East Ave. as you proceed south between the Statler and the Hotel school on the left and the impressively rebuilt Sage Hall, now the home of the Johnson Graduate School of Management, on the right. On the other side of the Hotel school building, across from Barton, there is now a huge hole where an addition to classroom space is to go up.

At the other end of East Ave., near the Triphammer Bridge, I checked on the '31 Manhole Cover and found it in place and being well trod upon by all the transients between the several new and old North Campus complexes and the Main Campus. I have been told that the university staff is very pleased with this method of identifying our class gift of the landscaping in the area. Certainly, unless all present-day students have their eyes fixed on the stars (in Ithaca they should watch where they are walking!), our identification should get a lot of attention. Old Rand Hall and the landscaping on that side of East Ave. are, as yet, undisturbed, as the plans for their replacement are "on hold" after the uproar over, and the subsequent cancellation of, the proposed plans for a monster glass and aluminum cube—"Entrance to the Campus"—on the site.

The spring issue of "Big Red Band Notes," the band's alumni news and fund-raising publication, reported on the Band's 2002 trip to New York for the Columbia game. In separate articles, two "Bandies" made these comments: "For me the truly memorable part was the **Sy Katz Parade**. I couldn't believe we were actually marching down one of the most famous streets in the United States, if not in the world. In just one trip I made a lifetime of memories." Also: "[T]hen came the Sy Katz Parade down Fifth Ave. There was a big turnout of Cornell alumni there to cheer us on. What an awesome feeling!" Sy's gift of this parade to Cornell may last longer, and bring more credit to '31, than the landscaping and the manhole cover!

**Ed Mintz** (Edward J.), our "Live to be 100 and attend our 80th Reunion" enthusiast, has moved and sent us the following announcement: "Thirty-four years ago Dorothy reluctantly gave up her surfboard, and we moved to Oak Creek on Stanford U. land. I became its honorary mayor and NOT its oldest resident.

After eating Dorothy's 30,000 meals we decided she needed a break. We moved (in May) nearer Berkeley and Walnut Creek, where Rossmoor's chefs can share the cooking. (New address: 1840 Tice Creek Dr., #2447, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.) The average age will be closer to mine, with golf and tennis, but I'll have to introduce kick-boxing. If the centenarians here have words of advice for us, I'll pass them on." ♦ **Bill Van-neman**, 237 N. Main St., S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2008; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.

**32** **Catherine L. Beyland** writes from Seabrook Village, 117 South Winds, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753, which she describes as a beautiful place where she has many friends and can be kept as busy as she wants to be. Her quarters consist of a one bedroom apartment with a patio and a small garden in which she enjoys puttering. **Lucile Worden** Meehan says "hard work must be good for you." She and her husband operated a more than 100-acre dairy farm and after they sold the stock she drove a school bus, worked in a bank, and had a few other vocations. She winters in her trailer home in Florida and summers in Greenwich, NY, at her daughter's home.

**Donald Hood** reports that he is doing very well physically and enjoys life in a wonderful retirement community. It is Givens Estates, 406 Lady Huntingdon Lane, Asheville, NC 28803, situated in the mountains of western North Carolina. Don and his recently deceased wife, with whom he shared 70 years of wonderful life, moved in 14 years ago; he plans to stay put. Among the replies to this year's News Form was a full page of recollections and an update of her family's activities from **Lillian Stockser** Fein. She opened with: "The Cornell experience has been an important part of my life. I was fortunate to get to know Prof. Becker, my advisor, Prof. Mason of the French department, and Prof. Sampson for English poetry." She adds, "My junior year in France was another highlight of my education."

During the Depression Lillian taught French in makeshift classes and finally secured a permanent teaching position in Hartford. Her post-graduate work at Trinity College included studies of Anglicisms in the French language. In 1943 she married Irving Fein, a lawyer, and they had son Paul and twin daughters Elizabeth and Jane. **Paul '66** and **Elizabeth '67** attended Cornell, where Paul was a tennis whiz who went on to become an award-winning sports writer whose book, *Tennis Confidential: Today's Greatest Players, Matches, and*







**September song:** The colors of autumn greet returning students on their way to morning classes.

ROBERT BARKER / UP

*Controversies*, was recently published. Lillian now lives in a retirement home at 24 Tabor Crossing, Apt. 117, Longmeadow, MA 01106-1780. She gets about, drives her car, and worries about the future of our country and the planet.

**Helen Gosnell** Walters, 113 Chipola Ave., Apt. 118, Deland, FL 32720 writes, "Was sorry to miss the 70th Reunion. Am doing well and live near three of my four children and enjoy my 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren." **Florence Apfel** Goodstein, 5500 NW 69th Ave. #151, Lauderhill, FL 33319-7272, has made many friends in her retirement home and, like Catherine Beyland, says that there are numerous activities and she could be busy all day if she chose to. Her family has grown from two children with the addition of five each of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Walter F. Deming**, 7450 Olivetas Ave., #245, La Jolla, CA 92037, moved recently to within 50 yards of the Pacific from his previous residence, which was 75 yards from the ocean. He says it helps with his approach shots, but apparently not enough—his handicap has expanded from six to 35. Walt has been having back trouble, but when he wrote us in May he was about to have it "fixed." That may help, but I think that after 75 years he should get rid of those wood-shafted clubs. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

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**34** Wherever you live, I hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer. Here in the Northeast, the earlier seasons were most unpleasant. However, the flowers that bloomed in the spring ("tra la!") were gorgeous!

**Helen Rowley** Munson wrote a newsy letter and sounds just wonderful. She reads, plays bridge and bingo, wins at table bowling, and has met everyone where she lives! **Gertrude Murray** Squier is still a traveler. She went to Hawaii to visit her daughter, and when the daughter came to visit her, they took a trip that included Ithaca, the Cornell campus, and a stop in the Dairy Bar for ice cream. Remember how good it was?

This is a short column because I've run out of material. I will skip the next column and hope that some of you will send me news. My summer will be up in Chichester. Son Paul and family will come from Israel to visit with me, and Peter and his family hope to join us there from wherever they now live! ♦ **Eleanor** "Dickie" **Mirsky** Bloom, 463 77th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209; tel., (718) 836-6344.

Here it is, the end of summer! Commencement 2003 and class reunions are gone past. However, our Class of '34 will hold its big 70th Reunion coming up soon. The dates are June 10-13, 2004, Thursday to Sunday. Our 70th will enable us all to revisit the campus, see the many remarkable additions and changes since our last visit, renew friendships, reminisce about our great college

years, and meet, probably for the first time, Cornell's 11th president, **Jeffrey Lehman** '77.

**Winnie Loeb** Saltzman and **Ed McCabe**, our class reunion co-chairs, are busily planning for our 70th and they will have a fine entertaining program for us. They want us all to mark the date on our calendars and make our plans to come to the Statler Inn, our headquarters for that weekend. Our good friends Winnie and Ed have great surprises planned. You will hear from them all well in advance and know that they will please you.

Congratulations to our class. We continue to lead in membership for the year 2003. Thanks to all who have so loyally kept up your membership over the years. You are great! Incidentally, for our 70th year, 2004, we want to increase the number of duespayers (women and men). We will emphasize this throughout the coming year.

Your correspondent finds the barrel empty. I have no news from any of you for our men's class column. Please don't be shy. Send news to me now at the address below. In the meantime, have a lovely, restful summer. I send my best regards to all classmates. ♦ **Bill Robertson**, 143 Rivermead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458; tel., (603) 924-8654.

**35** Many of you live in exotic climates so different from that of Ithaca and the Northeast that you are probably not aware that last winter was the coldest in recent memory and that we had record spring rains. As I write this in early June, I am hoping that summer, if it ever comes, will bring NO records. We have received a new shipment of Class News forms, but only enough for about three or four columns. We need more. If you cannot think of any news, send in reminiscences of your days on campus. Be sure to show your name on your news form.

**Elizabeth Myers** Martin Slutz, who has lived in Cincinnati, OH, since 1936, writes that "it's a good place to live. The last 10 years have been in a pleasant retirement home with my second husband." She recalls that the present Class of 1935 Walk was the route that she walked every day for five years on the way to her father's office for a ride home. She visits Ithaca frequently, having a cottage on Cayuga Lake and two sisters and a son and daughter-in-law living in Ithaca. Thanks, Betty, for the reminiscence.

**Earle Elmer** of Elkridge, MD, enjoyed our 65th Reunion and has recently taken a Mediterranean trip. He helps at the Senior Center and has a Certificate of Appreciation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as a Howard County Volunteer of the Year award. He has a son, a grandson, and a granddaughter. He also plays tennis and chess and visits his sister in Pittsburgh frequently.

**William Surrey** and wife Beryl have moved from Rochester, NY, to nearby Webster to a Senior Living Center, where he attends Tai Chi exercise classes several times a week at age 92. They have a son and a daughter, two granddaughters, and a grandson. He is a member of the Rochester Cornell Club and a 48-year mem-

ber of the Men's Retirement Club of the Rochester YMCA. His US Army service included D-Day at Omaha Beach with the Army Amphibious Combat Engineers and then the Army Quartermaster Corps through Northern Europe to the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. As an old infantryman, I salute you, Bill, and all this as a pacifist.

**Catherine Du Mond** Denton of Walton has two daughters and two granddaughters who graduated from Cornell, and five other granddaughters who graduated from other colleges. That is quite an accomplishment, Catherine. You should be very proud. Although an extensive traveler over the years, she now keeps busy at home volunteering at the local hospital and participating in church activities.

**George Goetchius**, MS '36, of Mt. Vernon, NY, has been retired for 24 years and recently entered a Westchester County nursing home for three months' rehab. While there, he entered the Golden Apple Olympics, a competition for wheelchair-bound residents of Westchester County nursing homes, and won two gold medals. Congratulations, George, you have not lost your touch.

I wish all of you a pleasant summer and a beautiful fall and I hope you will send me some news or a reminiscence or two. ♦ **Albert G. Preston**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

**36** Our last column ended with "We have other news, but it will have to wait" because I had used all of our allotted space, so I apologize to the following for the delay in reporting their news. **Allegra Law** Ireland says, "Last year, after an unfortunate fall, I had surgery to repair a broken hip. I recuperate here at Ft. Hudson (Nova Scotia), and find it a pleasant place." In the summertime her family takes her for a few day trips to her summer camp, called Camp Allegra, on Lake George near other family cottages so they can visit her. Last November Allegra got a new great-grandson, "a real joy," named Luke.

**Enoch Bluestone**, CE '38, reports that he and wife Hilda still divide their time between Florida and New York. Their family is still growing and they now have four great-grandchildren. From **Richard Vonnegut** we get this news: "Nearly 90 years of age. Too old for active hobbies. Took a drive last fall (from Indianapolis) to visit my daughter in Greene County, VA, near Charlottesville." Dr. **Ralph Heinicke** says that "as the grandfather of Noni, a herbal food supplement, I travel to Europe and Asia telling about the marvels of the Xeronine System . . . and hugging the women. This makes the work interesting and shows that Noni really works." No charge for the ad, Ralph, and glad to hear you're still doing so well. And speaking of health treatments, **Jacob Carroll** says that he had a pacemaker installed last November. "In 1985, while a patient at Dartmouth Hickok Hospital, it was decided that I didn't need one and medication was prescribed as a substitute. Times change."

Three issues ago I reported news from Art

**Glasser** about our Afghani classmates **Wahdat Shah '39** and **Kabir Ludin**, MCE '38, which resulted in the following news from **Norman Thetford '34**, MD '38, who, together with his wife **Meda (Young) '35**, first met them at Cornell when Norm lived at the Cosmopolitan Club in 1934-35. "Kabir and Wahdat were fine fellows. Wahdat was in some way related to the then ruling family. He gave me an envelope (for the stamps) addressed to Seyyid Wahdat Shah Khan, and I believe the titles mean Sir or Lord. Mohammed Kabir Ludin became Minister of Public Works for Afghanistan, but in the '50s sadly developed a malignant hypertension and came to America to undergo treatment at New York Hospital. Meda went up to see him, by that time a married man with children. He told Meda that when he had informed his father that he would like to fall in love and choose his own bride the response was, 'Would you shave my beard?' We made an adjustment, and it's working out all right." After that they lost contact with Kabir and know nothing of what became of both men. If anyone has anything to add to this we would like to hear from you.

Finally, **Stanley Metzger**, JD '38, was profiled in a recent *Cornell Law Forum* and he has sent me a copy. He has had an extensive and accomplished career in the law, which I can only briefly summarize due to space limitations: "I was a New Dealer before there was a New Deal," he says, and this strongly influenced his career and life, starting after graduation with the National Labor Relations Board and then as associate director of field operations for the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices. In 1945 he became a member of the State Department and remained with them until 1960. Early in that period he played an important role in framing the Japanese Peace Treaty. Over some ten months he researched legal questions relating to the treaty and then helped in drafting its language, which he considers the most significant achievement of his career.

In addition to his official duties he has acted as an advisor to many government entities, serving, for example, as a consultant to the White House on the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. In 1954 he began teaching night courses at Georgetown U. Law School, and in 1960 he became a full-time professor teaching International Economic Law, a course he had created based on his work as Asst. Legal Adviser for Economic Affairs. It was the first such law course in the country and he taught it for 18 years until retiring in 1978. In addition to all of this he has authored over 60 book reviews and law articles, as well as three books on the legal aspects of international trade. He has this to say about his profession: "Law is a way of setting life in order, of structuring it and understanding it. I have always loved it . . . If anything, I'm more excited about it now because I have greater knowledge." How wonderful to be so excited about one's life work! The more we learn about our classmates' lifetime endeavors, the more interesting they become. Let's hear from more of you. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@aol.com.

**37** Send news to: ♦ **Robert A. Rose-year**, 2714 Saratoga Rd. N., DeLand, FL 32720; and **Selma Block Green**, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

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**39** The cool, rainy weather this spring continued through Reunion Weekend, but the celebrating alumni took it in stride. It's hard to believe that we'll be gathering for our 65th next year! I hope you are all exercising, taking your pills, and staying healthy and active in preparation for June 2004.

As you already know, **Russ Martin** passed away in May. He was greatly loved and respected here in Ithaca, active in university, charitable, and church affairs, and an avid supporter of Cornell wrestling. His many friends in the class may want to write to his family: Mrs. Margaret Martin, 29 Janivar Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850.

For some time, the class had no president, and Russ's death created a need for a Men's correspondent. As **Betty Shaffer** Bosson will tell you, being president at this stage is pretty easy, since Alumni House does most of the work. And

mail and phone calls, and he asks that you let her phone ring at least 10 times, and to call after 10:30 a.m. or between 8 and 10 p.m. Send John your telephone number, and he will help her get back to you. Madeleine is still very interested in our class and enjoys the news she gets from her devoted friends.

**Eleanor Dodge** Hasset, who has lived at Acacia Village in Utica, NY, for four years, wrote something very provocative: "It was a great move to come and I have decided this is the best time in history to be old." So many of you now live in retirement communities, I wonder if you agree or disagree with her. **Priscilla Buchholz** Frisbee, an avid student of local history, received an Historical Preservation Award for her work as the Town of Stuyvesant historian and a docent at their two museums, and for helping teach local history to fourth graders. You will surely remember her wonderful family story about the development of the frisbee. A busy professional potter, **Janet Wasserman** Karz reports that life is good. She has been a potter for many years and enjoys making useful objects both for market and for family and friends. She's looking forward to reunion "to check out how old everyone looks!" I think she'll be surprised. I have found that once a person smiles at you, the years drop away like magic.

May I remind you once again that we have a Class of 1939 Remembrance Garden at the

'Law is a way of setting life in order, of structuring it and understanding it. I have always loved it.'

STANLEY METZGER '36

I can tell you, writing a class column every two months has brought me closer to all of you than ever before, and I like that very much. I am happy to report that **Sally Steinman** Harms has accepted the position of president, and that **Phillip Twitchell** of Novato, CA, has signed on as the new correspondent for the men. Thank you both!

In November '02, Betty totaled her car and was left with acute anxiety and the pains and tremors that go with it. Her recovery has been slow, and a little cheering up would be welcome. She lives at 301 Seabury Dr., Bloomfield, CT 06002. Her children are all out West. Dick is Justice of the Supreme Court of New Mexico, Betty is a master teacher in a Waldorf School in Austin, TX, and **Steve '71** is in computers in Oregon. She is grateful for the telephone.

**Madeleine Weil** Lowens lives at the Paradise Nursing Home in Riverdale, the Bronx. She has lost most of her vision, so depends on the telephone to keep in touch and would love to hear from old friends. She can be reached at (718) 884-0001 and is listed in the Alumni Directory. Her son **John Paul Lowens '65** (PO Box 171, Point Lookout, NY 11569-0171) helps with her

Plantations and a Class Tradition Scholarship Fund, both of which would welcome gifts in honor of, or in memory of, classmates, family, and friends. The garden is lovely. The scholarships are much appreciated. It's just one more way of expressing our love for Cornell. I am hoping for lots of news this fall about yourselves and other classmates. Your reports have to last me a whole year, so do help me out, please. ♦ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu; **Phillip Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

**40** **Baird Bauder** lives in Irvine, CA, where he volunteers for Meals On Wheels, SOS, and Second Harvest (please tell us more of this activity). He also enjoys playing bridge. **Raymond Vittucci**, BS Ag '48, lives in Utica, NY, and has been an American Red Cross volunteer for over 50 years. Most recently, he worked for almost three weeks helping people in flood-ravaged Bartlesville, OK, the main city in Washington County. "I like that kind of excite-

ment," he says.

Raymond, a retired science teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in North Utica, got his start with the Red Cross while working on a scouting project. During the last 50 years, he has taught water safety, first aid, canoeing, swimming, and other Red Cross courses. He is studying to become a disaster specialist. When high

At age 84 **James Wittman**, PhD '51, retired from teaching at Western Kentucky U. "Two years ago I had a severe stroke that paralyzed my left side. I am in a nursing home unable to walk, but I can still talk, think, read, and enjoy good memories of Cornell." **John Weikart's** short message, "No new news." **Joe Hilzer** writes, "Enjoy reading *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

## 'The right place at the right time with the right background and the right opportunities stemming from Cornell.'

JOE HOLLOWELL '42

waters on the Carney River cut the city of Bartlesville in half, 2,000 people were evacuated from 800 homes before the water crested at 29 feet above normal.

Raymond's job was to deliver hot meals and drinks three times a day in a specially built van to one of the poorer sections of the city. More than 39,000 meals were given away by the Red Cross during the three weeks he was in Bartlesville. He also found other ways to help out. He talked to the Ramada Inn management and they gave him the used pieces of soap from the inn's bathrooms. He was able to pass the soap on to residents of the flooded area.

The volunteers became so tired that they jokingly kept telling each other, "Wake me up every ten minutes so I'll know what I'm doing." Despite the hard work and long hours, Raymond says he is ready for the next disaster. "I may be crazy but I have already volunteered to go to the next flood area."

This has been an especially busy time for us. Look forward to a full-sized column next time. ♦ **Carol Clark** Petrie, PO Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

**41** **Hays Clark**, BS AE M '46: "We are wintering in Hobe Sound, FL. Thankful not to be up north. Do not see many Cornellians here. They pass us by. One granddaughter graduated last year, another a sophomore. Four generations. [He did not say, but am sure they are Cornellians.] I hope and pray for peace."

**John** and **Mickey Heise Borst '42** have settled into a lifecare community in Leesburg, FL, 800 Lake Port Blvd., Apt. L-502, 34748. "A different way of life, but comfortable and very active. No longer concerned about burdening our family with difficult decisions when our health fails. Hope we will be able to enjoy a few more years at our log house on a lake near Hamilton, NY." **Sidney Rubin** had his 85th birthday on Feb. 16, '03. Also celebrated 61 years of marriage to Muriel. He just spent two months in a hospital due to a gall bladder operation. **Dr. Stanley Reich**: "I still work and teach part-time at UCSF and UC Davis. Enjoy my wife Adele, three children, and four grandchildren."

Typography on color pages could be improved for legibility."

**Bill Flickinger** took a sternwheeler steamship ride on the Mississippi River from St. Louis to, supposedly, St. Paul, MN. The river was so high they disembarked at Red Wing, MN. The high point was seeing 76 bald eagles. "I have kept busy as a board member of the continuing care community residents of North Carolina."

Want to read more of '41 Men news for at least three more issues? I'd like to fill the issues but need a hell-of-a-lot more cooperation from those of you who have sent in no news this year. Pick up a pen, write, and buy a stamp to make complete interesting news.

Apologies from this writer, who in March/April failed to include the name of Dr. **John Ayer** in the list of '41 medical doctors in our class. John also added more information on his interesting career, including his service as a medical officer in WWII and again in the Korean War. He also worked with the natives in the Vietnam War. His wife Mary assisted him in the French Algerian War. John, who lives in Kendal at Ithaca, has won three skiing trophies—one for being oldest, one for being first in his class, and one for being last!

**Jim Oppenheimer '32**, class correspondent, kindly sent an article on **Matt Urban**. The writer was afraid we would forget Matt. No chance. Judge **John Elfvin** has always kept me informed of stories about Matt. ♦ **Ralph E. Antell**, 7015 Carnation St., Apt. #408, Richmond, VA 23225.

Greetings, classmates. As I write, spring is having a hard time warming up. However, the campus and Ithaca are beautiful with the flowering trees and shrubs. The abundant rainfall has made all the waterfalls around Ithaca spectacular.

**Catherine Dunham** Neuhouser of Pelham, GA, is operating the hotel on a limited basis. She has been traveling—a train ride across Canada and a cruise to Patagonia. She is thankful to be healthy enough to travel. **Gloria Brown** Mithers of Oceanside, CA, is rounding out 15 years in a San Diego-area retirement community with wonderful weather. She keeps active as a publicist for several community organizations and as a board member of the performing arts society.

She also exercises by swimming and walking. Her greatest joys come from her remarkable grandkids and from traveling. She enjoyed Las Vegas and an Elderhostel recently.

**Martha Lawson** Morse admits she and husband Norman are getting old and lame, but otherwise go about their usual activities such as attending the symphony and opera, and tutoring a foreign student in English. They spend summers at their cottage on Seneca Lake, NY. **Allene Cushing** Knibloe and husband Wells spend winters in Sarasota, FL, and six months near Buffalo in Canada. All of their four children are in the Buffalo area providing many family times. Allene still plays golf, bridge, and shuffle board. She belongs to the garden club and is a judge for flower shows. She also is in the Women's Overseas Service League, League of Women Voters, and Alumnae of Alpha Xi Delta, and volunteers with Meals on Wheels.

**Janet Wilbor** Warner and husband Lyle of Webster, NY, are hoping to go to the Caribbean in March. Lyle has been battling aspiration pneumonia for the past three years. They are fortunate their daughter Sandy and family live nearby to help them. **Felicia Rog** Pfeiffer of Glen Rock, NJ, reports special visits to two of her children and their families. Son Richard was in Ascot, England, last spring, and is now back in Connecticut. Son Peter is in Austin, TX, where he has an architecture firm. In December she attended a dinner at the Russian Embassy given by the Choral Arts Society of Washington, preceded by a Christmas concert at the Kennedy Center.

**Dorothy Papish** of Albany, NY, sent dues but no messages. **Jane Frier** Bertrand of East Syracuse, NY, spent Christmas in Baton Rouge, LA, visiting her daughter and son-in-law and enjoying the warmer weather. Then she really got into warm weather by going on a two-week cruise in February. Winter in New York this year was really harsh and long. Like everyone, she longed for spring. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggins, 358 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504; tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, flower@localnet.com.

**42** Former Pres. **Dick Thomas** (Meadville, PA) continues making progress teaching basic reading skills to his 73-year-old student. He and Rosey enjoyed a bus trip to Williamsburg, VA, and a cruise at sea. Dick also gets a kick out of watching his grandson, one of the stars of the local high school hockey team. **George Story** (Freehold, NY; mestory18@aol.com) retired from full-time work to golf and part-timing at a nursery. He keeps busy volunteering with Meals on Wheels and providing transport for seniors for the Dept. of the Aged.

A follow-up from **Joe Hollowell** (Hockessin, DE) gives the interesting news that "Corfam did have a very profitable and important offshoot, the manufacture of polishing materials for silicon wafers for the semiconductor industry. It was a great project in many ways—being at the right place at the right time with the right background and the right opportunities stemming from Cornell." Sporting two new knees and a hip, Joe has continued research on

an archeological project in Peru. We'll hear more about this in the future.

**Bill Webster** (Little Rock, AR) made a foray with his wife, son, and a friend back to Rabaul in New Guinea, where he made "three scary missions in 1943." They also took in New Zealand. **Paul Rogers** (Newtown Square, PA) volunteers at the hospital, is a council member for local government and a board member of county council for the aging, and travels in the Poconos, New Hampshire, and California. I think he remarried in June 2001, but from the handwriting, I'm not sure. **Jim Bean** (Hustontown, PA) is sorry he missed the 2002 Reunion, but has renewed contact with **Charles Avery**, JD '47 (Inlet, NY) after 60 years as a result of these very class notes. Despite some physical problems, Jim enjoys fishing and hunting and his 15 grands, and continues to winter in FL.

I had a great trip to Tahiti with Cornell Club '44, a group of about 38 including **Eleanor Bloomfield Scholl** '44. The weather was wonderful, the company was great, and the islands were fun to see. Thanks to **Art** '44 and **Dotty Kay Kesten** '44 for a well-planned vacation.

"After my first date with him in Oct. 1939, I never dated anyone else," recalls **Jean Fenton Potter**, sadly reporting the recent passing of **Art**. She is happy her six children, 15 grands, and nine great-grands are nearby. Art served in WWII in the invasion of Kiska, with the 10th Mt. Division, and with General Patton in Germany. After teaching school he took over a 150-acre farm, later increasing it to 1,000 acres. He was honored by the Green Pastures program as "Outstanding Dairyman in Connecticut" in 1963. He took up raising Holsteins, taking advantage of the agricultural revolution during his 40 years on the land. Where 27 farms existed, only "Potter's Field" remains. Ten years ago he turned it over to his sons, who took the business to new heights. Active in politics, he served on the Board of Assessment Appeals for 44 years, 30 as chairman. He was active in the First Congregational Church, singing in the choir, and also enjoyed hunting and fishing. Grandsons **Justin** '02 and **Samuel** '03 are Cornell graduates. Art will be sorely missed by all.

**James Goodwillie** (York, PA) had a good time at reunion. He and Mary are moving from their cottage to a new apartment in their same retirement community. **Jim Kiernan** (Morristown, NJ) says Pat made a miraculous recovery from the fall that kept her from reunion. "She wants to thank all who prayed for her and looks forward to making the next reunion." E-mail them at [James.Kiernan@att.net](mailto:James.Kiernan@att.net). Harvey and **Elaine Hoffman Luppescu** (Atlantis, FL) really enjoyed reunion and are back into playing good golf and reading great books. **Evelyn Kassman Greenspan** (Ft. Myers, FL/Columbus, OH; [EGreenspan240@aol.com](mailto:EGreenspan240@aol.com)) works out with a personal trainer twice a week and also works for her son's exercise equipment facility. "Of course I love being active and being needed." She has visited Paris and Turkey, and keeps in touch with **Berle Neuwirth Geronemus** (Hollywood, FL).

**Bob Wright** (White Water, WI; [Wright80plus@juno.com](mailto:Wright80plus@juno.com)) writes a cheery letter about

sharing the housekeeping with a stepdaughter following the passing of his second wife. He does the cooking and she does the cleaning. They enjoy wild turkeys and other miracles of nature, as they are next to a nature preserve. He spends winter in Naples, FL, golfs his age three times a week, and is still doing watercolors. He hears from **Ed Holub** (Media, PA) and **Larry McNulty** (Green Valley, AZ).

**Midge Millison Ryder** (So. Yarmouth, MA) is dealing successfully with **Ed's** massive stroke as he continues to gain more mobility. **Jack Baer** (San Diego, CA) retired from General Atomics, General Dynamics 18 years ago. He is a Retired Senior Volunteer Policeman and a member of the Optimists Club, and he tutors in the city schools and volunteers at the San Diego Maritime Museum. He's been everywhere: Tahiti, Grand Canyon, Mexico, Seattle, San Francisco Bay Area, and the Columbia River in Oregon. He enjoys his four children and six grands.

Here's our new '42 Website: <http://classof42.almuni.cornell.edu/>. Do write to all those submitting their e-mail addresses, and to me. ♦ **Carolyn Evans Finneran**, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, [CeeFinn@juno.com](mailto:CeeFinn@juno.com).

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Despite the Iraq War and SARS, 34 classmates and friends (down from 58) cruised the Hawaiian Islands of Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island in late April, then on to the French Polynesian islands of Bora Bora, Moorea, and Tahiti. Moorea's scenery was the most spectacular. We all enjoyed the trip. The weather was perfect (only an occasional drizzle in five days), the ship handsome, cabins comfy, food good, tours interesting, and camaraderie great. The **Kestens** did it again!

Armed with **Art's** Bibles of bios, we met each eve in a private swanky bar for cocktails and to chat and play games: Putting contest winners, Bud and **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell; cartoon captioning, **Bobby Gans** Gallant; best buy story, **Maryann Trask Pfeifle**—\$108 blouse for \$10; biggest rip-off story, **Hank Bates**—a \$3.95 bottle of water; celebrity call (Who Am I?), last one standing not named; weather prognostication (five days), four-way tie, including **Phyllis Evans**, **Alison King** Barry, BArch '47, and **Du Bois** "Jenks" **Jenkins**, DVM '43; and boo-boo, **Maryann Trask Pfeifle**—fell in the swimming pool. Other contests were held during the days at sea: three-day bridge tournament, **Dotty (Kay)** and **Art Kesten**; four-day shuffleboard contest, **Art** and **Dotty Kesten**; and scavenger hunt, team of four friends, not classmates. For each event there were several other winners who were awarded points for the Top Dawg title: the winner, **Bobby Gallant**. The **Kestens** lugged a large suitcase of prizes for all these talented (lucky) people. Unrewarded winners in other categories were the globe-trotting **Rundells** and **Sigetys (Katharine**

(**Snell**) and **Charles**), who have visited more than 90 countries; and **Andy**, MD '46, and **Sherrill Capi**, who have taken 12 of the 15 Club '44 trips. The progeny awards: Big Poppa, **Hank Bates**—13; Big Momma, **Carolyn Finneran** '42, MA '44—22; and most great-grandsons, **Al Barry**—3. **Dotty** and **Art** have begun planning our 60th Reunion, yet have asked for suggestions for the next trip—inde-fatigable!

Not present on the cruise were **Dave**, BS Hotel '49, and **Harriet Wilhelm Baldwin**, who have been spending eight winter weeks in Hawaii with **Dave's** brother and wife for the last 12 years. **Harriet** says they're fine and remember the **Rundells** as fellow bus travelers in Eastern Europe in 1991. **Joyce Cook** Bertelsen Wilson writes that they don't do cruises because they have a vacation home on the water on Cayman Brac, where they spend four weeks four times a year. They both are active in politics and volunteer work and enjoy their extended family of six adult married children and nine grands.

**James McTague**, BA '46, says he's sorry to be missing the '44 cruises, but he learned that the sea and he "were not compatible while being ferried on the *Ile de France* to Europe for WWII." He had a busy business year and traveled a lot—to Italy with four daughters, to Germany, and to Alaska. He claims a great-grandson. **Peter Miller**, MBA '48, reports a busy 2002 summer at their Adirondack camp, which Class of '86 grands and fathers used as a base for a long canoe trip. "Feeding 16-year-olds is a continuous (11-mile) trip to the food market." Because **Nancy** had knee problems they couldn't contemplate the cruise.

A few more words about the cruisers: **Carolyn Finneran** of Washington state and **Eleanor Bloomfield Scholl** of Florida shared a cabin. **Eleanor** confided that she is taking organ lessons and playing croquet to help arthritic fingers. She also visits and chauffeurs old Swedish friends in retirement homes and works at church rummage sales. **Harmon Leonard**, DVM '44, and **Joey** joined us from their winter home in Arizona en route to their ranch, Lenshire West, in Fruita, CO. On a recent trip east, **Harm**, a gun collector, visited the National Rifle Assn. Museum in Fairfax, VA. A conversation with **Doris (Holmes)** and **Jenks** revealed that their son **Rich Jenkins** plays piano in New York City, primarily at the St. Regis Hotel. In February they visited **Fern Chase Whitehurst** in Dallas, TX. "A major ice storm extended our stay." **Alison King Barry** told about selling their 1931 sailboat. Just before settlement the boat was struck by lightning, which "fried" the electronics and instruments, but insurance was still valid. The new owner is happy. They visited their daughter **Kristin**, a very successful restaurateur in Joshua Tree, CA, en route to Honolulu where we all boarded the *Dawn Princess*.

Another 9/11 story from **Winifred Wright Edwards**, who tells of her daughter **Wendy Edwards Fiering** '70, BArch '75, an architect program manager at Rockefeller U. in downtown Manhattan. On September 11 she was overseeing workmen at an apartment. She rushed down 18 floors and walked home over

the Brooklyn Bridge, then bought all the food she would need for weeks. Her mother told her to buy a mask since architects were being called upon to assess the safety of buildings. She did, but no women were assigned. Winifred attended a high school reunion in Ridgefield, CT, where she visited her old haunts, including a silver mine. She calls herself an "artist craftsman currently working in silver and gold—and slow, behind in some commissions." She's also a bookworm, but not computer literate. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski Rundell**, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

**45** An excellent response has been received to our last mailing, and your correspondent now has lots of material from which to generate future columns. The lead time is about three months and we are only allotted a certain number of lines in each issue; kindly do not feel that your news is unimportant just because it doesn't appear quickly. I usually try to first print news of classmates from whom we have not heard in a long time, so faithful correspondents may not see their latest news for a while. Please keep it coming! The last mailing asked several questions about our proposed book of reminiscences, which apparently generated interest among some who have not been our most prolific reporters. For instance, **Samuel Haines Jr.**, who now permanently resides in Vero Beach, FL, although he keeps his former residence in Sylvania, PA, for summering, has volunteered to pitch in. Sam reports that moving to their retirement community is like living on a cruise ship. I wonder if he stole that line from one of the advertisements for our Atlantic Shores community in which it appeared, or whether it just comes naturally. He and Libby have four kids, 25 grands, and eight great-grands. Busy bunch!

A fellow Vero Beacher, **Wallace Ross**, BA '49, does his summering on Martha's Vineyard, where he is Chief Judge for the Edgartown Yacht Club. He and I were both senior judges for the US Sailing Assn., but I have retired, having decided that bouncing around in Boston Whalers watching buoy-roundings was no longer my thing. Maybe Wally watches finishes from the EYC rooftop and blows the whistle on Teddy Kennedy. **David Shepard** (Coronado, CA) is a wind chaser of a different sort; Dave is president of Sky Wind Power, who claim to trap the world's cheapest energy source, high-altitude winds used by flying generators. **Frank**, BME '44, MME '49, and **Mary Appel Swingle** '49 (Boynton Beach, FL) really ducked the summer Florida heat by cruising around Antarctica. Frank says the temperature wasn't bad, but the 55 mph winds made it colder than Ithaca.

**Richard** '42, PhD '49, and **Catherine Verwoert Work**, BS HE '44 (Tempe, AZ) have visited their children in Seattle and Denver, but are usually home and would enjoy having visits from any classmates. Kay also volunteers to reminisce for us. **Dorothy Scott** Boyle (Eastport, ME) not only volunteered to help, she sent along a two-page reminiscence. Her daughter **Margaret Boyle Delello** '77 has been promoted

to be the first director, quality systems, Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Scottie keeps busy with watercolor and folk art.

From White Plains, NY, **Seymour Rotter** reports seven grandchildren with another on the way. Last February he and Rita had a great time in Turks and Caicos with their daughter and her family, including three grandchildren. Sy says the scenery and weather were outstanding. He's fully retired, as is **Roger Milnes** (Vienna, VA), who now spends his time in the yard and garden and maintaining a large house, but misses his late wife **Ann (Shore)** '49. He is helped by their family, including great-grandchildren. Roger says he will contribute some reminiscences, which should be interesting, since he retired as a Rear Admiral after a distinguished career as a surgeon. Another gardener of sorts, **William Doe**, BS Ag '49 (Harvard, MA) spends time helping his brother **Whitney Doe** '43 with the family's "U-Pick" orchard.

**Hubert Gordon** (La Jolla, CA) was the guest of honor at two parties celebrating his 80th, one in the famed Balboa Park, San Diego, the other in Boston, where he lived for 65 years. Last year Hugh and his daughter and grandson visited the Canadian Rockies to visit the spot in Jasper, Alberta, where he and family had stayed 40 years before. He keeps busy with SD Shelters, a three-county group of 200 who support and raise funds for the adoption of some 1,600 canines and felines in 2002 alone. Another long-distance traveler, **Henrietta Burgott** Gehshan, BS HE '44 (Southampton, PA), visited Gehshan relatives in Beirut, Lebanon, last year. She keeps busy as president of the Southampton Women's Club and is active in the Soroptimist International Club and Delta Kappa Gamma honorary society for excellence in education. Having retired from teaching 15 years ago, Hank watches after her two senior-class grandsons, one at U. of Penn and the other at U. of Chicago. She also volunteers to contribute to our Class Project.

Close to Beantown, **George Rautenberg**, BA '47 (Lexington, MA, and Sanibel, FL) busies himself in his fifth year as a volunteer at Minuteman National Historical Park, meeting and greeting visitors, walking the original battle road, and interpreting the events of April 19, 1775. He visits his daughter **Susan Rautenberg** '72 in Leeds, UK, twice a year, and takes side trips to other English spots, as well as Belgium, Denmark, Holland, and Ireland. George also regularly visits class co-president **Maxine Katz** Morse (New Castle, NH), and applauds her selection to receive the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, as does **Reta Davidson**, BA '44 (Hillburn, NY), who has nothing new to report, but says, "Congratulations to Maxine—hooray!" ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Atlantic Shores, Virginia Beach, VA 23454; e-mail, CescoVA@aol.com. Our class Home Page: <http://hometown.aol.com/CescoVA/CU1945>.

**46** I still need news. I've been keeping the phone company busy and calling a few of you, but I feel I don't know all of you personally to suddenly call out of the blue. So how

about writing or calling me?

Last month, I called Risley Hall frosh friend **Janet Curtin** Horning (Westerville, OH) only to learn the sad news that her oldest daughter had died of cancer last September. Good news is she had a grandson who'd graduated from college. (Are we that old? We also have a grandson graduating from Ohio State this month.) She also told me that Ken and **Louise Carmody** Wiley (Naples, NY) had been too ill to travel to Florida this year. Then I tried **Sara McKissock** Vick (Albion, NY) to get the "lowdown" on her freshman gang (they used to mini-reune every two years): **Ross** '52 and **Joyce Manley Forney** were moving from Sedona, AZ, to Dallas, TX, to be near family (I don't have their new address yet); **Alice McKinney** Luttrell (Seattle, WA) is active in a hiking group; **Gerald**, SP Ag '44-45, and **Ginny Dondero Pfundstein** (Winter Park, FL) travel extensively to visit family; and **Gordon** '44, B Chem E '47, and **Priscilla Alden Clement** live in Santa Rosa, CA. Do you remember when we had many patriotic attendees at our 1976 reunion—Priscilla Alden, Betsy Ross, and **Ben Franklin** '50, JD '52 (Carolyn Usher, BS HE '45's husband)? **Betsy Ross** Davis is deceased.

Later, Priscilla wrote to tell me of Gordon's bout with cancer. He is enrolled in an Eli Lilly chemo protocol for ALIMTA. Talk about a small world: her sister **Betty Alden Talpey** '48 told her that **Ted**, PhD '49 (husband of Betty's roommate **Ginny Crouse Taylor** '48) had developed a therapy for ALIMTA and had worked on this chemo for 20 years. Ted called Gordon to talk about the treatment. We wish success for both Gordon and Ted. Gordon and Priscilla were looking forward to a visit from son Bob's family for Easter. Bob lives in Bretton Woods, NH, and is part owner of the historic Mt. Washington Hotel. He had worked on the cog railroad for years. Priscilla also told of a trip they'd had to the Cornell Observatory in Arecibo as guests of **Tom Talpey** '47, BS EE '46, and her sister Betty. Tom had designed the receiver and worked on the project in the '50s and '60s.

I also called my Risley frosh roomie **Pat Kinne** Paoella for some good news on Sal's cancer follow-up. They just got home from Florida where they saw their twin grandchildren who will be 4 in August. Their oldest grandson lives in Mexico City and will be 9 in May. Last month I forgot to give you **Dottie Van Vleet** Hicks's new address: 140 Dahlia Dr., State College, PA 16803. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607.

We haven't heard in years from "John the Bag" aka "B-Bag." Since leaving the Hill, he responds to the more prosaic **John Bagby**, BME '48. John and Loretta live in Anaheim Hills, CA. He has had health problems since a biopsy in 1992. After much treatment and medication, John has pep if he moderates his activities. John has 17 US patents and does some optical engineering consulting. He and Loretta correspond with **Bill** '50 and **Aleta Getman Huston** '46, and Jane Agnes Carson Knox, who left CU to become a nurse in WWII.

**Ray**, BS Ag '48, and **Gertrude Serby Gildea**

'52 (Columbus, MS; gables12@cableone.net) continue their extensive world travels. Travel is appropriate for a world renowned retired geography professor. He still consults in the field. Ray and Trudy were more prolific than their four children, who have provided only eight grandchildren. After a fascinating tour of South Africa, **John Eckerson** (Akron, NY) is attending to his town and village historian duties. He voices a determination to attend our 60th Reunion in 2006. His singing voice will be one of our pleasures.

**Herbert Hawley** (Geneseo, NY) is "happily ensconced in Geneseo and volunteering several days a month at Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester. **Frank**, MS Eng '48, and **Marilyn Rom** (Venice, FL; fermar4@juno.com) report sad news. Their son Frank E. Rom Jr. died unexpectedly in November 2001, little more than a year after their gala 50th wedding anniversary celebration. The Roms continue to summer at Kelleys Island on Lake Erie. **Edward**, MA '50, and **Skip Shakespeare** (Philadelphia) still enjoy living in their non-sectarian retirement village. Ted is a longtime board member of the nearby Green Tree School for children with severe learning and emotional problems. He and Skip attended an Adult University (CAU) seminar in October 2002 on Church and State, moderated beautifully by Hunter Rawlings. The panelists were Isaac Krannick, for separation, and **Jeremy Rabkin** '74, for conjoining religion and state. Both made strong cases handled adroitly by former president Rawlings. After the battle, "President Rawlings guided us to the U. of Virginia rotunda and to James Madison's house."

**John Edwards** (Boulder, CO; edwards@emarc.colorado.edu) reported some personal data. "Between Donna and myself we have nine children and 19 grandchildren (and I teach population control). Among our children and spouses are two doctors, a veterinarian, three teachers, an environmental lawyer in Barrow, AK, an American Airlines engineer, and a paramedic in the San Diego Fire Dept. Two grandchildren are in medical school, one is a Wall Street broker, another a college librarian. The other 15 are still in school. I have worked in six states and three countries and lived in 28 houses in the past 55 years." TO PUBLISH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS, e-mail it to me. Include your name and city and state of residence. Send news to ♦ **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; fax, (650) 593-2572; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com; class website: www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1946/.

**47** WE are back, AGAIN! There's lots of new news. Great! As an example, **Henrietta Pantel Hillman**, BS Ag '49, answered all questions on the News Form with the simple note that **Joel** '44, BS Hotel '47, and she are "alive and kicking." We're glad. **Ann Trimby Englehardt**, who lives on the other side of an expressway from **Arlie**, is partially recovered and functionally well after surgery on a terribly torn rotator cuff. Ann recently saw **Ruth Cohn Maltinsky** at their high school reunion. Though Ruth came in a wheelchair, she had a great

time. Ann and husband **Herb**, MBA '48, went to his 55th Reunion at Cornell and they had a fine time.

**Margi Schiavone** Berens recently visited **Mike** (Muriel) **Welch Brown**, BS HE '46, and husband **Dick** '49 at their home in Williams-

burg, VA. **Barlow Ware** continues to check on Arlie and provides news. He says he's "still functioning." He recently talked to **Connie Foley Ferris**, who reports that she and **Carl** are doing well. Carl was gardening at the time. A book arrived in the mail titled *As We Look Back*, written by Morgan F. Staley. After research we found the actual author is classmate **Robert Horton**, PhD '51, and the book is his autobiography, covering from before he was born, school, army, Cornell BS, Cornell PhD, and his career as a chemist. The flyleaf lists "Boyhood, the Depression, colleges, army service, romances, marriages, professional careers, deaths of loved ones, and more." You can obtain a copy by contacting Horton Foundation, PO Box 132, Boundbrook, NJ 08805, ISBN 0-9708933-0-2.

ARLIE WILLIAMSON ANDERSON '47

A very complimentary article was written in March about **Daniel Belknap** in a Redding, CA, newspaper. A retired social worker and a Rotarian with six children and 11 grandchildren, Dan is unofficial guardian against blight along a five-mile stretch of the Sacramento River Trail. Every day he rides his three-wheel bicycle, and with a pair of long metal tongs snatches up trash without even slowing down. After Cornell, Dan worked in New York with gangs, welfare recipients, and delinquent youths. In California he formed a nonprofit training program that helped the unemployed get back to work. His goal is "to be active in retirement and do something that is valuable to my community and fun and healthy to me." His philosophy: "Keeping the world free of litter is one way to thank God for the beauty of the Earth." He adds, "I like it clean rather than dirty, it's that simple." In memory of his wife **Helen (Kullman)** '49, who died in 2000, Dan has placed a small plaque on a river trail bench.

In early January, two classmates traveled and learned with Adult University (CAU). **Carol Nauth** Euler, with husband John, and **Jim Vlock**, BA '46, MBA '48, participated in Landscapes and Legacies of Cuba. Our past class president **Stu La Dow** does a lot of church-related activities to keep him "in line," works on Cornell Fund challenges, and STILL reads the *Wall Street Journal* editorial page. **Ed Stapleton**, who has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, tells us that, unfortunately, after his wife had a stroke 11 years ago he had to sell

his farm in order to care for her. They then traveled extensively for seven or eight years (both loved the West), but now Eunice can no longer travel very far. One year they had a nice get-together in Florida with Ag friends. Their children are in San Jose, CA, Boulder, CO, and

Charlotte, NC, and they still manage to visit them. Ed sends regards to all his classmates and wishes them well.

**Ralph Geiger**, a retired teacher, and wife Johanna lived near Oswego, NY, for 51 years and moved five years ago to a retirement community in Cornwall, PA, where they live independently in a small house and are active in volunteering. They spend the first three months of the year in St. Augustine, FL. **Lillian "Lee" Gorton** Spiece, an Army wife for 30 years, now lives in Tucson, AZ, with her husband Donald and plays a lot of tennis. She has eight children and grandchildren. The oldest child graduated from the Coast Guard Academy, and the oldest granddaughter is a cadet at the Air Force Academy. She sees **Joy Peters** Bizik frequently. It's good to hear about Joy after such a long time. Lee's e-mail is dclg22@hotmail.com.

**Lois Meek** lives in Cheshire, CT, where she does not see many Cornellians because everyone seems to be connected to Yale, U. of Connecticut, Albertus Magnus, and other lesser known institutions. She is a tour guide at the Cheshire Historical Society, sails off Cape Cod when she can, and skis along the Farmington Canal when there's enough snow. After Cornell, Lois worked in the US Office of Education, attended the library school at Western Reserve U., worked in the Cleveland Medical Library, and returned to Cornell to study architecture. She then worked in architecture in Cheshire, CT, Atlantic City, NJ, and New Haven, CT. **Walt Fedirko** is on the Watchung, NJ, Library Advisory Board. As a Global Volunteer he traveled to Zaporoshye, Ukraine, to teach spoken English at universities and orphanages. He also went on a 12-day cruise to Antarctica, sees **George Gurnee** and **William Evers**, JD '51, frequently, and has nine grandchildren.

Thanks again to Pete. Send news! ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610-1329; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com (assisted by **Peter D. Schwarz**, pschwarz@rochester.rr.com). Class '47 Web page, www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1947/.

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When the exciting Big Red men's hockey season was over, **Jack and Inger Molmen Gilbert** went on an Elderhostel

tour of Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec City. July found them animal-sitting in Fayetteville, GA, while their daughter went ocean kayaking off of Alaska. Then in August, 15 days on the *QEII* from NYC to Southampton and back, with a three-day English bank holiday weekend to the Channel Islands. They have enjoyed several crossings on the *QEII* and decided to do it again before the trips are no more.

**Franklyn P. Cism**, MS '50, had a busy last year. He was elected to the Harpursville County School Board and reelected chair of the Town of Colesville Planning Board. **Dick Keegan** says, "ALS people never retire." Attending Adult University (CAU) last summer ('02) were **Barbara Linscheid** Christenberry and **Fred Lane** with his wife. **Frank Senior** and his wife ran into **Howard Loomis**, MBA '50, on a trip to Alaska. Howie visited a snowy Cornell campus last December, while taking his granddaughter on her college tour. **Tony Tappin** e-mailed this advice to Keegan on how to defeat a telemarketer: "Just say, 'Hold on please,' and put the phone down. When it beeps, hang up. Mission accomplished. You are off their list and others." Really?

My daughter **Ginny Miller** Petrisin '76 and I attended a very special event at the Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal in Orlando, FL, hosted by Johnson Asset Management and Baird, called "Carnauba—a Son's Memoir," by **Samuel C. Johnson** '50. Unfortunately Sam and his wife **Imogene (Powers)** '52 couldn't come at the last minute, but we met their son **Curt** '77 and other Cornellians. The movie was a first class production—powerful and moving—about Sam's reenactment of his father's 1935 expedition by air up the Amazon River into the jungles of Brazil in search of the Carnauba palm. So glad we went.

**Polly Wallworth** Riggs, an interior designer, speaks of retirement but has found the

perhaps pushing and shoving to register for classes at Barton Hall produced winning wrestling team; danced to Vaughn Monroe (who stepped on and ripped Marty's gown); **Helen Hoffman** Casey selected beauty queen by Powers Studio; Christmas vacation returned and with perfect timing Lehigh Railroad called a strike; after lots of snow, spring brought opening of most fraternities; 1:30 a.m. Sat. night permission for coeds; opening of Industrial and Labor Relations School by Thomas Dewey; Clara Dickson dorms going up; Cornell crew first at International Regatta in Seattle; and manure all over the campus, causing some (not only Penn students) to rewrite the Alma Mater and study indoors.

Sophomores 1946-47: Preregistration adopted; fraternity rush in full swing; *Cornell Daily Sun* returned; College of Business and Public Administration opened; Octagon Club initiated Apollo contests; Ivy Room opened; Mae West visited Sigma Chi; "Farm and Home Week" returns; Jimmy Dorsey and Duke Ellington played at houseparty weekends; top honors to our crew.

Juniors 1947-48: New block seating and metal bleachers (resounding beautifully to stomping feet) at football games; Engineering High Voltage Lab burned, destroying one million dollars worth of equipment; Dean Allen announced one out of seven coeds had sex before graduation; Willard Straight and Ivy Room very popular; Henry Wallace presented the progressive platform; coeds modeled the "new look"—smart remarks about Cornell legs disappeared; Louie bought a new lunch wagon; tuition went up; the Hotel school's famous Ezra Cornell Hotel for a day and School of Architecture's snake chase started.

Seniors 1948-49: Football was BIG, our underrated team walked off with the Ivy League crown; Glee Club sang best show "Daze of '49"; Student Council, under I&LR leader **Jack Sheinkman**, JD '52, saved Hoy Field for intramural sports; sororities and fraternities dis-

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Recent news from **Naomi Knauss**, now Naomi Knauss Drummond, announces her marriage to Alfred Hall Drummond Jr. of Baltimore, MD. The groom is known as Hall. They were married, appropriately, on Feb. 14, '03. A honeymoon was postponed until April, when they sailed on the *Celebrity Galaxy* out of Baltimore to visit several Caribbean Islands. Naomi and Hall have known each other since junior high school. Hall, a widower, is retired as director of personnel for the Social Security System. The couple lives in Pilesgrove, NJ.

You know we love hearing from all our classmates, but it is especially great to receive news from those of you who have been absent for awhile. **Harriett Washburn** Pellar and husband Marshall have a new address in Carlsbad, CA. They have moved further north but are still in San Diego County. "Retirement is keeping us closer to house and garden. We extend a warm welcome to any visiting Class of '50." **Clinton Salt Brown**, Oxford, MD, recently received the Charles F. Chapman award for excellence in teaching from the US Power Squadrons, District 5, for 15 years of teaching "N" celestial navigation. Another "not heard from recently" is **Harold Rosen**, North Woodmere, NY. Harold and his wife Joyce attended the annual 87th Infantry Division reunion last October in Hampton, VA. Also in attendance were **Ray Rissler** and wife Doris, Long Lake, NY, along with **Bob** and **Phyllis Purple**, Canandaigua, NY. Bob and Harold hadn't seen each other in 50 years. Harold, plan to be at our Class of '50 reunion in 2005 so you can meet more often.

My husband and I (Midge) were privileged to be house guests of Pru and **Walt Crone** in Charleston, SC, this past February. We were royally entertained before boarding our ship out of Charleston for a Caribbean cruise. They have a beautiful historic home frequently painted by artisans. And before we leave Charleston, **Bruce** and **Ruth Grover**, Staunton, VA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2002 during a week at the beach in Charleston with all 23 of their offspring. The group included three generations.

**Cooly** and **Mary "Patch" Adams Williams** (Santa Fe, NM), traveled to Ithaca in early March to enjoy an art show on N. Cayuga Street. Cooly had 17 paintings in the show, mostly oils, with two watercolors. It was a mini-reunion with **Jim Hazzard** (Ithaca, NY), who Cooly calls his local art agent, **John** and **Ann Laibe** (Greenwich, CT), **Jack Rose**, MD '54 (Danville, PA), **John** and **Jane Haskins Marcham** '51 (Ithaca, NY), and **Jack Peterson** and his wife Frieda (Virginia Beach, VA) in attendance. In addition, **Diane** and **Jim Wright** (Canandaigua, NY) joined the group. Cooly commented, "We all enjoyed touring the campus and seeing all the new buildings, as well as the new Cornell Ornithology Center endowed by **Imogene Powers Johnson** '52, who is married to our own **Sam Johnson**. This art business has now become my other life!" And speaking of artists, **William Hagel**, Ann Arbor, MI, says, "We don't travel much, but I finish one oil

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MARTY COLER RISCH '49

perfect mix, working part-time for her old clients, traveling, attending shows and meetings, playing bridge, and speaking French with her French club. Prof. **Morris Bishop** '14, BA '13, PhD '26, would be proud of his former student!

**Marty Coler** Risch, as substitute Class Historian, sent some great notes of our undergraduate years:

Freshmen 1945-46: End of war in the Pacific; beginning of Class of '49 with unique group of high school grads and returning vets, some married; one of largest classes, created housing, parking, and registration problems;

cussed discrimination clauses; Statler Hall officially dedicated, as well as Nuclear Physics building; Watermargin and Credo created; Cornell celebrated 80th anniversary; Tex Beneke highlighted successful Spring Weekend; winning teams in soccer and tennis.

1949—a beautiful, eclectic whole, united as a class by our common Cornell experience. Memories will grow more precious through the years and we will have many reunions for remembering! See you at our 55th. Thanks, Marty. ♦ **Mary Heisler** Allison, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159-9442; e-mail, ellenallison13@earthlink.net.



painting a week to remind myself of the world abroad." Perhaps we need to include a Class of '50 art exhibit at our reunion in '05.

**Thomas and Yolanda Scaglione**, Hornell, NY, write that they attended the former New York State Troopers Reunion in Jamestown, NY, last September. They had their almost 4-year-old grandson in tow, who was a big hit with all attendees. In October they attended the annual Classes of '48, '49, and '50 Football Team Members reunion in Ithaca. Activities included dinner in the Hall of Fame Room at Schoellkopf Memorial Hall honoring Kenny Van Sickle, *Ithaca Journal* sports editor emeritus. The next day following a luncheon at Statler Hall and a pre-game tailgate party on Kite Hill, they all attended the Cornell/Colgate game. Tom says the groups, ranks, and numbers are decreasing.

**Bob Fite**, Cape May, NJ, is writing the class of '50 news for the Hotel school and has shared news that **Jerry Vallen**, PhD '78, Henderson, NV, retired as dean of the Hospitality School at the U. of Nevada, Las Vegas. He likes challenges and has taken on the 7th revision of the hospitality textbook, *Check In, Check Out*. In logging his travel over the years, he has visited 36 countries. **John Riihiluoma**, Warwick, Bermuda, continues to operate his famous department store in Hamilton. He plays more golf than tennis today. We remember him as a fine tennis player on a fine team as a Cornell student. **Marjorie Leigh Hart**, New York, NY, has written that she continues to work as chair of Scenic Hudson, one of various Hudson River-connected projects. In addition, she works on a project to restore a historically important armory in their New York City neighborhood and is active on the Teacher's College Board. Our classmates continue to contribute in so many ways. **Laura Cassedy Bitter**, Tryon, NC, says, "I keep busy with volunteer work, mostly church related, exercising to keep these old bones and muscles as cooperative as possible, quilting club bees, trips, friends, and once in a while the satisfaction of completing a project."

Many in our class will or have turned 75 this year. We would love to hear how you celebrated this milestone and other events in your lives. News and Dues cards will be in the mail soon so let us hear from you. If you haven't seen your name in print after sending news, please be patient. We are working our way through all the exciting and interesting things you tell us. We promise to include everyone. Keep the news coming. ♦ **Ruth "Midge" Downey Kreitz**, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, rdk12@cornell.edu; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

**51** Allen Gorski reports the passing of **Joseph Gitlin** in New York City in December and expresses appreciation for his uncle's care of his sister (and Gorski's mother) Ruth Gitlin Gorski, who was suffering from Alzheimer's. **John and Lynn Orr** moved from their Huntingdon Valley home into Pennswood Village retirement home in Newtown, PA, last year, where Lynn succumbed

to cancer in October. Before that, however, they attended a George School reunion in May (where Lynn and John received the 2002 Alumni Award), and they celebrated 50 years of marriage in June, arranged by their children. John has since undergone a second hip replacement, but continues to manage renovation of four 1890s dormitories, plus water and steam mains at George School.

**Mary Ann Doutrich** Seipos, Sanibel, FL, reports a wonderful cruise on the Rhone and

the material and spiritual needs of those in poverty and prostitution. He recalls Monsignor Cleary, who was his mentor at Cornell, and mentions friend Fr. Mike Mahler, present director of the Catholic community at Cornell and chaplain to the football team. He recently saw **John Schneider '58**, who followed him at Lambda Chi Alpha.

**Bill and Joyce Shewman**, Mission Viejo, CA, enjoyed a "great cruise" to Hawaii in May 2002. He reports enjoying an evening with **Jim**

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WILLIAM HAGEL '50

Soane rivers in France this spring. She is active in Guardian Ad Litem and volunteers at the Health Park Hospital in Lee County, FL, in winter and at the State Library in Harrisburg, PA, in summer. I asked what Guardian Ad Litem is and got the following answer: "GALers work with abused and neglected children who come from all income levels, have often been removed from their homes, and become, through no fault of their own, the subject of judicial proceedings. This program is a member of CASA, the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Assn. Call 1-800-269-6210 if you want to sign up! I have been doing this for about six years." Eligibility requires "persons having common sense and good judgment, who are at least 19 years old, make application, pass two screening interviews, complete training, and have clear criminal history backgrounds."

Mary Ann reports seeing **Jody Diamant** Joy, MS '52, **Betty George** Kinsman, M Ed '53, owner of Woods Edge Bed & Breakfast in Fairport, NY, and **Ken '52** and **Joanne Huntington Tunnell**, MPA '52, in Sanibel. She also reports contacts with **Shirley Ann "Sherry" Flanders**, retired from teaching in Phoenix, AZ, and **Helen "Susie" Brown** Entenman in Fort Myers, FL.

We heard from another *Cornell Daily Sun* alumnus. **Sam Serata**, Bridgeton, NJ, is still practicing law and serves as County Counsel for Cumberland County, NJ. **Roger '50** and **Myra Weber Wolcott**, Sandy Spring, MD, went with Global Volunteers to Roratonga in the Cook Islands, where "work (6-8 hours a day) and fun made it the best trip ever." Myra volunteers at Quaker Meeting and their retirement community, and is active in the League of Women Voters. They have been involved with the Cornell Club of DC, Roger in a "Dragonboat Race" on the Anacostia River.

Reverend **Walt "Bud" Dockerill**, retired after 43 years as a Catholic priest with the Palm Beach, FL, diocese, now works part-time for Food for the Poor in Haiti and Jamaica, preaching at weekend masses. Visiting Haiti, he says, he's seen firsthand how generous people are to

**Dolliver '53**, PhD '60, in February. **Richard '49** and **Joy Stern Gilbert** left Lexington, MA, in May to spend three weeks touring Russia, Finland, and Estonia. Joy has volunteered for the last three years with the Eastern Massachusetts Literacy Council. She runs a group for people learning to speak English and does assessments for those desiring individual tutors.

**Leonard Steiner**, Harrison, NY, has a new wife, Barbara, as of November 15. He continues to raise funds for cancer research and development for NYU Medical Center, Piper Cancer Center, Scottsdale (AZ) Healthcare, and the Cancer Treatment Center in White Plains, NY. **Nat '49** and **Fran Goldberg Myers** are learning about the culture and history of the southern Appalachians, taking up square dancing, and trying to lose their New York accents in Asheville, NC. Fran volunteers at the Asheville Art Museum, as secretary of the Cornell Alumni Association of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and corresponding secretary of the League of Women Voters. They are active in the College for Seniors. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with new Asheville friends, planned by daughter **Pam '78** and attended by sons **Ken '77** and **Nathaniel "Chip" '82**, DVM '87.

**Bar Dee Stirland Bond** was awarded posthumously one of Ohio's 21 League of Women Voters' Distinguished Leadership Awards for 2002 at a meeting in Dayton in May. The nomination read: "Bar Dee Bond was our Dragon Lady. She feared no one, and was our chosen, tough, effective questioner for debates and forums. She helped start the Greenville, NC, League and served the Marietta League as president, co-president, treasurer, voter service chair, and everything else since she and her family moved here in 1972."

Her husband of 50 years first got her attention in organic chemistry lab, where he ruined her crystal violet. She played the bass fiddle in Cornell's symphony orchestra, but regressed in later years to the viola da gamba, a small, early-music, fretted cello. She co-owned a yarn shop, The Needleplace, for many years. Please send

your news to ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond@ee.net](mailto:bbond@ee.net). The '51 webpage (by **Barry Nolin**) is [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951).

**52** Although not everyone takes summer vacations, I still think of September as the real start of the year. Welcome back. Have you received the news and dues renewal pack from the university? You'll find a new News Form, a postage-paid request for open-ended news. The returns from those who received the form last year were interesting and a bit different. So we decided to try it on everyone. Let us know what you think.

Privacy and your news: I'm sure you don't send confidential material, but what you send appears in the column; what's in the column gets to the class Web page and, thus, to the world. Don't send secrets. Or if you do, note them.

Our Class of '52 Scholarship Fund again has helped support two students. **Jonathan Gleed '06** and **Natalie Serper '04** were the awardees for 2002-03. Thanks to all who helped create the fund, and thanks to anyone who adds it as "Other" when contemplating this year's Cornell Fund pledge form. Many of us needed financial aid and many more do now. Re academic aid: the editor of the Pittsburgh paper, musing on unsung efforts and on the 10th Anniversary Luncheon of FAME, which raises funds to send African-American students to local private schools, wrote, "**Ronald E. Gebhardt**, a retired executive from Sewickley, whom you don't know from a hole in the ground but is more responsible than any other individual for [FAME's] success, was seen smiling broadly."

**James Ward**, who lives in Washington, DC, celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary and a family reunion. He has two grandchildren and stays active with sports. **Barbara Schlang** Sonnenfeldt, Port Washington, NY, retired from 20 years as director of PR for Helen Keller National Center, is "now majoring in bridge, theater, cro-

grandchildren. She finds leisure a challenge, is working on bridge, and sends no complaints, but best wishes for peace in 2003. **Sid '52**, MD '56, and **Phebe Vandervort Goldstein**, Bloomfield Hills, MI, reported the July 2002 arrival of Benjamin Goldstein Haber, who joined Eli, 3, as a Goldstein grandchild. "Most of our classmates have grandchildren in college!" says Phebe. I wonder. Ours are 2 and 4.

The highlight of 2002 for **Ronald Millstein**, Great Neck, NY, was a 17-day Elderhostel in Sicily. He liked the instructors, the ruins, and the people, Elderhostelers and natives. Ron also found our '52 reunion "truly enjoyable." He suggests that January in New York is not an ideal time for class meetings. He'd come, but "like so many retirees I will be ensconced in my winter quarters in Florida (Miami Beach)." He'd like to see a meeting in fall or spring. **Herman Stern** wrote from Sarasota to say that he was still growing citrus in Florida. A broken ankle kept him in a wheelchair for three and a half months. His local buddy is attorney **Joan Hockert** Donnelly.

**Don Collins** also wrote from Florida, Ft. Lauderdale, to report that he was just back from a Greek Island tour, in which they had to abandon ship when the *Olympic Voyager* hit a rock. He planned to avoid rocks while celebrating Thanksgiving on his own 65-ft. Viking motor yacht, and he was to spend New Year's Eve on the *Rhyndam*. He hoped not to get the flu. Don is "enjoying retirement in Florida—cruising, boozing, and having a good time." He also enjoyed Reunion with **Art Franz**, **Dick Aitken**, and other EEs. **Kirk** and **Polly Personius** live in Rochester, NY. Their 11 grandchildren are in Norfolk, San Francisco, Buffalo, and five doors up the street. Kirk does some horticulture consulting. He reads, gardens, and putters on maintenance projects. He is somewhat slowed down by arthritis and anticipates hip and knee surgery.

**David G. Murray**, who left Cornell in '51 to attend medical school, chaired the Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery at Upstate Medical Univer-

woodworking tools, gardens, and does maintenance on the Cape Cod house. He had a "great time at the 50th Reunion with old and new friends." No more room for news. Send dues. Send news. Subscribe. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, [jgcomm@aol.com](mailto:jgcomm@aol.com).

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**54** Great plans for our 50th are in the works. Co-chairs **Ken Hershey** and **Rosemary Seelbinder** Jung and their committees are getting ready for a memorable reunion weekend. You may have already received your first mailing asking you to save the date, June 10-13, '04, and asking for your help. Watch this column, your mail, and our '54 website: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954) for updates and names of those planning to attend. Let's try to break the attendance record set by '53 at their 50th last June: 351 returning classmates, plus guests.

**Letetia Holloway** Brown and husband have moved to a four-story home in Baltimore, thus insuring good exercise for their hearts and joints. Funny the things we are doing at this time in our lives. Tish has retired from hospital chaplaincy, but expects to find there is much she can contribute in a community whose needs are so great. **Martin Rubashkin**, JD '56, claims he is completely retired (or about as completely retired as a lawyer can be while alive) and enjoying it immensely. He and wife **Charlotte (Schneider) '55** both enjoy interesting travel and include Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam among last year's destinations.

**Delvin Fanning**, MS '59, is an emeritus professor of soil science at the U. of Maryland. His book, *Soil: Morphology, Genesis, and Classification*, written with his late wife **Mary Christine (Balluff) '57**, has been used as a textbook at Cornell, among other universities. Del continues to do soil research and writing with an emphasis on acid sulfate soils. He and his new wife live in Riverdale, MD. **Anita Bittker** Dushay and husband Frederick winter in Boynton Beach, where they are often joined by daughters and grandkids who are more than happy to leave the snows of Michigan and Massachusetts for a sojourn by the sea.

Co-Prez **Bob Levitan** could not have been prouder to see the fourth generation of Levitans graduate in June 2002. Do we have any others who can make the same claim? Cornell-in-Washington students are fortunate enough to have **Ruth Bader** Ginsburg speak with them at the Supreme Court after the court's opening each fall. Good to hear from **Sally Gephart Kilian**. She and **John**, JD '53, LL.M. '54, took a long-awaited trip to Panama that included a ride through the canal in a small launch, as well as visits deep into the country to spend time with an Indian tribe and local sugar cane and pineapple farmers. I asked Sally for more about this and she sent me a very detailed account of their

'Donald Belk rejects totally the idea that our 50th Reunion is imminent.'

LESLIE PAPANFUS REED '54

cheting, and travel." She was just back from Germany, where her husband, who had been chief interpreter at the Nuremberg trials, was interviewed on a national talk show. At an AEPHI reunion at the New York Cornell Club, Bobbie saw many sisters, including **Judy Winter** Burger.

**Elaine Rose Ruderman**, San Diego, CA, wrote that she enjoyed our reunion and thanked the organizers. She especially liked ex-president Rhodes's comment, "You are all here because you are survivors." Elaine summers in St. Paul with her daughter. For first-time adventures she went to Hawaii for a pre-New Year's adventure, and later had a mile-high ride in a hot-air balloon over the Phoenix desert while visiting her

sity/Syracuse, NY, from 1966-86 and again from 1990 to 2000, retiring at the end of that year. He's currently doing clock repair, dba Doc's Clocks. He and Judith vacation in the Caribbean where they have a house on Tortola, BVI.

Back to Florida. **Irwin** and **Helen Sitkin** live in Aventura, but spend long summers in Chatham on "beautiful Cape Cod." They have a son's family near them in Florida, and a daughter, Jill, a social worker in Peekskill, NY. The Sitkins discovered Elderhostels and had been to six of as of last October. Irwin is "comfortably retired, still serving on one corporate board of directors and mentoring two entrepreneurs." Apart from that, he golfs, hunts, collects old

trip. At home, Sally continues her volunteer work, mostly with social service organizations.

Last heard from, **Doris Caretti** Oniskey was selling her home and planning the interior of her new condo, which was to contain her "just the way I want it" kitchen. Any cook's dream. This past year she traveled to Thailand and Disney World for the first time. The Slades, **Phila (Staines)** and **Dick**, have once more been on great Adult University (CAU) trips. One was to Paris, where they visited 12 gardens in six days ranging from Medieval to new age, the other an outing weekend on Cape Cod with birds, whales, plants, and beautiful weather. Phi's comment: "I learned stuff about Cape geology and ecology I didn't know—after 45 years of spending time there!"

I've found another pattern in my migration studies. Many grandchildren go south in the winter, but some go north in the summer to visit with their grandparents. Like the **Geis** grandchildren, who visited **Norm** and his wife on vacation in Vermont. While in the New England area the Geises explored New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia before returning home to Chocowinity, NC. Our webmaster **Jan Jakes** Kunz had a family reunion in Toledo that included **Jerry '53** and **Emilyn Larkin Jakes '55**. **Donald Belk** rejects totally the idea that our 50th Reunion is imminent, contending those were the "old folk" in those tents and certainly we could not be them.

I received **George Dyer's** book about the Gooney bird and promptly ordered several more for grandchildren. It is a delight and if you would like to know more just e-mail or snail mail George (locate his addresses in the Alumni Directory). You will learn a great deal about the Layson albatross, which inhabits Midway Island upon occasion. This March, the Delta Gammas had another great reunion in Florida hosted by **Bob '53** and **Lou Schaefer Dailey**. Those enjoying the boat trips and an exciting pre-season game between the Devil Rays and the Cincinnati Reds along with the Daileys were **Dave**, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call**, **Bob** and **Debbie Kroker** Ineich, **Sallie Capron** Marchant, **Ro Seelbinder** Jung, **John '52** and **Peg Livingston Smoots '53**, and your correspondent.

I've mentioned it before, but with our 50th now less than nine months distant, it bears repeating. The Cornell Directory is now online (<https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu>). It is a marvelous place to look up old friends. You can do it by name and year alone—no address needed. If you have moved to a new area, look to see what Cornellians might be in your zip code. I found that one of the ministers at my church was a Cornellian, and a couple more live just down the street. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail: [ljreed@speakeasy.net](mailto:ljreed@speakeasy.net). Class website: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954).

**55** Last March, former Big Red wrestlers **Phil Harvey** and **Frank Bettucci '53**, MBA '58, along with **Don Dickason '53**, M Ed '68, found themselves in Kansas City, MO, for the

2003 NCAA wrestling championships. It was the 50th anniversary of Frank's and Don's spectacular performances at Penn State in 1953, which contributed to Cornell's third place finish that year. As the old memories were dusted off, the name of a Princeton opponent came up: Don Rumsfeld, who faced **Ken Hunt** in the championship bout. Even then, according to Ken, Rumsfeld was known for his fierce determination ("He was a very intense guy"). The final score was Hunt 9, Rumsfeld 5, after which, according to the *New Yorker*, Ken never wrestled again. But what a finish! (You can read more details in the April 14 *New Yorker*.)

**Gordon White** wrote that he was judging cars in Pebble Beach in August. His fourth book was due out in April 2003, and another is under contract for 2004. **Carroll "Duke" Dubuc** was

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NANCY SAVAGE PETRIE '55

recently appointed by the US Department of Justice to act as a Hearing Officer for the 9/11 Victims Fund. In this capacity, Duke will help resolve some of the many thousands of 9/11 claims still outstanding.

More and more, your correspondent's duties include reporting recent deaths among our classmates. **Leonard Green** died in October 2002. He was the founder of Leonard Green & Partners, a merchant and investment banking firm, and was also chairman of the board of the Los Angeles Opera. The death of **Franchellie Cadwell**, known to us as Frankie, was reported in the *New York Times* in May. One of the first women to own a national advertising agency, and a strong advocate of change in the image of women in advertising, Frankie also helped found the President's Council of Cornell Women. **Nils Nordberg** passed on the sad news of the death last April of **Robert C. Eckert**, husband of **Jean (Creighton)**, who lives in Charleston, SC. Nils and his wife live in Harvard, MA, where he is executive director of the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Assn. and a trustee of the Harvard Conservation Trust. Nils also serves as director of a men's singing group that supports the Shriners Hospital for Children.

**Dick Shriver** is currently provost, European College of Liberal Arts in Berlin. **Bill Boyle**, MBA '56, owns and manages three working grain farms and several commercial properties in Ohio, but says he'd rather be in Cambridge, England, where he lived for ten years. **Al Blomquist**, MBA '57, reports that he's "still working and still drinking," while serving his hometown of Franklin Lakes, NJ, as a councilman, chairman of the volunteer ambulance corps, and treasurer of both the library founda-

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A big thank you to **Elliot Cattarulla '53** for forwarding a wonderful newspaper write-up about his wife, **Karin (Hartell)**. ("Kay would be too modest to send this, but I'm not," declares her proud husband.) Elliot's position with Exxon brought the Cattarullas to Dallas in 1990, at which time Kay, with the backing of a three-year grant from the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Fund, created a new literary program, Arts & Letters Live. The project, which was designed to boost the awareness and knowledge of Texas literature, met with phenomenal success; by the time the grant ran out, the series had found its audience and enough other financial support to continue. Kay brought Tommy Lee Jones, Tess Harper, and other celebrities to Dallas for public readings, and she has also edited three collections of short stories by Lone Star authors. At the end of 2002, Kay chose to step down as producer of A&L Live, and now works on her own projects, such as producing a PBS documentary. Continued good luck to you, Kay! ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, 6 Inkberry St., East Hampton, NY 11937; e-mail, [nsm55@juno.com](mailto:nsm55@juno.com). Class of 1955 website: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1955](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1955).

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This column is being written during days of continuous rain in the Northeast. It has not stopped us from seeing a lot of our Cornell friends and attending some nice events, which I want to share with you even though you will be getting this news a couple of months after the fact. May was the month for the marriage of **Greg Merryweather** and **Anna Kovel** in Waltham, MA. Greg is the son of **Tom** and **Marilyn Way Merryweather '57**. It was a beautiful outdoor wedding, as we dodged the usual rain-drops. **Keith Johnson**, **Patricia** and **Marty Pope**, and Tom's son **Tim '85** were among the Cornell-

ians in attendance. Greg is an architect in New York City, while Anna works as an editor of *Martha Stewart Living*.

It was nice hearing from **Art Hershey** (Calabasas, CA), with whom we had a great time at our last reunion. Art Linkletter is his wife Sharon's father, and the past year has been exciting for the family. In January, Art was the grand marshal of the New Year's Day Parade in Pasadena. So, Art and Sharon had three days of partying with police escorts everywhere. In February, Art Linkletter was one of five recipients of the National Foundation for the Humanities Medal of Honor, which was presented by President Bush. Then on to a special tour of the Supreme Court from family friend Justice Kennedy. As a climax, the Daytime Emmy Awards—at which Mr. Linkletter received the Lifetime Achievement award at the Radio City Music Hall. Sharon and Art were bowled over by New York City!

In California, the Cornell Club had its event at Santa Anita Racetrack. Art saw **Curt** and **Pamela Reis** (with Curt's two grandsons), **Don Goldman**, and **Dr. Harry Maller** and wife **Cynthia**. Art's old fraternity brother **David Simon '53** showed up. Art had not seen him in 48 years. Speaking of Curt Reis, his Alliance Bank is going great guns, but more importantly he has been named Chairman of the California Bankers Association. Congratulations!

**Michael A. McCarthy** was a partner and architect with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. Michael passed away in July 2002, but he and his firm presented drawings, photographs, and other materials showing what working in a large architectural office is all about, to the University Library last February. **Peter Thaler** received the Founders Award from the California Orthopaedic Association for "recognition of his outstanding contribution to the furtherance of quality orthopaedic care in California." Peter and Loretta have been in Madrid on a Cornell trip and in July celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a long cruise. They live in Los Angeles. We are sorry to report the passing a year ago of **Betty Lou Carson Ward**, spouse of our classmate **Fred** of Belle Mead, NJ.

**George L. Mueller** of La Porte, TX, retired

in 2001 from the Dixie Chemical Co., but is still a part-time consultant. He is learning Greek and Hebrew and has vacationed in Scotland and England. Finally, **Ed Berkowitz** sent me a communication about how he and **Bob** and **Diana Motycka Day** participated in Washington's Second Annual Dragon Boat Race on the Potomac with 18 other Cornellians. Anyone who wants to know more about this event, please contact Ed. I don't have quite enough room to explain it. Keep those letters coming! ♦ **Stephen Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., #2A, NYC 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

**57** **Judy Reusswig** was kind enough to tell me of her trip to the IRA regatta in Camden, NJ, in May. Even though Judy was rooting for her godson (freshman eight-Wisconsin), her red and white outfit covered both schools. Seems that **Bernie Horton** was the announcer at the finish line, and **Clayton Chapman** was running the whole show, marking his 49th year connected with intercollegiate rowing, starting in 1954, the ground floor of the legendary (often overworked word, but not in this case) 1957 crew.

I had a chance to visit with **Dick Tevebaugh** recently, playing 18 holes with him and son Peter when he and Connie visited their grandchildren in Louisville in May. Peter is a financial analyst with Brown-Forman Distilleries. Dick and Connie were on their way to setting up their usual summer residence on Nantucket. **Roger Soloway**, MD '61, has been elected chief-of-staff at the U. of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals in Galveston. He continues to specialize in liver disease and does extensive clinical research. Son Andrew is a practicing psychiatrist, son David has recently married and is studying for a master's degree, and son Russell was two years into a career as an assistant US attorney in west Texas when he joined the Dept. of Justice in Washington.

**Bill Schmidt** (didn't we all) enjoyed the 45th, and he and Dot have been in Bermuda, Cape Ann (north of Boston), and Sante Fe, involved with painting and photography, with an occasional opera-fix trip to the Big Apple. **Gerald Rehkugler**, MS '58, seven years into retirement from the Cornell faculty, sends word that

the last offspring, Victoria, has left the nest, and is in her first year on the Hill. Assuming all goes as scheduled, it will be a double celebration for the Rehkugler family in the spring of 2007. Gerald has been helping coach the Moravia (NY) High School tennis team, driving senior citizens (of which my math indicates he is one) to medical appointments, shopping, entertainment, etc., and writing solutions to problems in an Engineering Dynamics McGraw-Hill publication. As he has done every year since his retirement, he has assisted with engineering admissions reading. Stepdaughter **Brenda Cartland '92**, BS '03, graduated with a degree in civil engineering. When the snow starts flying, Gerald will be on the slopes at Greek Peak in Virgil for his usual 75-100 days of skiing, while his wife tends to her duties as pastor of the Fayetteville United Methodist Church. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, Suitcase2@aol.com.

September already—after a summer of reunions, retirements, and reconnecting with high school friends 50 years later. Several of our classmates belong to the Continuing Reunion Club (CRC) and were on campus in June. **Connie Santagato** Hosterman, **Sue DeRosay** Henninger, **Vanne Shelley** Cowie, **Jack McCormick**, and **Sam Bookbinder** attended the festivities, which included the Alumni Baseball Game. Sam mentioned that he intended to play in it, but no one could verify that he actually did! **Marj Nelson** Smart, who lives in Ithaca, was also at reunion, enjoying the fun of the Savage Club show. Next she was off to Europe for a big adventure, joining the Naples, FL, choir and 400 other singers from all over the world to sing Dvorak, Mozart, etc., in a number of European cities as part of a competition. But Marj had some sad news to report, that **Marilyn Boeringer** Norton passed away in June. Our sympathies are extended to her family and friends.

Other European travelers this summer included **Jan Nelson** Cole, who went hiking in the Slovenian Alps, and **Carol Gehrke** Townsend, on a boat trip down the Danube from Prague to Bucharest. Carol is in her 20th year working part-time at Prudential Real Estate and has played in an Andean flute group for the past five years. She writes, "Unfortunately, our teacher, a darling Colombian young man, had us separate the pipes and play just one row of them so you always have to play with a partner. Consequently, I cannot play any song, but know eight melodies by heart!"

**Joan Reinberg** Macmillan finally packed it up after 20 years with the Florida Senate and retired in June. Now she's anticipating making some order in her rather neglected house. Not retired is **Ruthe "Skip" Hewlett** Gorman, who lives in Huntington Beach and had a recent visitor, **Judy Bird**. Judy was in the area to see her son Tim, a post-doctoral researcher in pharmacology at UC Irvine. Last year was a busy one for Judy, with trips to Belize to observe whale sharks, Malaysia on an Earthwatch Expedition researching green sea turtles, and Melanesia to study birds, coral reefs, and fish. This summer



Judy, who lives in Pawleys Island, SC, volunteered her services to monitor loggerhead turtles along the Atlantic shores from Myrtle Beach to Georgetown. In the fall she will be recording the number of hatchlings. Along with bird-watching, she is thoroughly enjoying her experiences. **Kathleen "Dedee" Brennan** Daly also knows something about this topic—she's a docent at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center on the Chesapeake Bay at the Rhode River in Maryland. When the dues letter arrives this fall, please take time to include some news, especially if it's been a while since you last wrote. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

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Mark your calendars and hold the dates! Our 45th Reunion takes place June 10-13, 2004. Let's meet-'n-beat the challenge set this year by the Class of '58, which had more than 360 people in attendance at their 45th. Our reunion co-chairman **Gwen Woodson** Frazee and husband Denny were among the '59ers at this year's reunion. Changes since our last reunion that Gwen noted included new, large tents with windowed sides and two new verses in the Classmates song—one for women and one for alumni! Gwen and Denny enjoyed listening to "the ever-popular" former Cornell president Frank Rhodes, lunched with **George** and **Bobbie Greig Schneider** near Cayuga Lake, attended a party given by **Ron Demer**, and gathered lots of information and ideas for our reunion.

Other classmates at this year's reunion were **Margaret Chamberlain** Beringer, **Kent Hewitt** (singing with the Sherwoods), **Sherry Walther** Kaplan, **Bill Kingston**, **Howard Miller**, **William Tafuri**, **Fran Goudsmit** Tessler, and **Dale Rogers Marshall**. Dale writes that in April she and husband **Don '58** had the pleasure of attending "Dante at the Gardner" at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. "**Rachel Jacoff '59**, professor of Italian, Wellesley College, was responsible for organizing the program of distinguished Dante scholars who collaborated with internationally acclaimed theater professionals to bring Dante's famous poem to life in dramatically staged performances and thought-provoking talks. Rachel gave one of the talks on canto 5 on the sins of passion and the power of both love and literature. The whole series was remarkable for the collaborations and creativity that celebrated the museum's centennial. It was all wonderful."

Another celebratory event was the marriage on January 4 of **Bill Tyler**, MD '63, and **Kathleen Cox**. The medical couple—Bill's a physician, Kathleen is an RN—live in Dryden, NY. Also living near our alma mater is **Pat Williams**, at Kendal at Ithaca. Now retired, she volunteers at the Northeast Elementary School and works in Kendal at Ithaca's in-house TV channel. **Mar-**

**tin '57** and **Laurie Bloch Schwartz** retired to Pittsfield, MA, in the Berkshires, in 2000 and are enjoying travel, courses, and volunteer work. Laurie writes that she enjoyed attending Marty's 45th Reunion. "It was great to be back on the Hill!" More recently, at a picnic for a new alumni group being formed in the Berkshires, she had the pleasure of talking with **Harry Petchesky** and other Cornellians.

"Jack's Jungle" is the title of an article about landscape architect **Jack Lieber** that appeared in the *Naples (FL) Daily News*. Jack studied horticulture at Cornell and architecture at the U. of Pennsylvania. Since he bought his home in Naples in 1984 he has added three adjoining lots, and now has about an acre of land—a private horticultural preserve that he has named Lieber Garden. Notes the newspaper, "He's labeled individual components: the Roadside, Front Entry, Porch, Upper Terrace, Lower Terrace, and East Gardens." All feature elements of Jack's collection of pink turk's cap, blue ginger, lemon-yellow bromeliads, and some 250 other species of plants. There's even a cycad that "traces its origins back to his days at Cornell."

Continuing her growing interest in history and architecture, **Beth Weinstein** Newburger-Schwartz of Arlington, VA, has started a new career at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. And inspired by the Presidential and Congressional Women's History Commissions that she co-chaired, she wrote a play, *Remember the Women*, which premiered in Washington on March 3 at the National Theater's new playwright's series. Noted the theater on its website: "Witty, warm, and not a little outrageous, this is the story of great American women who moved their cause out of the kitchen and onto the political stage—the only place that counts in Washington."

**Paul McCarthy**, MBA '65, is staying active as a consultant following his recent retirement as senior VP of Schneider National, the nation's largest truckload carrier, where for 23 years he linked operations, engineering, maintenance, and purchasing. He and wife Janet sold their home in Green Bay, WI, and relocated to Pittsboro, NC, near close friends that include **Jack**, PhD '68, and **Phyllis Johnson Evans** and **Bill and Sue Mattison Fraser**. **Marian Fay** Levitt of New York City is keeping busy as a teacher of jewelry design. Her classes at the Fashion Institute have waiting lists, and she has added workshops at the Crafts Students League. Her work was included in a recent exhibition of the New York Bead Society at the New York Craft Museum. "So much for retirement!" she comments.

**Chapman "Chan"** and **Martha "Chris" Drake Young**, longtime residents of Steamboat Springs, CO, also are "nowhere near retirement." They both are self-employed, Chan as a geophysicist, Chris as a psychologist. They are ardent back country skiers and mountain bikers, and since 1993 have enjoyed an annual week of sailing in the eastern Caribbean. **Paul Marcus**, MS '60, of Irvington, NY, estimates that he and his wife put 30,000 miles on their car just on weekends as they ferry their sports-centric high school-age kids: Jacob who plays hockey

and Lenni who's into soccer and softball. "I'm having the time of my life," says Paul. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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Kudos to Dr. **David Stevens** of Saratoga, CA, who was awarded the 2003 award for Outstanding Achievement in Medicine from the Santa Clara County Medical Assn. At a banquet on June 5, David was honored for having established the Infectious Disease Division at the Valley Medical Center and for achieving an international reputation in the field of fungal disease. A faculty member at Stanford U. Medical School and the author of hundreds of medical journal articles, David previously received the Benham Medal from the Medical Mycology Society in 1999. He has served as chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Center since 1972.

**Jay Harris** of New York City, an attorney who specializes in entertainment law, is continuing his successful parallel career as a Broadway theater producer that won him a Tony for Best Play in 1999. Jay has a new musical opening in December at New York's Broadhurst Theater. Entitled *Never Gonna Dance*, it is based on the Fred Astaire/Ginger Rogers movie of 1936, *Swing Time*, and has music by Jerome Kern. For the production, Jay has also signed up the director of *Rent*, the choreographer of *Hairspray*, and the set designer of *The Producers*. Jay's twin offspring, both Cornell graduates, have also found their way into the entertainment world. **Jesse '91** is a songwriter and musician who won a Grammy Award for Song of the Year for "Don't Know Why," recorded by Norah Jones, and is now on tour with his band, The Ferdinandos. Daughter **Jenny**, also '91, is a business news producer for CNN in New York; married to David Faber, host of the CNBC business news program "Squawk Box," Jenny gave birth to Jay's grandson Jonathan in July 2002.

I notice that a number of classmates now fall into the category of "Retired, But in Name Only." Dr. **Jonathan "J.B." Rosefsky** of Haverford, PA, says he "retired in 1999," but he is currently teaching pediatrics at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and was granted four patents by the US government in 2002 for the results of his experimental work in electronic camouflage, propulsion in water, hydroelectric power, and fluid pumping. **James Carter**, MST '65, retired as a school superintendent in 2000 but then took a position as a faculty member at Elmira College. Assisted by his wife **Lois (Lundberg)**, Jim recently spent six weeks overseeing ten Elmira students doing a term at El Puerta de Santa Maria in southern Spain. When not overseas, the Carters can be found in Pine City, NY.

**Charles Shoup** of Riverbank, CA, retired from Smith Barney in August 2001, yet now has a full schedule serving on the boards of two nonprofit organizations, doing volunteer work, and flying regularly to New York City to visit his daughter and two grandchildren. Chuck's wife **Karen (Rice) '64** continues her work as a mar-

riage therapist one or two days a week. **Valerie Decker** Magor is enjoying what sounds like an extremely active retirement on Cape Cod, where she and Robert live in Orleans. She works as a docent on whale-watching boats out of Provincetown, on the outer tip of the Cape, and obviously spends a good deal of time in fitness training, because she competed in her first triathlon in 2002.

**Elaine Moody** Pardoe of Columbia, MD, writes, "I retired from my position as nutrition supervisor at the U. of Maryland Cancer Center in 2001." Since then she's been volunteering and, with husband David, "enjoying our favorite obsessions, birding and genealogy, and also traveling." David is a director of National Audubon, and the Pardoes have been birding in Venezuela and Guyana, as well as the United Kingdom, where they also visited ancestral birthplaces. They have a son in Baltimore, a daughter in Berkeley, and a daughter in Connecticut who, says Elaine, "has been gracious about taking a back seat to the grandson and granddaughter she has produced for our enjoyment."

**Rosine Vance Turner** has moved to a new place in Madison, WI, and now divides her time between Italy and Madison, where she spends six months a year teaching Italian. During her time in Italy, says Rosine, she and **Robert '58** "take short trips nearly every week. Italy is inexhaustible in its treasures." Equally peripatetic but usually within the US borders is **Allyn Smith**, MS '67, found occasionally in Riverside, CA, at his home base, but frequently on the road around the country; Allyn and Joy have now visited most of the 50 states and 43 of the state capitals. Their upcoming plans include a tour of New England. Allyn retired in 1999 after a long career in higher education; he worked more than two decades for Cornell and 14 years for the U. of California. **Bob Lockard** writes that he and Ellen are finally settled into their new Florida home and love it. "We spend our summers in Virginia. We look forward to hearing

and, during two terms as state representative, as chairman of the Connecticut General Assembly Education Committee during a period of significant educational reforms. She also served on PTA Councils in Connecticut and Pennsylvania and taught at the elementary and college levels in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and California. Along with her active professional life, Marilyn and her husband D'Arcy raised five sons, four of whom survive her, along with eight grandchildren, including 4-year-old triplets. Marilyn was the sister of **Howard Miller '59** and **Gerry Miller Jennings '62**. Send news to ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

**61** The university has announced that **Jack Neafsey**, MBA '63, has endowed the John P. and Rilla Neafsey Professor of Computing, Information Science, and Business. The first holder of this chair is Professor Daniel Huttenlocher, who has a dual appointment in Business and in Information Science. Jack, who served as a trustee for 16 years, hopes his endowment will "stimulate cross-fertilization" between the two departments, according to an article in the university publication *Communiqué*. **Bob Lurcott**, MRP '68, has been inducted into the elite membership of the American Inst. of Certified Planners' College of Fellows for achievement in the field of urban and rural planning. He was cited for "improving the livability of large, older cities, particularly his adopted city of Pittsburgh."

Attendees at the Class of '61 May outing at the New York Botanical Gardens included the following: **Elizabeth and Gerrit White**, **Marshall and Rosanna Romanelli Frank**, **Walt**, MBA '63, and **Jean Springer Cottrell '63**, **Ellie Browner Greco**, **Joel**, PhD '65, and **Suzanne Wolff Wiener**, **Irene and Jerry Davis**, **Dale Abrams Adams**, **Judith and Ed Goldman**, **Neila Cruickshank Werner**, **Ray and Judy Gubman Goldfaden**, **Elise and Frank Cuzzi**, MBA '64, **Linda**

**Narins** enjoyed a visit last fall from her roommate **Jackie Siegel Zacks**. **Deanna Palmer Kaplan**, M Ed '62, got together with **Iris Figarsky Litt-Vaughn** and **Jackie Bugnion '62** in Paris last year. **Ted Rauch**, **Geoffrey Worden**, and **Terry Flynn**, MBA '64, met for dinner in NYC. **John King** and **Don Feuss** also got together in NYC last fall. **Midge (Lorig) '62** and **Bob Leventry**, BME '66, were guests at the wedding of **Pete Bomberger's** son **Craig** in Maryland.

**Therese "Terry" Elzas** married Carl Degler, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian from Stanford, in 2000, and she just retired from the sociology department at California State U. **Diane Stewart** Suits of Manchester, NH, retired three years ago. She regularly visits Denver to be with her son Brian, his wife Jean, and her grandchildren. Diane also gets to Montpelier, VT, to see her son Andy.

We report with sadness that **Frank Loew**, DVM '65, passed away in April. Formerly Dean of Cornell's School of Veterinary Medicine, Frank had a distinguished academic career. He was serving in his fifth year as president of Becker College in Massachusetts at the time of his death. It was said that "he knew many of the 1,000 students and every employee by name, and never failed to greet all with a warm smile and a hearty welcome." Frank previously served as Dean of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts U., and as a faculty member at both Johns Hopkins and Canada's U. of Saskatchewan. He was also a visiting scientist at MIT.

On Nov. 1, '03, members of the class will get together in Princeton to watch the Big Red football team trounce the Tigers. There will be a luncheon prior to the game. Interested classmates can contact me at the e-mail address below for information about tickets and other details. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu.

**62** June 23 was the big day for **Neil Schilke**, MME '64's retirement party from GM. It seems that will give him more time for his involvement with Society of Automotive Engineers. Class prez **Alex Vollmer**, MCE '64, and Marilyn Raymond joined in the retirement party festivities. Neil and Ro (neroschilke@aol.com) are building a new home in Michigan, where Neil has formed Schilke Systems Engineering LLC, a consulting firm with several projects for GM already on the docket.

Several newly-discovered addresses to report—thanks to those of you who responded to the "Lost Classmates" list! **Roger Worden** can be found in Naples, NY. **Abraham Genack** lives in Ashland, OR, where he is a psychiatrist and father to 13-year-old twins. **S. Jon King** is in Sequim, WA (also a beautiful spot to visit!), and active in efforts to preserve Sequim from the likes of Wal-Mart! Dr. **Nona Okun** Rowat provided updates on Abraham and Jon (parenthetical comment is mine) from her home in Vancouver, BC. She finished biking the Pacific Crest Trail, all 2,658 miles of it, from Mexico to Canada during the past four summers. She works part-time in medical clinics; husband Peter is a math researcher.

More addresses: **Judith Stein** Goldstein, **Jack**

## 'Jay Harris, an attorney, is continuing his successful parallel career as a Broadway theater producer.'

JUDY BRYANT WITTENBERG '60

from any Class of '60 folks visiting in the Naples/Southwest Florida area." Bob lives in Estero and can be reached at Bobnellen.lockard@aol.com

The sad news about the death from cancer on April 6 of **Marilyn Miller Roche** of San Mateo, CA, came to me from several sources, including a lengthy obituary that appeared in the Wilton, CT, *Bulletin* sent by **Ron Demer '59**. Marilyn lived in Wilton for more than two decades before moving to California and was well known in the region for her service as chairman of the Wilton Board of Education

and **Jeff Kernis**, BEE '63, **Andy Algava**, Elke and **Peter Greenberg**, **Marilyn (Schur) '63** and **Gary Hellinger**, **Sheila Weinrub** Trossman, **Barbara Potter** Sperry and daughter **Susan '92**, and **Carol Gittlin** Franklin.

In January, **Robert Walker**, MD '68, was enrolled in an Adult University (CAU) Off-Campus Study tour entitled From Columbus to Castro: Landscapes and Legacies of Cuba. Other participants in Study Tours this past year were Rilla and Jack Neafsey (That Wall of Separation: Church and State in America).

Classmates visiting classmates: **Ellen Brock**

**Himmelstein**, and **Peter** and **Marcy Schuck** are all in NYC. Peter (peter.schuck@yale.edu) has been teaching at Yale Law School (currently as the Simeon E. Baldwin professor) for the past quarter-century. He won a Fulbright lecturing award to India. Peter's new book is *Diversity in America: Keeping Government at a Safe Distance*, published this year by Harvard Press. **Judith Engeldrum** Eggers of Eatontown, NJ, lets us know that **Joan Patrick** Heiser is in Gambier, OH. Joan is secretary of the CUNY Class of 1962 School of Nursing. Philadelphia is still home to **Caroline Simon** (cmsimon@earthlink.net). Reach **David** and **Margaret Thomas** in Kennett Square, PA (Bear-Thomas@msn.com).

More grandchildren to report! **Mickey Langsfeld** (Mickey4@comcast.net) welcomed **Jordan Amanda** last September in L.A. Mickey, who lives in Meadowbrook, PA, is busy planning his high school reunion with co-collaborators **Dick Stern** and **Joe Meyer**. Also born in California was **Vincent** and **Frances Denn** Gallogly's first grandchild, **Sean Tao Gallogly**. Last fall, the Galloglys traveled to Ireland from their Westport, CT, home. Vin is adjunct professor at Cooper-Union, teaching law and ethics and entrepreneurship. Also celebrating the arrival of a first grandchild, a girl, is **Emilie Schmidt** Kane. Emilie is director of the Office of Sponsored Programs (research administration) at East Carolina U. in Greenville, NC. The Kanes' son and family live in nearby Raleigh. Emilie welcomes Cornell travelers who find themselves in eastern North Carolina. **Morton '61** and **Nancy Simon Hodin**'s new grandson arrived in January in Buffalo. The Hodin home is in Lexington, MA.

The latest book (his 19th) for **Will Anderson** of Bath, ME, is entitled *The Lost New England Nine*, a tribute to the best of New England's forgotten ballplayers of the past. "Great photos, too!" After being snowbirds for two years, **Bob** and **Penny Zemanek** Greenboam (penrob@cfl.rr.com) moved their home and graphic design business from Westchester to Port Orange, FL, near Daytona. "We're enjoying the friendly, relaxed, outdoor lifestyle!" **Francine Olman** Hardaway (francine@stealthmode.com) is a busy lady: "In 2002, I was an Eller entrepreneurial fellow at the Eller Graduate School of Business, U. of Arizona. I now own an accelerator for early state technology companies called Stealthmode Partners (www.stealthmode.com) and I just completed a screenplay based on my ten years of foster parenting. I am currently the mother of a chow-chow and a golden retriever, and I live in the only luxury high rise in Phoenix, AZ. I also write the 'Under the Radar' column for *BizAZ* Magazine."

Another busy classmate is **Ed Fagin** (ed.fagin@aol.com): "I am now president and CEO of Vector Therapeutics Corp., an early stage biotech and gene therapy company currently focusing on curing cancer, with great success in mice to date. Most of my time is spent raising money and seeking industry collaborations. I am engaged to **Adrienne Landau**, a very successful fashion designer known for her beautiful wraps and other accessories, which are sold in luxury stores. We have been together for

seven years. Leisure time is spent at our home in Mattituck, on the cliffs overlooking Long Island sound, or traveling, which we do for both business and pleasure. I'd love to hear from classmates either by phone or e-mail."

Brief notes from family members inform us of two classmates' deaths. **George Freeman** wrote that **Marion (Lahti)** passed away January 30. **Edward "Ted" Tinker** died on May 5. We send our condolences to the families.

Your news is needed! Send to ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034-6721; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu; tel., (503) 636-6785.

**R** 63 The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 74.

64 Well! Ask and ye shall receive! I asked for new news for the column and got a lot! Thanks to all who contributed; I look forward to getting more.

After nearly 40 years of this column (!), first-timers are rare. Yet they occasionally check in. **David Austin**, MS EP '67, is one. An engineer by education, David has been a computer programmer with Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory for 35 years, having at one time worked on designing nuclear reactors for the Navy. From using a slide rule at Cornell to many generations of computers and supercomputers, he currently works on the latest multi-processing clusters and is planning on retiring next year. He and wife **Mary Anne** live in Scotia, NY, and have a grown son and daughter. They met in 1967 when they were paired as the tallest usher and usherette, respectively, at his roommate's wedding.

**Miriam Nathan** Roberts isn't a newcomer here, but she hasn't been in for 19 years. "Mitzi" is a print- and quilt-maker—a self-employed textile artist. Last January, she and husband **Peter** journeyed to Japan, where she was named one of the 30 most distinguished quilt-makers in the world, with one of her quilts being cited as one of the hundred best quilts of the 20th century. Mitzi's other favorite activities are reading, painting, and dancing. The Roberts live in Berkeley, CA, and have a son in college.

This could be a first: classmate news that includes an Internet personal website reference. It comes from **James Hunt**, who works for Embassy Investment Ltd. in Singapore. He has an investment house in Phuket, Thailand, a seaside resort, which he uses for 7-10 days a month and otherwise rents out. The website is a promotion for the rental. If you're interested, check it out: [www.housephuket.com](http://www.housephuket.com). Jim is also involved in luxury housing development in Phuket. **Peter Klappert**, who we last heard from 16 years ago, lives in Washington, DC, and is an English professor at George Mason U. in nearby Virginia. Peter is also an essayist and poet whose collection of verse, *Chokecherries: New and Selected Poems, 1966-1999*, was published by Orchises Press in 2000. **Susan Wolff** Markert also hasn't appeared here since 1987. She's now hap-

pily retired, living with husband **Philip** in Washington Depot, CT.

**Paul Roman**, PhD '68, who last appeared here in 1988, is a distinguished research professor of sociology at the U. of Georgia, where he has been since 1986. He and wife **Terry**, who have two pre-teen children, are active in historic preservation on a personal level, as they live in and maintain a 163-year-old antebellum home in Madison, GA. **Patrick Vitale**, last here in 1989, is retired and lives in Pocono Lake, PA. **Robert Cochran** is also retired, this after 30 years with Shell Oil Co. **Bob** and wife **Anne (Snouffer)** '65 live in Houston, but escape the Texas summer heat at a cottage in New Hampshire, spending time with their grown son **John '93** and daughter and her family on the East Coast. Yet another happy retiree is **Richard Church**, who lives with wife **Joyce Payne** in Freeville, NY. The Churches have the distinction of all their children being Cornell grads: **Sheryl '89**, **Deborah '92**, and **Stephen '95**. They spend their time visiting their far-flung children and their families, who live in upstate New York, New Mexico, and Washington, DC, and visiting other family and friends in Florida in the winter.

Attorney **Dick D'Amato** is not retired, as he is vice chairman of the US-China Congressional Advisory Commission. Dick recently went to New Zealand for a speaking tour on US-China relations and took time out to walk the Milford Track. In 2002, he received a special award from the Sierra Club (but for what, he does not specify). He and wife **Dee** live in Annapolis, MD, where he is very active in local history and culture, being on the boards of Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Annapolis Symphony, and the Annapolis Maritime Museum. Dick is also into sailboat racing.

Also busy on the lecture circuit is physician **Michael Siegel**, who has spoken lately in Santa Fe, NM, Birmingham, AL, San Antonio, TX, and New Orleans. Michael is past president of the American College of Nuclear Medicine and is a professor of radiology at the U. of Southern California—yet he and wife **Marsha** have lived for the last two years in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. He spends most of the work week at home, communicating via the Internet. Michael was recently named by his peers as one of the "Best Physicians in America." The Siegels have a grown son and daughter. His interests include

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tennis, golf, and painting; he encourages any classmates who happen to be in the area and want to play tennis or golf to call him.

Pre-reunion stuff: Physician **Paul Goldstein**, MD '68, reports that he and wife Gillian recently left home in La Jolla, CA, for NYC, where they joined **Bob Tracy**, **Mickey Pollock**, **Richie Berman**, and **Stephen "Butch" Thomas** and wife **Ellen (Fluhr)** '65 to celebrate Butch's 60th birthday. Paul writes: "It was a great event and we all committed to the 40th Reunion in 2004." Jim and

position as Regional Director, Northeastern States for VIF, the Visiting International Faculty Program. VIF is a cultural exchange program that recruits experienced teachers from abroad and places them in US schools for three year terms. My work with international students at Cornell and my post-graduation experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand have come in handy in my new career."

**Michael Schwarting**, MArch '68, writes that he and wife Frances Campani started an archi-

**Alfred Center**, ME Ch '66, and wife **Ingrid (Berlin)** '66 were in Bahrain in February to attend a wedding and to visit with many old friends. "Despite the world situation at the time, there was nothing but love and friendship in the air." Al is now in his fifth year as an "industrial practitioner" at the Chem E school and says the students are incredibly impressive. He says it's "good to see that we are still attracting the best." **Jane Harris** writes that after closure of American Cyanamid's R & D facility, she became a consultant in toxicology to the pharmaceutical industry. She made this career shift so she could stay in the Princeton area, which she loves. Her son Tristan Longino is attending U. of Richmond, and daughter **Moirra Longino** '00 received her MFA from Rutgers in '02.

For the fourth year in a row **Phil** '62, MArch '65, and **Maddy Gell Handler** have spent the past year capturing the lives of graduates of the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning for a reunion video production. This year they featured seven AAP alumni celebrating their 40th Reunion. While on campus they ran into **Jules** '63 and **Lynn Korda Kroll** and **Mark** '63 and **Carolyn Press Landis**. Please send news or updates to ♦ **Dennis Norfleet**, 3187 State Rt. 48, Oswego, NY 13126; tel., (315) 342-0457; e-mail, dpn5@cornell.edu; **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248) 788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu; and **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028.

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BEV JOHNS LAMONT '64

I look forward to seeing them and all of you there too; mark your calendar for June 10-13, 2004.

Horseman **John Franzreb** still produces or officiates at major equestrian events around the country, and is already looking forward to the 2012 Olympics (which he hopes will be in NYC)—and Equestrian Olympics on Staten Island, where he and wife Judith live. John also enjoys travel, tennis, being a grandfather, interviewing local candidates for Cornell through the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), and serving on several boards, of which his top priority is Boy Scouts of America. **Eric Aschaffenburg** is also involved with horses, as he operates a horse farm with wife Karol in Pass Christian, MS. In his position as board president of the Humane Society, Eric is very caught up with animals in general; his farm houses 12 dogs, three cats, five sheep, and a parrot, in addition to six horses. Eric writes passionately: "Spay/neuter your pets and stop euthanasia!"

Sad news: **Bernie Moss** reported that wife **Neysa (Post)** was gravely ill with brain cancer, and the university learned that she died on May 21. Bernie is a history professor in London, England, and is publishing a new book, "The European Union as Neo-Liberal Construction: The Monetarist Turn." Keep the news coming! And be sure to visit and contribute to our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns Lamont**, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

**65** As you read this column, contemplate that our soon to be installed President graduated twelve years after we did!

**Gerald Isaacson** e-mailed that his daughter **Rachel** '03 graduated in May from the College of Arts and Sciences (*cum laude* with distinction). She is now the Jewish Student Life Coordinator for Cornell Hillel. He then went on to say, "I retired from my job as principal of the Valley View School in Lebanon Township at the end of December. In March I started my new

tectural practice in 2001 in Port Jefferson, NY—Campani and Schwarting Architects. In October 2002 he had a NYC architectural project published in *Architectural Record* and won a Long Island AIA Archi Award in Historical Adaptive Re-use. From Boston, **Francis McGuire** notes that he recently founded Frank McGuire Architects Inc. His firm's focus is on custom residential work, historic restoration and preservation, and design planning and consulting for colleges, universities, and private secondary schools. He and wife Deb Hanley continue to spend more time in Mexico combining fishing, diving, and long-term study of the Mayan culture.

**William Fine** writes, "After years of recreational sweeps rowing, I entered a three-mile race in October 2002. Competing against 14 other eight-person crews, mostly from colleges and high schools, my crew, with a median age of 46, finished third: two minutes, ten seconds behind the winner, a 'novice' crew from Army." **Joan Spurgeon** Brennan and husband Larry have relocated to Denver and she writes, "I didn't like the retire word, but leaving our positions was part of the change. Wishing a change from suburban life we moved into the city. Have been made very welcome by fellow PiPhi **Andrea Shulman** Williams." Joan says that exploring the ways to use her skills in the area of non-profit management is building a solid local network.

**Michael Burns** notes that he is retired from the US Army, and **Walter "Bud" Moos** is a retired Colonel from the US Marine Corps. Bud enjoys golf and sailing. From Nebraska, **Larry Smith** says that he and wife Betty will be visiting New York more frequently, as their daughter Adrienne will be attending NYU. **Barbara Turner Baird** writes that she and fellow Cornellian **Frank Dawson** '72 teach together in the communication department at Santa Monica College. They led a group of 25 students in a study abroad program in Norway, where the students studied journalism and broadcasting at the Danvick Media School near Oslo. They hope to take another group again soon.

**66** Retirement is slowly becoming a way of life for many classmates. **Cynthia Wagman Sommer** (cindysommer@hotmail.com) has retired from IBM after spending 25 years as a programmer, technical writer, and information technology manager. She now works with her husband in his executive search firm. Their daughter **Jackie** '92, DVM '97, practices small animal medicine in northern Virginia. **Roger Emerson**, MA IN T '69 (emersonr@eznet.net) has retired from teaching general biology and earth science at Geneva (NY) High School. He now keeps busy traveling with wife **Carol (Hoffman)**, GR '69-70, enjoying their grandson, and helping others. Their travel included a cruise for their 35th anniversary. Also learning to enjoy retired life is **Thomas Harvey III** (tbharvey@att.net). He officially retired in 2001, but a consulting job kept him busy for more than a year after that. Another teacher has left the system. **Wayne L'Amoreaux** (Wlammer@aol.com) and wife recently moved to Vancouver, WA, to live near family. Wayne was a junior high school science teacher for 34 years.

Some of us are selectively easing toward retirement. **Irene Green Blumenkranz** has been a software developer and an attorney and would now like to do senior health and fitness training. Her sons Joshua and Aaron are married and live in Los Angeles and Seattle, respectively. **Brian** and **Helga Cranston** are enjoying being new grandparents. Brian works part-time as a substitute teacher in Bedford, NH. In the fall of last year he did an eight-week stint in middle school.



He truly appreciates the hard work and responsibility that teachers take on for our children. When he's not subbing, the ski slopes are there for him. **Joe** and **Nancy Jaffe** (jjaffe@ix.net.com.net) celebrated their 25th anniversary last December. Their son Adam is at Yale, and their daughter Amanda is in high school. **Catherine Eugenia Brown Sander** (ebs17@cornell.edu) spent last year as second vice president of the Cornell Hotel Society. CHS events took her to Florence, Italy, Ithaca, Las Vegas, Williamsburg, VA, and New York City. She was able to visit several classmates as she traveled.

Dr. **Lee Lindquist** (lindqbike@aol.com) is part of a medical group in Coeur d'Alene, ID. It is a traditional fee-for-service group with no HMO. Lee and wife **Joan (Buchsbaum) '68** now have two grandchildren whose mother is **Kirsten Lindquist Wallace '92**. Lee and Joan love living in Idaho and spend time in an area rich in skiing, biking, kayaking, snowmobiling, and running. **Arnold Berger**, PhD '71 (aberger@u.washington.edu) indicates that his book *Embedded System Design* is in a second printing and was translated into Chinese. A combination of work, travel, and personal interests keep **Carol Farren** busy. She was selected to be on a 14-member panel by the US Navy to evaluate operation of facilities valued at \$200 billion. She is a Certified Management Consultant. Her travels took her white-water rafting in Idaho and to Cancun, Mexico, where she visited the ruins at Tulum. Carol is busy building a new foundation under her 1832 barn. She also started an animal shelter for the rescue and care of stray and abandoned cats and dogs. Her e-mail is fmww@earthlink.net.

From **Jeff Collins** (jcollins@ampappas.com) comes news of an unplanned temporary removal from the job market. He spent time seeking a position allowing him to continue in the Research Triangle Park area of North Carolina. Jeff is now vice president, Transaction Advisory Group at A.M. Pappas, a leading life sciences venture capital company. He will be advising clients (drug or medical device companies, biotech companies, and the like) on licensing and strategic alliances. His past work and education experiences should serve him well in this area. In May 2002 Jeff and his wife Rose Mills were in Turkey. They visited Istanbul, Cappadocia, and Ephesus, and then took a five-day cruise in a *gulet*, a small Turkish sailboat.

We want to thank all of you who have sent in updates this past dues year. Bear with us, we will get the news in. There are only six issues, our lead times are long, and space is limited. You can contact us directly or send info to **Roy Troxel** for inclusion on the website. ♦ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **John Miers**, John\_Miers@nih.gov; **Bill Blockton**, rbsfabrics@aol.com.

**67** It's always tough when we have to remind you that things can take a while to show up in this not-quite-flash-news venue. An example was a notice of an exhibit of the art of **Amanda Means** (Ameans9933@aol.com) at

New York City's Ricco/Maresca Gallery: "Utilizing the narrow subject matter of mass-produced, industrial light bulbs, she coaxes a variety of expressiveness in straightforward light and form. She works in numerous formats, including large-scale, black and white photographs, hand-printed individually, and unique Polaroids . . . She is a master printer widely known in museum and gallery circles for her work printing many important series of photographs, including Robert Mapplethorpe's."

**Candace Baldwin** Richards (Bryn Mawr, PA; candy.richards@verizon.net) reports celebrating her sixth wedding anniversary—"Blended family, therefore, of my 25-year-old Katie (Trinity '99) and 20-year-old son Chad (Vanderbilt '04), and Jon's 31-year-old son in New Jersey and 30-year-old daughter in NYC—with a cruise to the northernmost spot on Norway's coast. All possible due to our retirement, and after a miraculous kidney transplant for me last March ['02]. Please put organ-donating on your licenses!" Candy's also been in touch with **Marcia Latimore** Vose, **Judy Brown** Lillis, and **Carol Borelli**.

**Dick Margolis** (Ventnor, NJ; dick@premierse.com) reports that "go-go days are over!" He's in seashore real estate in New Jersey, and a lifetime member of the NJAR Distinguished Sales Club. He says, with children Amy, 26, in San Diego, Stacey, 26, in Richmond, and MayaJoelle, 1-1/2, in Richmond, "I'm feeling old." **Jeff Serfass**, ME E '71 (Washington, DC; jserfass@ttcorp.com) reports his company, Technology Transition Corp., helps companies with solar, hydrogen, and fuel strategies. "I quit work at 55 and moved to the sun," writes **Victor Zion** (Miami Beach, FL; zioni@bellsouth.net). "Big house, too much room, visitors welcome. All five kids are now out of the house." **James Crawford**, ME M '68 (Oakton, VA; jwcrawfo@aol.com) retired in August '02 from the federal government and became a management consultant with Booz Allen & Hamilton. **Les Glick**, JD '70 (Washington, DC; trevy2@aol.com) gave the Berger Int'l Law Lecture at Cornell Law

primary care psychiatry, disease-management consulting in the health care industry, and health services research in behavioral medicine.

Two deaths last year were brought to our attention by *ILR Connections*: **John H. Bruns III** on Sept. 14, '02, and **Barry Gold** on Oct. 12, '02. Both were amiable gentlemen: John had served as a class officer and Barry was an Albany attorney specializing in health care.

It was her own decision that brings my daughter Vanessa to the Hill this fall in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. If it wasn't, she just decided to keep us on tenterhooks a little longer while making the rounds in April. I guess that nice weather during her visit did the trick. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com; tel., (202) 667-6481.

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**69** Last summer's Hayman wildfire in Colorado was too close for **Al Hagedorn**. He reports that it was "literally across the road." Due to a continuing drought, Al provides water to about 450 families and has cut his cattle herd by half. But he says, "at least we are still in the business." Recently Al had the honor of representing Cornell at Richard Celeste's inauguration as president of Colorado College. Al has been a part-time visiting professor there for several years. The college is noted for its block plan, where students take one course for three and a half weeks. In other news from that state, **Ted Gill**, ME I '70, tells us he is a stockbroker living in Aurora with wife Susan. He is the father of Andy, 32, Shelley, 28, Allison, 24, Tyler, 24, and Nick, 22.

**Samuel** and **Ann Goldsholl Varsano** say they are an "all Cornell family." Their son **Douglas '98** married **Lori Kowalczyk '99**. Their older son **Joshua '94** was the best man, and his wife **Karen (Ellis) '94** was a bridesmaid. When

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School on "World of International Trade After Sept. 11" and was elected to the board of the Cornell Club of Washington.

Another Berger lecture was given at this year's reunion by another **Berger**, **Sandy** by name (sberger@stonebridge-international.com), who was this year's Olin lecturer at wife **Susan (Harrison)**'s '68 reunion. Dr. **Steven Locke** became president of the American Psychosomatic Society this past March. He's a staff psychiatrist at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and associate professor of health sciences and technology at MIT. He divides his time among clinical practice of pri-

all the Cornellians at the wedding were counted, they comprised about a quarter of the attendees. Samuel says, "We took a group picture and sang the Alma Mater during the portrait." Samuel has more news; he retired from his position as a sales executive and pursued his passion, teaching. Sam joined the staff of the middle school where Ann has taught for 21 years. **Alan Shine-man** and his wife Genny are proud of their daughter **Diana '02**, who is a fourth-generation Cornellian. She is continuing in graduate study with a fellowship at the U. of Pennsylvania's school of medicine in the field of cell and molecular biology. Alan also writes that he traveled to Los Angeles, Boston, and New York City

with his son Doug on a college tour. Doug is breaking the Cornell tradition and plans to study film production.

**John Mittleman** and wife Nancy also have a daughter at the U. of Pennsylvania. Elise started her residency in animal critical care. The Mittlemans' younger daughter Jena is participating in NYC's experiment in elementary education, teaching an inner city second grade class. John is currently a fellow in MIT's Seminar XXI, a national strategic studies program. At the time of writing, he was looking forward to catching a "huge brown trout" in New Zealand on holiday. **Barbara Bessey** and husband had an enjoyable 2002 filled with a number of international trips. They vacationed in Iceland, followed by a sail along the eastern coast of Greenland, where they saw "huge and beautiful icebergs." On another trip, the couple spent several weeks exploring the national parks of India, which included riding elephants to get a close look at tigers. Barbara celebrated 25 years with her employer, The American Inst. for Research in Palo Alto, CA, where she is the lead managing director for an analysis program.

From San Diego, **Barbara Gast** Morhaim writes that she is a library media teacher in the city's unified school district. **Ellen Isaacson** Goldman is still teaching high school and running Noscaasi Ink Screen Printing. Her son **Brent '98** works in NYC, her daughter Beth graduated from Fordham Law School and went

to work for O'Melveny and Meyers, and her youngest son **Jason '03** graduated from the Hotel school. **Sally Weisberg** Goldberg, MS '71, has daughters Cynthia, 27, and Deborah, 22. Sally tells us that in addition to writing books on parenting, she conducts workshops and gives presentations and keynote speeches to help parents and caregivers get their children off to the best start possible in the first years of life. In her free time, Sally runs, swims, and pursues yoga and pilates.

During the summer of 2001, **Cyndie Taylor** Foley attended a "wonderful" School of Nursing reunion at the home of **Jeanne Wolff** Jenkins in Colorado. Cyndie also writes about her family that includes Katy, 27, who is getting a master's degree in social work at Boston College, Timm, 24, who works for Home Depot, and Betsy, 21, who is attending Moravian College. **Eric Snyder** informs us his son David is serving in the Coast Guard. Ithaca's restaurateur **Etienne Merle** married Marcia Ervay in 2002. ♦ **Arda Coyle** Boucher, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

**70** After selling his small Internet Company in 2001, **Felix Kramer** returned to his activist and environmental roots. For the past two years, he has been working to launch The California Cars Initiative, calcars.org, a "buyers club" to bring the second generation of hybrid

vehicles to California. While doing this, he also had brain surgery for a benign acoustic neuroma. Happily, the outcome was good! Here is a history of Mr. Kramer's name (I was unsure whether to use Larry or Felix, so I asked). His name is Lawrence Felix Kramer and while at Cornell he was mostly Larry ("LFK" when he ran on an anti-Vietnam war slate for student government). He liked Felix, even though as a kid he got called "Felix the Cat." In 1990 he switched when he was becoming a parent and an author. One friend calls him Ex-Lar.

Felix and wife **Rochelle Lefkowitz '72** have also celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son Joshua, who is starting to show interest in Cornell. They were joined at the event by **Alan Snitow**, **R. Thomas Jones '68**, **BArch '69**, **Bruce Dancis '69**, and **Susan Berger**, **Ronnie Kauder**, and **Lynn Little**, all '72. They live in Redwood City, CA, and can be reached by e-mail at felix@nlightning.com and fkramer@calcars.org.

May is travel month for **Andrew '69** and **Jean Love Goldstein**. First they were in L.A. for the graduation of their son **Aaron '00** from USC Law. Next they went to Cornell for the graduation of their son **Michael**, whose major was computational biology. In the summer they helped Aaron and wife Janet relocate to Seattle, where he begins his law career with the firm of Dorsey and Whitney. Michael is working at the Vaccine and Gene Therapy Inst. (VGTI), which is part of the Oregon Health Sciences U. Jean and Andrew continue to live in Portland, OR. Jean's e-mail is anjeama@netscape.net. Andrew is in his fourth year as a member of the CALS Advisory Council. ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; conmae2@aol.com.

**71** The spring dues mailing brought some fresh updates from our classmates. Thank you to everyone who filled out the news card. Let's get right to the news. Many of our classmates have travel on their minds, and our peripatetic classmate travel reports cover the world. Writing from Worcester, MA, **Bari Boyer** reports that she has been hiking in Patagonia, New Zealand, the Canadian Rockies, and Tasmania. She produces programs for a multi-media communications company and was named "Communicator of the Year" by the local Society of Professional Communicators. The award came in connection with an interactive CD she produced on early American Art for the Worcester Art Museum. She plans to tour Southeast Asia while husband **Marshall Katzen '68** provides volunteer medical services in Vietnam.

**Richard Zelman** of Coconut Grove, FL, says he wants to travel more after visiting Copenhagen, St. Petersburg, Russia, and the Sierra Madre Mountains in Mexico. He spent last Christmas in Chile. **Kristin Vandenberg** Whitfield spent three months in Sweden last year visiting friends from her exchange student days. Travel didn't keep her from finishing a master's degree in Chinese acupuncture and opening an acupuncture practice. She and husband William live in East Orleans, MA. Daugh-

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ter Emily is entering medical school, and son Colin is pursuing artistic endeavors in NYC. **Tim Hess** reports that last year he took some time off from the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Arlington, VA, to travel to Seward, AK, and Big Sky, MT. **Richard Mandel** of Sudbury, MA, was recently appointed acting dean of the undergraduate program at Babson College.

If you've been wondering what to do with that old K&E metal slide rule cluttering up your desk, you might consider sending it to **John Commito** in Frederick, MD. His collection numbers over 600 slide rules and calculating slides. John and **Ann (Catalinotto)** spent a sabbatical year living and working in Pisa, Italy. They report a visit to **Jay** and **Kate Kaplan** in Pennsylvania, where Jay is chair of environmental studies at Gettysburg College. Dr. **Jonathan Collin** entered his 20th year publishing a print magazine devoted to alternative medicine, the *Townsend Letter for Doctors and Patients*. His goal is to get recognition of alternative medicine. He and his wife live in Woodinville, WA. They have two children.

"I am continuing to work part-time as an adult career assessment provider and in the field of subsidized housing for the elderly," reports **Paula Greenberg Jarnicki**. She remains active with Haddassah volunteer work on local and national levels. Paula and Harold live in Cincinnati. Their son Brent plans to join his Dad's law firm after graduation from Ohio State School of Law. Daughter Judy graduated from U. of Michigan and wants to pursue a career in nursing home administration. **Alan Mittman** moved to Ithaca two years ago and loves every minute of it. "I was fortunate enough to achieve two goals. I now work at Cornell in the Office of Workforce Diversity, Equity, and Life Quality investigating discrimination complaints, and I have started a teaching career at Tompkins Cortland Community College." **Steve Fierce** of Doylestown, PA, has Cornell children **Ben '02** and **Kate '98**. He is currently a VP at Emerson Electric in Philadelphia.

In other news, **Linda Germaine-Miller** tells me that she and husband **Joe Miller '69** had dinner with **Tim Harris**, JD '74 (tim.harris@timcorfinancial.com) and wife **Loni** in Los Angeles. Tim heads up Timcor, a company that acts as the qualified intermediary in IRC 1031 exchanges. Tim explains, "When someone sells investment real estate, we hold their funds pursuant to a written exchange agreement until they purchase a replacement investment property. We work with real estate brokers, attorneys, title companies, CPAs, and investors all over the country to assist them." Tim is a grandpa to three lovely little girls, children of his son Aron and daughter-in-law Stephanie. Aron and his family live nearby in L.A., where Aron attends Pepperdine U. School of Business. Tim and Loni's daughter Elizabeth is a junior at U. of San Diego, also pursuing a business degree. Daughter **Brianna** will be a freshman at Cornell (Class of '07), and son **Sam**, a ninth grader, is following in his dad's footsteps on the high school water polo team.

It was a lovely evening in Stamford, CT, last

April when I and several Cornellians and classmates joined **Elliot** and **Kathy Mandel** to celebrate daughter Sara's bat mitzvah. Among the celebrants were **Jan** and **Debbie Greene Rothman '73**, **Rich** and **Melinda Levin**, and **Richard Halpern** and his wife Ellen. ♦ **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, linda\_germaine-miller@vmed.org.

**72** We want to extend a hearty Class of 1972 welcome to **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, the new President of Cornell. In case you missed the announcement, Jeff comes to us from the U. of Michigan Law School, where he was dean. He has the distinction of being the first Cornell graduate to become president of our university. Congratulations, Jeff. May you have a long and distinguished tenure.

It was great to hear from freshman football teammate **Owen Snyder**, who sent an e-mail to tell me the big news that he was married on Feb. 15, '03 (the day after Valentine's Day). It is not the first marriage for Owen, but he says that he finds it absolutely unbelievable to have met Holly, his true life-partner, at his age. Holly and Owen had quite the Cornell wedding. Best man was former Big Red baseball star **Peter Watzka '71** and one of the groomsmen was none other than "ol' No. 44," **Ed Marinaro**. Owen attached some great photos to the e-mail, which unfortunately I can't insert into this column. The newlyweds had a lovely honeymoon in Maui and are back trying to put two households into one, sell houses, etc. Living in Orlando, FL, Owen has an opportunity to have many Cornellians visit. Among them have been Delta Upsilon fraternity brothers **John Yaros** (or Dr. Yaros as we call him), **Joseph "Skip" Daino**, **John Dougherty**, **Jim Parolie**, **John Peterson**, **Fred Hofer**, and the aforementioned Mr. Marinaro (not a fraternity brother). Owen says that as you might imagine, Orlando is quite the vacation spot, so the hospitality industry looms large. **Steve LeBruto** and Owen chat quite often. Steve is assistant dean at U. of Central Florida business school. **Peter Watzka '71** and **Doc Malone** are doing great with Marriott's Vacation Club International, as is Owen's Hotel school classmate **Steve Weisz**. Owen was kind enough to invite me to join him at Bay Hill for a round of golf if I'm ever in the Orlando area. Unfortunately, Owen has already warned me not to expect him to give any shots.

**Alan Lisbon** is chief of the Division of Critical Care Medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center in Boston, where he is an anesthesiologist and internist. Alan's daughter **Amy** just graduated from Connecticut College, and daughter **Emily** is a sophomore at Middlebury College. **Leonard Joseph** is a senior VP and principal with Thornton-Tomasetti Engineers in NYC. He authored a book for schoolchildren (and adults), *Skyscrapers Inside and Out* (Rosen Publishing). It was ready to print in the summer of 2001, but delayed and revised to reflect current events, before being published in 2002. The book fills a need for solid information on the planning, design, construction, and operation of sky-

scrapers. **Peter Katona** of Los Angeles has been very active with activities related to biological terrorism preparedness, including talks to the Cornell Club of L.A., as well as a course taught on campus in Ithaca. **Caroline Beeson** moved to Southern California after 20 years in Washington, DC. She and her husband consider Southern California a paradise.

**Anthony Provenzano**, MD '76, keeps trying to entice this correspondent, **Bruce McGeoch**, ME E '73, and others to visit him in Westchester County for a round of golf and a game at Yankee Stadium. Tony's daughter **Juliette** is a senior at Columbia and president of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. Son **Frank** is a sophomore at Columbia and is on the rugby team. No word from Tony about his pet Pug, **Pugsy**. **Jerry Goldman** and wife **Mary** returned from visiting son **Michael '04**, who was taking a semester in Seville, Spain. Jerry says that Spain is quite an experience, but nothing like the experience of our junior year spring semester in 1971. (Seems like we had quite an experience every spring during our years at Cornell.) **Myra Perlman Goldberg** proudly writes that son **Lane Goldberg** is a member of the incoming freshman class at Cornell in Arts & Sciences. **Dianne Gwynne Berger** reports that she had lunch with her Cornell roommate **Carol Jaffe Pratt** when Carol visited Philadelphia for a meeting. Diane reminds us that it's good to make old connections. Son **Dan** is a sophomore at Williams, and son **Matt** (MIT '01) is taking time off work for some traveling.

**Stephanie Harris Morgan** writes that husband **Joel** is a board certified neuropsychologist with a private practice in Madison, NJ. Daughter **Frederika "Freddie"** is 12 and dances with the New Jersey School of Ballet. She appeared in the *Nutcracker* as a soldier in last winter's performance at the Papermill Playhouse. Stephanie is working on her second Six Sigma project as one of the first wave of Black Belts at Home Depot. She says that this seems to be the latest rage in process improvement in corporate America. Who knows, Stephanie says she might even get brave enough to try the weekend MBA program and add a credential from the Johnson School.

**Ronald Rehm** is a private practice attorney dealing with estate planning in Wooster, OH. Wife **Kathy** is an RN and the coordinator of internal medicine at the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic-Wooster. Daughter **Heather** is a senior at Georgetown. She spent spring semester in St. Petersburg, Russia, studying Russian. Heather hopes to work at the State Dept. or the CIA as an analyst. Younger daughter **Holly** is a senior at Wooster High School and has a 4.0 GPA. She hopes to study history or journalism at B.C. or Northwestern. Speaking of Russia, I watched a documentary on the History Channel about Russia and one of the commentators was our own **Louise Shelley**, a professor at American U. in Washington, DC, and a distinguished expert on Russia and the former Soviet Union. **Duncan Maxwell** is up to 342 sky dives and 250 paragliding flights, and is two-thirds of the way toward his private pilot's license. He says that it is lots of hard work, but full of exciting experi-

ences. Duncan is still living in a breathtakingly beautiful ski resort in Switzerland. "Life's been good to me," he says.

**Elaine Leass** is living in Boulder, CO, with son Zach, who is in the third grade. She occupies her time with hiking, biking, canoeing, snow sports, theater, volunteering, and bossing around her staff at her publishing business (they just won't quit even after working with her for

Cornell. Elaine is the co-author of *The Dancing with Miriam Haggadah: A Jewish Women's Celebration of Passover*, published by Rikudei Miriam Press. This work, in its third edition, is a feminist take on the Jewish holiday. In 1997 Elaine married Robert Grodsky, and son Daniel is about to start kindergarten.

A note from **Jaelyn Spear** reports that she ran into several engineering classmates at the

## Leonard Joseph authored a book for schoolchildren (and adults), *Skyscrapers Inside and Out.*

ALEX BARNA '72

13 years). Elaine would love to hear from alumni living nearby or old friends. Her e-mail address is bouldergirl50@yahoo.com (please, no soliciting). **Judi Bloom** Hauswirth of Santa Monica, CA, is busy with her psychotherapy practice in West L.A. and teaches parenting at Santa Monica College. Husband Dennis owns an automotive restoration business and teaches yoga. Daughter Heather graduated cum laude from the Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences and is headed to Tufts U. as an international relations major. Son Skylar is a junior at Crossroads and is intent on becoming a sports agent. **Nancy Kollisch** has been married for 26 years to Jeff Pressman. She has lived in lovely San Diego since 1981, where she has an infectious disease practice. Nancy and Jeff have teenage daughters ages 15 and 17. Both are driving, so Nancy says she needs frequent trips to the beauty parlor to cover her gray. She takes some solace in knowing that many others in our class have the same problem.

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**73** The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 74.

**74** **Elaine Moise** writes that she works at Stanford U. as a sometime programmer, manager, and now mostly business analyst for administrative computer systems. Elaine has been at Stanford for 20 years. She notes that Stanford's colors are also red and white. Leland Stanford was hugely impressed with Cornell University and when Stanford was founded he modeled many things after what he'd seen at

annual Cornell Society of Engineers conference in April. Present were **John Belina**, ME E '75, who received a CSE award for excellence in teaching, **Steve Wilson**, and **Tom Piwinski**. John resides in Ithaca, while Steve is in Avon, CT. Tom, who was accompanied by daughters **Gretchen '04** and **Laura** (still in high school), calls Clifton Park, NY, home. Also during that weekend, the Cornell Student Section of the Society of Women Engineers celebrated its 30th anniversary, and the invited speaker was **Dana Woroniecki** Jurak, ME Ch '75, who was a charter member of the section (as was Jaelyn) and the section's first president. Dana was accompanied by her husband Scott. This was her first visit to campus since our 5th Reunion.

**Jeffrey Gold**, MD '78, is a professor and department chair of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in NY. He and wife **Robin Hayworth '75** have children Matthew, 19, and Stephanie, 14. **Ragvinder Singh Rekhi** and wife Kiki have returned to the Chicago area after living in Brazil. He has just finished winding down a major business transformation project for McDonald's and is now contemplating his next career move. All of you Delta Chi brothers should contact **Louis D'Agrosa**, MBA '75. He is planning a reunion of members who graduated 1971-74. Co-planners are **Rick Conroy** and **Ron Longo**. Louis can be reached at [lrld@dagrosa.com](mailto:lrld@dagrosa.com) or (631) 589-1700. Retiring from the US State Department after 23 years are **Hank Webb** and wife **Jean (Dunlap)**, PhD '78. Their last assignment was in Turkey, where they had served as Peace Corps volunteers from 1964-66. Hank misses the international travel already, after just two years off the job. Jean and Hank live in Wisconsin during the spring and summer. They head to their second home in Florida the rest of the year. **Reid Oliver**, DVM '77, is one proud parent. His daughter **Molly '02** graduated with high honors from the biology department and was a Howard Hughes Award recipient. Molly is now attending NYU Medical School.

**Nancy Geiselman** Hamill (Reinholds, PA) is running for re-election for District Justice. She was running unopposed as of the deadline for filing petitions for the primary. **Mike Carnevale**

has accepted a new position with TST Inc. of Denver as the company's environmental services manager. **Wayne Beyer**, now Dana Beyer, has recently reassigned his sex to conform to his gender identity. Dana writes that she spent the last 50 years living as a guy though transsexed and intersexed and had finally had enough. So now she is starting all over again! Her elder son David will be graduating from Phillips Academy in Andover this June and moving on to Carleton College next fall. Younger son Yoni is a freshman at Bethesda Chevy Chase High School. Dana has retired from being an ophthalmic surgeon. She manages to keep busy as an accidental activist politically and medically on issues related to DES exposure.

**Marie Ganott** was thrilled to see her freshman roommate, **Kerry McIntosh** Thompson, for the first time in 28 years on a visit to the Boston area. Marie discovered Kerry's address in the updated Alumni Directory. Marie, a radiologist in Pittsburgh, is married to **Mark Geller '73**, a cardiologist. They have daughters Margot, 16, and Miquel, 14. Also enjoying a roommate reunion was **Nancy Newcomer** Vick who attended the 50th Birthday Bash in Boston last fall. After 20-plus years she got together with **Christine Schleck** Exner and husband Paul. Nancy sends her thanks to John and Karen for all their hard work! Nancy is keeping busy with her kids Charlie, 14, and Jane, 13, and as the president of the American Classical Orchestra, a period instrument orchestra. They live in Bedford, NY. **Carol McKenzie** Moore enjoyed the Boston Bash as well. She writes that it was fun to see the classmates' kids. Carol remarked that one of **Lucy Babcox** Morris's daughters is just like her—"a little Lucy." Sister-in-law **Betsy Moore** is a college professor and mom. College roommate **Nancy Maczulak** Fisher and hubby are enjoying their plane. Carol and **Tom '79** are enjoying having **Cathy Sullivan-Kropa '76** and husband Bill Kropa as their dentists in Marblehead, MA.

**Jodi Sielschott** Stechschulte and husband are enjoying the fact that kids **Lisa** and **John** are at Cornell in classes '04 and '06, respectively. It has brought back great memories. Jodi has been busy directing *Les Miserables* at Upper Arlington High School. They are one of the first high schools to produce the show and the kids have done a great job. Jodi still has mom duties with Lynn, a high school sophomore, Paul, a freshman, and Lauren, a second grader. The empty nest is a few years away. Jodi and her family live in Columbus, OH. **Linda Klein** Lipshutz is in regular contact with **Tracey Moreno**. Linda's daughter Julie graduated from Stanford and is living and working in NYC at a law firm. Her son David is a freshman at Dartmouth. They are enjoying the empty nest in Oyster Bay, NY, although Linda admits it's an adjustment.

**Bonnie Bissell** Williams is still employed at Akron City (OH) Hospital in the Critical Care Laboratory. She and husband Jack have four kids, Allison (Hiram College '00), Jonathan (Ohio U. '03), Jason (Ohio U. '06), and Kristen, who is in the fifth grade. **Lee Schear** spent a pleasant evening in San Francisco with **Noelynn**

**Oliver** and caught up on gossip about other '74 classmates. Life is rolling along for **Bob Hyman**, ME E '76, in the "placid, soggy Northwest" (Washington). He and his family are about ready to move into their newly renovated lake-side villa after three years in the works. His older daughter is enjoying her sophomore year at Indiana U., Bloomington, which has the largest Jewish studies program in the US. ("Who knew?") His second daughter is still considering her options for junior high. **Jordan Berlin** just started a new firm called Matrix USA, specializing in investment banking and private client services. Jordan is in Armonk, NY.

**Brad Roth** lives in Milford, CT, with wife Susan and daughters Julia, 4, and Jaelyn, 1. He continues to be a professional dancer, teacher, and choreographer, a career he began as a junior and an economics major at Helen Newman Hall in '73. **Fred Mehlman** is delighted to report that daughter Julia was accepted to Arts & Sciences, joining her sister **Sarah**, who is a junior in the Arts college. Sarah has spent the spring studying English and psychology at the U. College of London. Fred calls Larchmont, NY, home. **Debra Hinck deLuise** is still based in Connecticut, working as a consultant in IT for Battelle Institute. **Roberta Frank** Palestine writes that it is a great time to be a dermatologist. She is in Potomac, MD, while daughter Sandra is a senior at Syracuse and son Mark is a freshman at the U. of Colorado, Boulder.

Make your plans for our 30th Reunion! Hope to see you there! ♦ **Linda Meyers** Geyer, lgdesigns@cox.net; **Steve Raye**, SRaye321@aol.com; **Betsy Beach**, eab52@cornell.edu.

**75** While June meant the celebration of Reunion at Cornell, May signaled a mini-reunion for many Cornell Delta Gammas who bravely face our 50th year in 2003 . . . and a few who did so last year as well. We gathered for a four-day weekend in Lambertville, NJ, to reacquaint and relive our college experiences. A great time was had by all! My former roommate **Chris Curran** Williams is busy with three children and their school activities in Potomac, MD, husband Keith, and her renewed college studies in nutritional sciences. In nearby Alexandria, VA, **Jennifer Sade** has a practice in child psychology and is active in son Evan's numerous sporting and academic ventures.

New England was well represented. **Laura Musick** Wright's company, LMW Design, in Rutland, VT, offers creative graphics design and Web design services to companies large and small. Laurie and husband Greg have a Cornell grad daughter and twin girls in high school. **Myrna Bank Gardner** joined us from Greenwich, CT, where she is a marketing consultant and mother of two high school girls, Gracie and Callie. Photos of husband **Ron** '74 taken this year proved he hasn't aged a day since graduation! There must be a fountain of youth in Greenwich, also home to **Karen Seidler** Goodwin, who, despite a family and a demanding job, actually looks younger than her Cornell photos from the '70s!

In the heartland, **Karen Leung** Moore is director of International Bearvelopment with Build-A-Bear Workshop in St. Louis, and travels to the Far East to establish company franchises. Chicago is home to **Elyse Byron** and son Ryan, where Elyse owns a successful medical equipment sales company. **Mary Alice Curry Bankert** flew in from the Great Lakes where she is direc-

and his son **Brian** is now a sophomore on the Hill. From Westport, CT, **Michael Foster**, JD '78, and wife **Liz (Carter)** '76 are proud to report that their son **Bryan** is a member of Class of '07.

Our class award for perseverance goes to **Jim Ross**, JD '82! He writes, "28 years after taking creative writing with Walter Statoff, Dan McCall, et al., up at Goldwin Smith Hall, I

'Roni Pelzman Brissette will be appearing in Patricia Walden's newest DVD on yoga and women's health.'

KAREN KRINSKY SUSSMAN '76

tor of fund-raising for Cranbrook in Michigan. She and husband **Peter** '72 returned to Cornell in June for the graduation of one of their three daughters. Also in the educational arena is **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, associate dean of Seton Hall U. in New Jersey and mother of two.

Our "legal eagles" in attendance included **Julia Loeb** Aurigemma, **Rosanne Mayer**, and **Susan Corner** Rosen. Julie has been a judge in Cromwell, CT, for many years, and stays active by running daily and in the Hartford Marathon. She and husband Andrew are proud of their two sons, one a Marine officer and the other a doctor. Rosie lives in Ithaca with husband **John Sili-ciano**. She is an attorney specializing in immigration law. Susie is a partner with the firm of Rosen, Rosen & Hagood in Charleston, SC, and mother of three.

Also rounding out the 50th birthday gathering from '74 were **Diane Kopelman** VerSchure (sales management in Massachusetts), **Mary Berens** (VP Alumni Affairs & Development at Cornell), **Kimberly Christie** Gordon (special ed. consultant in Niskayuna, NY), and **Chris Shiber** (minister in California). During our stay, Kope (the organizer of our reunion weekend) became a first-time grandmother—just when our revelry had us feeling so young!

While not able to attend our mini-reunion, **Maria Mickewicz** Lewis wrote from far-away Calgary, where she does land consulting for an oil company. Her husband works in the "oil patch." She has boys ages 19 and 16, and a girl, 13. **Nancy Baldini** and husband **Walt Howard** '74, M Eng '76, have a son **Brian** at Cornell who is following in dad's engineering footsteps. Another son, Warren, is 19 and studies engineering at Lehigh, while Scott, 16, is at Fairfield Prep. Nancy is active with the Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN), the Cornell alumni interview program, coordinated in Connecticut by fellow DG **Tanis Reid** '74.

We've heard from several other classmates whose children have Cornell ties. **Mark Dewey's** daughter **Meghan** '02 graduated from Human Ecology and is now working in Chicago, a long way from mom and dad in Byron, NY. Daughter Sarah graduated from Syracuse U. in '03. **Bruce Buchholz**, ME Ag '76, lives in Weston, FL,

finally got a story published." You'll be able to read "Brooklyn Dodger," which appeared last fall, in the *South Dakota Review*. "You Look Like a Girl" was published in the winter 2003 volume of *Whistling Shade*. Congratulations, Jim! Keep your news coming! ♦ **Joan A. Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgeleman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu.

**76** Greetings. I'm hoping that by the time you read this column, we will all have had a wonderful and peaceful summer, energized for the fall. **Susan Feldman** Pollet is seeking election to become a Westchester County family court judge and the primary there is September 9. Classmates **Terry Kornblum** Singer and **Nadine Shaoul** both held fund-raisers on Susan's behalf, with classmates **Eric Simon** and **Andrea Present** Bernard attending. Susan can be contacted at Susanpollet@aol.com. **Carl Sundbeck** is a professor of earth science at Santa Barbara City College and was recently selected by his peers to be the college's 24th Annual Faculty Lecturer, considered the highest honor awarded to a SBCC faculty member each year.

**Carol Comstock** Bussell is a teacher for dyslexic students and is extremely enthusiastic about her new mission, touting the benefits of the Orton-Gillingham multi-sensory teaching method. Having identified the problem in her own then-10-year-old child Maggie, at age 12 she has benefited dramatically. **Daniel Sullum** and his wife Deborah, with their four daughters, moved to Israel. Daniel relates that life in Israel is tense but worthwhile, and that his oldest daughter is finishing her army duty.

**Barry Goldstein** and wife **Susan Wieggers** '77 are proud to have their son Peter entering Cornell as part of the class of 2007. Their older son Benjamin just completed his first year at Wesleyan U., where he is in the College of Letters program. Their 12-year-old daughter Alyson seems to be their only hope to follow in their medical footsteps. Susan is assoc. prof. of medicine and director of clinical echocardiography at the Hospital of the U. of Pennsylvania, and Barry is director of the endocrine division at Jef-

# Live Art

BILL VALAVANIS '76

For more than thirty years, bonsai expert Bill Valavanis has watered, trimmed, and tended his most prized possession: a dwarf pine tree barely two feet tall. Though small in stature, the tree is worth \$25,000.

"Potted trees go back 4,000 years, but bonsai as we know it is only 200 years old," says Valavanis, who started his first business, House of Bonsai, as a high school student in Charleston, West Virginia. "Most people are intrigued by the age of a tree. But beauty is more important."

In addition to lecturing around the world, the former floriculture and horticulture major publishes *International Bonsai* magazine and runs the International Bonsai Arboretum, a nursery and studio near Rochester, New York.



"It's an art that's never finished because the trees are always changing," he says. "Once a painter puts his brush down, that painting isn't going to change. You can't do that with a bonsai."

— Lauren McSherry '02

erson Medical College in Philadelphia. Last year, **Erik Antonson** was named chief technologist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He will remain at CalTech as a professor of mechanical engineering. Erik lives in Pasadena with his wife and three children.

**Gary Fassak**, BA '75, MBA '78, has been promoted to VP of marketing, sales, and R&D at Binney & Smith Inc., the makers of Crayola. He joined the company in the fall of 2000 as VP of marketing. **Alice Mascette** writes that she recently retired from the Office of the Surgeon General of the US Army after 22 years of military service and was awarded the Legion of Merit upon completion of her term as chief of continuing and undergraduate medical education. **Fraeda Jacobson Lewis '77** and husband Elliot attended the follow-on dinner at the Army Navy Country Club. She has moved to the other side of DC, the National Institutes of Health, with a position as senior scientific advisor in the Office of the Director of the Division of Heart and Vascular Diseases of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Inst. She is enjoying the job and the chance to go to work "out of uniform."

**Alise Kreditor** is a public relations consultant in Great Neck, NY. Her son **Jacob** finished his first year at Cornell, and Alise relates how she

and husband Jeffrey Englander spent a glorious fall weekend at Cornell visiting their son. Jake and friends were photographed jumping into the gorge, and after the first snowfall, he skied over to Libe Slope at midnight, where he enjoyed some "sledding" with friends. **David M. Miller** wrote that he was married this past April 26 in New York and will be moving with wife Rebecca Holland to a home in Montclair, NJ. Having a post-graduate degree in pharmacy, he has been managing the family business in Wyckoff, NJ (Miller's Pharmacy)—"same family same location since 1929."

**Glen Goldstein** has relocated with his family to Manhattan Beach, CA (after 26 years in Philadelphia), where he has founded a broadcast talent representation company, Goldstein Management Group Inc. Glenn is the former executive director/in-house counsel for the Philadelphia locals of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, and the Screen Actors Guild. He subsequently owned and operated an entertainment law practice, where he received recognition for specializing in contract negotiations for a wide variety of performers. He can be reached at glenn802@aol.com. **Roni Pelzman** Brissette will be appearing in Patricia Walden's newest DVD on yoga and women's

health, due out in December 2003.

**Steve Durham** has a new hospitality industry consulting practice, The House Advantage. He says life is good. Son John is learning the carpentry trade in Richmond, VA, and daughter Liz goes off to the U. of Puget Sound this fall. Steve is learning to speak, read, and write German and was certified as a scuba diver last year. **Joyce Davis**, BS Ag '75, was named one of NYC's best dermatologists by *New York Magazine* in 2002. She has been married for five years to Steven Lansman, a cardiac surgeon and director of the Mount Sinai Heart Transplantation Program. **Melanie Ancin** Scott and husband Peder have an engineering and architectural firm involved in local site planning work and numerous elderly housing and residential architectural projects. Their children Spencer, 12, Katherine, 10, Tressa, 8, and Brenton, 6, are involved in soccer and basketball and skiing.

**Beverly Chiang** Moris writes that she has been at the same job for almost 25 years as the associate principal at SMWM, a San Francisco-based design firm. **Susan Gumbiner** joined the private client services group at Wells Fargo, where she provides portfolio management services to wealthy individuals, families, endowments, and foundations. Susan's husband, **Alex Weisselberg**, ME OR & IE '77, has joined ABS Consulting as VP of Latin America. They are in Houston, TX, and invite any former classmates visiting Houston to give them a call. That's all the room allotted for now. Be well. ♦ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@aol.com, **Pat Relf** Hanavan, relf@aol.com; and **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@aol.com.

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Greetings from the rain-soaked East Coast. **Jerry Soff** reports that he is an associate professor at Northwestern U. Medical School, actively engaged in cancer biology and angiogenesis research. He is married to Laurie Popiel. Jerry is the father of sons, ages 11, 8, and 4, and would love to hear from old friends, especially from Alpha Chi Sigma. **Rita Redberg**, professor of medicine and director of women's cardiovascular services at the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health at the UC San Francisco Medical Center, has been awarded a prestigious three-year fellowship from the Inst. of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. She will work in Washington to better understand how government health and biomedical research activities affect her home institution and community. After orientation sessions, she will be spending most of her first year working in either the House, Senate, or Executive branch. For years two and three, she will return to her home institution.

From the Hotel school comes the following news: **John Burlingame**, executive VP of Hyatt Vacation Ownership Inc., was elevated from chairman-elect to chairman of the American Resort Development Association's Board of Directors in April 2003. He will work with the ARDA's leaders and staff to make sure that the time-share industry's critical matters are identified and addressed at the state and local levels.

John has been with Hyatt since 1982. He received an MBA from the U. of Chicago after graduating from Cornell.

**John Longstreet** was appointed senior VP of human resources for ClubCorp, the world leader in delivering premier golf, private club, and resort experiences, in February 2003. He was previously the VP of operations for Bristol Hotels and Resorts, the largest independent hotel operating company in North America. John has had a long history of public service, serving two terms as city councilman and, from 1996 to 2000, as mayor of Plano, TX. He may well be the first member of the Class of '77 to serve as a mayor. John and wife Brenda have an 18-year-old son John and a 16-year-old daughter Elizabeth. In 1996, they were named Plano Family of the Year. John also returned to the Hill in April 2003 to participate in the first Human Resources Roundtable Forum at the Hotel school. The purpose of the Roundtable was to provide an opportunity for consultants and executives from large hospitality companies to share and exchange state-of-the-art information with Hotel school faculty. It was sponsored in part by the Hotel school's Center for Hospitality Research.

**Roxanne Nersesian** Paul, now of Vienna, VA, sends greetings to old friends, especially from the Cornell Outing Club. She still enjoys the outdoors, including camping and canoeing. She has fostered this love of the outdoors in her three sons, all Boy Scouts, who join her on her outings. On a sad note, Roxanne lost her husband of 20 year to cancer last year. Please accept our deepest condolences, Roxanne. ♦ **Howie Eisen**, eisenh@tuhs.temple.edu; **Lorrie Panzer Rudin**, rudin@erols.com (home) or lorrie\_b\_rudin@fanniema.com.

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**79** Have you been to Ithaca in the fall in recent years? Homecoming 2003 is Saturday, October 25, and there will be a class tailgate lunch as one of the "kickoff" events for our 25th Reunion. Look for **Brad and Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS CA '87's family van in the Crescent parking lot nearest Schoellkopf Stadium and a class banner with red/white balloons starting around 11:30 a.m. Contact Mary and Brad in advance (mmg7@cornell.edu or (607) 257-3268) or just stop by!

Our very special 25th Reunion is coming up quickly (June 10-13, 2004). While many of us resonate with the music of "The Boss," from whom we've created our theme "Born to ReUNion," others had their own favorite sounds of the 1970s. KC & The Sunshine Band may draw you back to Cornell days and give you the impetus to return to celebrate together. "Let's get together/Me and you/And do the things that we like to do/Do a little dance/Get down tonight/I'll meet you/Same place, same time/Where we can all get together."

Suggestions for our Reunion activities and souvenirs have been generated by the many classmates who completed the survey from the class website over the past few months. Please visit the site now, read the list of suggestions, and give the Reunion Committee more feedback (<http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu>). A number of classmates have volunteered for the Reunion Committee, but more are needed to share in the work and in the fun. Express your interest via the website or by contacting Mary and Brad, our reunion co-chairs (phone and e-mail above). Also, pre-reunion events are being planned in a number of cities. Keep checking the website to see if one is planned in your area, or contact **Mary Wilensky Kahn** (mask638@aol.com), our class vice president for regional activities, to get involved in planning one. Most important, mark your calendars for June 10-13, 2004, and start contacting classmates and urging them to attend, too!

**Randy Allgaier** (randy@allgaierhawn.net) writes that he would love to hear from other Alpha Deltas. Randy has been living in San Francisco for more than 15 years. He and his partner, Lee Hawn, are planning to celebrate their 15th anniversary this September in the Languedoc region of France. Randy has been busy as a consultant on healthcare policy and nonprofit management. He recently completed a project for the National Assn. of People with AIDS and the Kaiser Family Foundation on HIV/AIDS and Medicare. San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown has appointed Randy as his representative on (1) the Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition, a national advocacy group working for Ryan White CARE funding for AIDS programs, and (2) the HIV Services Planning Council of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. In addition, Randy is the founder of the California Alliance for Pride and Equality (CAPE), California's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender organization, and he is a member of the Board of Governors of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay and lesbian organization.

**Heidi Hutter** was married on May 3, '03 to Mark Kotowski in NYC. They had a whole weekend of activities, with the wedding at St. Patrick's and Sunday brunch at the Boathouse in Central Park. Their wedding was featured in the *New York Times*' "Vows" column on May 18. The feature article noted that Heidi devoted herself to her career for the first 20 years after graduation, culminating in her 1996 appointment as chairwoman, president, and chief executive of the American branch of Swiss Reinsurance. In 1999, she decided that she had a long "to do" list, and she took a severance package. The next year, Heidi signed up for weekly private dance lessons and the rest, as they say, is history. Her dance instructor turned out to be a ballroom dancer who had left Poland in 1998 and who often uses terms that begin with the letter P: positive attitude, passion, and power. Step by step, Heidi and Mark became a pair, culminating in their marriage on May 3, which was attended by the following Cornellians: **Cindy Hahn**, **Ellen Cohen '80**, **Jeannine Camerer '80**,

**Phil, PhD '82**, and **Mary Pedevillano Borba, M ILR '78**, and Heidi's sisters **Doris Hutter Wilshere '81** and **Irene Hutter Cameron '82**. Currently, Heidi is the chief executive of the Black Diamond Group, a Manhattan merchant bank, and Mark has opened a dance school in Brooklyn. Congratulations to you both!

**Janet Goldin Rubin**, **Beth Anderson '80**, and **Nancy Sverdluk** went to Madrid for a long weekend this past March. They ate tapas, drank sangria, and watched (but did not partake in) some authentic flamenco dancing. Soon after, they added classmates **Debbie Moses** and **Sue Landzberg Schatz** for a mini-reunion in Philadelphia, complete with a "Rocky" impersonation on the steps of the Philadelphia Art Museum. **Jeff Berg**, MS I '80, MBA '81, and his 77-year-old dad attended Adult University (CAU)'s Dinosaur National Monument and the Green River: A Rafting Expedition in early June 2003. The experience consisted of three days of fossiling in Utah museums and parks and then four days of rafting the Green River in Utah and Colorado. Phenomenal scenery, geology, and a great father-son bonding experience. Twelve other Cornellians (no other '79ers) attended, including 83-year-old professor emeritus **Verne Rockcastle, PhD '55**, who led the trip. Jeff and his entire family will be spending the Christmas/New Year's holiday with CAU in Costa Rica. There may still be a few spaces available.

As I draw to a close, I note that our mailbag



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is getting empty. Please send Kathy and me your news so that we can all keep in touch. We have a new class e-mail address, classof79@cornell.edu, or you can write to us directly. HAVE A GREAT FALL! ♦ **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@adelpphia.net.

**80** Our column this month features a "guest columnist," **Craig Pearl**, who writes the following: "I'm tired of reading the column and not recognizing any names, so here's my contribution! My name is Craig Pearl and I'm from Voorhees, NJ. I've been married to Debbie for 14 years and have an 8-year-old son Jared. Jared made friends with a girl on our street, Grace, about one and a half years ago, and, as they started to spend more time together, we started becoming friends with her parents. (I have found that, given how busy people are, parents tend to choose new friends from the parents of their kids' friends for reasons of expediency—you can drink wine on a Friday night while the kids play, without having to plan for a babysitter. But I digress.) Over time, I found out that her father, **Ed Moore**, had gone to the same graduate school (Hahnemann) as I did and that we were both in the mental health field, he as a psychiatrist and me as a psychologist. We also worked at some of the same facilities, albeit at different times. In a subsequent conversation with Ed's wife, Krista, it came out that Ed had also gone to Cornell. When I asked what year he graduated, she speculated that it was in the early '80s. The next morning, I greeted Ed at his door with a copy of the '80 Cornell yearbook, showing him a picture of me, and then of him. He was quite shocked. Our kids remain best friends and our families remain close, and we just returned from a joint trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

"I am in regular contact with **Ralph Luongo**, my Cornell roommate. Our families share a shore house in Delaware in August. He lives in Philly, his wife is Robin, and their daughter **Andie**, 13, is

a son **Sammy**, and is involved in financial fund management (or the like). **Chris Painter '81** has appeared on TV as a special attorney handling computer hackers, but remains mysterious. We all miss our special time together at Cornell and still get together in bits and pieces when we can. If I can't see my old Cornell '80 friends, it's certainly nice to find a new Cornell '80 friend on my own street! I can be reached at pearlpsych@att.net." Thank you, Craig!

The news bag offers us lots of exciting items. **Kathy Sonnabend** Rowe (krowe@sonesta.com), calls Westwood, MA, home, but as the VP for Food and Beverage at Sonesta Hotels her work takes her away, including a recent opportunity to open the Trump International Sonesta Hotel in Sunny Isles, FL. Back in Massachusetts, Kathy is thrilled with daughters **Mina**, 8, and **Hattie**, 5. "Life is great; very busy." A busy family life keeps part-time dietician/writer **Linda MacDowell** McMaster (Linda@mindex.com) on her toes, with five children crawling and running through the house.

For many of us, this is the big 45th—birthday, that is—and **Mark Steckel** celebrated his day with Cornell classmates **Brian Levey**, **Mike** and **Myra Shapiro Connolly**, and **David Parkes**. Mark planned to join an Adult University (CAU) river-rafting trip down the Green River and will spend part of the summer at CAU on campus with his family. When not enjoying himself outdoors, Mark practices pediatric ophthalmology in Fairfield, CT, where he lives with his wife, a writer, and two daughters, 12 and 7. Nationally recognized sports medicine doc **Henry Goitz** lives in Holland, OH, where he is the chief of sports medicine at the Medical College of Ohio. Cornell is never far away for New Yorker **Diane Berson** (dsberson@aol.com), who in addition to having a private dermatology practice is affiliated with the Cornell Med School. Diane's athletic children have her running and swinging (cross country and golf) to keep up!

Professor **Leslie Feldman** (psclfd@hofstra.edu) teaches at Hofstra U. and received recog-

not slow down the volunteer activities of **Peggy Hoffmann Connolly**. Living in Hopewell, NJ, Peggy's activities include knitting for US service people and various high school parent events. Husband **Hugh**, BArch '81, works for the Prisco Group, an architectural firm in Hopewell.

**Jeff Lindy** (jmlindylaw@aol.com) appreciates the household organizing efforts of wife **Nancy** as she keeps their son, 11, and daughter, 7, occupied. Jeff manages a solo criminal defense practice and serves as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia Bar Assn. Our final note is from **Niel Golightly** (ngolight@ford.com), who has enjoyed his three years living in Germany while working as the VP for public affairs at Ford of Europe. In his position, he has traveled to over 30 countries. I hope his family, wife **Lori** and children **Scott**, 10, and **Adam**, 5, get to tag along sometimes.

Many thanks to all of our news contributors this month. Cynthia and I appreciate hearing from our classmates. Best wishes for a colorful Indian Summer! ♦ **Jill Abrams** Klein, jfa22@cornell.edu; and **Cynthia Addonizio**-Bianco, caa28@cornell.edu.

**81** I hope everyone had a fun and, for all of us on the East Coast, an eventually sunny summer! Here in the Mid-Atlantic States, we are TIRE of rain . . . Speaking of rain, **William Schlappi** co-wrote the song "Bring on the Rain" under his professional name, **Billy Montana**, which reached #1 on Billboard's Country Chart in March 2002, and was #5 on the R&B Adult-Contemporary chart last fall. This song was recorded by **JoDee Messina** and **Tim McGraw** and nominated for a Grammy Award in February 2002. Congrats to William, who lives in Antioch, TN.

It's been a while since I've heard about a fellow 614 Stewart Ave. resident! **J. Erik Engberg** is enjoying his promotion to president of Senior Care Managers of Indianapolis. Their website is www.SCM-Indy.com. He is proud of his son **Jaryd**, 13, and daughter **Larsen**, 9, who are straight-A students and active soccer players. The Engbergs live in Carmel, IN. Former Hotelier **Mary Ellen "Mel" Hagen** (Pikesville, MD) has her hands full lately with sons **Johan**, 6, **Sean**, 3, and **Shouran**, 3. Hopefully she still has that great laugh and sense of humor, too!

Meanwhile, in Chevy Chase, MD, **Joan Kleinman** is the district director for Congressman **Chris Van Hollen's** (D-MD) constituent service operations in Washington, DC. Van Hollen defeated 16-year incumbent **Connie Morella** in the general election after defeating **Mark Shriver** in the primaries. **Karen Sulkala** Dabritz sent in a newsy note from Rowley, MA. Karen and husband **Karl** have children **Elise**, 15, **Russell**, 13, and **Georgia**, 10. Karl and Karen have owned and managed a gymnastics school in Ipswich, MA, for the past seven years. All three of their children are competitive gymnasts, with the 13-year-old being on the junior national team. When not doing vaults or the uneven bars, the family enjoys spending long weekends at their summer home on Frye Island

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an accomplished swimmer in the "A" level. **Susan Meadows** lives in San Francisco, is married to **Mark**, has a bruiser of a son, **Max**, the generally gentle giant, and works as an attorney. **Aida Samarzija** lives on Long Island, is married to **Zvonimir ("Z" for Americans)**, has kids **Ariana**, **Valentina**, and **Branimir**, and works in corporate compliance. **Ron Levinson** lives in the L.A. area, is married to **Jodi**, has a son **Jeremy**, and works as an attorney. **Chris Evans '81** lives in Phoenix, is married to **Debbie**, has a daughter **Madeleine** and

dition from the NYS Political Science Assn. Leslie writes that her brother **Cliff '82** practices psychiatry in L.A. and treats patients at the Motion Picture Stars nursing home in Hollywood. Speaking of California, **Carol Rupp** (deathspam@rattlebrain.com) shares her Edwardian home in Santa Cruz with two eccentric cats while she "survives" the dot-bomb economy. In addition to freelance work, **Carol** relaxes and takes classes at UC Santa Cruz. Having one in college and one in high school does



on Sebago Lake in Maine. They have three cats, two dogs, seven snakes, and 20 turtles. Congrats to **Howard Worman** and wife Terry Chun in Manhattan. They had a baby boy, Maxwell, this past December. Howard is an associate professor of medicine and cell biology at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons. These are happy times for **Michael Shulevitz** and wife Glenda Rosado Sanchez, who have a daughter Oriana Shulevitz Rosado. They live in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

**Lisa Dietrich** Zimmerman, DVM '85, has made lots of changes in her life. On Dec. 10, '02, she married Cornell Vet classmate **Bill Zimmerman**, DVM '85. They recently expanded their veterinary practice in the Albany, NY, area to include six vets and 40 employees. They also remodeled their vet hospital and installed new computers and ultrasound. The Zimmermans live in Nassau, NY. Also in New York State (Clinton, NY), **Christine Yanchan** Sullivan has been appearing on the local ABC-TV station news as a nutrition expert. She recently explained the pros and cons of fad diets such as the Atkins and South Beach diets.

**Barbara Gelman** e-mailed me from Philadelphia, where she lives with Jay Borowsky, her attorney husband of 13 years, and their children Matthew, 9, and Mollie, 3. In 1988, Barb received her doctorate in psychology from Penn and had a private practice from 1988 to 2000. She currently works for the Philadelphia School District and maintains a small practice specializing in learning disorders, ADHD, and minority children. She is an active member of the Arbel Chorale and Philly Jewish Chorus, and a volunteer for the Society Hill Civic Association and Town Watch.

After living 20 years in Los Angeles, **Gary Blackburn** and his family moved to Charlotte, NC, where Gary works as senior VP for Bank of America. Given that his kids are older now, he reports that he is glad to be closer to Cornell, "since we plan to visit the campus this summer." This past January, they celebrated the bar mitzvah of their son Benjamin. In the "even older kids" category, **Barbara White Apseloff** of Arlington, VA, writes that her daughter Natalie just finished her first year at James Madison U. in Virginia, while her son Nick, 10, enjoys taekwon do and violin. Her husband **Roy '80** is "very busy" at the Defense Intelligence Agency. Barb just obtained her social work license in the District, and still works for George Washington U.'s Cancer Center.

Here in the DC area, we're still trying to dry out after a very rainy spring and summer. My husband, children, and I enjoyed a week overseas in Italy, seeing Venice, Florence, Pisa, and Rome. Traveling with kids certainly adds a lot of perspective, especially when one needs to look all over Rome to find orange gelato or being sure to count all the steps in the bell towers we climbed, including the Leaning Tower. It was a great respite from my duties as PTA president of my son's elementary school, other volunteer activities, and the telephone!

Thanks for sending in your news and dues. If you wish to subscribe, you can also do it online

at <http://classes.alumni.cornell.edu/>. Don't forget to write or e-mail us! ♦ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, RonJenCam@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@rogers.com; **Kathleen Philbin** Lashoto, Kathleen\_Lashoto@equityoffice.com.

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On this hot summer night, I write with news from **Mark** and **Linda Harris Crovella**, who, as of August 2003, are residing in Paris, France, for a year, while Mark is taking a sabbatical from Boston U. to conduct computer science research at the U. of Paris. Daughter Emily, 14, and 5-year-old twins Ian and Colin will also be in Paris, but eldest son Ben won't be joining the family, as he will be a Cornell freshman in the Arts college. Congrats all around to Linda, Mark, Ben, and the rest of the Cornell Crovella family. Ben may want to get in touch with Roland Pinkney Jr. Proud Poppa, **Roland Pinkney Sr.**, wrote to let us know that his son will be a member of the Class of 2007, majoring in premed. Roland Sr. practices anesthesiology in Atlanta. Our congrats to both Rolands!

While some of us have children heading off to college, others are adding to their families. **Keith** and **Lorena Rivera Wilson '84** announced the arrival of their third child, Scott Andrew, in April 2002. 2003 has been another good year for Keith, as he was appointed chief of gastroenterology at the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System. Keith is also an associate prof. of medicine at the U. of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. **Nancy Ranno** Carlston writes that she and husband Gary have adopted their fourth child; their family now includes sons Tyler, 12, Jason, 10, and Matthew, 7, and daughter Katie, 4. In addition to juggling a family of six, Nancy and Gary have started a company to develop a Pinot Noir vineyard in Central Otago, New Zealand, quite a distance from their home in Boulder, CO!

**Carol Baruc** Risbridger is busy with children, too. She is an eighth grade science teacher in Wilton, CT, and her children are Sarah, 16, Michael, 13, and Allison, 10. During the summer, Carol runs a horseback riding program at a sleep-away camp in the Poconos. Carol's prior career was in equine nutritional consultation, the field in which she obtained her master's degree from the U. of Kentucky after graduating from Cornell. Other classmates have found a second career in teaching, including **Marie Slamm** Fenter and **Susan Pearl** Byther. Marie left Morgan Stanley Dean Witter three years ago and is now a permanent substitute teacher in a local elementary school. She recently graduated from Adelphi U. with an MA in early childhood education and elementary education and is now taking courses to be certified as a mathematics teacher. Marie's 6-year-old daughter also keeps her busy when she is not teaching or taking classes. Marie would love to chat with others in the education field; e-mail her at [mgfenter@aol.com](mailto:mgfenter@aol.com). Maybe she can IM with Sue, who graduated in December 2002 with a master's in elementary education from the U. of Central Florida and was looking for a teaching position, last we heard. Sue keeps busy with her son and

her husband Doug. Since enjoying our 20th Reunion, Sue has kept her Big Red spirit alive by going to crew weekend in Cocoa Beach and meeting the crew team. Sue offers anyone visiting Rockledge, FL, to look her up. Check for her address in the online directory, <http://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

Other classmates in the education field include **Brandy Alvarez** and **Christopher Powers**. Brandy writes, "After teaching 12th grade English for three years, I went back to SMU to teach Italian language and literature again, this time full-time. I am currently hoping to become a 6th grade humanities teacher at a private, all-boys school. Hey, as long as I am in the classroom!" Brandy is back in touch with **Ruth Logan**, and their sons are great friends. Brandy reports that Ruth's daughter is a top-ranked swimmer. Christopher Powers does a different kind of teaching as part of his career as HR/TQ Program Manager at Universal Instruments in Binghamton, NY. Chris has "traveled to China, Singapore, and Malaysia on several occasions to teach classes on management to Universal employees there." He and his wife of 24 years, Pam, have sons Christopher, 16, Sean, 11, and Tim, 8. The Powers family lives in a log home in Spencer, NY.

Several classmates are returning to further their education. **Richard Gammons** completed an MBA from the U. of Rochester Simon School of Business Administration in June 2002, and **Jennifer Gardiner** Liguori graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson U.'s business school with a master's in taxation in February 2002. Jennifer wrote, "When I am not doing professional tax work, I am volunteering at VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). On my second day one of the volunteers showed up in a Cornell hat—**Art Wood '49**. When the tax business is slow, we compare our memories of our days on the Hill."

Other classmates have been meeting up with fellow Cornellians, too. **Ann Appert** reported that "the highlight of last summer" was visiting classmate **Sue Staton** Sullivan in Maine, where she is a professor of nutrition at U. of Maine. **Kathy Burgess** Verzoni joined them from her home in Niskayuna, NY, where she is a K-12 technology director for the local schools. Ann is busy at home with twin 13-year-old girls and an 11-year-old. In addition to the usual plethora of activities, including Girl Scout leader and school parent advisory committees, Ann "entered politics" by being elected to her local school board. She writes, "The California fiscal crisis has given me plenty of opportunity to apply the skills learned as a social planning and public policy major, as well as the financial analysis techniques learned during ten years on Wall Street."

**Neil Feldman Best** writes that he and **Nathan Rudgers** attended the Cornell-New Hampshire Frozen Four game in Buffalo, NY. Unfortunately, they witnessed Cornell's 3-2 defeat, which Neil says was "helped by a highly questionable high sticking penalty that erased a Cornell goal." While there, they met up with Nate's son **Judson '06**, who was in attendance with his fellow fraternity pledges. Neil added,

"Afterwards, we went to the Anchor Bar for wings, naturally." Neil boasts that he was there for the Big Red's previous Frozen Four appearance in 1980 in Providence and he'll "be there for the next one in 2004 in Boston!" You heard it here first!

While learning to ski with her family in Butte, CO, **Paige Klotz** Grossman ran into SDT sorority sister **Nancy Eckel** Falletta '83. When not skiing in Colorado, Paige is busy with son David, 10, and daughter Stephanie, 4. During the summer, the Grossman family can be found in Atlantic Beach, Long Island.

Please let us know if you meet up with fellow Cornellians or have any other news. We look forward to hearing from you. And to those of you in the New York metro area, watch for information about an exciting class event coming in late October! ♦ **Donna DeSilva**, rjodmd@starpower.net; and **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

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Reunion 2004 update: **Kitty Cantwell** and **Janet Insardi** spent Reunion 2003 in Ithaca, checking out the possibilities for our class next year. Let us know if you would like to get involved in the planning or fund-raising for next year!

**Ed Lu** is on the International Space Station, having rocketed up on *Soyuz* while the US shuttles are being examined for safety reasons. **Seth Lipkin** writes that he watched Ed's launch on NASA-TV from his home in Hopkinton, MA, where he lives with wife Rebecca and daughters Anna, Madeline, and Olivia. Seth is a co-founder of PhotoParade.com, a maker of consumer-oriented digital photo software. **Mark Hoch** has finished a term as president of the American Holistic Medical Assn., which was founded in 1978 by physicians. Mark is in touch with Seth Lipkin and **Scott Chelemer**.

**Nelly Silagy** Benedek is the director of education at the American Federation of Arts and a lecturer at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She lives in NYC with her husband and two children. Nelly tells us that **Alysse Soll** (former Cornell women's hockey player) is the VP of Fan Development at the National Hockey League and has a daughter named Remi. **Wendy Lecker** lives in Connecticut with her husband and three children. **Todd Egner**, MD '88, is happily living in a newly built house in Dover, MA, with his wife and three daughters. Todd is in a private practice anesthesia group at a community hospital after leaving Harvard a few years ago. **Debbie Goldman** Weis, former RA and fellow Donlonite, is living in the Pittsburgh area with husband Mark and sons Jason and Matthew. Debbie is the head of marketing training for GlaxoSmithKline and keeps busy outside of work with the kids' activities, too! Debbie and her family enjoyed a respite from the winter of 2003 in Southeast Florida, visiting family.

**Rosita Brailovsky-Fine** has been traveling—to Chile, England, and the Dominican Republic. She is mom to Daniel and Rebecca and lives in Newton, MA. Rosita is planning on attending reunion and is in touch with **Sara Horowitz**. Also from New England, **Bill Cummins** and wife **Anne (Westa)** '85 have boys Jamie and Brian. Anne started her own interior design firm a couple of years ago and Bill has taken a four-year hiatus from the high tech world following the acquisition/sale of a company he helped start. The Cummins family had a wonderful six-week camping trip and visited the western national parks a couple of summers ago. Bill corresponds with **Dan Davis** and **Deval Shah** Canning and plans on having a good time at our next reunion. "Let's put on a good show, '84!" **Lisa Batter** O'Rourke is now in residential real estate with William Pitt in New Canaan, CT. Her youngest of four children is finally school-bound, giving Lisa the opportunity to re-enter the work force. She hasn't been back to Cornell since our 5th Reunion, and is looking forward to showing the school to her family. Wait until she sees North Campus! Lisa writes that **Pam Borthwick** Bass has moved back to Darien from Northern California.

**Dorothy Pelovitz** Frank was married in 2002 and went to Iceland on her honeymoon. Her first anniversary trip was to Jamaica! Dorothy is taking prerequisite classes to apply to master of education programs and living in NYC. Dorothy has seen **Don Picard**, who has started his own company in Boston. Don, what type of company is it? The Boston-based law firm Burns & Levinson has announced that **Jennifer Lauro** has become co-chair of the Labor, Employment, and Employee Benefits Group. Jennifer's practice concentrates in the areas of employment law and commercial litigation. She defends businesses against a variety of suits such as discrimination, sexual harassment, and wrongful termination in both state and federal courts, as well as before the EEOC and local government agencies. She also prosecutes and defends claims involving unfair competition, contract, and trade secret disputes. Jennifer lives in Topsfield, MA, with husband **J.D. Phillips** '83 and children Daniel and Rebecca.

**Michael DiGiovanna** is an associate professor of medicine (oncology) and pharmacology at Yale Medical School. He is also co-director of the Yale Cancer Center's Breast Cancer Research Program. Michael has been attending Rolling Stones concerts since freshman year, with classmate **Steve Fish**! He's also gotten together with **Jason Hunt** '85, who is writing music in Nashville, and **Art Zysk**, who runs an Internet connection service. **Maryanne Nicpon** and her partner Don Rathbun own an 82-acre horse farm where they breed German Holsteiner horses for dressage and jumping. Maryanne is also employed by the NYS Dept. of Health in the Office of Professional Medical Conduct as a supervising investigator, supervising a unit that looks into cases of possible physician misconduct. **Keith Kefgen** is based on Long Island, NY, but sees **Mike Cahill** often, either in Denver or Las Vegas at the poker tables. He talked to **Barry**

**Lewin** '85 in Hawaii while on a two-week surfing trip. Keith also traveled to India for two weeks and loved the ashrams and culture. **Virginia Greene** writes that husband **N. Scott Johnson**, BArch '85, performed cello at the Heckscher Museum, featuring composer Charles Porter's new works for cello, piano, and flute. The performance celebrated the 350th birthday of the town of Huntington, NY.

News from outside the Northeast: **Robert Arao** is in Tokyo for the 13th year with wife **Donna (Wertz)** '86 and their five boys! The Araos see **Mary Wertz** Fitzpatrick and her five children every summer and Christmas. Those cousins must have a blast when they get together! Also in the Pacific Rim is **Laura Abramson** Winningham in Hong Kong. Until the SARS situation hit, Laura and her family had been traveling to Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Singapore, Beijing, and Shanghai. If there are any Cornellians in Hong Kong, please contact Laura at [winningsla@hotmail.com](mailto:winningsla@hotmail.com). **Peter Nalin** is enjoying membership in the Cornell Alumni Assn. of Central Indiana. He is also directing the Indiana U. Family Practice Residency and teaching medical students in Indianapolis. **Joe Martino** is board certified in orthopaedic surgery and specializes in sports medicine. Joe and wife Cindy have boys Jack and Christopher, and are also raising cattle on a 150-acre farm in Georgia.

Although he hails from the Northeast, **David Holtzman** is researching boa constrictors, often on Ometepe Island, Nicaragua. David's research was the focus of a *National Geographic* episode (March 2002) of "Reptile Wild" and is rerun on the National Geographic Channel. David plans on being stateside for reunion. **Chris Wilsey** is in Raleigh, NC, and very involved in community service and nonprofit work. Chris was recently presented with an Alumni Leadership Award from Duke's Fuqua School of Business and was profiled in *Life Balance*, a book by consulting guru Alan Weiss, where Chris shared the secret to happiness in life. **Collene Wesp** Walter is a landscape architect and active in the state Board of Landscape Architects and the local Cornell Alumni Assn. in the West Palm Beach, FL, area. Collene loves to saltwater fish and scrapbook, when she's not off to Canada for an annual ski trip—"the one thing I miss living in south Florida." Collene saw **Karen Vail** Ephraimson in NYC to celebrate Karen's 40th birthday.

Also in Florida is **John Toohey**, who joined Telemundo's Miami station WSCV Channel 51 as chief meteorologist. As part of his contract, he will appear on MSNBC as an expert on severe weather. He will also be in some weekend editions of NBC's "Today Show" and the NBC Miami-Fort Lauderdale affiliate. **Nancy Sutley** was appointed by Governor Gray Davis of California as a member of the State Water Resources Control Board. Nancy is also a policy advisor to Governor Davis. **Curt Gilliland** is in Los Angeles with wife Cynthia and twin daughters Emma and Sadie. Curt says he is "absolutely" returning to Ithaca for reunion. ♦ **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, [fornesszone@aol.com](mailto:fornesszone@aol.com); **Karla Sievers** McManus, [Klorax@comcast.com](mailto:Klorax@comcast.com).

Class website address: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984).

**85** Rare is the person who can utter the following sentence: "Well, we were trying to think of a place where neither of us had been, and then we hit upon Reykjavik, Iceland, so we went there and got married." This was what my good buddy **Alison Stratton** called to tell me yesterday about her exotically located June 5, '03 wedding with husband Chris Evans. Alison had a whirlwind month, having also just received her PhD in cultural anthropology from Columbia U. She teaches urban anthropology at Eastern Connecticut U., and is awaiting publication of her book, "The Cultural Work of Hard of Hearing in Sweden." Congratulations, Alison (and Chris!).

In another Mazel Tov-worthy moment, **Catherine Bahna** Varous sent word that she is the proud mother of the beautiful Joan Marie, born on March 5 (thus sharing the same birthday as mom—what a present!). Catherine and husband Mark say that they are thrilled to welcome Joan into their family "and to embark on the exciting and challenging journey of parenthood." Also filed under "Thank Heaven For Little Girls": **Peter Lee** announced that his second daughter, Megan, was born in March; **Jonathan Teplitz** sent word that his second daughter, Charlotte, entered the world on Apr. 18, '02, joining older sister Alexandra; and **Mark Miller**, chief operating officer of Power Prose, became a father for the first time on Mar. 10, '02 when his daughter Julia entered the world.

More good news: Our very own **Katie Brown**, author of *Katie Brown Entertains* and *Katie Brown Decorates*, was featured in the June 2003 *Bon Appetit* "Summer Entertaining" issue. Photographed holding a plate of her shrimp, avocado, and sprout salad, Katie is quoted as saying, "There is nothing more welcoming than homemade." The magazine included Katie's recipes for a "Sunday Brunch for 6," including the aforementioned salad, scrambled eggs with goat cheese and dill, asparagus in citrus dressing, prosciutto breakfast rolls, and OJ pound cake with fresh strawberry sauce. Yum!

On the other side of the pond, **Dan Sasaki** is busy cooking with his new company, a venture capital fund called Hemisphere Capital. The firm invests in development stage information technology businesses originating in Europe. He says, "Our approach is to use the Hemisphere team's extensive international operating experience and business development network to help already proven young companies expand their international sales." Dan lives in London with his lovely wife, **Julie Carlin-Sasaki '83**, and their beautiful children Tori and Clay. Another financially savvy '85er is **S. Coleman "Coley" Bookbinder IV**, who reported that he was chosen as "a top mutual fund producer for Wachovia Securities." Coley also noted that his son, S. Coleman Bookbinder V, was born on Dec. 12, '02 and is known as "Quinn." (Becoming a father has apparently matured Coley. Last year, he told us his favorite Ithaca hangout was Delta Gamma sorority; this year, he claims it was "the library." Hmmm...)

**Laura Paskuly** completed her elementary teaching certification from St. Bonaventure U. and received her master's in reading in December 2002. Fellow educator **Lauretta Hogin** is now a tenured associate professor at the U. of Illinois School of Art and Design, where she is working on art exhibitions to be shown in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New Orleans. Lauretta reports that her husband Greg is working on a documentary film on the history of the Illinois Labor Movement, and her son Charlie "is working on being 2."

**Kirk Macchiavello** works for Totality Corp., which provides "outsourcing solutions for the management of critical business applications and infrastructure." Kirk has been in New York City for the past two months, where he is overseeing the relationship with one of his firm's newest clients, Sony Music. Although this

**Vivian**, in Brookfield, CT, says, "I never would have imagined it! Husband **Tim '87** and I just birthed our sixth baby, William Raymond, on Feb. 10, '03." He joins Andrew, 11, Patrick, 8, Catie, 6, Donald, 5, and Margaret, 3. Kristin works as a consultant in the kitchen gadget industry—"a job that makes sense for me, as it is a room I never seem to get out of!"

Speaking of kids, **Emily Citrin** Glasberg, in Weston, CT, has a lighter crew, just four children: Hana, 9, Rachel, 7, Samuel, 4, and Abigail, almost 2. **Joseph Bonafede** and wife Margery welcomed baby Carolyn Marie just after the new year. **John '85** and **Ellen Fox-Snyder** sent news of daughter Zoey Nicole, born Feb. 16, '02. She joins Aaron, 9-1/2, and Dylan, 6. **Amy Underberg** Applebaum, husband David, and daughter Carolyn, 5, welcomed Julia Rose on Apr. 17, '03. "We are busy planning Julia's wedding to

'Nicolò is so much fun that I don't even want to leave the house!'

KIRK MACCHIAVELLO '85

assignment takes Kirk away from his home in Alexandria, VA—where son Nicolò "is so much fun that I don't even want to leave the house!"—Kirk notes that being in NYC has permitted him to catch up with former Cornell roommate **David Grunberg**, a computer programmer, violinist, and chamber orchestra conductor. **Andy Zepp**, MPS Ag '90, is also hard at work, having recently returned to our beautiful Ithaca to become executive director of the Finger Lakes Land Trust, a nonprofit conservation organization that he founded 14 years ago while a graduate student in the Dept. of Natural Resources. Andy notes, "It's great to be back in Ithaca and I look forward to catching up with friends when they return to visit."

Well, there you have it. All the news from A(lison Stratton) to Z(epp, Andy). One last but very important note: The Class of '85 officers invite any and all who will be in NYC on September 20 to attend "Forty and Fabulous—The Class of '85 Celebrates a New Decade." This swanky soiree will be held at Madison's, 1584 York Ave., at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to **Ron Prague**, ron.prague@intel.com, (973) 967-6895. Party on, and send news! ♦ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Sandra Ng** Cassidy, sandrang924@yahoo.com.

**86** I'd say the surprise of this column is that two of our classmates reported on their six children. That's six children each. In awe, I share these awesome tales: **Johanna Reuter** Orłowski lives in Valatie, NY, with husband of 15 years Alexander and children Amanda, 13, Michael, 10, Theresa, 8, Rebecca, 6-1/2, Maria, 2-1/2, and Christina, 5 months. Johanna home schools the gang, teaching 7th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st grades. **Kristin Garbinski**

Matthew David Prevor, born on May 25, '02 to **Jim '83** and **Debbie Hodes Prevor**. Matthew is being coached by big brother William, almost 2." Amy is VP, New York City Economic Development Corp.

**Lael Bellamy's** new job is corporate counsel, technology and e-commerce at the Home Depot in Atlanta. To go with the new job, a new addition: Harrison Leeman Barnard, born March 2003, joining Thomas Foster Barnard, 2. Even husband Rich Barnard has a new position, at Siemens in Atlanta. Earlier this year my former roomie **Susan Hirsch** Levy traveled to Portland, OR, to play baby nurse to Eleanor Sage Potter, born to **Amy Blumenberg '87** on Dec. 31, '02. In the spring Susan took daughter Dara for eight days in the Galapagos. "We followed in the path of Darwin, saw blue-footed boobies, played with sea lions, and snorkeled with sharks and penguins." And my Glastonbury, CT, neighbor **Lynn Olson** and husband Michael Harrigan announced the birth of daughter Lilly Mae, born in September 2002. She joins 10-year-old sister Haley and 8-year-old brother Matthew. When **Maryann McLaughlin** wrote us in April, she was on leave from Cisco Systems, taking care of newborn son Ryan.

**Margot Tohn** resigned from her job as director of marketing for the Schwab Fund for Charitable Giving in November 2002 and moved to New York in January to be closer to family. "After 15 years of living far away—Australia, San Francisco—it seemed time to return to New York. It's been great to have Cornell friends around—**Hope Haskell** Jones, **Marc Dennison**, ME E '89, and **Stacey Max '88**. And it turns out that **Karen Garcia** Kovacs and **Amy Weiss** Land '86 are living in the same town, Larchmont. My dad, **Jerry Tohn '44**, just celebrated his 80th birthday, with seven Cornellians

on hand, including **Helen Tohn Fishman '47**, **Max Krotman '67** and wife **Laurie (Frank) '67**, son **Adam Krotman '05**, and **Ellen Tohn '81**."

**Julie Bick Weed** is living in Seattle. Author of two books, more recently she's been writing for such magazines as *Inc.*, *Entrepreneur*, and *Child*. "I serve on the board of directors of Seattle's zoo, and as co-chair of the board of directors of Social Venture Partners. SVP combines philanthropy with venture capital ideas to donate time and money to children's causes. For the past three years, I've also been volunteering in low income elementary schools, helping kids in writing workshops." And **Philip Yam** reports, "For the past seven years, I've been the news editor for *Scientific American* magazine in NYC, and after nearly two years of work, my first book is coming out. Aimed at a general audience, it's called *The Pathological Protein: Mad Cow, Chronic Wasting, and Other Deadly Prion Diseases*, all about those obscure illnesses that leave the brain full of holes. I couldn't have done it without help from lots of coffee, aspirin, and Peppid AC." Apparently, the coffee and aspirin can leave the stomach full of holes!

Writing from Nayland in the UK, **Ellen Lederman** reports the birth of Jean Marie to **Jean Peterson** Wanlass of Newport Beach, CA. Ellen regularly sees **Alison Washington** Wheaton and communicates with **Robin Hoebel** Costich, **Nigel** and **Elizabeth Vandenbrink De'Ath**, **Mike Malaga**, and **Mike Lally**. "I recently saw **Jodi Paroff** Della Bella and her two children in New Jersey. **Jim Perrello** and family live in Madison, NJ, and have joined my parents' congregation. My husband and I are still traveling the world for work and fun, but enjoy our country home whenever we are there." In other international news, **Duane Moeser** is entering his 18th "and possibly last year of professional hockey in Augsburg, Germany," and looking for job possibilities in the country's southern region. Duane and wife Christine have daughters, aged 7-1/2 and 3.

Cornellians on the move: **Stephen Shapiro**, author and professional speaker on the topic of innovation and creativity, hit the road in June to write "Creative America." "I am traveling the US by car for three months, interviewing creative people across the country." Find more info at his website, [www.24-7innovation.com/tour.html](http://www.24-7innovation.com/tour.html). Class VP **Dina Lewisohn** Shaw moved to Princeton, NJ, with husband Michael and daughter Darby Anne, 15 months. Dina continues to work with TMP/Highland Partners, an executive search firm. **Caroline Myers** Nielson moved to Portsmouth, RI, in November 2002 with husband Ron and daughters Emily, 7, and Isabella, 5, after completing a two-year tour as executive officer of the Enlisted Placement Management Center in New Orleans. "I was promoted to Commander during the tour and received a Meritorious Service medal. Now I am working as an instructor at Command Leadership School in Newport." **Kim Traugott**, DVM '95, left the US Virgin Islands and is now practicing veterinary medicine in the Hamptons on Long Island. "That way I can visit my sister **Stephanie Traugott Frawley '90**, her husband

**James '92**, and two nieces Emma and Isabelle on my days off."

**Chris Arbogast** writes, "My company, [yet2.com](http://yet2.com), an online global marketplace for intellectual property, was acquired by Scipher PLC and merged with their QED subsidiary ([www.qed-ip.com](http://www.qed-ip.com)). We are now known as QED, but the website, [www.yet2.com](http://www.yet2.com), will keep its branding." Chris and his wife just celebrated their 10th anniversary. "Our kids Zach, 6, and Katrina, 3, are thriving here on the north shore of Lake Tahoe, where we've lived for over 10 years." **Jonathan Reynolds** of Sheffield, MA, is proprietor of Dramatis Personae Booksellers ([www.dramatispersonae.com](http://www.dramatispersonae.com)), specialists in rare books, ephemera, and manuscripts related to the performing arts (theater, drama, dance, opera, stage design, circus, puppetry). **Clifford Hurley** is enjoying private practice as a family medicine physician in Rochester, NY. He recently attended the wedding of **Michal Amir** in Beverly Hills. **Elena Moneti**, MBA '03, was there as well, serving as bridesmaid. Michal is an ob/gyn. **Eve Seaman** Edwards continues "to do lots of operatic leading lady roles," such as Mimi in *La Boheme*, Ophelia in Thomas's *Hamlet*, and Desdemona in *Otello* with the Amici Opera Company of Philadelphia. On that note, Ciao! ♦ **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, [haf5@cornell.edu](mailto:haf5@cornell.edu); **Jackie Byers** Davidson, [katwhisperer@hotmail.com](mailto:katwhisperer@hotmail.com); **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean, [aaf9@cornell.edu](mailto:aaf9@cornell.edu).

**87** From her new home in New England, **Kristine Farnsworth** brought us up to date: "Had a great year! After meeting him freshman year at Cornell, and beginning to date 16(!) years later after a weekend spent in Ithaca, I finally married **Evan Flashner '86** on May 10, '02. We had a perfect wedding and a great honeymoon in Spain, complete with lots of sangria and a tattoo of a bull to celebrate. Then, in February '03 we moved and are settling in happily in our new home in Newburyport, MA. We're especially enjoying living within minutes of close Cornell friends **Peter Leavitt** and wife Wendy. We also regularly see **Lori Stewart** Coletti and husband George." Kristine added a sighting of **Sue Mackesey** Pochetti, "still working at Kraft and now the mother of two and an integral part of a bigger extended family."

**Anne Nieh** sent me an e-mail this past spring: "Thanks for reporting on the CAAA Lunar Banquet dinner in the May/June issue. The reason I was not present is that I have recently become a first-time mom (daughter Isabel was born at the end of 2002). Hence, attending the banquet in January would have been a next-to-impossible task. Up until delivery, however, I was juggling work, traveling to global clients, and staying in touch with Cornell events by assisting/volunteering. Currently, I am taking an extended leave from the firm to enjoy the trials and tribulations of first-time motherhood!" Congratulations, Anne, and I hope Isabel will make her first appearance at the CAAA banquet in 2004.

Class historian **Fred Barber** stays in touch

with our former *Daily Sun* editor-in-chief: "I had an e-mail from **Marc Lacey** today. He's in southern Iraq right now writing for the *New York Times*. (I guess he resisted the temptation to just stay home and make up the stories . . .) Marc and I went to high school across town from each other, and actually went to the same elementary school. Both of our high schools have their 20th Reunion on the same night, so we're hoping to catch up in Buffalo this summer. Incidentally, **Eric Lichtblau** was also writing for the *Times*. I heard from **Steve Bernstein**, another high school classmate. He's a partner at Fisher Phillips, a labor law firm in Atlanta, where he's been for the past 13 years. He's married with one child and expecting another this summer." Fred and his family reside in Austin, TX. **Tim Donohue** moved back to Woodlands, TX, just outside Houston, after a couple of years in London. He's currently a principal with Booz Allen Hamilton. "Son Brendan is doing great, playing baseball and just finishing first grade."

Also from the South, I heard from **Jim Knowles**, who is now a linebacker coach and recruiting coordinator for the Ole Miss Rebels at the U. of Mississippi: "Life in the South is good, especially the weather. I hear I won't be saying that, come July. Football is important here, people actually know who you are . . . which can be good and bad. The house in Michigan has sold and everyone will move down here when school ends in mid-June. Unfortunately I have not found a house here yet. Oxford is a small college town and a very popular place (I jog through Faulkner's woods every day). Alums buy houses just to use on game day." Jim's recruiting territory encompasses Jackson, MS, Nashville, TN, and Jacksonville, FL. Jim and his wife have a new son, Jack Ethan, born Jan 20, '03.

Finally, here is a potpourri of weddings, anniversaries, and birth announcements: From Idaho Falls, ID, **Michael Strickland** sent in this update: "I was married to the lovely Gwynnith Lenora Smith in August 2002 during a beautiful religious wedding in Seattle, followed by a honeymoon on Martha's Vineyard. My tenth book, *Shell's Gold*, came out in 2002. It is a novel for adolescents about an African American girl who comes of age after a family move that places Shell in an all-black high school for the first time. I'm teaching college composition and elementary language arts in Idaho Falls. I'm less than an hour from Jackson Hole and Yellowstone! It's a great place to write." On March 23, Rabbi **Jamie Korngold** got married to Jeff Finkelstein in Boulder, CO. Jamie is the founder of the website [AdventureRabbi.com](http://AdventureRabbi.com), which combines Jewish spirituality with hikes and other outdoor activities. She is also the rabbi at Ohr Shalom, a synagogue in Grand Junction, CO.

I heard from **Nancy Bergamini** from the nation's capital: "I am still working for Marriott, the same company I started with after graduation! Things are well. I've recently moved back to the Washington, DC, area where I grew up. I am working with all the Marriott hotels in DC as director of market strategy, slowly fixing up my new (old) house, and enjoying living near

my brothers and sisters." Nearby, **Karen Goldmeier** Green and husband Andrew reside in Chevy Chase, MD. They welcomed son Alex on Mar. 7, '02. Karen is still working in the legislative practice at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. **Andy Karanas** wrote from Virginia: "I am a general surgeon in Martinsville in the southwest part of the state. My wife Joon and I have a 5-year-old boy Dean." **Leyla Kaplan** Toksoy and husband John are the proud parents of Zeren, who was born a year ago, on Oct. 16, '02. "He keeps us quite busy," Leyla said, "but I am still working at Vion Pharmaceuticals Inc. and we have settled down in Guilford, CT."

**Andrea Popescu-Martinez** also has a new baby: "Our second child, Adam, was born on Apr. 12, '03. Our first, Sabrina, is now 5 years old. I am finishing my hematology/oncology fellowship in June and starting as an attending (physician) in July or August. My husband Manuel is starting his private practice in gastroenterology after three years of an academic appointment." Classmate couple **Lauren (Cioppa)** and **Jerry Ludwig** took a 10th wedding anniversary trip to Rome earlier this year. Lauren and Jerry already have three children and the household may soon expand again. **Lori Martin** received a master's degree in teaching from SUNY Plattsburgh. She now teaches biology at Hoosic Valley High School in Schaghticoke, NY. She is married to Mike Givney and is stepmother to Brett. And in Los Angeles, **Nina Shapiro** and her husband have a new daughter. Alessandra Isabel was born on Apr. 30, '03.

**Robin Katz** Sussman and husband Barry have moved to Sharon, MA. Robin teaches at Sharon High School. Greg and **Lynne Raymond** Martin will celebrate their first child Julia Anne's first birthday on October 6. The Martins are now living in Batavia, IL. Lt. Cdm. **Douglas Kurth** sent his news in from Honolulu, where he is a practicing architect: "I was mobilized to one year active duty as a naval reservist in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, working for the Pacific Fleet Commander in the force protection directorate, responsible for critical infrastructure protection." Stay tuned for a recap of my two-week holiday in Paris, with a special report on the exciting finish on the Champs-Élysées, from the centennial Tour de France. ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, [ttseng@stanford.edu](mailto:ttseng@stanford.edu), or **Debra Howard Stern**, [dstern@acksys.com](mailto:dstern@acksys.com).

**88** The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 74.

**89** Great news arrived in May from two classmates with whom I'd lost touch! **Cynthia Charatz** Deculus wrote, "I have remarried and had a baby! My husband B.J. is a lieutenant with the L.A. Sheriff's Department and a musician. He is the band leader and bass player for the Bonne Musique Zydeco band. Our son Julien was born Dec. 12, '02. I am still an administrator at Cedars-Sinai Health System."

**Randi Rimerman** Serota e-mailed, "I had

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JENNIFER MAISEL '87

**J**ennifer Maisel may have been born to a Jewish mother, but that doesn't mean she thinks of herself as a Jewish playwright. "Being Jewish informs my art, but is not the center of it," she says. In her seven full-length plays, Maisel has covered such topics as sexual abuse, infant abandonment, and consumer culture, striving to capture the complexities of the human condition. "I hope I'm not presenting characters who are black and white," she says.

In her latest work, "The Last Seder," four daughters celebrate a final Passover with their Alzheimer's-stricken father. "It's not so much about faith as it is about family," says Maisel, who received a grant from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture and a Kennedy Center award for the play.

Maisel wrote her first script at Cornell for a class with Professor Robert Gross. "I had scribbled before, but his playwrighting class, that's where it all



began," says the former theatre major, who originally intended to become a novelist. "There's something magical on stage that I don't find in other mediums—I read constantly, I love movies, but I adore theatre. It's a live performance. Anything can happen, and that has always appealed to me."

— J.R. Johnson '04

baby Adam on Dec. 23, '02. Adam joins big brother Max, who was born on Apr. 9, '00. I also just started a new job as corporate counsel at Systems and Computer Technology Corp. in Malvern, PA. I'm living in the suburbs of Philly, and **Ellen Toporoff** Noteware just moved into the house in back of us with her two daughters. Ellen sent in her own news form, too, reporting, "I recently joined fellow Cornellians **Kari Worth**, **Laura Landauer** Fritz, **Heather Long**, **Susan Bergesen**, **Judy Ahern**, **Ellie Krieger '88**, and **Marlowe Scheyer** Bechmann for a "girls' trip" to Las Vegas and had a great time! Me? I'm an attorney at Berger & Montague in Philly. Just switched from defense work to plaintiff's class action work. I have two fabulous daughters, Madison, 8-1/2, and Laura, 6. I just moved to a new house and sadly am getting divorced. But aside from that unpleasantness, all is well."

Lots of news forms have arrived bearing details of life changes, new jobs, and families. **Joelle Maher** is living in L.A., working as VP of planning, allocation, and logistics for Lucky

Brand Jeans, a fast-growing retail business recently acquired by Liz Claiborne. She mentions she's been "participating in the quest for new Cornellians through student interviews—a great opportunity to share the strengths of Cornell with students." **Kenneth Chance** writes, "Well, I'm still living in Detroit, now working in marketing for Siemens. Work has recently taken me to Guadalajara, Vienna, and Munich—what beautiful places! I ran into **Chris Galante** on the softball diamond here in Detroit. We both had lived in the 'wine cellar' of U-Hall 4 freshman year. It was great to run into an old friend out here in the Midwest. Chris is still swinging for the fences. I've begun the long march of evening courses toward an MBA. At a relatively swift pace, this will be finished in April 2005. Then I'll have time to think about that second marriage!"

Many women in our class are balancing work and motherhood, or sequencing between the two. **Michele Dowling** Johnson writes that she and husband David are enjoying being parents to Nicole, 3, and Christopher, 1. She

reports, "We recently got a new addition to our home, an *au pair* named Yun Young Han, who is visiting from South Korea. David and I both work full-time in marketing. I recently took responsibility for a new group, Strategic Brand Initiatives, which is both challenging and rewarding." **Anna Lynn Mantani** LaRochelle says, "I'm taking advantage of modern technology and am telecommuting three days a week. I have a great job as the operations manager of an investment advisory firm in NYC, and I only have to be in the office twice a week. This allows me the flexibility I need to juggle my career with my family life. I have daughters Allison, 5-3/4, and Samantha, 3."

**Kathleen Callahan** Beckman writes that she's currently "retired" from practicing law and is actively involved in dance, art, soccer, softball, and school activities with her daughters Kara, 8, and Haley, 5. **Priscilla Saltzman** Sohnen reports that she's recently started her career: "For almost 11 years I have been Mrs. Dr. Adam Sohnen. I have been a full-time mother of three wonderful boys, ages 9-1/2 to 4. Just this year I opened a solo law practice with the degree I received from Emory U. School of Law in 1993." Classmate couple **Craig** and **Elizabeth Stern Lukin** recently moved back to Elizabeth's hometown of Potomac, MD. Craig works as an equity analyst for Roumell Asset Management in Bethesda, and Elizabeth enjoys being home with their two very active boys Matthew, 5-1/2, and Jonah, 21 months.

Another happy stay-at-home mom is **Amy Capute** Borruso, who after teaching elementary school for many years is now home with Alexander, 4, and twins Madeline Jane and Vivian Paige, born in January 2003. **Lauren Blum** Albert sends new baby news as well: she and husband David welcomed daughter Emily in March 2003. They live in New York City and also have another daughter, Sara, 3. **Jean Voutsinas** and **Peter Klose** live in Nyack, NY, and have children Owen, 3-1/2, and Celeste, 3 months (this was in May). Peter has started his own law firm in White Plains doing general practice. Jean works for Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz in NYC doing trademark law. They're both active with Cornell in Westchester.

A couple of dads wrote in as well. **Timothy McDevitt** is working as a corporate bond trader for Deutsche Bank in NYC. He's married to Mary Lynn and is the father of Dylan, 6, and Megan, 3. **Steven Becker** wrote that he's a senior associate in the structured finance department at Thacher Proffitt & Wood in New York City. He lives in Montclair, NJ, with wife Emily and their children James, 5-1/2, Lily, 3-1/2, and Charles, 2.

Some far-flung classmates include **Kuantai Yeh**, ME E '90, MBA '98, who wrote in May: "Still running the technology investment banking business for CSFB in non-Japan Asia. Recent SARS situation is restricting travel and allowing for more time in Hong Kong with my family." **Brandon Roth** (who was amazed that he remembered his Cornell I.D. number for the news form) sent the following news: "Recently returned from Kuwait, where I covered the war for WSTM-TV, the NBC affiliate in Syracuse. I was with the

101st Airborne Division right before the war started and in Kuwait City the night the war began. I spent the first two days mostly in my gas mask since we had about a dozen Scud missile warnings. Needless to say I was glad to get back home from this assignment!" **Tracey McMinn** writes that she's also glad to be back in the US after being overseas for many years. She lived and worked in Paris for three years with the OECD, then in Australia for three years with Shell. She's currently an advisor in the government affairs office for Shell in Houston.

Another classmate making changes recently is **Lisa Megargle George**, ME E '90, who reports, "After finishing a PhD at Wharton in 2001, I took a job in the economics department at MSU. My husband **Glenn** '85, MBA '86, and I didn't take too well to the Midwest, particularly after the birth of our son Teddy on Aug. 28, '02. We'll be moving back to Haddonfield, NJ, this summer in time for me to start a new job as an assistant professor of economics at Hunter College in NYC." **Susan Comminos** e-mailed, "After three years as a reporter for Reuters Health, I am working as a freelance writer. Most recently, my poetry has appeared in *Tikkun*, and my arts criticism in the *New York Sun*. I am currently at work on an article for *Lilith Magazine*. I live and work in Port Washington, NY."

**Tiffany Markey** filled her news form right up with the following: "I've been working for four years at a nonprofit based in Seattle that provides an educational seminar to middle school students across the US and Canada. I also mentor middle-school girls in learning courage and leadership through rock climbing, and I volunteer at a homeless boys' shelter. On the weekends, I go out telemark skiing in the mountains of the North Cascades, rock and alpine climbing, sea kayaking in my old stamping grounds of Alaska, and do lots of trail running and hiking. I've met and become great friends with **Lorna Luebbe** and coincidentally work in the same building as **Tom Nickerson** '90. **Lynda Ferrari**, **Carolyn Kaplan**, and **Melissa Youner** have come out to visit over the years. More visitors are welcome!"

Looking forward to continuing to hear extraordinary news from all of you! ♦ **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com

**90** As classes begin on the Hill again this fall we all get a little melancholy about the end of the summer and stifle the urge to purchase pocket folders and yellow highlighters. During law school, I always felt sympathy for students with undergrad philosophy degrees, but poring over our class news cards, I see that we are all philosophers at heart. Please consider our responses to the question, "What has surprised you most about your life beyond Cornell?" They are wide and varied, but they all show introspection and love for alma mater.

**Katherine Chen**, kc266@cornell.edu, summed it up by saying, "Cornell is a special

experience that cannot be recaptured anywhere else!" This comes from a woman who passed the New York Bar exam and now lives in California. At her last writing, she was working on the California Bar exam and had plans to settle there. Katherine reported news of **Kai** and **Phyllis Chung Kwok**, who married and had a baby boy in 2001. Although Phyllis misses the Cornell campus and the people, she has had Cornelian sightings as far away as a church function in California.

Some classmates have been surprised at the reception they've received as Cornell alumni "in the real world." In some circles, Cornell is very highly regarded (that doesn't surprise me!). In other circles, some folks have never even heard of Cornell (now THAT surprises me!). **Amy Dumas**, adumas@nv.blm.gov, reports from Tonopah, NV, on this phenomenon. She's surprised at how people's attitude changes toward her, both bad and good, when they find out that she went to Cornell. Living in Nevada, we can understand why the things she misses most about Cornell are the waterfalls, trees, grass, and rain. **Lori Schneider** Curd, DMC@sysmatrix.net, has encountered people who respect Cornell very much. She just purchased a veterinary hospital in San Antonio, TX, and had her third child, Kathryn, in March 2003. She would love to hear from her friends from Cornell by e-mail!

**Bernadette Rogan** Reilly finds that "people are very impressed with the Cornell name . . . even in Virginia!" Life after Cornell has been full of surprises. **Laura Calvert** Richardson juggles family and work, striving for success in her effort to "do it all." Her daughters Sarah and Chelsea are clear evidence of her success! **Diana Aschettino**, dianalynnaschettino@hotmail.com, also reported how surprised she was at how much effort it takes to achieve balance between her personal and professional life. Not terribly surprising from a woman who just graduated medical school at NYU and was last heard to be taking up her residency in pediatrics at Albert Einstein Hospital. **Laura Waksman** Sugano, sugano5@adelphia.net, laments at "how hard life is for adults!" At last report she had moved to Carlsbad, CA, to continue school.

While we were still at Cornell some of us had definite opinions about the degree of difficulty of our studies. **Matthew Pynn**, mattpynn@LockportLawyer.com, was surprised at "how easy college was, compared to work." **Marshall Kohen**, mdk22@cornell.edu, was surprised at "how comparatively easy grad school is." He reports a promotion to senior analyst in September 2001, and the birth of his daughter Rachel Helen in 2002. **Kevin Keane**, Kevin.Keane@spcorp.com, remarks that "failures early in life can be the best preparation there is for success later in life." Many a fortune cookie has espoused the same sentiment. Kevin and his wife moved from Seattle to New Jersey to work in research and development at Schering-Plough. Oddly enough, his new boss did his PhD at Cornell and they actually met back when Kevin was an undergrad. What he misses most is "hanging out in the gorges in the summer."

**Michael Giovannello**, cheniello@msn.com, has been surprised at how much he misses

Ithaca and his “peaceful runs through the Plantations.” He moved into a new home in Utah in July 2002, and reports that his most bizarre chance encounter with a fellow Cornellian was on a ski lift at Lake Tahoe. **Kim Sumner** Mayer, [summay@warwick.net](mailto:summay@warwick.net), misses the landscape and being able to “walk everywhere!” Kim reports that the most bizarre place that she’s run into a Cornellian was on her dissertation advisory committee, when she met **Alice Nadelman ’66**. She just finished her PhD in marriage and family therapy (“Yippee!”) and last fall began a new job as kinship care manager at the Children of Alcoholics Foundation in Manhattan. She loves her job training and consultation in the child welfare and substance abuse fields.

Some grads are far away. **Lissy Perez-Arche**, [Lissev@BigPlanet.com](mailto:Lissev@BigPlanet.com), reports the births of her children Suzette Sevilla and Daniel Sevilla. She lives in Florida and misses the level of intellectual stimulation at Cornell. She’s also surprised at the lack of intellectual stimulation in life beyond Cornell. Some grads simply miss Cornell so much that in the end, there is no place they’d rather be. **Beth Katzoff** is surprised that after 13 years she is returning to live and work at Cornell! Her husband, Trevor Morrison, accepted a faculty position at Cornell Law School, and she accepted a position as assistant librarian in the Cornell Asian Library. They have a 2-year-old daughter named Clio and at last writing they were scheduled to return to Ithaca in July 2003.

Remember: Joy is in the journey, not just the destination. Please write and let us know how you are finding your way. ♦ **Amanda Willis**, [amandaesq@aol.com](mailto:amandaesq@aol.com); **Alisa Gilhooley**, [AlisaGil@aol.com](mailto:AlisaGil@aol.com); and **Carole Moran** Krus, [clm42@cornell.edu](mailto:clm42@cornell.edu).

**91** Does everyone know that **Jesse Harris** won a Grammy Award? On Feb. 23, ’03, Jesse beat out Bruce Springsteen (we always liked Jesse better than “the Boss”) and was awarded the Song of the Year Grammy for Norah Jones’s “Don’t Know Why.” “Don’t Know Why” also won Record of the Year and the album “Come Away with Me” won Album of the Year. Madison Square Garden is a far cry from Noyes Center. Way to go, Jesse!

In other news, our fearless leader, Class President **Paul Hayre** and wife **Jeannette Perez-Rossello** welcomed their third child, Nicholas, on Apr. 9, ’03. Paul writes, “With three kids, we are now only six shy of a soccer team.” Good luck with that, Paul. At this rate, you could take on Manchester United in 2021. **Katherine Grundmann** and husband John Grundy are living in Bethesda, MD, and welcomed their third child, John Patrick Grundy IV, on Jan. 29, ’01. He joins sisters Genevieve and Caroline. **Christina Guerola** Sarchio and husband Chad are living in Alexandria, VA, and welcomed their first child, Evan Tomas, on Feb. 25, ’03. **Susan Turbek** Reid reports that she quit her job to become a full-time mother to her son Jonah Chelor Reid, born July 23, ’03. Jonah shows promise of becoming a rower just like his

## The Big Kahuna

MAUI MEYER ’91

**m** Maui Meyer’s Cornell acceptance letter arrived the same weekend the twenty-one-year-old won a world cup windsurfing competition in Japan. “Okay,” Meyer said to himself, “can’t do any better than that.” Now the Hotelie heads a movement to turn Hood River, Oregon, into a sports mecca. “Believe it or not,” he says, “Hood River is actually the windsurfing capital of the world. The wind funnels through this tight little gap in the mountains like a jet engine.”

Meyer first stepped on a board when he was nine. As a teenager he won enough on the professional circuit to pay his Cornell tuition. And after graduation he had two choices: work for a brokerage firm in New York City or live in his car and windsurf in Hood River. “It was much more enjoyable to come out here and be broke,” he says. Twelve years later, Meyer owns a restaurant and serves on the city’s economic development board. His



goal: equip Hood River to handle the 50,000 spectators who crowd its streets on summer weekends to watch windsurfing, biking, and equestrian events. Despite having left the circuit, Meyer says he enjoys his new role. “That is the ultimate challenge: to live in a world of fierce competition and then be able to say, ‘Okay, now that’s over, let’s leave it behind.’”

— *Everett Hullverson ’05*

mother. Susan lives in Neville, OH, with husband Gregory. **Robert Spencer**, PhD ’97, and wife **Karen (Klingemann)**, MBA ’96, reported the birth of their daughter Kathryn Grace on Mar. 23, ’03. She joins big sister Meredith. All are well and living in Portland, OR. **Julie Voveris** Furtado and husband John, who are living in Middleboro, MA, welcomed twins Madison Alexandra and Dylan John on Mar. 13, ’03. **Hallie Goldman** Hohner and husband Doug welcomed their son Nate on July 15, ’02. Hallie, Doug, and Nate live in Chicago. **Amy Lawrence** Flueck and husband Alexander welcomed Colin Alexander on Aug. 8, ’02. Colin joins big brother Ian, 3. **John Tassone** writes of the birth of his daughter Annalise Chase on Aug. 30, ’02. Annalise joins brother Jackson Chase, who turned 2 on Apr. 20, ’03.

**Mark Adams**, JD ’95, writes that he and wife **Melissa (Arnold)** recently moved to Glen Ridge, NJ, and are delighted to announce the

birth of their son Zachary William Arnold Adams, who was born on Oct. 22, ’02. Mark is working as a lawyer at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, and Melissa is working on her first novel. **Scott Houser** writes of his marriage to Emily Yance in November 2002. Emily and Scott are living in Reston, VA, and recently saw **Doug Pascale**, ME I ’92, **Jim Heck**, and **Ted Steimbrenner**. I am also thrilled to announce the wedding of **Michelle Michalik** and Dan Shield in Chicago on May 31, ’03. **Jennifer Berger** was a bridesmaid and reports that many members of the Class of 1991 were in attendance, including **Susan Sarich**, **Jackie Jordan** Scott, **Kim Victoria** Strauch, **Karen Armenio** Bogdan, **Sarah Siedman** Shelby, **Nicole Halpern** Murphy, **Nils Krumins**, and **Brad “Huey Brad Earl” Bosart**.

**Heidi Hirvonen** White and husband Alan are living with their daughter Kiira Sonya in Tiburon, CA, where Heidi owns SAGE Design, an interior design company specializing in

"green design." She recently attended the wedding of **Rebecca Dorris '93** and **Joel Steiger** at Cornell. **Emily Kaplan** reports that she opened her first Bikram Yoga Studio (that's the "hot" kind, right?) in South Jersey, and she is working on opening her second. Emily got her master's at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern. **Joyce Westervelt** writes that she is working for New York Central Mutual Insurance Co. as a human resource generalist. Joyce and husband Bruce Phettepace are currently living in Norwich, NY. **Garrett Grega** reports that he is now global marketing manager at Anderol Inc. in East Hanover, NJ. Garrett and wife Lisa live in Neshanic Station, NJ.

**Heather Tatkon Powers**, MPA '93, is living in Columbia, SC, with husband Eric, where in addition to raising two beautiful daughters, she is a Creative Memories consultant. What is that, you ask? Heather helps people preserve their photographs and stories. **Johanna Sagarin** was promoted from staff psychologist to clinical director at Children's Friend Inc. in Worcester, MA. Johanna lives in Northborough, MA, with husband Philip Villars. **Linda Moerck-Cisz** reports that she is a practicing pediatrician in Northport, NY. Her husband **Mark Cisz** is a Capital Market Credit Officer for JP Morgan Chase in New York. The Ciszses have children Bryan Daniel, 4, and Kaitlyn Rose, 2. Linda and her husband are planning a trip to Ithaca this summer with their children. They are looking forward to introducing their children to "the wonders of Cornell, the Bell Tower, the Quad, and beautiful Ithaca."

**Simon Atkins** reports that he just finished writing a book called *Collision Course with Mother Nature*, to be published by Prentice Hall for Christmas 2003. Simon and his "soulmate and wife" Yoshie live in Billings, MT. When the weather is warm, they "ride to town in a horse-drawn trolley—one of the perks of living in Montana!" **Carolyn Richmond** left big law firm life and is currently the general counsel, business and legal affairs for B.R. Guest Inc. in New York. B.R. Guest is a hospitality group that operates a number of restaurants, including Blue Water Grill, Fiamma, Blue Fin, Ruby Foo's, Ocean, and Atlantic Grill. **Dennis Shay** is living in San Diego, CA, where he is an anesthesiologist at the Anesthesia Service Medical Group. **Tim Reed** graduated from Ohio State College of Medicine in 1997 and from the U. of South Florida Residency Program in Anesthesia in 2001. He is currently living in Ocala, FL, where he is a staff anesthesiologist at Ocala Regional Medical Center. Tim writes, "For those of you interested in medical school, keep at it. It's well worth it in the end! I couldn't be happier!"

**Jason Saul** graduated from Harvard with an MPP in '93, and got his JD at the U. of Virginia in '96. He lives in Chicago and is the CEO of BZP Commerce Corp., a for-profit software company in the non-profit sector. Jason reports that "you can follow your passion and make money!" **Robert Dunlap** and wife Patricia are living in Austin, TX, where he is pursuing his MBA at the U. of Texas, Austin. **Cindy Miller** lives in Houston. She writes that she recently

completed her executive MBA from the U. of Texas, Austin, where she and Rob Dunlap would share war stories, "AGAIN," about exams, presentations, etc. **Luisa Santiago** married John Jones on Nov. 9, '02. Luisa and John are living in Mililani, HI, where she is a prosecutor for the US Army 25th Infantry Division. ♦ **Nina Rosen** Peek, nrs5@cornell.edu; **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccori@hotmail.com.

**92** It seems these days that the news I receive most often is about the next generation of Cornellians. Congratulations to all of you who have new children. As you'll read, there are lots of us who are enjoying expanded families or advancing careers—or both! **Valery Alicea** shared that she has daughters Andrea, 3, and Aurora, 2. She and husband Diomedes Lajara established a full-service law firm in San Juan, PR. The firm is "small in size, big in service" and handles corporate, real estate, torts, immigration, and family law. Valery fondly recalls traveling to Seattle a couple of years ago for the wedding of **Cathy Webb** to Michael Hoard.

**Carol MacDonald** is now Carol McDowall, having married Roy McDowall on Nov. 16, '02 in a small garden ceremony south of Sydney, Australia. Carol just finished up with Six Continents Hotels, where she worked in the development department, and now is with Macquarie Bank in the property trust division. **Jeffrey** and **Elena Traiger Greene** have a new house in Franklin Lakes, NJ, which they share with their children Sophie, 6, Lucie, 3, and Cooper, 1. **Lorena Stabins** and husband **Jack McDonald '93** welcomed their first son, Scott Andrew, on Oct. 9, '02, while friends **Brenda (Bishop)** and **Steve Sacco** had their second child, Sarah, on Sept. 22. The two shared the same due date of Sept. 25, yet Sarah came early and Scott took his time. Elena took the past year off and is hoping to be home again this year with Scott. "Although I love teaching fifth grade, I haven't had time to miss it one bit," she wrote.

**Anthony Sapia** is dad to twin boys who were born in 2001. He opened a new BBQ-concept restaurant in State College, PA, and is planning a major nightclub expansion. Anthony wrote that "every day is a vacation when you are doing what you love, surrounded by those you love." What a great attitude. **Michael Malarkey** joined Ernst & Young-Litigation Advisory Services Group in Washington, DC. **Michelle Nino** graduated from her residency in internal medicine and pediatrics last year and is doing a genetics fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital. **Shana Meyerson** is enjoying success with her company Mini Yogis Yoga for Kids in Los Angeles. She has been teaching yoga to kids, plus teaching adults how to teach yoga to the younger set.

**Robert DiRaimo** completed a general surgery residency in 2001 at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn and a vascular surgery fellowship at North Shore U. Hospital this year. He is now in private practice on Long Island, and enjoys time with wife Maria Castaldi and 1-year-old daughter Giulia. **Hartley Etheridge** and husband

George O'Brien love living in Sarasota, FL, where she is district director for Congresswoman Katherine Harris. Tampa is home to **Tony Cabassa**, where he practices labor and employment law. He and wife Angie have a 2-year-old son Carter. **Beth Yancey Storz** lives in Emerson, NJ, and works in new product and packaging marketing for Kraft. She has a son Cameron, who is 2.

**Renee (Dake)** and Brian Wilson have a good reason for having missed our reunion last year. They started their firm, Dake Wilson Architects, with some exciting projects. Soon after, they learned they were expecting a baby, and soon after that, Silas was born two and a half months early, weighing 2 pounds, 12 ounces. After seven weeks of fabulous care in the NICU, Silas came home, still weighing under five pounds, but with no long-term disabilities. Almost a year later both Silas and the architecture firm have grown considerably. Renee and Brian credit the support they received from so many friends and family members for keeping them going.

**Chip (Timothy M.) Stevens** lives in London with wife Lea Landicina, and works as a director at Merrill Lynch. He sees many Cornell grads in London, including **Mike Bransford**. **Juan Alayo**, an architect, and his wife **Taina Matos '96** are in New York City with their daughter Anna Pilar Alayo, born Nov. 22. **Lenore Labi Ades** is also in New York, with a new PhD in clinical psychology from Adelphi. She started a post-doctoral fellowship at NYU this fall. **Michelle Struble** Bouton loves being mom to daughter Noelle, born Dec 9. Michelle is an associate with Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock, Blaine & Huber in Buffalo.

**Denise O'Brien** took the summer off from her job as a director of business development for Aramark to be home with her new baby and 3-year-old daughter Katie. **Doug**, ME I '93, and **Hallie Goldman Hohner '91** already have their son Nathaniel decked out in Cornell clothing. Nate was born July 15, '02. They live in Chicago. **Julie Bettencourt** works for a radio station in North Conway, NH. **Peter Christ** opened his second restaurant in Red Lodge, MT. He and wife Anne have kids Della, 4, and Bjorn, 2.

**Elyssa Pattow** Mosbacher lives in northern New Jersey and has a new son, Lev, born Feb. 21. **Aimee Kress**, Canton, MI, welcomed a new baby, too; Sarah Bailey Kress was born December 16. Aimee also has daughter Katie, 3. **Martha Rice** is also a new mom. Daughter Juliana was born Jan. 10. Martha works part-time for Memorial United Methodist Church as coordinator of ministries and lives in White Plains. **Sela Missirian** is proving that software companies are alive and well, having just celebrated her sixth anniversary at SI Corp., where she looks after international marketing and channel marketing. She's back from Brussels, Belgium, and based in Atlanta. She'd love to hear from TriDeltas at selamissirian@yahoo.com. **Greg Hitzhusen** is working on a PhD back at Cornell in the natural resources department.

**Rachel Raabe** Destito had a baby girl last September. Rachel will graduate from UVM with a BS in nursing in December. She's inter-



ested in oncology and pediatrics and plans to someday return to school to become a nurse practitioner. Right now she's enjoying a new house with great views of the Green Mountains. **Andrew Walsh** left the Navy after ten years and is in a PhD program in physics at Boston U. His wife, **Kathleen (Mack)**, is in her second year of a general academic pediatrics fellowship at Boston Medical Center. They have two children.

**Rachel Laikind** and **David Justus '91** were married in May 2002. They live in New York City. Rachel noted that **Laura Secunda** Fine moved to Westchester, **Amy Frome** Saperstein was married in 2002 and works for Project Sunshine, and **Joyce Yao** Cullen and **Josh Block** live in New York City with their respective spouses. Please keep the news coming to us! ♦ **Renee Hunter** Toth, rah24@cornell.edu; **Debbie Feinstein**, Debbie\_Feinstein@yahoo.com; and **Wilma Ann Anderson**, Wilpower1@aol.com.

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**94** After a long, hot summer, here's to a peaceful and productive autumn. In case you're already plotting for next year's warm weather, don't forget to include reunion plans

for June 2004. That's right, our 10th Reunion. No, that is not a typo. In the meantime, congratulations are in order for the latest round of newlyweds: On a sunny Mother's Day (May 11), **Praveena Nallainathan** married Johnny Swanson on the beach of the Sheraton Bal Harbour before embarking on a Caribbean honeymoon. Updates on a few celebrants who joined them in Florida for the wedding weekend: **Gaurav Aggarwal** and **Meena (Tahiliani)** recently bought and renovated a house in Westchester County, NY. Meena graduated in the spring from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. **Julie Jong**, fresh from her residency, was planning to move to New Jersey and practice pediatric dentistry. The night before the wedding, the couple hosted a dinner in South Beach complete with salsa lessons.

Other aisle walkers: **Greg Bassuk**, who wed Dana Rosenthal in Lawrence, NY, last December (the groom is the managing director of McGovern Capital), and **Michael Kraner** and Deborah Rapaport, who tied the knot in Bethpage, NY. According to the *New York Times*, Michael kept himself busy after Cornell by founding an information technology consulting company called Primary Support Solutions. On May 3 in Santa Barbara, CA, **John Arlotto** married **Viviane Meerbergen '95**. John works in film editing, while Viviane is a senior project coordinator at the Getty Center.

A baby boom seems to have descended on

the Class of '94: **Steven** and **Kirstyn Casavechia Smith** welcomed their second son, Henry Walling, on March 28. The couple lives in Rochester, NY. In Los Angeles, **Chris** and **Carol Rim Hanscom** became proud parents on January 31 when baby Alice Charlotte arrived. The new family will be spending the next ten months in Seoul, where Chris will be doing dissertation research on a Fulbright scholarship. Back in June, **Gina Acquaviva Bogda** wrote about the arrival of her twins. She and husband **Todd** "recently welcomed the two newest Bogdas into the world. Our twins Emily Katherine and Brady Edward were born on April 16. It was a great thrill when both a girl and a boy arrived—an instant family of four!" Gina adds, "Naturally, they already own their first Cornell clothing." Among the babies' first visitors were **Meghan Concannon** Hess and husband Stephen. Via Meghan, **Michele Mallardi** Gay announced the birth of her daughter Ella Marie. In a great start to the new year, **Betsy McAfee** Wilson and husband Keith welcomed a baby boy, Garrett Alden, on January 2.

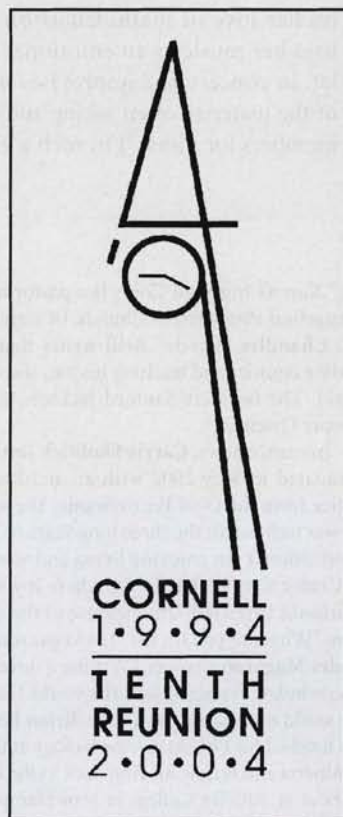
The Cornell bookstore must be enjoying brisk sales of children's wear. **Karen Morgan** Gray wrote to update us on her life in Bethesda, MD: "I'm a mother of two and a preacher's wife. Drew is 1. Anna is almost 3. She has a Cornell shirt. When she wears it, she asks me to sing the Alma Mater. Motherhood is a tremendous bless-

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# In Black and White

CATHERINE CHARLTON '95

Three years ago, Catherine Marie Charlton quit her job as a data analyst in corporate banking to forge a full-time musical career. Since then, the Delaware-based pianist has released three solo CDs and formed a band, the CMC Trio. Charlton, who describes her music as “funk avant-garde with a woman’s touch,” started practicing in earnest after seeing a George Winston concert during her sophomore year at Cornell. “I was so inspired,” she says, “I ended up playing piano for seventeen hours that next weekend.”

The marathon session yielded four new compositions, and the engineering major gave her first solo recital in Willard Straight Hall later that year. While her early works drew on her love of math, Charlton also uses her music as an emotional outlet. In concert, she improvises much of the material, often asking audience members for ideas. “I’m such a visual



thinker,” she says. “If someone supplies the picture, that makes it easier.” The reflective mood of *Riverdawn*, the composer’s latest CD, contrasts sharply with her high-energy live performances. “It’s not uncommon for me to hit my head on the piano, or look over and see my leg sticking up in the air,” she says. “I literally dance at the piano.”

— David Lowe '04

ing.” Karen’s husband Corey is a pastor in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In Stamford, CT, **Chandler “Randy” Brill** writes that he’s trading equities and teaching his two sons how to ski. The boys are Sanford Jackson, 5, and Cooper Owen, 2.

In career news, **Carrie Skolnick** Rothfeld graduated in May 2002 with an architecture degree from the U. of Pennsylvania. She wrote, “It was well worth the three long years of sleep deprivation. I am enjoying living and working in Center City Philadelphia, where my office overlooks City Hall.” In response to the question, “What are you up to?” Las Vegas resident **Andra Maguran** answers, “Writing a novel and a screenplay. Trying to save the world.” Saving the world one sea-slug at a time, **Brian Penney** has finished his PhD in marine biology at the U. of Alberta and is now moving back to the US to work at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire as an assistant professor.

In April, **Thomas O’Keefe** reported that

he’d just returned from a trip to China, where he kayaked down the Three Gorges. “With the construction of the Three Gorges Dam, they will begin flooding later this spring, and this was likely the last trip down by human-powered craft. I’m still pursuing the interests I developed at Cornell in both aquatic ecology and Asian history.” For photos and more, log on to [www.riversandcreeks.com/china](http://www.riversandcreeks.com/china). **Scott Robinson** is a physician’s assistant in the US Army, and as of February, he expected to head to Iraq around Christmas to help with the rebuilding process. Last but not least, I was thrilled to catch classmate **Jason Saculles** on television as he eliminated the competition on the \$25,000 Pyramid (hosted by Donny Osmond). By the time Jason’s game show stint was over, he had advanced to the \$100,000 tournament and amassed prize winnings of \$50,000! ♦ **Dika Lam**, [dikaweb@yahoo.com](mailto:dikaweb@yahoo.com); **Jennifer Rabin Marchant**, [jennifer.marchant@kraft.com](mailto:jennifer.marchant@kraft.com); **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasyluk, [dmp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dmp5@cornell.edu).

95 Hmmm, what to write? What to write? Due to a dearth of classmate updates—in the form of both e-mails and snail mails—this will unfortunately be a teensy edition of Class Notes. Where have you all gone? Everyone must: A) be incredibly busy with their careers; B) have had their free time swallowed up by the demanding world of parenting; C) be planning their weddings; D) have incredibly dull lives; E) have become extremely private and secretive; F) have misplaced the e-mail addresses of me and Alison; or G) enjoy having us beg for news about your lives. A, B, or C are possible and maybe even likely. D just can’t be true if past updates are any indication. E—for some of you this may be the case, but no way can it be true for the entire class. In case it’s F, our e-mail addresses are [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu) and [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu). And if it’s G . . . well, that just can’t be because it’s so uncharacteristic for our fabulous class! We have the space, the duespayers, and the moxy to fill our word allotment. Alison and I just need your news.

Lieutenant **Sean Szymanski** reports he is the navigator of the Navy’s newest submarine, USS *Connecticut* (SSN 22). He was recently on assignment at the North Pole, where he made the acquaintance of a polar bear, dubbed Fred, while surfacing through the ice during ICEX 1-03. (Author’s note: these letters and numbers are mysterious to me.) To put to rest any doubts, Sean confirms that polar bears do indeed have purple tongues. He adds, “Contrary to popular belief, there was no damage to the submarine.” When Sean is not navigating a submarine at bone-crushing depths in icy waters, he lives on land in Mystic, CT.

As always, given our drive, zest, and ambition, we are a class in transition. **Kathryn Heppner Trogolo** recently completed her master of arts in educational leadership at George Washington U. She will be doing research and consulting while her daughter finishes her last year of part-time preschool. On finishing graduate school, Kathryn adds, “My husband **Mike ’96** is doing fine—he survived the ordeal of being the spouse of a grad student!” Young Connor Speiser will be moving from the New York/New Jersey area to Ann Arbor, MI. He will be accompanied by his parents **Jeff** and **Julie Allen Speiser**.

**Amy Neary** traded in her NASCAR affiliation to become a princess—well, sort of. Formerly a NASCAR marketing pro and VP at the Motorsports Decisions Group in Charlotte, NC, Amy has changed lanes to North Star. Her new title is Princess of Process and she will drive (no pun intended) implementation of all of North Star’s creative strategies. North Star is a client-focused marketing and public relations firm located in Rhode Island, Amy’s native state. In addition to her new job, Amy is completing her MBA at Bryant College.

For all of us, Ithaca is in our hearts, but for some of us, it is once again under our feet! Included in that select group is **Demir Barlas**. He e-mails, “I returned to Ithaca in 2003 for the peace and quiet needed to work on distributing my movie, a feature entitled *Last Hope Rope*.” In

2000, Demir obtained his master of fine arts at UCLA Film School and spent several years in Los Angeles developing his film-making skills. He hopes to spend time in both communities from now on and to make the definitive "Ithaca film" one day.

Weddings, weddings, and more weddings! On Oct. 5, '02, **Daniel Taylor** married Amber Olig in Newport, RI. Two of the groomsmen were Daniel's classmates **Scott Mayer** and **Chris Cerniglia**. Also in attendance were Chris's wife **Laura (Leiderman)**, with new baby Hailey, as well as **Chris Foglia**, **Kristen Hauser** and **Neil Glass** were married in May 2002 and honeymooned in Hawaii. Kristen is an associate attorney at Cahill Gordon and Reindel in New York City. She received her law degree from Georgetown U. Neil is a self-employed stock trader, quite a daring profession these days. The pair lives in Hoboken, NJ.

**Helen McMenimen** married Dylan Ross on Sept. 29, '02, at Our Lady of the Mount Chapel in Warren, NJ. The newlyweds reside in the Princeton area and both work for Merrill Lynch, although in different towns. Helen is VP of quality and performance metrics. Dylan is a financial advisor who consults for wealth management clients. When not at work, they race their JY-15 sailboat. Of course, this wouldn't be a true wedding without a bevy of Cornellians present. Helen's sister **Anne Mary McMenimen '98** was the maid of honor, and **Erika Eason** was a bridesmaid. Erika is a middle school Spanish teacher at a private girls school in Baltimore. This summer Erika took some of her students on a class trip to Spain. Guests included **Robb Newman '94**, ME E '95, and wife **Canadice Stein**. The Newman-Steins, as friends refer to the couple, moved from Vermont to Texas last year. The cross-country move included the overground transportation of their Hunter 28 sailboat. Living in Fort Worth, the couple works for Lockheed Martin where Canadice works on document control management, and Robb is a design engineer on the Joint Strike Fighter, a military aircraft in development. For fun, they go to the track and race their Honda S2000.

That's all the news that's available to print. I wish you all a lovely autumn, a happy back to school, and good luck on your fantasy football league! And remember, send in those updates! ♦ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torrillo**, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website, www.classof95.cornell.edu.

**96** Having lived in the Bay Area for five years (gasp!), I constantly forget the admonishment of my mom and my streetwise New York City friends about talking to strangers. On my last NYC trip, I generally minded my manners and kept to myself. However, all bets were off when I spotted someone wearing an "Ithaca is Gorges" T-shirt walking down Broadway. Of course I run up to her and say, "Ithaca is Gorges! I have that bumper sticker on my car!" (Thanks to **Katie Butler** for the bumper sticker!) We had a great chat about Cornell, even though she graduated in 2002, which made me feel as old as

salt. No matter. I was happy that Cornell bonds obviate normal rules of conduct on the street.

This month's column is jam-packed with good news and good times—thanks to everyone who wrote in to share. Here we go! On June 2, '02 **Stephanie Schwarz** married Scott Sailor at The Carltun in East Meadow, Long Island. Guests included bridesmaids **Lauren Kalter Hass**, **Hope Levin**, **Jessica Katz**, **Joy Guidi**, **Julie Schwartzman**, and **Jessica Schwarz '99**. **Dave Hass**, MD '01, who actually introduced the happy couple, served as Scott's best man. Other Cornellians in attendance were **Marni Kanofsky Fink**, **Heather Salomon Zeitz**, **Robyn Smith Carter**, **Sharon Flicker '97**, and **Adam Wexler '03**. Stephanie and Scott are living in New York City, where Stephanie is practicing optometry.

**Andrew Brief** and **Jessica Molk** (Michigan '95) were married in a beautiful ceremony on Jan. 4, '03 in New York City. Cornellians sharing in the festivities were **James Brief '01**, **Ben Rubin**, **Elan Irom**, **Alex J. Gershenhorn**, **Todd Kashdan**, **Marc Turner**, **Darren Senzon**, **Jared Brandoff**, **Evan** and **Vita Craine Cohen**, **Keneth Goldstein**, **Ali Best**, **Lori Solomon**, **Rachel Ravitz-Goodman**, **Jennifer Hale Rackoff**, **Jason Abfier '95**, **Joe Shumofsky '95**, **Stella Kalnitsky '00**, **Randy Marrinan**, and **John Toufanian**. Andy and Jess are living in New York City, where Andy is an orthopedic surgery resident, and Jess has recently completed her master's in education, and will begin teaching in the fall.

Thanks to **Kate Zumbro** (UNC '95) for giving the class column props for our compelling and entertaining writing! Kate wrote in with her own good news: she and **David Rickell** were married on May 10, '03 near Wilmington, NC. Props right back to Kate for remembering the seemingly endless group of 'Sixers that celebrated with her and Dave, including **Terry Koza**, **Ned Burke**, **David** and **Alexa Cardile Krauter**, **Carlos Montemayor**, **Brad Lensing**, **Daniel Wolff**, **Jason Pieroni**, and **Chris Whitney**. David is VP of operations and division manager for Waffle House Inc. David and Kate recently relocated to Spartanburg, SC, from Atlanta, GA.

On June 21, '03, **Seth Schneider** and **Karen Jaffe** (Hamilton '97) were married at the beautiful Raphael Winery on the North Fork of Long Island. **Josh Babbitt**, MS I '97, was Seth's best man, and was joined by **Brian Waldbaum** for the festivities. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Spain, and will return to living in Brooklyn, where Seth is an environmental engineer with Malcolm Pirnie, and Karen is a graduate student in sociology.

**Matthew**, ME C '97, and **Maureen McCafferty Stanton**, MPA '97, shared news of the arrival of their son Connor Patrick, born Oct. 16, '02. Maureen writes, "Connor looks forward to becoming a member of the Cornell Class of 2025." Maureen is currently taking time off from her position as a Congressional Liaison at the Dept. of Homeland Security to spend time with Connor. Proud poppa Matthew has completed his service with the Navy as a lieutenant. He is now employed as a civilian with the Navy and is working in their Naval Reactors program.

**Rachel Effron-Barkin** and **Howie Barkin**

welcomed son **Jordan Foster** into the world on Jan. 23, '03. Rachel, Howie, and Jordan live in West Orange, NJ, where Rachel works as a project manager for a pharmaceutical software company. Evan and Vita Craine Cohen welcomed new family member **Mia Isabelle** on May 13, '03. Vita, Evan, and Mia live in Brookline, MA. Apparently, one go around wasn't enough for **Jamey Edwards-Reich**, MBA '03. He returned to Ithaca and received his MBA from the Johnson School in May 2003. Jamey has relocated to New York City, where he will be working for Lehman Brothers.

My general tagline for the column still holds true: The success and accomplishments of our class continue to amaze me, and make this column a blast to write. Please continue to share your good news and celebrations with us. ♦ **Sheryl Magzamen**, SLM1@cornell.edu; **Allie Cahill**, alexandrachill@aol.com; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu.

**97** Another summer gone, another year away from Cornell, another year older (ugh!). As you read this, it will be fall—time to go back to school. On the other hand, for those of us working, time to remember fondly our summer vacation (if we even got one). This column finds me reminiscing for days gone by... actually, for days when the biggest dilemma was what kind of Hot Truck I wanted and whether or not to wake up for that 8 a.m. orgo lab lecture! Based on the great updates we have been receiving, it seems that many of our classmates have moved on to bigger dilemmas and better events in their lives. Read on.

**Peggy Poon Mathias** (pmatias2004@kellogg.northwestern.edu) sent an update that she is majoring in marketing and biotechnology in her MBA studies at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern U.; **Andy Sofield** is a grad school classmate. Peggy and Heath Mathias tied the knot on Apr. 20, '02 at the New York Botanical Gardens; classmates **Lisa Hirsch-Bloch** and **Meera Master Osuch** were bridesmaids. Fellow Cornellians **Raissa Smorol '96**, **Lauren Colblentz**, **Dean Katsaros**, **Will Rukin**, and **Ellen Goodman Stiefel** attended. Peggy traveled in Africa, Asia, and the States before relocating to Chicago. Lisa is doing her residency in internal medicine and got married in October 2001. Meera lives in Philadelphia and works for a construction litigation firm.

More on the wedding front: **Kristi Doman** (ksdoman@juno.com) and **Al Casiano** tied the knot on Aug. 10, '02. Kristi enrolled as an MBA student at the U. of Washington last year. **Firoza Hodiwalla Zaroni** (firoza@bnl.gov) sent in her class news via our class website. Firoza married Christopher Zaroni, a Cooper Union graduate, in March 2001. She completed her master of science in 2001 at Hunter College and works in the Environmental Safety and Health Services department at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Classmate **Mark Klempner** (mtk2@cornell.edu) married **Cara Siano** in June 2001. The couple met in grad school at U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and moved to Costa Rica in August

2001. **Amit Rao** married **Danielle Nedwetzky '98** in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. Danielle graduated from Tufts Dental School, and Amit is an electrical engineer at Teradyne; they live in Boston. **Charles Hill** married Amy Lerner last November in Los Angeles. She's a litigation associate for Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmato and Charles works in the corporate strategy and business development group of Gemstar-TV Guide International in Pasadena.

More of our classmates have tied the knot since we've last heard from them. **Janet Garcia Chaves** (janet\_chaves@mindspring.com) was married in 2000 and not only gained a husband, but a stepson Stephen. She was back to campus in 2001 for recruiting and to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. My guess is that Brazil was a little more exciting than Ithaca! Janet has kept in touch with **Sheldon Jordan** and **France-Marie Exantus**. Another classmate hearing wedding bells recently was **Amanda Doig Light**, who is still living in Washington, DC. **Scott Beicke** (sbeicke@gsb.uchicago.edu) sent us news of his April 2003 marriage to Dayna Press at the New York Botanical Gardens. Scott reports that the wedding had many Cornellians in attendance, including ceremony participants **Joshua Klein '98**, **David Poggi**, **Daniel Economos '00**, and **Craig Hauret '99**.

Many classmates are continuing their education and send news of their accomplishments. What, four years at Cornell were not enough? **Melinda Tyler** (tylerm@upstate.edu) is currently working on her MD/PhD at SUNY Upstate in Syracuse and is on track to finish in 2008. Melinda also got married since graduation. Another classmate has earned the title "doctor." **Michael Tunick** (mtunick1@yahoo.com) graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in June and is working on his residency in Family Practice in Binghamton, NY. Congrats, Michael! A double dose of congratulations goes out to **Heather Ziegler Weitzel** (hbweitzel@worldnet.att.net). Not only did Heather graduate with her PhD in biological sciences this spring from Carnegie Mellon U., she and husband **Bryan '99** welcomed their son Noah Jacob into the world a mere two weeks later, on March 30. Not letting a baby slow her down, Heather is now on the faculty at Carnegie Mellon U., teaching genetics and cell and developmental biology labs for juniors and enjoying Pittsburgh.

Many of you have sent Erica and me wonderful updates at the time of an engagement or a pregnancy. While we appreciate you keeping in touch and are excited to hear about the eventful lives of our classmates, we can't print wedding information until after the event has taken place. Please drop us another line (you can do it through the class website at [www.classof97.cornell.edu](http://www.classof97.cornell.edu) or email us directly) and let us know how your big day went! The same goes for the birth of your own future Cornellian—please let us know after the fact. We also welcome all other kinds of news, from job promotions to graduations, relocations to exciting vacations. Keep the news coming and don't forget to subscribe to *Cornell Alumni Magazine* so you, too, can keep up with your classmates! ♦ **Sarah Deardorff**

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**98** The class column for this issue can be found with the Reports of Reunion Classes, which begin on page 74.

**99** This year, my family decided to get married. In calendar year 2003, the women cousins of my family dropped like flies—leaving me as one of the last women standing. GASP!—*Who will be left to carry on the Smith family name?*

Thankfully, I found a semi-taker: **Lia Roggio** married fellow '99 classmate **Lex Smith** at her parents' house in Malvern, PA, last September in a beautiful hilltop ceremony, making her the "hyphenated" Lia Roggio-Smith. The wedding was one big reunion with the following classmates in attendance: **Rob Kennedy**, **Melissa Crawford**, **Ben Robins**, **Gavin McKay**, **Charlie Voellinger**, **Diane Macina**, **Kyle Popovich**, **Tom and Lauren Meritt Loiacono**, **Brian Topps**, **Jon Miller**, and **Dara Sher**. Throw in some mud, spiked "bug juice," and a pig roast, and it sounds like the Roggios, Smiths, and Roggio-Smiths—with so many gathered Cornellians—had a mock Slope Day in the making!

When you have a guest list like this, why not just elope? Say "I do" on an Asian island getaway with hosts **Caryn (Chase)** and **Brad Rakov '98**. These newlyweds have been stationed in Japan for their first wedding years with the US Marine Corps. They have visited Hawaii and Singapore, and they invite all divers to explore the islands with them. If Guinness is more your drink of choice than Sapporo, take some marital pointers from **Talibah Thompson Buchanan** who wed in Donegal, Ireland, in the summer of 2000. Talibah and her husband are savoring married life in their new home in Maryland, where Talibah is in her second year in a clinical psychology doctoral program.

Also bound in holy matrimony, **John Murphy** married my former Cornell tour guide **Kate Aichele** last April. The two live in Pasadena, CA—not too far for romantic weekend jaunts to Disneyland. If their love could blossom in the Ithaca winters, just think what's in store for this sunny California couple! Another fellow tour-guiding backwards-walker, **Amy Van Blarcom** exchanged rings with Scott Lackey on her family's dairy farm in Western Pennsylvania. Joining the two were **Harriet Pimm Wegmeyer**, **Laura Knights**, **Heather Hollidge**, **Carolina Maharbiz**, and **Margaux Neiderbach**. I bet Amy was just as stunning as when she was named Dairy Princess during her youth! Margaux Neiderbach—who orchestrated a massive volunteer event called "New York Cares Day" last fall—also attended the wedding of class of '99 officer Harriet Pimm to Tyler Wegmeyer last August, with a similar crowd of Amy VanBlarcom, Laura Knights, **Lindsay Raymond**, **Anne Law**, **Leslie Kirchner '98**, and **Craig Gfeller '98** in a "haunted" mansion in Leesburg, VA.

Besides the xx chromosomes of the *Smith*

family, calendar year 2003 has also been a notable one for the class of '99's dynamic girls of crew. Crew goddess **Sara Best** walked down the aisle with Edward Monaco in May, with row-mate **Michaela Rosenholz** standing by her side as maid of honor. In addition to sporting something borrowed and something blue, Sara scored another diploma to add to the wall, having completed Columbia U.'s College of Physicians and Surgeons this spring. Michaela, who could have (perhaps) declared the two legally wed, graduated this year from Duke Law School. Teammate **Andrea Reh** also both wed and graduated this year, earning her med school degree from Georgetown. And another crew team double-processional: **Allyson Spahr** walked down the aisle to receive her diploma from the Thomas Jefferson Med School and exchanged vows with **Leard Huggins '00**, ME AES '01, in June of last year. Lots of celebratory tassel and bouquet tossing, ladies!

In addition to our class of '99 aquatic athletes, chimes and bells sounded for field hockey alum **Kristina Bullard**, who married Jack Phipps in September '02, with teammates **Marisa Hanaka** and **Tara Flegel** doubling as bridesmaids. The ceremony in Schwenksville, PA, was attended by classmates **Matt Gamage**, **Luis Lovis**, and **John Ievolo**, among many other Cornellians. Kristina is happy in marriage and with her job as a Quaker Foods engineer for Gatorade and Tropicana.

Has the white gown got you down? Not to worry. There are plenty of "catches" in our '99 class sea. Four Cornellians worth mentioning for their "Most Eligible Bachelor" status are **Todd Johnson**, **Meir Gottlieb '00**, **Aaron Gerlich**, and **Gabriel Weisz**. What do these gentlemen have in common? They founded Salar Inc., a Baltimore-based company that has revolutionized patient care at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. In nine months, the system increased the cardiology division's collections by 35 percent. **Eduardo Wichtendahl**, MMH '99, also makes my "MEB" list. He lives in Acapulco and just opened a beach club in the most exclusive area in Mexico. In his spare time, he's managed to pair up with chef Susanna Palazuelos for a series of 45 YV cooking shows. Sign me up!

Two Cornell ladies who top my "Most Eligible Bachelorette" list: **Jennifer Kleinbaum** and **Alison Emblidge**. The two marine mademoiselles started an eco-tour program to Mexico and Curaçao. Also, men, here's your class of '99 dream woman: **Kristy Shreve**. Kristy works for the National Football Assn. in Gainesville, FL—home of the Florida Gators—after being awarded a presidential fellowship to the U. of Florida for the counselor education doctoral program. She works with a program called "Play It Smart" and is an academic coach for the Raines High School football team in Jacksonville.

One final SAVE THE DATE of note—and for once I'm not talking about one worthy of garters and guest books—REUNION! That's right. You heard me. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 5-year anniversary of our graduation: June 10-13, 2004!

I don't make it a practice of rushing for the

tossed bouquet, but if anyone knows of any single male Smiths out there (or those willing to convert), send them my way. In the meantime, feel free to buy me items off my "Single Woman's Registry" at Crate & Barrel and Williams-Sonoma. As always, I am ♦ **Jess Smith**, JESSinIOWA@hotmail.com; **Melanie R. Arzt**, melanie@improvboston.com; **Jennifer Sheldon**, jsheldon@law.uconn.edu.

**OO** Autumn is my absolute favorite season because it reminds me of the first time I set my eyes upon the gorges and foothills of Ithaca and the breathtaking landscape of our alma mater. And more importantly, this time of year makes me reminisce about the good friends that I met that first semester at Cornell. A few months ago, I was able to get together with an entire crew of ZBTs in NYC. We all met at **Doug Weine's** apartment and had the chance to meet his new, fun friends at Weill Cornell Medical College. Doug is currently a fourth-year and is also an up-and-coming painter. I was able to view his artwork displayed in his living room and also a portrait he created of the happy couple, **Brian Gershengorn** and **Lauren Bettman '01**. Brian obtained his JD at Brooklyn Law this year, and Lauren has one more year to go!

**Ira Noble** has taken a break from his fast-paced life at Solomon Smith Barney, and is currently relaxing and enjoying all that Manhattan has to offer. **Jason Gregorio** was accepted to medical school in Grenada, and **Mike Fairchild '01** continues his work in investment banking. **Rory Weiner '99** has graduated from Mount Sinai Medical School, and is now an intern in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. I was also able to see **David Gidseg '99**, who is loving married life with **Lauren Saul**. Also, **Manny Porat** just took the boards this summer and will be starting his third year at Temple Medical School. I get to see him often on his visits with **Gail Burstein**, who is now a fourth-year at Mount Sinai. And as for my favorite ZBT alum, **Scott Weiss** continues his success in his fourth year at Harvard Medical School.

A hearty congratulations to **Charlene Wiggins**, who was selected as one of the three students to receive distinguished honors at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva U. Charlene was the recipient of a 2002 Bristol-Myers Squibb Academic Medicine Fellowship. Also in the land of academia, **Lu (Lucy) Zhang**, ME M '00, started an MBA program at Pepperdine U., while **Jordan Tomalty** begins his third year at U. of Florida Dental School. **Katie Dealy** has begun graduate school in NYC, where she is studying international education development. **Andrea Clark** is currently attending Ross U. Veterinary School at St. Kitts, as **Leith Steel** cooks up a storm at the Western Culinary Inst. **Jenelle Piscitelli** began her graduate studies at Carnegie Mellon U.'s Heinz School in educational technology management, and **Catherine Ayers** is working toward her PhD in clinical psychology at George Mason U. Reporting from Rochester, MN, **Emily Wilson** is finishing up at the Mayo Medical School. She came back to the East

Coast to meet up with **Rika Wilcox**, who is going to graduate school at Columbia U., and **Liz Selden**, who is teaching third grade in Los Angeles. It's great to see the three of you keeping in touch despite the long distance!

Now, this column wouldn't be the same without a few weddings to announce! **Shawn Marissy** wed **Matt Markovich '99** in Burlington, VT. They are currently living in a very charming neighborhood in Philadelphia. I was able to see pictures from their wedding on a visit to **Chris Comarato '99**, and it looked absolutely lovely! **Elisabeth Frankel** and **Colin Reed** have also been recently married. Elisabeth's bridal party included **Sarah Bucciero '99**, **Danielle Wain '99**, **Mary Constantino '99**, and **Marissa Samuel '01**. Elisabeth is working for Bear Sterns in NYC, and is also writing her first novel, which she hopes will be published by the time she turns 25. **Alicia Pattison** attended the wedding of **Sarah Gish** and **Ted Powenski '99**. They were married at Sage Chapel alongside many Cornellians: **Stephen Shannon '99**, **John Powenski '90**, **Natalie West**, **Karen Ang**, **John Wiley '95**, **Metta Cohen**, and **Jay Rittberg '99**. Alicia reports that the black tie event was both elegant and wonderfully intimate.

**Lynn D'Silva** has been working abroad for Merck & Co. Inc. in London and also in Puerto Rico. She will be relocating to a suburb of Philly. A rising entrepreneur, **Michelle Perales** has started her own home-building business and residential development company in San Antonio, TX. **Sara Branch Keegan** has made a change, and moved from the law firm of McGuire Woods to Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue. **Jennifer O'Neil** has been shaking things up in both NYC and California for Sony Music Entertainment. Jen, have you met anyone famous yet?

As for me, I have joined the many others out there who have shut their eyes to our bear market and have decided to go back to school! I am delighted to say that I have reunited with many classmates in NYC, and have chosen to attend Brooklyn Law School. And even though I have only been in Manhattan for a short time, I have already run into Cornellians at every

always, we love hearing from you and we love writing for you. ♦ **Andrea M. Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu; and **Sarah Striffler**, sjs34@cornell.edu.

**O1** Happy fall! I hope that many of you will consider visiting the Big Red for a great Homecoming Weekend. Remember how "gorges" Ithaca is this time of year, before it gets cold? Take some time off and go back and visit your favorite bar or restaurant. If you see our new president, Cornell alum **Jeff Lehman '77**, make sure you say hello.

We have a lot of updates and not a lot of space, so let me jump right in. Belated congratulations to: **Ruth Chen** and **Livingston Cheng '98**, who were married last year and are now living in Ann Arbor, MI; **Michelle Wobser**, who graduated from Johns Hopkins with a master's in environmental engineering and married **Carl McEntire '00**; and **Courtney Kimball**, who married **Matthew Zimmerman** at Uris Library Terrace. Both are now in the United States Air Force.

**Jason Adler** is working for Westlake Village Hyatt and is planning to move up the Hotel ladder. **Sarah Maguire** returned from Israel, where she was a volunteer for a year, and has begun a career in Jewish education by interning with a fifth grade class and taking grad classes at Brandeis U. **Michael Maskulinski** is a patent examiner for the US Patent and Trademark Office. **Tara Rizzo** is working as a project engineer for BAE Systems in New Jersey. **Fatema Gunja** is at the ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project in New Haven, CT. **Jenny Kelsey Mills** is earning her master's degree at Big Red and plans to teach, although she has not ruled out law school. She and her husband recently hosted Chinese farm managers for a month, who will in turn be better prepared to take care of their own farm in Western China. She has even been invited to pursue a consulting opportunity in China. **Teddie Martis** recently resigned from business consulting to begin her master's in organizational psychology and business at Columbia U. Teddie

'Jenny Kelsey Mills and her husband recently hosted Chinese farm managers for a month.'

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street corner. My most recent run-in was with **Ron Wechsler '77** in the chic restaurant Asia de Cuba. While celebrating my 25th birthday with fellow classmates **Waina Cheng**, **Jason Satran '01**, **Julie Rodriguez**, **Linda Nicoll**, and **Heather Braunstein**, I got to meet Ron and wife **Debra Biegelson-Wechsler '77**. The two met their junior year and now have a daughter Rachel, who is continuing the family tradition in the College of Arts and Sciences. Ron is currently at Citigroup in commercial mortgages and also happens to work with our classmate **Jennifer Tom**. What a small world! Well, that's all for now. As

has been awarded a 2003 Kappa Alpha Theta Alumni scholarship for her academic achievement at Cornell, her involvement as president, VP and activities chair, and her contributions to the NYC community.

**Nadine Latief**, **Kate Oliver**, and **Brandon Bray** are all planning to reunite for their fourth annual Thanksgiving reunion. The first three reunions were held in Ithaca, Anchorage, and Seattle. Where will this year's be?

In the I'm Jealous category: **Lenny Tanzil** has moved back to Perth, Australia, to enjoy quality time with his family. **Ryan McCarthy** is loving life

## Alumni Deaths

on the beach while working for Royal Caribbean Cruises in Miami. **Matthew Niles** is building off-road racers, racing in the Baja 1000, skiing, biking, and loving California. **Brian Strahine**, who was recently featured on the Class of 2001 Web page ([www.classof2001.cornell.edu](http://www.classof2001.cornell.edu)), is now a Peace Corps volunteer in Eastern Europe.

Please continue to send us your updates. Did you get married? Have a new job? Start graduate school? Gone on any cool vacations? Let us know. E-mail [classof2001@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2001@cornell.edu) or visit [www.classof2001.cornell.edu](http://www.classof2001.cornell.edu). Have a great fall and we hope to see you soon! ♦ **Itai Dinour**, [id22@cornell.edu](mailto:id22@cornell.edu); **Lauren Wallach**, [lew15@cornell.edu](mailto:lew15@cornell.edu).

**02** Send news to: ♦ **Elizabeth Richards**, [elizabethlauren\\_richards@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethlauren_richards@yahoo.com).

**03** For the majority of the Class of 2003 Cornell has been left far behind and we are now "out on our own." Scary thought, right? Well, from the e-mails and phone calls that I've received, we seem to be well on our way to all sorts of exciting adventures in all sorts of exciting places!

Before heading for Naval Aviation training, **Ted Kelleher** begins his master's in engineering at the Air Force Inst. of Technology in Dayton, OH. He is keeping good company with **Tom Struble** and **Adrian Korduba**, both of whom are still living the dream in Ithaca and waiting to begin their Navy careers as submariners. **Rachel Herman** has already reported to her lovely oiler (USS *Detroit*) out of Earl, NJ, and raves, "They gave me my own office, so I think I'm going to sit in here and write e-mails all afternoon. And life is good!"

**Tamara Crepet** is currently in DC working at a PR firm by day, teaching (and taking) dance by evening, and going out by night. "That is, for as long as I can keep up this almost-no-sleep schedule," she writes. She is excited about heading down south to law school. **Sudha Nandagopal** was excited about traveling to India for a few weeks and then will be in "Beantown" (Boston) for the months of August and September.

There is a massive Hotelie listserve going on that I managed to tap myself into, so here goes: **Jen Greenman** and her twin sister **Julia Greenman** are presently at the Culinary Inst. of America doing an exchange program and studying "Cuisines of the Americas." She writes, "We are having the most FANTASTIC time here, the people are really nice, and the campus is amazing." **Zach Conine** is chilling and enjoying the beautiful weather in thrilling Cossackie, NY. **Annie Wickstrom** has gone west to work with Fairmont in Chicago, and **Joe Graham** is in California along with **Tony Muscio**.

That's all that I've heard so far. I know that it may have been tough for a few of you to hit the ground running and share your news for this column right away (for many people, all I have is a phone number!), but keep in touch and share your news. ♦ **Samantha Buckingham**, [sam\\_buckingham@hotmail.com](mailto:sam_buckingham@hotmail.com); **Sudha Nandagopal**, [sn58@cornell.edu](mailto:sn58@cornell.edu).

'16 BS Ag, MS '25—**Paul R. Young** of Elyria, OH, April 15, 2003; newspaper columnist, reporter, and editor; gardener; educator; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'24 ME, EE '25, MEE '34—**John P. Wood** of Thomasville, GA, January 14, 2003; electrical engineer, Nat'l Aniline Division of Allied Chemical; electrical engineering instructor, 1929-1941; active in alumni affairs.

'25 BA—**Edith A. Bennett** of Burlingame, CA, December 25, 2002; elected official; legal secretary; manager, Hotel Windemere; active in civic and community affairs.

'25 BA—**Albert J. Scheu** of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, February 20, 1996. Alpha Delta Phi.

'27—**Susan Elson McKnight** (Mrs. Paul K.) of Richmond, VA, November 7, 2002; musician; sang in the Chautauqua Opera; taught voice and piano; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'28 BA, LLB '30—**Hon. H. Sol Clark** of Savannah, GA, January 17, 2003; attorney; Court of Appeals judge; father of legal aid in Georgia; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'28 EE—**Charles R. Durling Jr.** of Delray Beach, FL, formerly of Annapolis, MD, January 15, 2003; owner, Durling Electric Co. Alpha Chi Rho.

'28 BA—**Marjorie Hershon Wing** (Mrs. Alexander H. Jr.) of Larkspur, CA, August 1, 2002.

'29 BA, JD '32—**John E. Coleman** of Dayton, OH, January 17, 2003; attorney; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Delta Chi.

'29 BA—**Lemma B. Crabtree** of Montgomery, NY, October 23, 2001.

'29 BS Ag, PhD '33—**Pascal P. Pirone** of Lexington, KY, January 11, 2003; retired plant pathologist, NY Botanical Garden; expert on plant disease; taught at Cornell and Rutgers U.; author; active in professional affairs.

'29 BA—**Edwin C. Raedel** of Columbus, OH, January 25, 2003; owner, Raedel Hardware; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.

'31 DVM—**William E. Jennings** of Santa

Rosa Beach, FL, January 26, 2003; military veterinarian; Chief Veterinarian, 5th US Army; taught at Kansas State U., Auburn U., and Cornell; director of meat inspection, State of New York; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'31 MA, PhD '38—**Kaspar O. Myrvaagnes** of Winchester, MA, June 7, 1995.

'32—**Col. John P. Christensen Jr.** of El Paso, TX, July 3, 2002. Sigma Pi.

'32 BS Ag, PhD '34—**Ruth E. Gordon** of Rockville, MD, January 1, 2003.

'32—**Rachel Worthen Sidenberg** (Mrs. Richard W.) of Rancho Mirage, CA, January 28, 2003; active in community affairs. Delta Gamma.

'32—**G. Winthrop Wells** of Wrentham, MA, August 16, 2002.

'33 BA—**Olive Miller Ellis** (Mrs. Gordon H. '33, PhD '36) of La Jolla, CA, January 10, 2003. Kappa Delta.

'33 BA—**Richard A. Rosan** of Georgetown, MD, January 16, 2003; attorney; veteran; vice president, Columbia Gas; author; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'33—**William L. Verlenden** of Lookout Mountain, TN, January 12, 2003; exec. vice president & treasurer, Standard-Coosa-Thatcher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'34 BS Ag—**Franklyn F. Bond** of Sterling Heights, MI, June 12, 1995. Theta Xi.

'34 BA—**Sarah Raynor Lind** (Mrs. Martin '33) of Westhampton, NY, March 23, 2002.

'35 BA, MS '37—**H. Fred Hamlin** of Signal Mountain, TN, March 5, 2002.

'35—**Joseph R. Hellmer** of Mexico City, Mexico, August 13, 1971; expert on Mexican folk music; teacher; radio and television broadcaster; hosted TV series "Flora y Canto."

'35 MA—**Adolphus J. Lockhart** of Atlanta, GA, June 1986.

'35—**Clarke H. Pohl** of Naples, FL, August 1, 2002; contractor; owner, Perry Pies Bakery; active in community and religious affairs.

'35—**Frank L. Prendergast** of San Juan Capistrano, CA, June 7, 1992. Phi Gamma Delta.

'36 MA—**Harriet Gay Chapin** of Natick, MA, August 10, 1998.

'36 BA—**Kathleen Stapleton Reilly** of Forest Hills, NY, January 1, 2002; active in alumni affairs. Delta Gamma.

'37 BA—**Brother John D. Gardner** of Santa Fe, NM, October 18, 2002; clergyman; active in religious affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'37 BS Ag—**Howard W. Hruschka** of Kansas City, MO, October 7, 2002; plant researcher, US Dept. of Agriculture. Wife, Eudora (Hendrickson) '39.

'37—**Glenn C. Wilkes** of Forestport, NY, June 30, 1998.

'38, BS Ag '39—**Richard G. Buchauer** of Eden, NY, December 13, 1999; worked for New York State Archeological Assn. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'38, BS Ag '39—**Ralph M. Freebern** of Florissant, MO, December 28, 2001; active in alumni affairs.

'38 BS Ag—**Julian D. Silverman** of Lake Grove, NY, August 27, 2002; administrator, Suffolk County Social Svcs.

'38—**Rosalie Mayer Waldes** of Roslyn, NY, April 4, 1999; active in community affairs.

'39 PhD—**Russell B. Eaton** of West Chester, PA, January 1, 1988.

'39 BA—**Dorothy Handloff Goberman** (Mrs. Nathan L.) of Palm Beach, FL, exact date unknown; owner, D G Properties.

'39 MA—**Katherine Wheeler Norton** (Mrs. Leland B.) of Clinton, NY, March 5, 2002.

'40 MA, PhD '43—**Orville D. Frampton** of Cincinnati, OH, April 16, 1993.

'40 MA—**Robert K. Haubner** of Phelps, NY, March 15, 1999.

'40 MA—**David S. Hawes** of Bloomington, IN, April 7, 2002.

'40—**Walter R. Redmond** of Forest Hills, NY, November 22, 2001.

'40 DVM—**Bernard W. Rosen** of Cedarhurst, NY, December 3, 2002; veterinarian; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'41 BME, PhD '51—**Robert M. Frank** of Los Alamos, NM, January 31, 2003; physicist, Los Alamos Lab; veteran. Pi Lambda Phi.

'41-42 SP Ag—**Albert S. Johnson** of Bethlehem, PA, exact date unknown.

'41 BA—**Frances Wolfsie Levitzky** of Ithaca, NY, September 8, 1997. Sigma Delta Tau.

'41—**Ward H. Streeter** of Grand Gorge, NY, November 14, 2000.

'41 BA—**Katharine Evans Whitman** (Mrs. Francis C. '40) of Ft. Myers, FL, August 19, 2002.

'42 PhD—**Robert W. Bratton** of New Ross, IN, December 23, 2001.

'42 BME—**Joseph S. Mount** of Chico, CA, July 11, 1999. Seal and Serpent.

'43 BA—**Charles L. Aderholdt** of Deland, FL, November 5, 2002. Beta Theta Pi.

'43 MA—**Bertha Guttman Brenner** of Washington, DC, August 16, 1994.

'43—**Eugene D. Ermini** of Treasure Island, FL, June 12, 2002; physician; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Chi.

'43 BA—**Joan Greenberg Freilich** (Mrs. Felix) of Cleveland, OH, exact date unknown.

'43 BA—**Alan A. Krull** of Buffalo, NY, December 17, 2001; worked for Central O-B Products; active in alumni affairs. Delta Phi.

'43 BA—**Marguerite Wells Nassauer** (Mrs. George) of Cincinnati, OH, November 25, 2002. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'43, BS Ag '46—**Watson B. Smith** of N. Syracuse, NY, February 8, 2001.

'44, BS Ag '47—**Peter S. Cosmides** of Charlotte, NC, November 20, 2002; supervisory US probation officer; veteran.

'44, BA '43—**Terese Newman Kaplan** (Mrs. Milton) of Boca Raton, FL, October 24, 2000; consultant, Sentinal Bag & Paper Corp. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'45—**Donald E. Crowe** of Fredonia, NY, November 12, 1996; worked for Cornell U.

'45, BA '48, JD '51—**Michael S. Curtis** of Seattle, WA, February 7, 2002; attorney.

'45 BS ME—**Ralph E. Davis Jr.** of Edwards, CO, November 13, 2002.

'45—**Henry P. Drexler** of Hubbardsville, NY, October 16, 2001; owner, Sandy Acres dairy farm, and Smyrna Raceway; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho. Wife, Leah (Smith) '46.

'45 MA, PhD '51—**Lois D. Odell** of Towson, MD, December 13, 2002; professor of biology, Towson U.; active in professional affairs.

'45 BME—**Walter O. Weber** of Merritt Island, FL, June 2, 2002; executive, plastics industry.

'46 BA—**Janet Dayton Knipher** (Mrs. Frederick C. Jr.) of Tacoma, WA, August 29, 2002. Delta Gamma.

'47 MS Engr—**Major Robert R. Ploger** of Ann Arbor, MI, September 7, 2002; retired military; D-Day veteran.

'47 MS—**Lila Maxson Richman** of Pelham, NY, November 2, 1999; nutritionist; active in religious affairs. Husband, Edward L. '40, BS Hotel '47.

'47—**Jerry G. Rosenblatt** of Suffern, NY, January 15, 1983.

'47 BA—**Marcia Davis Silber** of New Hampton, NY, April 2, 1998; worked for Joseph E. Silber, PC.

'48 BA—**Alvin I. Kaplan** of San Francisco, CA, November 20, 2000; worked for Levi Strauss. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'48 BS Hotel—**Joseph E. Kosakowski** of Topsham, ME, August 19, 2002.

'48 BME, MME '59—**Robert S. Richardson** of Vineland, NJ, February 20, 2002; worked for electric utility. Phi Gamma Delta.

'48 MS Ed, PhD '51—**Robert O. Shaffer** of Wheaton, IL, December 19, 2002.

'48 BA—**Suzanne Holstein Stein** of Boca Raton, FL, December 12, 2002. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'49, BME '50—**Reginald D. Hartwell** of Oro Valley, AZ, January 9, 2002; president, Hartwell Enterprises.

'49 BEE—**Paul A. Knight** of Satellite Beach, FL, June 14, 2002; engineer.

'49 BS AE—**George J. Koss** of Chevy Chase, MD, December 6, 2002. Theta Xi.

'49 MS Ag—**Julius F. Thomas** of Oakland, CA, May 16, 1999. Wife, Connie (Williams), GR '49-50.

'50 BS Ag—**Martha Wells Atkinson** of Rutland, VT, October 5, 2002; active in community affairs. Delta Gamma. Husband, Frank '52.

'50 B Chem E—**Albert C. Dutton** of White Stone, VA, December 27, 2002; retired chemical engineer, Dupont Co.; veteran. Phi Delta Theta.

'50 BA, MA '51—**Edward J. Fox Jr.** of Shaker Heights, OH, March 4, 2002; worked for Cuyahoga Special Ed. Service Center.

'50—**Richard A. Karikka** of Grants Pass, OR, January 16, 2002; retired engineer; active in community affairs.

'50 BArch, MRP '58—**James W. Yarnell** of Upton, ME, November 20, 2001; architect.

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'51 BS LP—**Samuel L. Carman** of Bloomfield Hills, MI, October 17, 2002; landscape architect. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'51 BS Ag—**Joseph Gitlin** of New York City, December 14, 2002.

'51 JD—**Paul B. Hanks Jr.** of Bergen, NY, September 17, 2002.

'51 BS Hotel—**Roger S. Ross** of Muttontown, NY, February 1, 2002; former general manager, Cornell Club of New York.

'51 MS Ed—**Edward A. Shattuck** of Ticonderoga, NY, December 2, 2001; retired, state education dept.

'52, BS HE '55—**Barbara Heil** Bishop of Chestnut Hill, MA, April 12, 1998. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'52 PhD—**Charles M. Martin** of Pickerington, OH, October 1, 2001; professor, Ohio State U.

'52 BS Ag—**David S. Simpson** of Camillus, NY, January 3, 2000; pharmaceuticals salesman.

'52—**Patricia Hogan** Wells of Killingworth, CT, March 14, 2002. Alpha Phi.

'53 JD—**Robert J. E. Buckley** of Bennington, VT, January 1, 2002; former director, Mellon Bank; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'53 MBA—**William K. Heron** of Rochester, NY, April 4, 2002; worked for Eastman Kodak.

'53 BA, MD '57—**Zygmunt M. Tomkiewicz** of Pittsford, NY, September 1998; physician.

'55—**Paul G. Giddings** of New York City, October 18, 2001.

'55 BS Hotel—**Joel Jennings** of Delray Beach, FL, November 9, 2002; CPA. Kappa Alpha.

'56 PhD—**Laler C. De Costa** of Orangeburg, SC, December 1980.

'56-58 SP Hotel—**Capt. Joseph C. Olson** of Concord, TN, June 29, 2001; former president, ARA Hospitality Food Mgmt.; veteran.

'57 BS Hotel—**Neilon J. Ainslie** of Rapid City, SD, March 7, 2002. Wife, Grace (Buckbee) '57.

'57 BS Hotel—**Philip J. Garrett** of Baltimore, MD, February 14, 2002; worked for District Court of Maryland.

'57 MBA—**Robert B. Peterman** of Monte Carlo, Monaco, February 2, 2002; retired businessman; active in alumni affairs.

'58 BS Hotel—**Jay M. Reynolds** of Ticonderoga, NY, October 22, 2002; owner, Indian Kettles restaurant; active in professional affairs.

'58, BArch '60—**Monte P. Riefler** of Hamburg, NY, March 20, 2003; architect; president, Riefler Concrete; veteran; part-owner, Buffalo Southern railroad; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'58—**Percival A. S. Tomlinson** of Brooklyn, NY, January 8, 1993.

'58 BS Ag—**B. Everett Westa** of Ballston Spa, NY, February 6, 2003; retired teacher. Delta Tau Delta.

'59 PhD—**Jiri T. Kolaja** of Morgantown, WV, February 10, 2003; professor emeritus of sociology, West Virginia U.; also taught at SUNY Brockport, McMaster U., U. of Kentucky, and Talladega College; author; filmmaker; active in community and professional affairs.

'59 SP—**Daniel A. Korzenski** of Dunkirk, NY, December 28, 2002; owner, Critter Ridder Animal Control; also worked for Ralston-Purina; active in community affairs.

'59—**Joel H. Swift** of Delray Beach, FL, March 4, 2002.

'60 BA—**Beryl Clemetsen** Gillespie of Iowa City, IA, September 22, 2002.

'60 BS ILR—**James G. Kelly** of Utica, NY, exact date unknown; president, Jim Kelly Assocs.

'60 JD—**Lester W. Miller Jr.** of Seattle, WA, formerly of Anchorage, AK, June 16, 2001; attorney; represented Alaska Native organizations; veteran; president, Alaska State Bar; active in professional affairs.

'61 MS—**Richard M. Doherty** of North Andover, MA, August 28, 2002; teacher, Essex Technical Inst.

'61—**John M. Finnerty** of Bath, NY, November 20, 1991; judge, Steuben County, NY.

'61 BS Ag—**Mechthild Buschman** Smith of Colonia, NJ, June 7, 2002. Husband, Jack L., MS '62.

'61, BEE '62—**Donald C. Uber** of Pleasant Hill, CA, November 4, 2002; electrical engineer, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory. Pi Kappa Phi.

'62 PhD—**Evelyn A. Havir** of Hamden, CT, September 23, 2002.

'62 BS Nurs—**Loretta von Thaden** Miller (Mrs. John H.) of Humble, TX, May 15, 1992; nurse.

'63 BS Hotel—**Walter J. Clough** of Rumson, NJ, February 26, 2002; vice president of sales, Mercer, Bokert, Buckman, and Reid. Delta Phi.

'63—**Michael J. Hasler** of London, England, exact date unknown.

'63 BA—**Joel W. Kovner** of Thousand Oaks, CA,



September 22, 2000; CEO, First Professional Bank.

'64 PhD—**Richard F. Whitbeck** of Aliso Viejo, CA, October 12, 1995.

'66 BS Ag—**William H. Moger** of Boutilliers Point, Nova Scotia, Canada, exact date unknown.

'67 MST—**James R. Agnew** of Cattaraugus, NY, November 1987.

'67 BS Eng, PhD '73—**George D. Meixel Jr.** was mistakenly listed as deceased in the July/August 2003 *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

'67 BS Nurs—**Jane E. Scholand** of Riverhead, NY, March 31, 2003; public health nurse; elementary school and health teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'67 MBA—**Howard W. Watson** of Hot Springs Village, AR, March 2003; consultant, Mobil Oil Corp.

'68 PhD—**Peter A. Engel** of East Windsor, NJ, September 22, 1996; former professor, SUNY Binghamton.

'68, BS Eng '69—**Joseph J. Marlin** of Downingtown, PA, January 19, 2003; director of project engineering, Wyeth Pharmaceuticals; active in civic and community affairs. Wife, Jane (Pater-son) '69.

'68 PhD—**Timothy J. Simpson** of Lyndonville, VT, March 31, 2003; chemistry and physics teacher and coach at Lyndon Institute; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'69, BS Hotel '70—**Jon E. Comber** of Clearwater, FL, March 30, 2003; former asst. manager, Radisson Suite Resort, Sand Key; active in professional and religious affairs.

'69 BA—**David H. Gluck** of Ithaca, NY, March 31, 2003; award-winning filmmaker; president, PhotoSynthesis Productions; active in community and professional affairs.

'70 BS Hotel—**Jeffrey B. Baer** of Denver, CO, January 16, 2003; senior vice president, First Data Corp.; owner, Famous Amos Cookie Co.; co-founder, *Family Travel* magazine; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'70 MPA—**Edwin D. K. Chown** of Ottawa, Ont., Canada, January 27, 2003; former director, Dept. of Health, Yellowknife, NWT.

'70-73 GR—**Donald P. Croker** of San Diego, CA, March 26, 2002; professional pianist.

'70 Ed D—**Ralph Kleinspehn Jr.** of Fillmore, NY, exact date unknown; retired teacher.

'70 PhD—**Marcello Truzzi** of Grass Lake, MI, February 9, 2003; sociologist; chair, sociology

dept., Eastern Michigan U.; investigated para-psychology; author; active in professional affairs.

'71 JD—**Thomas F. Falduto** of Lake in the Hills, IL, January 18, 2003; real estate attorney, State of Illinois; active in community and professional affairs.

'71 MST—**Steven A. Hughes** of Owensboro, KY, November 26, 1996; worked for Owensboro Board of Education.

'71 BS HE—**Maureen E. La Haise** of Slingerlands, NY, January 17, 2003; worked for MVP Healthcare; secondary school teacher.

'71 MA, PhD '77—**Richard Tiedeken** of Doylestown, PA, December 12, 2001.

'72 BA—**Walter H. Graze** of Albany, CA, March 2, 2003; worked in occupational health and safety; active in community and professional affairs.

'73 BS HE—**Karen Montner Silverman** of Newton Center, MA, January 28, 2003; social worker; activist; active in community affairs. Husband, Samuel L. '73.

'74 BA—**Nancy Leibovit Blanke** of North Miami Beach, FL, January 28, 2003; exec. vice president and CEO, Meridian Marine Corp.; stock broker; dancer; active in professional affairs.

'74 MNS—**Jean Thomas Bonde** of Middletown, MD, May 4, 2000. Husband, Morris R., PhD '75.

'74 PhD—**Joan Segal Jolly** of Amherst, NH, June 20, 1995. Husband, Stuart M., MS '72.

'74 BS Ag—**Neal E. Okun** of Delray Beach, FL, December 2001.

'74 BS ILR—**James M. Trono** of Agawam, MA, November 20, 2001; attorney, Employers Assn. of Western Mass. Zeta Beta Tau.

'75, BA '76—**Cynthia Woodson-Mayo** of Davidsonville, MD, March 15, 2003; physician.

'76 BS Engr, ME E '77—**Gary M. Blaine** of Asbury Park, NJ, March 6, 2003; software engineer; active in professional affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.

'76 MD—**Bruce Braverman** of New York City, March 23, 2003; physician.

'76 BS Ag—**Frederick C. Geise** of Carlisle, PA, December 28, 2002; asst. vice president, PNC Financial Svcs. Group; active in community affairs.

'76 MBA—**Alfredo J. Jaccoud** of Vitoria, Brazil, February 2001; worked for Universidade Federal do Espirito Santo.

'77 MS—**Dianne Beauchemin** LaMountain of Richmond, VA, January 28, 2003; human

resource and leadership consultant; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Husband, Dennis, MS ILR '76.

'78 ME M—**Moses Platt** of Reading, MA, 2003; vice president, Tytronics Inc.

'78 BS ILR—**Stephen Weiss** of New York City, June 17, 1994.

'79, BA '80—**Joan H. Good** of Ft. Myers, FL, February 11, 2003; director of human resources, Cannondale Corp.

'79 BArch—**R. Warren Simmons** of Encinitas, CA, August 12, 2002; architect. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'79, BS HE '80—**Joseph J. White** of Oneonta, NY, exact date unknown. Zeta Psi.

'81 PhD—**John H. Blackwell** of Columbia, MD, October 9, 2002; USDA scientist.

'82 BS ILR, MS ILR '84—**Patricia E. Hutton** of Tucson, AZ, February 27, 2003; vice president of human resources, U. of Arizona; also worked at Skidmore College, Wheaton College, and Cornell U.

'82 BA—**Norene G. Lucas** of Champaign, IL, February 7, 1995; physics graduate student, U. of Illinois.

'82 BA, ME I '83—**Robert F. Siegel** of Scarsdale, NY, June 17, 2001; associate, Salomon Brothers. Pi Kappa Phi.

'83 MA—**Joseph B. Kennedy** of Charlotte, NC, July 23, 2002; worked for Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

'83 MA—**Nirmalie S. Tennekoon** of Colombo, Sri Lanka, January 2, 1989; anthropology graduate student.

'84 BS HE—**Nancy B. Denton-Perlman** of Halesite, NY, exact date unknown; social worker. Delta Gamma.

'85 BS HE—**Amy Goldman** Cohen of New York City, March 21, 2003; retail sales manager. Delta Delta Delta.

'86 BS Ag—**Thomas C. Dandurand** of March 5, 2003; veterinarian; active in professional affairs.

'87, BA '88—**Richard M. Halberstein** of Menlo Park, CA, December 22, 2001.

'87 MS—**Paul Jay Lang** of New York City, February 9, 2003; exec. vice president, Housing Services of America.

'89—**Aimee Lecompte** of Dos Palos, CA, December 1999.

'01 ME CS—**Maxim A. Zolotov** of Willingboro, NJ, November 24, 2002.



# Blown Away

INTRICATE GLASS SEA CREATURES MAKE BIOLOGY BEAUTIFUL

**A**T FIRST GLANCE, THE *PLATYHELMENTHIS*'S FEATURELESS body, with its pea-green camouflage, seems out of place in the Johnson Museum, amidst the vibrant Renaissance paintings and contemporary sculptures. The microscopic flatworm, magnified to hundreds of times its actual size, was originally intended for the university's biology labs. Handcrafted in glass by two German artists more than 150 years ago, the flatworm and fifty other sea creatures now have a space of their own in the museum. "The pieces are stunning replicas not only accurate in shape and form but also in coloration," says Schurman Professor of Chemical Ecology Thomas Eisner. "The Blaschkas used stained glass in the most subtle color nuances you can imagine."

The father-son team of Leopold and Rudolph Blaschka began crafting glass replicas of plants and invertebrates in their Dresden studio in the 1850s. By the end of the century, their reputation for artistry and fastidious attention to detail had generated a booming mail-order business shipping to collectors around the world. Harvard commissioned about 4,000 floral figurines in the 1880s, and Cornell ordered 570 sea creatures in 1885. Instead of displaying them, however, Cornell relegated its glass menagerie to a dusty cabinet in the old Roberts Hall. There the collection languished until 1959, when curiosity got the best of Eisner, who daily passed the cabinet on his way to class. "One day my graduate assistant and I rifled its lock with a paperclip," he says. "Cornell, in its infinite wisdom of losing things in closets, had completely forgotten about the pieces."

With help from the Corning Museum of Glass, part of the collection was restored and returned to the Hill in 1991 for display at the museum. There, a lifelike miniature squid with blue speckles and splayed tentacles appears ready to dart away from danger. Two six-inch-long black worms with spade-shaped heads writhe blindly next to each other. Nearby, a sea cucumber with hundreds of tiny pink-tipped feelers and branching veins of spiny armor lies in wait.

Corson Hall, home of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, houses a second case of the creatures. On the top shelf, a gelatinous jellyfish dangles its tentacles over the smaller man-of-war and anemones scattered below. A *Hal-campa chrysanthellum* looks so delicate a breath of air might shatter it. "They're extraordinary, absolutely stunning," says Eisner. "You have to see them."

—Everett Hullverson '05



True to life: A cephalopod or squid, above, and sea anemones, left

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