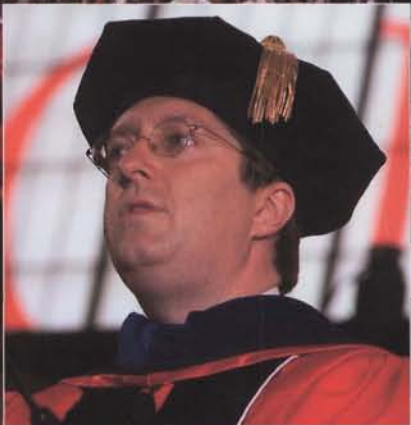


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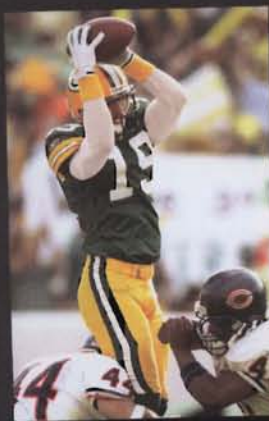
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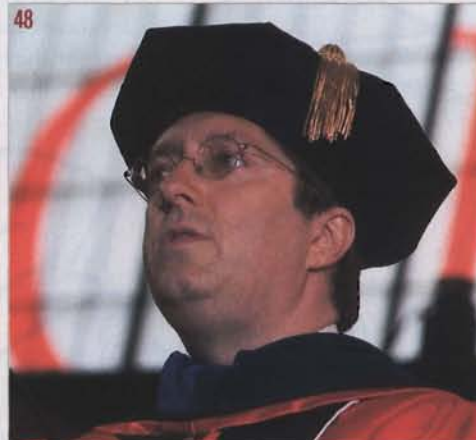
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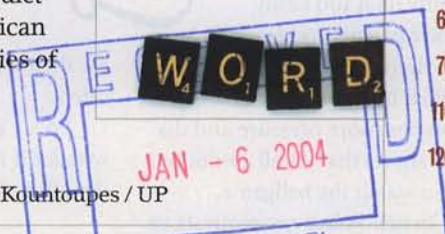
The globe-hopping October inauguration of Jeffrey Lehman '77 as the university's eleventh president spanned five days and 5,000 miles, setting the tone for what promises to be an administration with no shortage of ambition. "Cornell is the embodiment of dreams," Lehman declared in his inaugural address, "a source of hope for the future of our species."



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# Crushed by Cornell

ARE STUDENTS UNDER MORE PRESSURE THAN EVER?

**T**HE STUDENT WALKS INTO MY WRITING CLASS LOOKING listless and sheepish. He has been absent (and silent) for two weeks, and owes me a project. He shrugs and says, "Sorry, just hit a wall."

This happens every semester, but especially in the spring and especially with seniors. Yet this is different from regular "senioritis"—it runs deeper. Some of these students are phantoms, never knowing what is going on, while others start strong and then vanish. A few quit school entirely, a few weeks before graduation. Cornell's intensity and pace have chewed them up.

It's an old story, but lately things seem worse. I hear about depression, tension with housemates, parents laid off or demanding high grades, the job search crushing the soul. Sometimes there is just an empty desk. While I am supposed to tend to my patch of academe—planning classes, grading work, lecturing—I am not supposed to care too much, just enough, the administration tells me, to be vigilant.

But I ask questions.

Is this generation overwhelmed by more work than previous ones, or just weak? Did these students float too easily through high school, protected by their parents and teachers, only to collide with Ivy League demands? Do they run to a counselor where I would have toughed it out?

One student says this generation has more pressure and distractions than mine did, but another snorts that it's all a mindset: complain about your work while you watch the ballgame.

Numbers provide a hint. The Cornell Police say requests to transport students to mental health facilities climbed from 46 in 1993 to 73 in 2002. Campus counseling and psychological serv-

ices staff report a steady rise in clients served from 1,772 in 1995–96 to 2,160 in 2002–03, of whom 2,115 were students. Their ills are familiar—depression, anxiety, family problems, academic worries—but the numbers keep growing. Medical leaves of absence granted for mental health reasons more than doubled over the past eight years, to 121.

One academic advisor told me that students come to college now with more mental and medical problems, sometimes because improved treatments allow them to attend when they could not have before. Many have suffered from depression, eating disorders, and other afflictions since high school; some have medical histories that go back to elementary school.

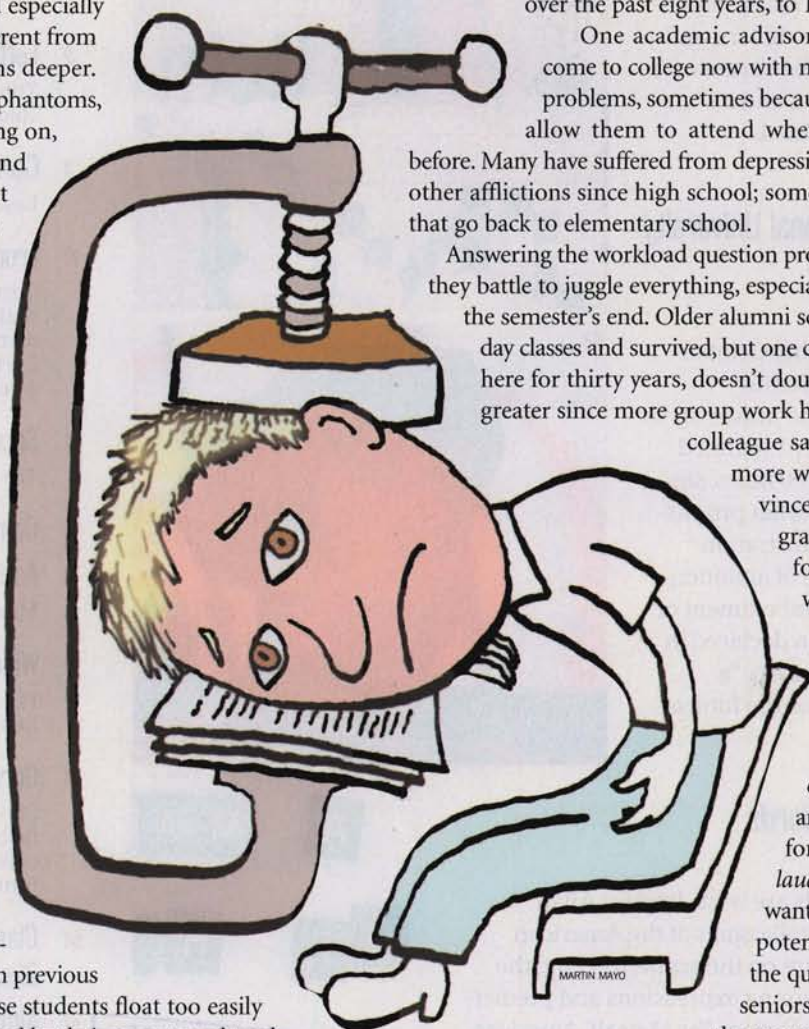
Answering the workload question proves elusive. Students say they battle to juggle everything, especially the group projects at the semester's end. Older alumni scoff that they had Saturday classes and survived, but one colleague, who has taught here for thirty years, doesn't doubt that the demands are greater since more group work has been added. Another colleague says that if faculty assign more work now (he's not convinced we do), it's to combat grade inflation. Expect an A for what used to be B work? Earn it.

Students' obsession with grades makes them frantic. They come to our offices to negotiate, offer excuses, demand answers, and tell us they need an A for medical school or *cum laude* honors. Their parents want A's or, they believe, their potential employers do. And the quest for a job often leaves seniors in despair, as they seek the reward after years of laboring

for their Cornell degree—and barely get interviews, let alone job offers.

So, as I look at my listless senior and ponder what to do, I wonder if I am being a softie or an understanding teacher. I wonder about his future, and where all of this is taking us.

— Scott Conroe, MPS '98  
Lecturer, Department of Communication  
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# What's the Point?

## ARTICLE CHOICES BUG READER

**T**HE COVER ARTICLE, "A BUG'S Life" (November/December 2003), was well-written and worthwhile, as was last issue's "American Nightmare," on the 1890s murder case (September/October 2003). But what were they doing in *Cornell Alumni Magazine*? This publication ought to be devoted to matters of interest to Cornellians. Are there no campus controversies worth exploring? Are there no veteran alumni to comment on Cornell, as Rym Berry '04, LLB '06, Emerson Hinchliff '14, and Selly Brewer '40 once did? Are there no "incidents" worthy of dwelling on? Are faculty not doing much that would be of general interest? And at the most scenic university in the world, are there no new buildings or other views of interest?

David Kopko '53  
Northampton, Massachusetts

*Ed. Note: The research featured in both cover stories was that of Cornell professors.*

### Militants or Terrorists?

I HAVE JUST READ THE TRAGIC STORY of Sherri Mandell '77, and her son, Koby ("Keeping the Faith," November/December 2003). Thirteen-year-old Koby was kidnapped and stoned, and his body left to rot in a cave. You define as "militants" those who butchered this child. Why?

Scott Abramson '69  
San Mateo, California

*Ed. Note: The term "militants"—persons acting aggressively on behalf of a cause—describes accurately the perpetrators of this*

*crime and does not imply any sympathy for their actions.*

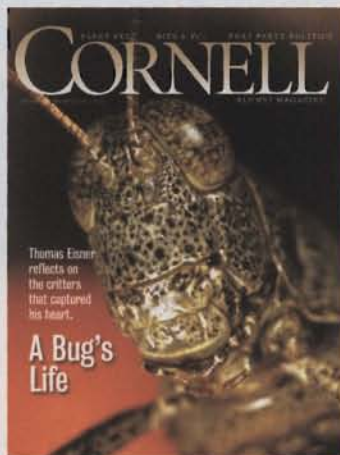
### Flying High

CORNELL PLAYED A ROLE IN THE development of heavier-than-air aircraft earlier than described in your article on

Charles Manly Class of 1898 ("Nearly First," November/December 2003). In *A Dream of Wings: Americans and the Airplane 1875-1905*, Tom Crouch describes the role of Professor Robert Thurston, then director of the Sibley College of Engineering, in support of aviation pioneer Octave Chanute. Albert Francis Zahm, ME 1892, heard an 1890 lecture

Chanute gave at Sibley, and went on to work closely with both Chanute and Samuel Langley. Thurston died on October 13, two months before the Wright brothers took to the skies.

Clifford Argue '63, MEng '66  
Mercer Island, Washington



### Political Prof

I VEHEMENTLY PROTEST THE APPOINTMENT of Cynthia McKinney as a visiting professor (From the Hill, November/December 2003). Before being defeated in the primary, McKinney and her father resorted to the lowest kinds of politics—temper tantrums, questionable campaign practices, race-baiting, and Jew-hating. Her district, encompassing a wide range of voters with a black majority, sent her packing.

I firmly support the diversity and wide open intellectual forum of learning that Cornell has always promoted. But what in the world does Cynthia McKinney have to teach our students? Lowdown Dirty Poli-



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Sara Straw Winship '68  
Atlanta, Georgia

## Grammar Gaffe

THE OLDER I GET, THE MORE CANTankerous I get. The last sentence of the Milton Konvitz obituary states "according to legend, he never repeated the same lecture twice" (From the Hill, November/December 2003). It is possible that the writer meant exactly what the sentence says, i.e., Professor Konvitz repeated some lectures, but if he did, he never repeated that lecture again (never repeated it twice). I doubt it, though. I believe the writer meant that Konvitz "never repeated a lecture" or "never gave the same lecture twice." A minor quibble, perhaps, but we should always strive for clarity in our transmission of ideas.

William Brownlee '50  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

*Ed. Note: You are correct. The intended meaning was "never repeated a lecture." We won't make the same mistake twice.*

## Abel Praise

LAST YEAR, PROFESSOR LYNNE ABEL '62 left her position as associate dean for undergraduate education in the Arts college to return to teaching in the classics department. I cannot imagine having navigated the waters of academia without Dean Abel's support and guidance. Her contributions to the improvement of the college and her students are innumerable. The university owes her its foremost respect, admiration, and gratitude.

Jeff Diener '95  
Manhattan Beach, California

## Correction

ON PAGE 58 OF "GLORY DAYS," A PHOTO caption was incorrect (November/December 2003). The runner at the top of the page was identified as Jim Mealey; he is Bob Mealey '51.

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## From the Hill



ROBERT BARKER / UP

### Big Bucks for Ithaca

#### CU INCREASES FUNDING

PRESIDENT JEFFREY LEHMAN HAS forged a new deal with the City of Ithaca that substantially increases Cornell's voluntary contribution and extends the memorandum of understanding that was approved in 1995. That agreement would have expired in 2007 with a final-year contribution from Cornell of \$1 million. "I will be asking the trustees to accelerate that \$1 million contribution to next year in place of the scheduled \$750,000 contribution," Lehman told city officials on the morning of his inauguration. "I am

also proposing that the final three years of the current contribution schedule be amended so that Cornell's voluntary contributions to the city will increase by \$625,000 over the next four years... [and] I am proposing that the university make an additional contribution of \$475,000 to the city over the next three years in support of its economic development efforts. This will bring Cornell's voluntary contributions to the City of Ithaca to \$4.7 million over the next four years." Lehman also proposed that the memorandum of understanding be extended to 2023, with the university's payments adjusted each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Lehman's proposal was subsequently approved by both the Board of Trustees and the Ithaca City Common Council, but not without some grumbling from local officials. The deal had been struck between Lehman and outgoing mayor Alan Cohen '81, some members said, without consulting the council. There were also complaints about a paragraph that allows Cornell to withdraw funding if the city has, in the university's opinion, acted "arbitrarily and capriciously." In a public hearing, Lehman told council members that he doubted the withdrawal clause would ever be invoked and that he would feel "a great sense of personal and institutional failure" if it were.

**Above: The Arecibo Observatory, the world's largest radio telescope, marked four decades of operation on November 1, 2003. Celebrations in Puerto Rico brought together guests including president emeritus Dale Corson, former director Frank Drake '51, and engineer Bill Gordon, PhD '53, who conceived and designed the facility. "If you dream," Gordon said in his keynote address, "have big dreams."**



## 'Swonderful

### LEHMAN ON STATE OF U.

ON OCTOBER 17—ONE DAY AFTER HIS inauguration—President Jeffrey Lehman '77 delivered his first State of the University address to the assembled members of the Board of Trustees and University Council. He reviewed the key points of the inaugural addresses he had given in Qatar, New York City, and Ithaca, and told his listeners, "During my first few months as president, [my wife] Kathy [Okun] and I have been doing our best to engage the university and the community as fully as possible." What they had learned after dozens of meetings with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community leaders is that "Cornell is wonderful."

Lehman offered special thanks to the university's senior staff for their guidance and help, singling out Inge Reichenbach, vice president for alumni affairs and development, for her role in organizing the inauguration. He then noted the "structural evolution" of Cornell, using a biological metaphor to outline the university's transformation from a single cell at its founding to the complex organism it has become. "The addition of multiple new layers of organization on top of a base layer of cell specialization poses important questions about structure and governance," he said. "In my call to engagement, I will be asking Cornellians to share with me their thoughts and advice about the organization of the university."

## MVR to Rise Again

### PLANNING BEGINS

IN NOVEMBER, THE UNIVERSITY announced that "programming" for the new north wing of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall had begun. "This phase involves the future occupants of the building describing what they plan to do in their space so the architects can design the new building," said James Kazda, associate director of contract colleges facilities. The design phase will last about eighteen months. Demolition of the existing wing—built in 1968 and abandoned in 2001 because of structural problems—may begin as soon as the summer of 2005; construction of its replacement will follow later that year.

## A Lot of Controversy

### PARKING PLAN SPARKS PROTESTS

DISAGREEMENT FLARED IN NOVEMBER OVER A PROPOSED 175-SPACE PARKING LOT in West Campus. Last February, the City of Ithaca denied Cornell a construction permit for the lot, which would sit on a forested slope known as Redbud Woods; the university in turn successfully filed a lawsuit against the city but requires approval from the Ithaca Landmarks Preservation Commission before building can proceed. The disputed area is part of the newly designated University Hill Historic District.

Students and community members concerned about the impact of the lot protested the university's plan in various ways, including a nine-hour tree sitting by Elizabeth Millhollen '04 on November 14 and a rally at Day Hall on November 21. Responding to the criticism, Cornell spokeswoman Linda Grace-Kobas noted that the plan had already been changed to accommodate community concerns and downplayed the historic significance of the Redbud Woods site. "It's not a woods," she said. "It's a shrubby area that has trees."

## Student Assaulted

### FOUR ARRESTED

ALLEGATIONS OF HATE CRIME FOLLOWED AN ALTERCATION INVOLVING A WHITE female student on November 9, but a joint investigation by CU and Ithaca police concluded that there was insufficient evidence for filing bias crime charges against the four African-American females who were later arrested in the incident. Initial reports by the victim, who suffered a ruptured eardrum and facial cuts in an assault that occurred after a hip-hop concert at Barton Hall, indicated a possible racial motivation. After a two-week investigation, two of the alleged assailants, both fourteen years old, were charged with third-degree assault, while a nineteen-year-old and a twenty-year-old received second-degree harassment charges; all four received persona non grata letters from the university, banning them from Cornell property.

## Iraq Casualty

### GEORGE WOOD, 33

GEORGE WOOD '93, A CAPTAIN IN THE U.S. Army, was killed in Iraq while serving with the 4th Infantry Division. His family was notified of his death on November 20, 2003. Wood, who had been in Iraq since April, was a graduate of CALS and later earned master's degrees from SUNY Cortland and SUNY Albany. While at Cornell, he was an offensive lineman on the football team. His head coach, Pete Noyes—now the Director of Football Operations—describes Wood as a "coach's dream" who was distinguished by his hard work and loyalty. The Cornell Football Association has established a memorial fund for Wood's wife and daughter; checks should be made payable to Lisa Wood and sent to: Anthony Tabasso, c/o Klehr Harrison, 260 South Broad St., Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA 19102.



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## Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

World Trade Center memorial design finalists **Joseph Karadin '97** and **Hsin-Yi Wu '97**, who contributed to the proposal "Suspending Memory," and **Sean Corriel '04**, who was a member of the team that submitted "Garden of Lights."

Human development professor **Stephen Hamilton**, named the university's first associate provost for outreach.

**Alicia Torrey '84**, named director of the newly created Cornell Alumni-Student Mentoring Program.

Astronomer **Donald Campbell**, sociologist **David Grusky**, nuclear engineer **David Hammer, PhD '69**, and molecular biologist and geneticist **Ray Wu**, all Cornell professors who were named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, honored by the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund with a 2003 National Equal Justice Award.

Vice provost for diversity and faculty development **Robert Harris Jr.**, awarded the 2003 Carter G. Woodson Scholars Medallion for distinguished work in the field of African-American life and history.

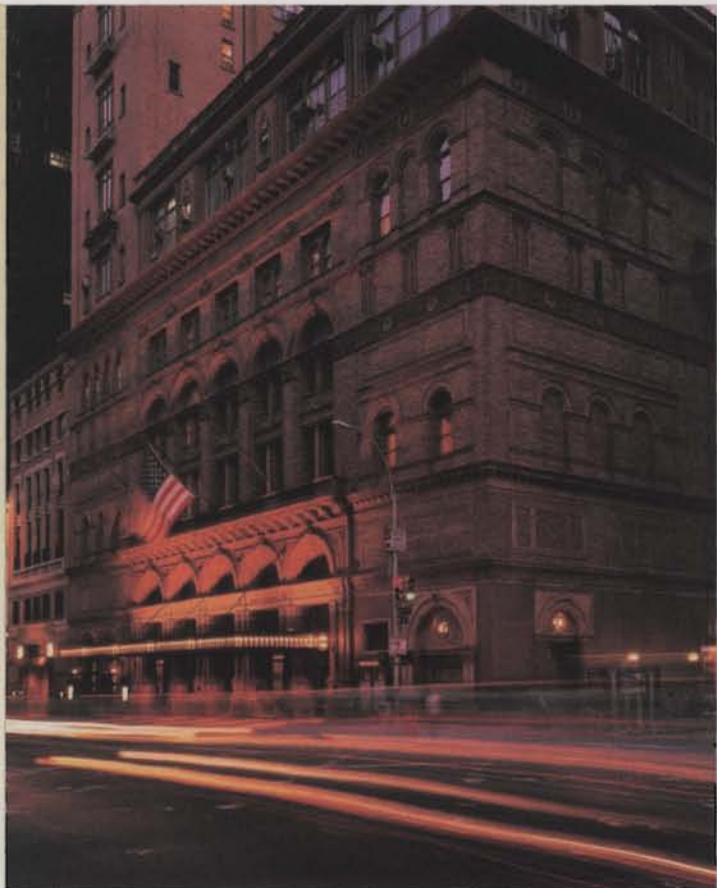
The Vet and Ag colleges, awarded a \$6.6 million contract with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease to study food- and waterborne diseases common to animals and humans.

Applied physics grad student **Keith Aubin**, mechanical engineering grad **Robert Reichenbach**, and research associate **Maxim Zalalutdinov**, who won a top prize of \$25,000 in the 2003 Collegiate Inventors Competition for building an ultra-small electronic generator.

## Going for the Green

### JOHNSON SCHOOL SCORES HIGH GRADES FOR GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

RANKING 100 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SCHOOLS ON THE basis of "social and environmental stewardship" rather than test scores and salaries, the Aspen Institute and the World Resources Institute collectively gave high marks to the Johnson Graduate School of Management in a report issued in October. In "Beyond Grey Pinstripes 2003," the fourth biannual report prepared by the two groups since 1998, the Johnson School didn't make the top tier of the ranking—the six so-called "Schools on the Cutting Edge" of training MBAs in social and environmental impact issues—but was recognized among the next nine "Schools with Significant Activity." Said Stuart Hart, the school's new Samuel C. Johnson Professor in Sustainable Global Enterprise: "We're just getting started. Wait two more years and see what we can do."



## Sanford Weill Honored

### MUSIC INSTITUTE NAMED

CARNEGIE HALL HAS ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT of the Weill Music Institute in recognition of Sanford Weill's support of the famed New York City institution. Weill '55—who has announced that he will step down as CEO of Citigroup on January 1, 2004—is a prominent philanthropist and chair of the Board of Overseers of Weill Cornell Medical College. He has served as a Carnegie Hall trustee for twenty years, and he and his wife, Joan, recently made a \$27.4 million matching-gift donation to the institution, the single largest gift in its history. The Weill Music Institute will serve as the umbrella organization for all of Carnegie Hall's music education programs and a catalyst for future initiatives.

## Old Mann Becomes New

### LIBRARY RENOVATIONS BEGIN

CONSTRUCTION FOR A \$20 MILLION UPDATE TO MANN Library began in November. The three-year renovation will include replacement of the existing nine tiers of stacks with new stacks fitted with improved fire safety and humidity controls and addition of a five-story atrium. Improvements to the interior will retain the original art deco touches. The first phase of the project, a \$20 million addition, opened in June 2000.



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

Despite a job boom among working-age Americans during the high-growth 1990s, people with disabilities experienced an unprecedented fall in their employment rates between 1992 and 2000. In *The Decline in Employment of People with Disabilities: A Policy Puzzle*, David Stapleton, director of the Cornell Center for Policy Research, and Richard Burkhauser, chair of the department of Policy Analysis and Management, explore the statistics behind the trend and analyze the social policies that may have contributed to the crash.

Using high-speed digital video, researchers led by entomology professor Cole Gilbert have determined that male flesh flies in aerial pursuit of females can move their heads in turret-like fashion and aim the high-resolution part of their compound eyes at their quarry. Further study may aid engineers working on aerospace guidance and detection technologies.

Food scientists at the Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station say cocoa, hot or cold, is teeming with antioxidant activity and may be superior to red wine or green tea in fending off cancer and heart disease. The findings of the team, led by food science chair Chang Lee, were reported in the American Chemical Society's *Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry*.

Climate changes make life even more difficult for the endangered North Atlantic right whale, according to Charles Greene and Andrew Pershing, PhD '01, of the Cornell Ocean Resources and Ecosystems Program. The scientists developed a computer model that links North Atlantic temperature fluctuations with food supply and whale breeding success.

## Statesman & Trustee

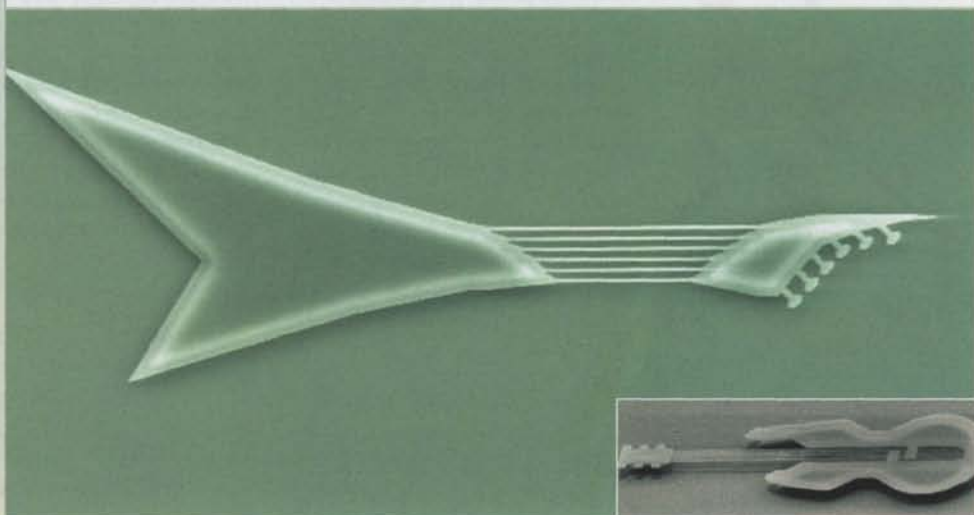
BARBER CONABLE, 81

BARBER CONABLE JR. '43, AB '42, LLB '48, DIED IN FLORIDA ON November 30, 2003. Conable, a Republican, served as U.S. Representative from the 37th District of western New York from 1964 to 1984. A longtime member of the Ways and Means Committee, Conable was respected for his expertise in economic policy and his pragmatic approach to working with the Democratic majority during his time in the House. He was also noted for his integrity, refusing to accept any campaign contribution larger than \$50.



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After graduating from Cornell in 1942, Conable joined the war effort, serving in the Pacific with the Marine Corps. He returned to the Hill to earn his law degree, rejoined the marines during the Korean War, and entered public service when he was elected to the New York State Senate in 1962. He retired from Congress after ten terms, citing a promise to his family, and in 1986 was named president of the World Bank by Ronald Reagan. Conable served in that position for five years. His numerous appointments included seats on several corporate boards, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and the Cornell Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Williams Conable '51, the author of *Women of Cornell*, and four children, including Jane Conable Schmieder '78.



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## Little Feat

### PHYSICISTS UNVEIL A NEW, PLAYABLE NANOGUITAR

REMEMBER THE "NANOGUITAR"—AN INSTRUMENT THE SIZE OF A SINGLE BLOOD cell—that physicists at the Cornell Nanoscale Facility assembled out of silicon atoms back in 1997? Designed to show off the possibilities of ultra-tiny mechanical systems, it was followed by the nanoharp, the nanodrum, and now by a sleek second-generation nanoguitar, presented by former applied physics graduate student Lidija Sekaric, MS '01, at a Baltimore conference in November. At ten millionths of a meter long, it's five times larger than the original but boasts silicon strings that can be "played" by a laser beam, albeit at imperceptible frequencies seventeen octaves higher than an actual guitar.

**Tiny tunes:** The new "playable" nanoguitar (above) is about five times larger than the original model. Both were created at the Cornell Nanoscale Facility using electron beam lithography.



**FIRED** Three days after the conclusion of an injury-plagued 1-9 season that ended with a 59-7 pounding by Ivy champ Penn, Athletic Director Andy Noel announced the dismissal of head football coach Tim Pendergast. In a press release, Noel said, "Tim Pendergast worked diligently in an effort to bring success to our program and the university. Unfortunately, we were unable to attain the progress that is needed. A coaching change at this time is in the best interest of Cornell University and its football program." In his three seasons at the helm, Pendergast posted a 7-22 record (5-16 Ivy).

**HIRED** Former Cornell shortstop and co-captain **Bill Walkenbach '98** has returned to the Hill as an assistant baseball coach. Walkenbach, who tied a school record with 21 career home runs, was named Big Red MVP three times and twice honored as a first-team All-Ivy selection. Prior to joining the Big Red coaching staff, Walkenbach was an assistant baseball coach at Emory University, helping the team to the NCAA Division III Championship tournament and a fifth-place national ranking. He also earned a master's degree in sports administration from Georgia State and served as an assistant coach for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox in the Cape Cod League.



Ryan Vesce

TIM MCKINNEY '81

**SHINING STAR** Men's hockey player **Ryan Vesce '04** was named the U.S. College Hockey Online Offensive Player of the Week for November 12 after scoring four goals with five assists in a pair of Big Red victories. Vesce had a goal and an assist in a 6-2 win over Yale before exploding for seven points in a 7-0 triumph over Princeton the next night. Vesce's three goals and four assists in that game were both career highs, and fell just one point short of the Cornell record for total points in a game. He was

also named the Eastern College Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Week for his exploits.

**YES MEN** Basketball fans will have two chances to watch the Big Red on television this season as part of the Ivy League basketball series on the YES network. The men's team's first appearance will be on January 30, when it travels to Cambridge to face Harvard. YES will also televise the

February 14 game with Penn at Newman Arena. YES is available to many cable customers in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and parts of Pennsylvania, as well as to DIRECTV viewers. This season, YES will televise five Ivy League men's basketball games and one women's contest.

**EN GARDE** Fencer **Meghan Phair '06** earned Cornell's first Temple Open championship, winning the épée competition. Phair topped a 66-person field to take the title, beating Penn State's Case Szarwark in the final match after surviving two rounds of pool play to reach the quarterfinals.



Meghan Phair

SPORTS INFO

**TURNING PRO** Six seniors from the 2003 Frozen Four men's hockey team started their professional careers this fall. Currently playing in the American Hockey League are **Stephen Bâby '03**, who was assigned to his hometown Chicago Wolves (affiliated with the Atlanta Thrashers), and **Doug Murray '03**, who's with the Cleveland Barons (affiliated with the San Jose Sharks). Three players started the season in the East Coast Hockey League, including **Sam Paolini '03**, who was named ECHL Rookie of the Month for October after racking up five goals and seven assists for Atlantic City in his first seven games. Also in the ECHL are **Mark McRae '03**, with Florence (South Carolina), and **Shane Palahicky '03**, who signed with Alaska. Defenseman **Travis Bell '03** started the season with Bossier-Shreveport in the Central Hockey League. Also joining the pro ranks was goalie **David LeNeveu '05**, a second-round choice of the Phoenix Coyotes in the 2002 draft, who left school to sign with the NHL franchise. He started the 2003-04 season with the Springfield Falcons of the AHL, joining fellow former Big Red netminder **Jean-Marc Pelletier '99**.

## FALL TEAMS

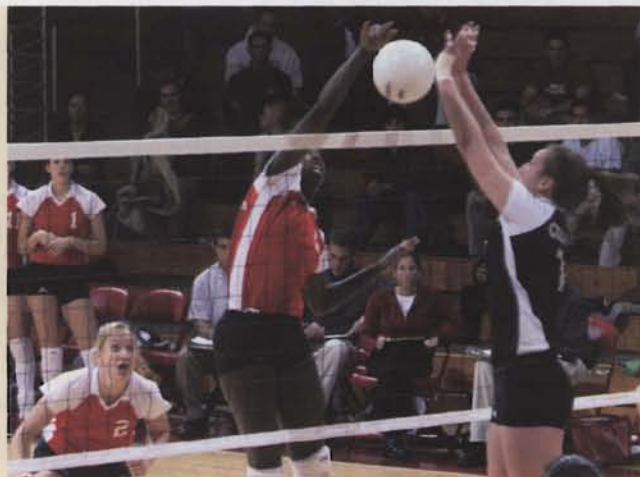
## Final Records

**Field Hockey** 3-13; 1-6 Ivy (7th)  
**Football** 1-9; 0-7 Ivy (8th)  
**Sprint Football** 2-4; 1-3 CSFL (4th)  
**Men's Soccer** 5-9-2; 2-3-2 Ivy (5th)  
**Women's Soccer** 7-7-2; 1-5-1 Ivy (8th)  
**Volleyball** 21-4; 11-3 Ivy (3rd)

# Big Game

November 15, 2003

The volleyball team tallied the most wins since 1989 with a 3-0 sweep of Brown that boosted their final record to 21-4. Senior **Ashely Stover** (right) had five blocks in the match for a career total of 406, surpassing the former Cornell record held by **Becky Merchant '90**, BS '92. Freshman **Elizabeth Bishop**—a seven-time Ivy League Rookie of the Week—also set a school record, averaging 4.4 kills per game for the season. The Big Red finished third in the Ivy League behind Penn and Princeton, but had the best overall record of any Ivy team.



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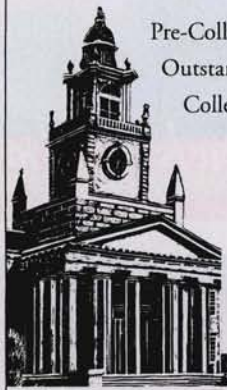
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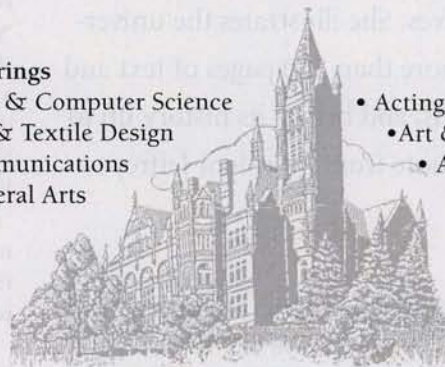
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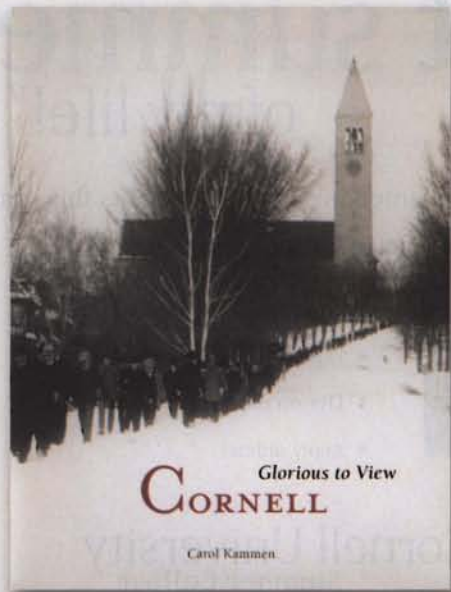
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**CORNELL: GLORIOUS TO VIEW** by Carol Kammen (Cornell University Library). Kammen, a noted local historian and lecturer in history at Cornell, conveys the unique character of almost a century and a half of the Cornell experience through a blend of documents and images from the University Archives. She illustrates the university's growth with more than 200 pages of text and over 100 photographs, and brings its history up to the present with a quote from President Jeffrey Lehman '77.

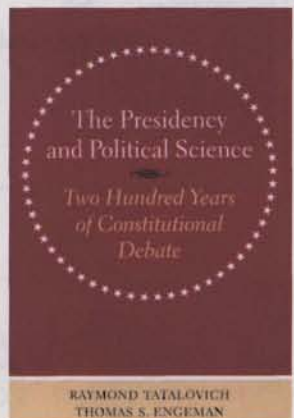
**TOMPKINS COUNTY MEMORIES** by John Marcham '50 (Pediment). In this volume assembled by the longtime editor of the *Cornell Alumni News*, hundreds of previously unpublished photographs from the DeWitt Historical Society of Tompkins County provide a window into more than 100 years of local history.



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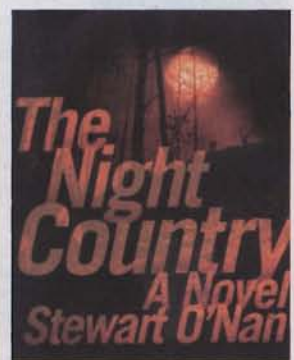
**THE PRESIDENCY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE** by Raymond Tatalovich and Thomas S. Engeman '67 (Johns Hopkins University Press). Two professors of political science at Loyola University, Chicago, argue that three paradigms have dominated the history of presidential scholarship—Hamiltonianism, Jeffersonianism, and Progressivism—and conclude that today's understanding of the presidency is characterized by a "new realism and old idealism."



**FAREWELL, GODSPEED** edited by Cyrus M. Copeland, MBA '90 (Harmony Books). A collection of eulogies of famous artists, politicians, scientists, writers, and entertainers that, in the words of Adlai Stevenson at Eleanor Roosevelt's memorial, "attempt[s] to retrieve some memory, some human meaning, from the silence—something which is precious and gone."



**THE NIGHT COUNTRY** by Stewart O'Nan, MFA '92 (Farrar Straus & Giroux). In a nod to Ray Bradbury, O'Nan, the author of *Snow Angels* and *A Prayer for the Dying*, tells the story of five teenagers and the aftermath of a small-town car crash on Halloween night, transforming the tragedy into the realm of myth.





## Recently Published

### Fiction

**LOVE** by Toni Morrison, MA '55 (Knopf). Nobel laureate Morrison explores the nature of love through the life of charismatic character Bill Cooney, owner of a seaside resort for African Americans in the 1940s and '50s, and his troubling role in the lives of the women who know him.

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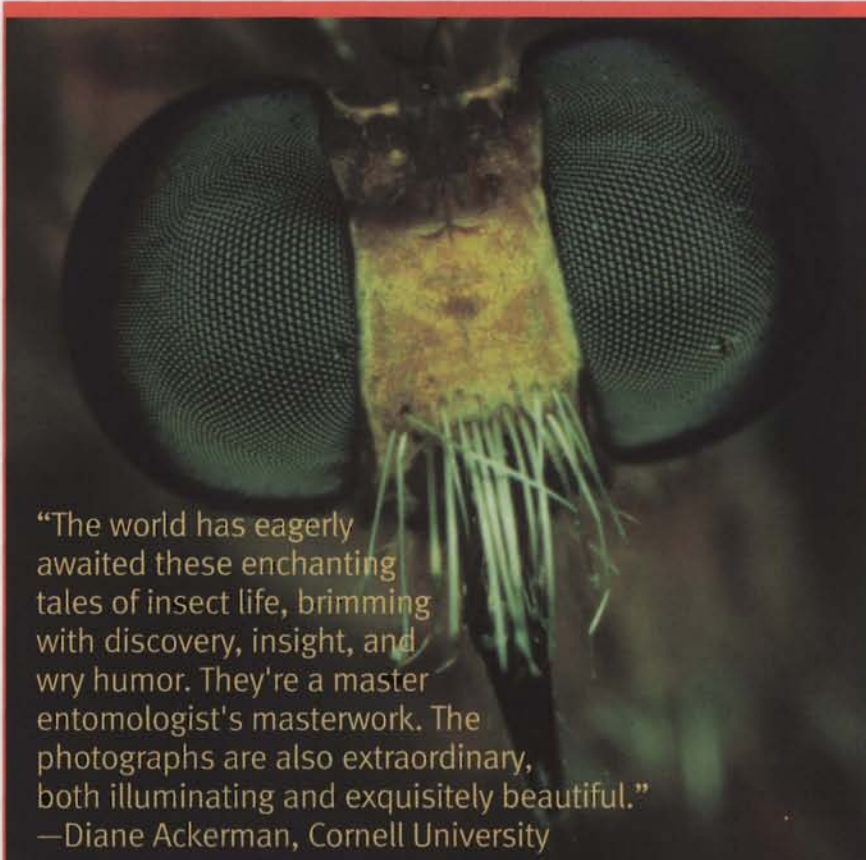
**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND THE GOD OF ABRAHAM** by Thomas L. Pangle '66 (Johns Hopkins University Press). Pangle, a professor of political science at the University of Toronto, examines the encounter between skeptically rationalist political philosophy and faith-based political theology guided by the authority of the Bible.

**GOING PUBLIC** edited by Jonathan Brock and David B. Lipsky '61 (Cornell University Press). Lipsky, director of the Institute on Conflict Resolution and professor in the ILR school, and Brock, a professor of public affairs at the University of Washington, present papers that examine the forces affecting labor and management and key strategies for meeting increased demands on the public sector.

**HOW THEY MET** by Joey Green '80 (Black Dog & Leventhal). A collection of "fateful encounters of famous lovers, rivals, partners, and other strange bedfellows," from Bogie and Bacall to Young and Rubicam, by the author of *The Mad Scientist Handbook*.

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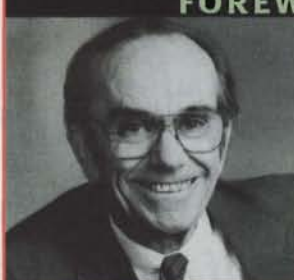
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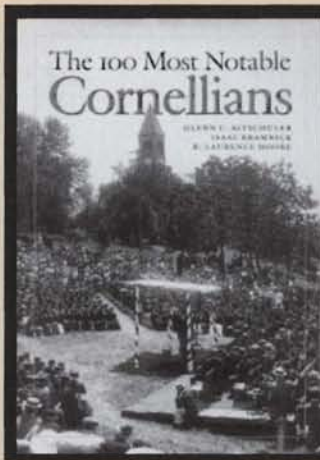
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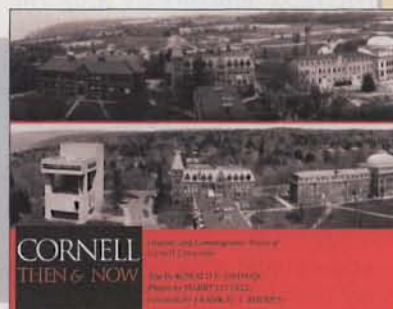
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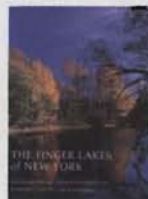
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Len Wiltberger, co-owner of Keuka

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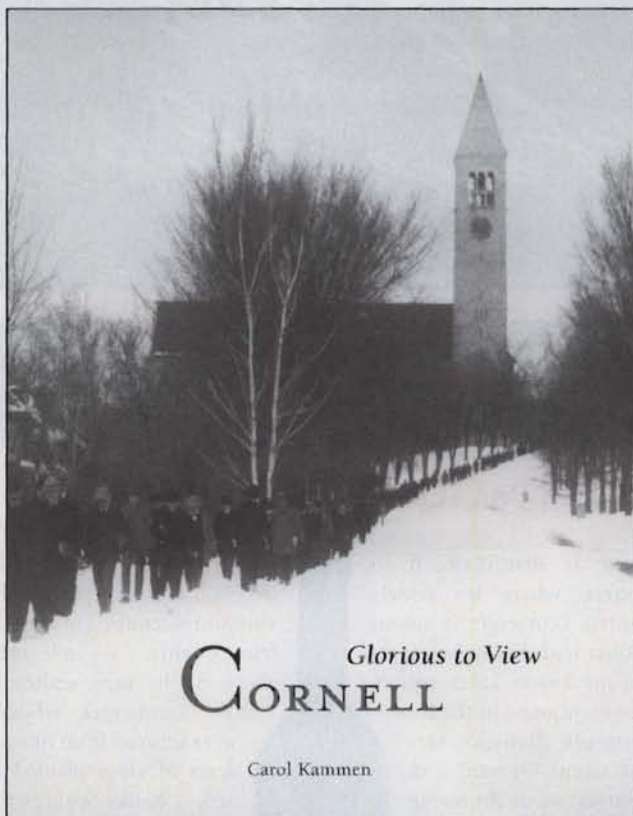
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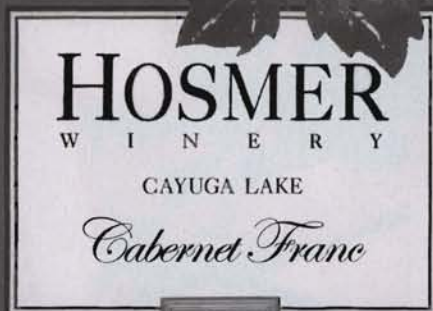


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**T**HIS FEBRUARY IN URBANA, ILLINOIS, ON the last Saturday of the month, hundreds of University of Illinois students will make a pilgrimage to celebrate pests. They will forego typical weekend party plans and brave the wintry weather to hear an entomologist instruct them in the finer points of insect anatomy—and watch the movies that have long served as the main feature.

*Kingdom of the Spiders.*

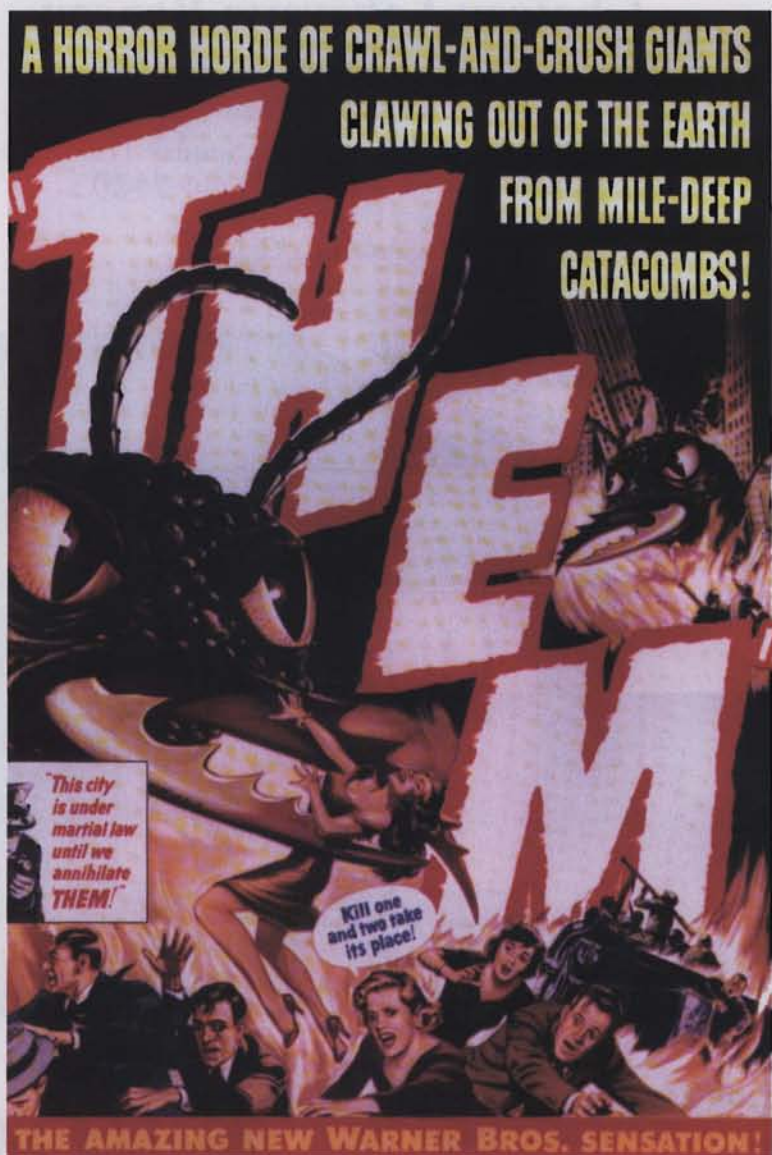
*Invasion of the Bee Girls.*

*Return of the Fly.*

This is the annual Insect Fear Film Festival, an event so broadly intriguing that it has been celebrated in everything from the *Chronicle of Higher Education* to *Twilight Zone Magazine*. The notion has been copied on other campuses (the Insect Horror Film Festival at Iowa State, for instance, and the Insect Cinema Cult Classic at Washington State). But the twenty-year-old show in Champaign-Urbana is the granddaddy of them all—even though the concept was nearly squashed a quarter-century ago in Ithaca, when founder May Berenbaum was working toward her PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology at Cornell.

In 1978, two years before earning her doctorate, Berenbaum noticed a poster advertising a Godzilla film festival sponsored by Cornell's Asian-American Society. She figured a similar event featuring insect films—and entomological critiques of each—would be a fine means of presenting scientific information in an entertaining context. To her chagrin, the chair of Cornell's Department of Entomology at the time quickly vetoed the idea. "He thought it would be too undignified," she recalls. "He said we could show documentaries about insects." A few years later, as an assistant professor at Illinois, she pitched the idea again. This time, it was enthusiastically embraced.

Berenbaum is a serious academic. As head of Illinois's Department of Entomology since 1992, she



Bug hunt: May Berenbaum's film fest brings entomology to a wider audience.



## Winter Wonderland

## NEW FESTIVAL HEATS UP ITHACA IN JANUARY

has become internationally known for her contributions to the field of chemical ecology and has been honored by both the Ecological Society of America and its entomological counterpart. She met her husband, a film professor at Illinois, while planning the first Insect Fear Film Festival in 1984. During their honeymoon in Vancouver six years later, she gave three lectures at the International Congress of Entomology.

But Berenbaum knows entertainment can be a useful tool in education. Indeed, the *New York Times* has called her “arguably the most relentlessly creative insect advocate in the world.” So along with publishing studies such as “Cytochrome P450 monooxygenases in oligophagous *Lepidoptera*,” she has written books like *Ninety-Nine Gnats, Nits, and Nibblers*, and she never turns down an invitation to banter about bugs—be it to a Cub Scout troop, a garden club, or the residents of a nursing home. As a long-time humor columnist for the *American Entomologist* professional journal, Berenbaum has investigated the taxonomic pedigree of comic book superheroes like Spider-Man and Firefly. Fans of television’s “The X-Files” might recall the appearance of a gorgeous entomologist in one episode. Her name: Bambi Berenbaum.

With such a history, it comes as no surprise that she has long understood the benefit of joining students in an insect analysis of, for instance, *Men in Black*. “You catch more flies with honey,” she says, “to use an entomological metaphor.”

A couple hundred curiosity seekers showed up for the first Insect Fear Film Festival. Nowadays, it routinely draws crowds of a thousand or more. Berenbaum presents two or three feature-length films (everything from *Mothra* and *Arachnophobia* to *Brain Eaters* and *Blood Beast Terror*), interspersed with animated shorts with titles like *An Itch in Time* and *Of Thee I Sting*.

Usually, there is a theme to the event—non-insect arthropods, for instance, or social insects, or spiders. For last year’s twentieth anniversary event, Berenbaum’s special guest was film director Bert I. Gordon—Hollywood’s Mr. B.I.G. himself, so named for his initials and the oversized creepy-crawlers in such

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Scheduled events include a concert by the Paul Winter Consort augmented by whale-song expert Roger Payne, PhD ’62, a show featuring the photography of entomologist Thomas Eisner accompanied by cellist Sera Smolen, and a performance/presentation by mathematician Steve Strogatz illustrating the principles of spontaneous order that he explained in his recent book, *Sync*. Special arrangements have been made with area hotels to accommodate visitors, and Light in Winter promises to bring a whole new dimension to a time of year previously identified with snow-shoveling and huddling by the fireplace.

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low-budget classics as *Empire of the Ants* and *Earth vs. The Spider*.

The crowd also has the chance to handle live specimens, such as hissing cockroaches and tobacco hornworms, and every year graduate students design a new T-shirt for the festival. Berenbaum’s favorite commemorated an all-beetles program. “It was basically the cover of *Abbey Road*,” she says, “but instead of John, Paul, George, and Ringo, it was four beetles.” One year, Berenbaum offered insect treats for the courageous (deep-fried waxworms, anyone?). Another, a mosquito-themed program, was held in conjunction with—what else?—a blood drive.

Admission is free, and so is the post-film analysis. Berenbaum’s most famous—or infamous—critique occurred during a festival devoted to *Orthoptera* (grasshoppers, crickets, cockroaches). After showing

an animated short featuring Jiminy Cricket, she picked apart the beloved cartoon icon’s anatomical incorrectness and concluded that crickets are essentially “garbage-eating cannibals.” The observation earned her a mention in a supermarket tabloid, which took her to task for disrespecting Disney’s darling.

Berenbaum observes that Hollywood shows no inclination to stop producing insect films of questionable caliber. The special effects may be getting better, she says, but the bug biology is not. “Every one of them has some tiny element that’s pretty much correct. But there’s never a shortage of things to talk about. Like in *Empire of the Ants*, the queen ant uses pheromones to influence the behavior of workers—but she’s using them on *human* slaves.”

—Brad Herzog ’90



# Time Machine

A DISSERTATION TRACKS THE RISE AND FALL OF THE VCR

**T**HE VCR IS DEAD. AND JOSH GREENBERG IS WRITING its epitaph.

Actually, his eulogy to the video-cassette recorder is a doctoral dissertation in the Department of Science and Technology Studies. A self-confessed techno-geek, Greenberg is saying a long goodbye to the device doomed by the DVD with a thesis that examines its history from five viewpoints—those of enthusiasts and hobbyists, video distributors, retailers and store-owners, employees, and consumers. The plan, he says, is to tell the VCR's life story by documenting the ways these groups cooperated and fought over what the technology was and should be.

Greenberg says his research into every aspect of the video phenomenon has taken him from the Friars' Club to the Adult Entertainment Expo to an enthusiast's basement in Cleveland. "I get to go all over the map—literally and figuratively," he says. "On one hand, I'm a historian, and I love digging into my sources; on the other hand, I'm a movie and technology buff, and I love learning how we got to the media landscape we live in today."

*Rewind.* It's the mid-to-late 1970s. A new technology by Sony called Betamax hits the market. The machine subverts the network TV paradigm by allowing consumers to time-shift TV shows. Suddenly, you can record "Kojak" while watching "The Streets of San Francisco." The trick was to program the thing. *Fast Forward.* A few years later, competitors have knocked Sony out of the game with VHS machines. Again, the trick is to program them. But before many Americans can master the controls, the video retail market explodes. It's not about recording but renting.

From that point on, most VCR owners join the "flashing 12:00 club"—the digital clocks on their machines advertising their inability or indifference to programming the damned thing. Even media mogul Ted Turner admits that he threw a towel over the blinking VCR display in his bedroom because he couldn't figure it out. Or—more important to Greenberg—he could, but he didn't bother. "The *idea* of not being able to program your VCR has taken on a life independent of how hard it actually is to do it," Greenberg says. "Considering the amount of energy and

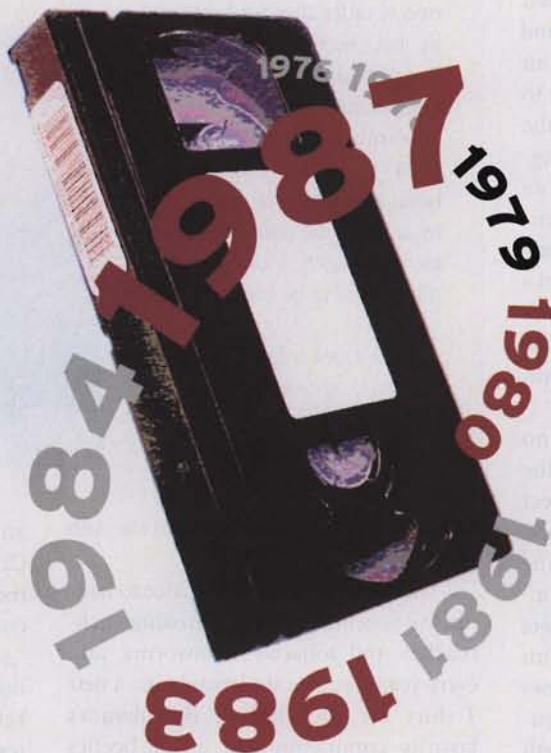
resources that have gone into interface design, the fact that 'I can't program my VCR' is still alive and well as a figure of speech speaks to its usefulness as a marker—something that we define ourselves by."

That's one key component of the VCR experience. To learn more about the retailer side, Greenberg established a website called the Video Store Project ([www.videostoreproject.com](http://www.videostoreproject.com)), funded by a National Science Foundation grant and hosted by the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University. At the site, he asks people who owned, worked at, or shopped in

a video retail store between 1975 and 1990 to share their experiences. Culling through the hundreds of responses provides lots of insights—and more than a few chuckles. Take, for instance, these "memorable events" from a mom-and-pop video shop in Spur, Texas, in the 1980s: *...the time someone urinated on a standee (didn't like the movie I guess). The police returning a bunch of movies and a VCR after they found them during a drug bust. Or this impassioned note from a customer in Newcastle, Australia: The place we rented out videos was the same place we filled up on fuel and it was too cool... they had Voltron, Watership Down, and The Dark Crystal—all my favourite movies when I was a kid. I remember my parents renting out stuff like Carrie and S.O.B. [Now] Blockbuster is just everywhere and I long for the days of those crappy little run-down video stores.*

Greenberg has also pored over hundreds of trade publications and old issues of *TV Guide*, as well as attending numerous electronic-media shows and conducting dozens of personal interviews. Little about the VCR's impact on modern life has escaped his scrutiny, from fanatic videophiles to the growing trend of home-entertainment centers. Scoff if you will, but Greenberg insists there's a serious side to his work. "Scholarship is all about the way in which you approach the topic, not the subject itself," he says. "Academic scholarship should be applied to the structures of everyday life more frequently and used to guide us through and explain our modern world."

— Franklin Crawford







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# Radical Revision

SUSAN CHOI LOOKS PAST PATTY HEARST

**F**IVE YEARS AGO, WHILE doing some literary grazing after finishing her first novel, Susan Choi happened upon Patricia Hearst's memoir, *Every Secret Thing*. The book, which chronicles Hearst's kidnapping by the Symbionese Liberation Army and her subsequent life on the lam as a bank-robbing radical, fascinated Choi, not so much for what it said but for what it didn't say. "I got hooked on how dishonest it felt—or not so much dishonest, but concealing," says Choi, MFA '94. "There weren't lies so much as many, many omissions."

Choi was inspired to pick up another book about the case, and stumbled upon one of the drama's tertiary characters: Wendy Yoshimura, a young Japanese American who went on the run with Hearst and was arrested with her. "There were literally four sentences here and a footnote there about this woman who was also wanted and who had also been in the anti-war movement," Choi says. "And *poof*, she was never heard from again."

Yoshimura would become the inspiration for the protagonist of Choi's second novel, *American Woman*, published by HarperCollins in August to widespread media attention and critical raves. "Ms. Choi's writing can be difficult until we realize the difficulty is a function of its virtuosity," said the *New York Times*. "[She] has written a fascinating portrait of dangerous fragility."

Set in the mid-1970s, *American Woman* centers on Jenny Shimada, a former student radical on the run after a series of bombings in protest of the Vietnam War. She's hiding out on a dilapidated Hudson Valley estate when she hears the news: the radicals who kidnapped a San Francisco heiress have been killed in a fiery police raid, with the victim-turned-collaborator presumed to



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## Notes from the underground: Susan Choi

be among the dead. But Jenny soon finds herself tending to the raid's survivors: a pair of true believers and the zealous-but-flaky kidnap victim, now calling herself "Pauline." Jenny finds herself drawn to Pauline, all the while knowing that their emotional connection will be severed the

moment the police break down their door. "I liked the idea of the possible friendship they shared—what it had been forged out of, and the pressures that ultimately ended it," says Choi. "I had the connection between the two women and the empty space in the historical record that I could fill with fiction, this period in the Patty Hearst case that was almost completely undocumented."

Choi, who was barely out of preschool when Hearst was kidnapped, found herself fascinated by a cultural moment that was long over by the time she came of age. The anti-war movement, the hippie scene, the Summer of Love—it had all run its course, Choi says, and had come to a "tawdry dead end." Living in a more cynical age, she was interested in the psychological makeup of the era's diehards, who believed that they had the power to make the world a better place—by any means necessary. "I found these characters incredibly moving, because they were possessed of a terribly naïve idealism," she says. "They're thinking, 'How can I be so self-indulgent as to chew a whole stick of gum when we're burning children in Vietnam?' It's a way of thinking that will ultimately drive you crazy, but I could empathize with it."

In addition to studying the Hearst case and the SLA, Choi's research included delving into the history of anti-war groups like the Weather Underground and Students for a Democratic Society. She refrained from interviewing former activists, she says, because she didn't want them to feel that she owed them a certain

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depiction of their experience. Still, many of the facts of the Hearst case are reflected in the book, from the kidnapers' demand that her family spend millions to feed poor Californians to the creation of the "Eulogy Tape" in which the fugitives lamented the deaths of their comrades. "I didn't feel any need to alter the basic scenario that brings these two women together, because I knew the book wasn't about the kidnapping," Choi says. "It wasn't about the SLA, the bank robbery, or the shootout. It was about what happens to these people after events toss them up on a distant beach somewhere and they're stuck together, trying to figure out how to continue with their lives."

The daughter of a Korean émigré father and a mother of Russian Jewish descent, Choi was born in Indiana and grew up in Houston. She studied literature at Yale; at Cornell, she studied under Stephanie Vaughn, Lamar Herrin, and Alison Lurie, among others. She moved to New York in the summer of 1995 and spent three years as a fact-checker at the *New Yorker* while working on her first novel, *The Foreign Student*. The story of a romance between a Korean War veteran and a troubled young heiress, it won the Asian-American Literary Award for Fiction and was a finalist for a new writers' award from Barnes & Noble. She lives in Brooklyn with her husband, Pete Wells, an editor at *Details*.

Although the near-universal adoration of *American Woman* has fulfilled a writer's fondest wish, Choi is cognizant of the weight of raised expectations—but since she hasn't figured out what her next novel will be, she hasn't started worrying about it. She has, however, been somewhat annoyed that reviewers have focused on the novel's Patty Hearst aspect, even though she intentionally made Pauline a marginal character. She calls the Hearst connection "both the gift and the bane" of the book, attracting media attention but distorting its content. "It's been interesting and frustrating that I dragged the story sideways to focus on Jenny, and most reviewers have dragged it back to focus on Patty-slash-Pauline," she says. "Part of what I was trying to do was take an iconic story and reposition the center of gravity—this character who occupies the absolute outer margin of the way the story is usually told, I wanted to make the center."

— Beth Saulnier



## Tails of Joy

### COMPANIONS SHARE CREATURE COMFORTS

**W**illowmite, a white llama with huge brown eyes, patiently tolerates the ministrations of a cadre of special-needs toddlers with pink hairbrushes at the Franziska Racker Center. "Leave the llama here!" says five-year old Makayla, hugging the animal's fluffy neck.

The llama—along with dozens of dogs, cats, and other creatures—is a member of the Cornell Companions, a visiting-pet program sponsored by the College of Veterinary Medicine that has been spreading comfort since 1997. About 250 animals (and their humans) visit the sick, elderly, and disabled. The connections they make boost town-gown relations, and help veterinary students cultivate their communication skills. "People start talking and the whole atmosphere opens up," says Leslie Appel, DVM '94, who founded the program.

The results they achieve can be close to miraculous. Program director Robin Hamlisch tells the story of her fifteen-year-old son's visit to Lakeside nursing home with the family's black Labrador. "One elderly gentleman began chatting about the dog," she says, "and people had thought he was mute." Volunteer Tammy Snyder recalls a physically challenged little girl who was "working so hard trying to bring her arms down to pet my dog that she was sweating—but she

finally made contact."

Animals help the heart in more ways than one: studies show that petting a dog or cat decreases heart rate and blood pressure. Curtis Kretz '93, who works at the Vet college, regularly

visits Kendal resident Ginny Millican with his dog, Silas. "I don't see how people can live without animals," says Millican, whose two pets moved with her into the facility. And the humans aren't the only ones who love the interaction. "My dog, Kasha, leaps for joy when she sees me getting out the harness," says Snyder.

Dogs and cats are the most common participants, but any behavior-tested beast whose owner who goes through the six-hour training may become a Cornell Companion. (For information go to: [www.vet.cornell.edu/public/companions/index.htm](http://www.vet.cornell.edu/public/companions/index.htm).) In the last six years, the program has grown so rapidly that there's a waiting list for new pets. Says Hamlisch: "That's a good problem."

— Elissa Wolfson '81



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# The Hot Zone

## GLOBAL WARMING GURU HEATS UP CLIMATE CHANGE DEBATE

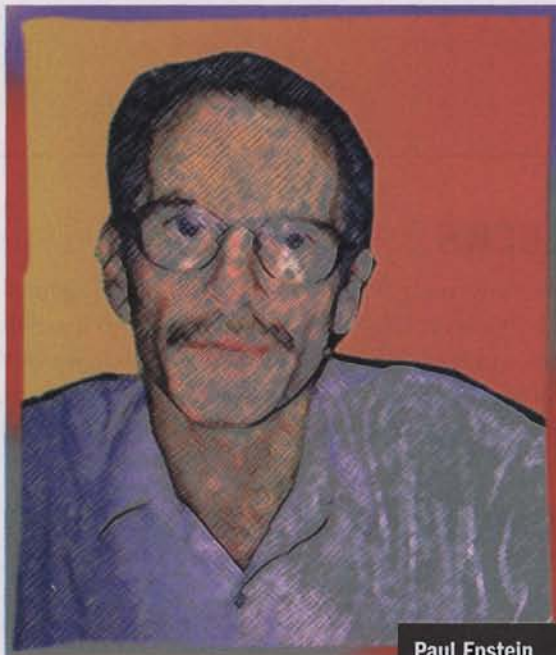
**a**S FAR AS PAUL EPSTEIN '65 IS concerned, global warming is no theory.

"There's no longer any scientific doubt that global warming is taking place, and the implications for public health are deeply troubling," says the fifty-nine-year-old epidemiologist. "We're now at a level of carbon dioxide that exceeds anything we've seen in the last 420,000 years. We're sailing in uncharted waters, and I'm worried that global warming could swamp us with health problems within the next ten or twenty years."

It's a typically blunt assessment from the veteran physician. Epstein is the associate director of the Harvard University Center for Health and the Global Environment in Boston, and he's an authority on the complex relationship between climate change and infectious diseases such as malaria and West Nile virus. In recent years he has emerged as one of the most prominent scientific voices warning of the dire public health consequences of rising levels of greenhouse gases. It's a message he has taken from the medical journals to the op-ed pages and the halls of Congress.

Drop by the Global Environment Center's crowded, buzzing offices in a downtown Boston high rise, and you'll probably find Epstein answering one phone call after another from the likes of CNN, the *New York Times*, and CBS News. An intense figure with a remarkable ability to perform several tasks at once (answering a reporter's questions, barking

instructions at staffers, munching on a lunchtime fried-chicken wing), Epstein has been in great demand of late. Regional weather extremes—from the ongoing drought in the Plains to the lethal European heat wave of last summer—have kept the global warming story in the headlines. Last June, Epstein testified before lawmakers on Capitol Hill, where he urged a joint House-Senate environmental committee to quickly pass the Climate Stew-



Paul Epstein

ardship Act, designed to reduce U.S. emissions of greenhouse gases. "Global warming," he warned, "has come into our backyards."

Increasingly, most scientists agree: sooner or later, planetary heating will pose a significant threat to both public health and ecosystem-dependent resources such as water and arable land. As glaciers retreat on several continents, plant and insect communities are migrating to higher alti-

tudes and triggering unexpected outbreaks of infectious disease. "There's no question but that disease vectors like mosquitoes are moving to higher elevations," says Epstein. "Africa provides a good example. Research there shows that the Kilimanjaro ice sheet may be entirely gone by 2015. At the same time, we're seeing new outbreaks of mosquito-born malaria in Nairobi, which is a mile-high city."

Epstein also quotes studies showing that the North Polar Ice Cap has lost 44 percent of its thickness since the 1950s. "As the ice melts and the oceans warm, you get increasing distortions of the water cycle. The result is drought in some areas and flooding in others. Such conditions can trigger West Nile virus and dengue fever."

Some scientists have challenged Epstein's dire assessment. Dr. Paul Reiter, a prominent federal disease investigator, says that Epstein's "flawed" predictions are "based on intuition, not science." But controversy doesn't seem to faze Epstein; as he says, he's been "making waves ever since the fourth grade."

Born and raised in New York City, Epstein arrived on the Hill in 1961 and soon declared his intention to study pre-med. He credits Cornell with fueling his passion for public health and disease control, but also recalls the "huge impact" of the liberal arts courses he was required to take. After leaving Cornell to earn an MD at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and later a master's degree in public health at Harvard, Epstein first became interested in the health effects of global warming while running a Mozambique hospital during the late 1970s, treating thousands of African patients for malaria and other climate-related diseases.

As for preventing a climate-change catastrophe, Epstein doesn't hesitate. "We've got to change our 'energy diet,' our reliance on fossil fuels, if we hope to slow down and eventually reverse global warming," he says. "We need to find the will to accomplish a worldwide clean-energy transition—a transformation that will reduce greenhouse gases by 70 percent within the next ten or fifteen years, in order to re-stabilize the climate."

—Tom Nugent



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# Quiet Revolution

## PSYCHOLOGIST RECONSIDERS REPRESSION

**d**USTY MILLER FIRST TOLD THE story of being sexually abused by her father in the 1960s, as a student at Cornell; her psychiatrist assured her that she was simply experiencing a Freudian longing. In the 1970s, Miller told her story to a sympathetic friend who introduced her to amphetamines, an addiction that quickly took hold alongside alcoholism. In the 1980s, now sober and a clinical psychologist herself, she reentered therapy and told her story again, only to find herself losing sleep, spending money wildly, and becoming lonelier and lonelier. In the 1990s, she began to hear from other psychologists about women whose conditions deteriorated after entering therapy. And she began to wonder whether it was time to stop telling the story.

Now director of the ATRIUM Consultation and Training Institute in Northampton, Massachusetts, Miller '66 is one of a growing number of mental health professionals who believe "the talking cure" may not cure everything. In February 2003, the *New York Times Magazine* titled its report on Miller's work with female survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse "Repress Yourself." And while that characterization of her work is not entirely right, Miller says, it's not entirely wrong, either.

"To suggest that my work teaches people to repress their memories of trauma is slightly oversimplified," she says. "I emphasize building on the strengths and the resilience of each person. It's about escaping the cult of victimhood and remembering the trauma in the context of

how the experience made you stronger—more compassionate and resilient."

Although Miller had spent years wondering why conventional therapy, with its emphasis on talking through negative experiences, wasn't healing her patients or herself, it wasn't until she was in her forties that she found inspiration—on a tennis court. With the guidance of a great coach, Miller began developing skills—a good serve, a decent backhand—that built confidence in her capacity for learning and growth. She wasn't just a woman struggling with her past. She was moving on.

Miller connected the revelation with earlier experiences of confidence and empowerment, especially work she had done for the civil rights movement as an undergrad. "Becoming politically active gave me a focus for my sense of injustice," she says. "Among the African Americans I met in the South were some very strong women. And their strength came in part from a sense of community. They survived and thrived because they fought back with pride and resilience, together."

Out of these insights, Miller began to

## Reach for the Skies

## UNDERGRADS LEND A HAND TO ARTIST STEPHEN HENDEE

**S**tepping into Stephen Hendee's "Iron Skies" at the Johnson Museum is like walking into a virtual cyberspace environment. "It is meant to be a spectacle that people interact with, an experience," says the New York City artist, who built the installation with the help of students during a three-week late fall residency. Hendee has spent the last six years creating a series of elaborate architectural works, each more ambitious than the last—"Iron Skies" fills almost 1,800 square feet in the Johnson's main gallery. Constructed from corrugated plastic panels and black tape, the large glowing tunnel is laced with intricate, shifting patterns of light and color; the effect resembles a futuristic stained-glass chapel. "It has the ability to transport people," Hendee says, "just because it's an uncommon kind of place."

For the students, working alongside the artist has been an equally unique experience. "Before he came here, I was doing research on his work," says Chelsea Baker '05, an art history major and intern with the curator of modern contemporary art at the Johnson. "But it really makes sense to be a part of an artistic process and work with an artist, instead of studying him so objectively." Baker says that Hendee was very open to allowing students to contribute, creating bits and pieces of the



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work. "Usually, a piece is finished when it comes to the museum," she says. "This is organic. He doesn't let you redo things. He just says, 'Nope—that's the way it happened.'"

— Natalie Gingerich '04



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rethink her relationships with clients. "My preference became teaching people instead of giving them therapy," she says. "Teaching implies that everyone can learn and has competencies. In therapy, you have a hierarchy of the healer and the person in need of healing."

In practice, those beliefs translate into less talking and lots of doing. In the mid-Nineties, Miller and her colleagues started ATRIUM (Addiction and Trauma Recovery Integration Model), a resource center where low-income women could type, cook, develop job skills, and plan their futures. Miller trained women with histories of abuse and violence to lead their own groups in local prisons, AIDS programs, and centers for survivors. The purpose of such activities, she says, is to help the women think of themselves as part of a larger world, outside of their own suffering. "We worked with people who went into the hospital twenty or twenty-five times a year," Miller says. "Some of those people have been out for a number of years now, and a lot of that had to do with helping them create communities they felt responsible for."

Miller is in sync with a growing movement in psychotherapy to emphasize the patient's future more than her past. As long ago as the 1950s, and as recently as studies of 9/11 victims, some researchers have found that therapy is no more effective than the passage of time. Was grandmother right when she said, "Least said, soonest mended"?

For many therapists, there's a middle ground between grandma's stoicism and a reliance solely upon talk therapy. "It's not an either/or sort of thing, but a both/and one," says Glenna Dunaway, an Ithaca-based psychotherapist specializing in trauma recovery and a registered Mental Health Disaster volunteer with the American Red Cross. In Dunaway's practice, she has found that when trauma victims tell their stories, it's useful not just because it allows for an understanding of the past, but because it can give the therapist insight about how to help clients create the psychological structures they'll need in the future.

"Imagine that each of us is a piano," says Dunaway. "We're made of different woods; we have different tonal quality, dif-



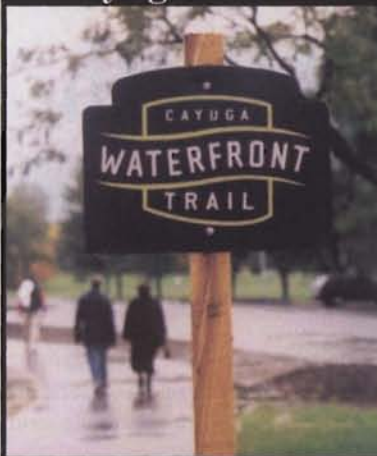
ferent key action; and how we think of ourselves, our identity, has to do with these differences, as well as how well our keys play. Somebody comes along and busts a bunch of one piano's keys. You really have to restore the keys, or else the instrument will play oddly and its 'identity' will be as a broken instrument. You have to do more than just repeat the trauma till your brain desensitizes to it; you have to fix at least some of what got broken. Some of what makes a good therapist is knowing lots of ways to build or rebuild people's inner strength, and getting started with that right away in the treatment."

The methods of psychotherapy have been influenced by their historical moment, and there are good reasons why more emphasis may have been placed on talking about trauma in recent decades. During the 1970s and '80s, when sexual abuse first became a topic for public discussion, women began "telling and telling and telling" their stories, Miller says, "because maybe as a culture we really didn't get it yet." And it's still important to listen to survivors. "Everyone has to have their stories heard," Miller says. "There's a time to bear witness to suffering, but it's only useful if it's paired with new coping skills and passing those skills along to others."

Miller calls ATRIUM, named for the chamber where blood enters the heart, "a starting point." These women, she writes in a recent *Psychotherapy Networker*, "are helping to create what may be the therapy of the twenty-first century: a blend of peer support, psychoeducation, interpersonal skills training, meditation, creative expression, and community action." That kind of grass-roots, do-it-yourself therapy may be even more relevant as both insurance companies and government agencies further reduce spending on psychological services. "I'm interested to see how all the cutting back will push people to look to combinations of Western and alternative and folk wisdom, to knowledge shared among peers," says Miller. "I'm cautiously optimistic about what the results might be when we turn more and more to our own communities for healing. It's the future of health care."

— C.A. Carlson '93, MFA '96

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# Of Light and Death

## A NEW HISTORY OF THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

**M**ARK ESSIG, PHD '00, HAS A penchant for the macabre. "The story of the electric chair had everything I like," says the lanky author. "Technology, medicine, murder, gruesome experiments, and a hero doing

unexpected things." Business rivalries, backroom politics, and unbridled faith in the new round out Essig's *Edison & the Electric Chair*, revealing what he calls "the uniquely American habit of tinkering with the machinery of death."

The hero of Essig's story, Thomas Edison, stunned the world in 1879 with the invention of the lightbulb. Three years later, he installed the first direct-current (DC) electrical system, in lower Manhattan. But there was a darker side to his feat, and Essig details how the "Wizard of Menlo Park" became a leading advocate of the electric chair. In 1887, Edison, originally a death penalty opponent, suggested that death by electrical current would be more humane than hanging. Essig argues that Edison was motivated by a desire to hurt business rival George Westinghouse.

## On the Waterfront

## GROUP REVITALIZES LAKE ACCESS

**W**ho wants to play king of the mulch mound?" shouts Trevor Fontes '07. Perched on the pile's summit, he shovels wood chips into a wheelbarrow. On this Indian summer Sunday, Fontes and five classmates collect litter, rake leaves, and haul brush. The group is beautifying a section of the Waterfront Trail in Cass Park where the newly paved path skirts Cayuga Lake. They are part of the Cayuga Waterfront Trail Initiative (CWTI), an effort to revitalize Ithaca's downtown shoreline.

Credit for the concept goes to Rick Manning, MLA '87, a visiting fellow in landscape architecture. In 2000, Manning, a veteran trail designer, teamed up with Jean McPheeters '72,

president of the local Chamber of Commerce. They enlisted help from the City of Ithaca, Cornell, Ithaca College, and local businesses to build a six-mile path for pedestrians, joggers, bicyclists, and in-line skaters.

When completed, the trail system will connect public land on the eastern and western shores of Cayuga Lake from Stewart Park to Allan H. Treman Marine State Park, linking the Farmer's Market, the Cornell boathouse, and Cornell's biological field station. Phase one—rehabbing the Cass Park trail and expanding it into a two-mile loop—was finished this fall. When completed, the footpath will run through the favorite haunts of

Lab of Ornithology founders Arthur Allen and Louis Agassiz Fuertes and Paleontological Research Institute founder Gilbert Harris, who brought students to Cayuga's shores for lessons on natural history, geology, and ecology.

Manning hopes the initiative will rekindle that tradition. Already student community service groups have contributed their labor. In addition, Manning's graduate design students used the initiative to gain practical experience. CWTI also aims to improve and restore the natural landscape. "The waterfront was the heart and soul of the community back in the old days," says Manning. "Connecting these different waterfront places—parks, natural areas, commercial areas, the Farmer's Market—brings together a whole mosaic of landscapes."

— Lauren McSherry '02



COURTESY OF RICK MANNING



While Edison wired New York, Westinghouse undercut Edison's business with his cheaper alternating-current (AC) system, which sent high voltage over great distances. As the "battle of the currents" powered up, several accidents caused public alarm. The most gruesome was the death of lineman John Feeks, whose lifeless body hung tangled above the street for hours. New York ordered its AC wires cut down—the safety of Westinghouse's system was in doubt. Edison's DC wires were buried underground, out of sight of a nervous public.

Meanwhile, the New York State legislature was investigating alternatives to the gallows. On July 23, 1889, Edison gave expert testimony at a hearing on electrical execution (the term "electrocution" had yet to be coined), claiming "it will be so lightning-like quick that the criminal can't suffer much." He insisted that Westinghouse's AC be used—with the not-so-subtle implication that this was the proper job for this dangerous system. Westinghouse resisted, but the state chose AC to power the first electric chair.

William Kemmler was the first man condemned to die by electrocution. Westinghouse spent thousands of dollars in unsuccessful appeals for the convicted murderer, but on August 6, 1890, the sentence was carried out at New York's Auburn Prison. Current ran through Kemmler for seventeen seconds, but officials had stopped too soon: he was still breathing. Again the current was switched on. "The stench of burning hair and flesh filled the room," Essig writes. After several minutes, Kemmler was dead. (Despite the bad publicity, AC eventually won the battle of the currents. By 1917 it provided more than 95 percent of the electricity generated in the U.S.)

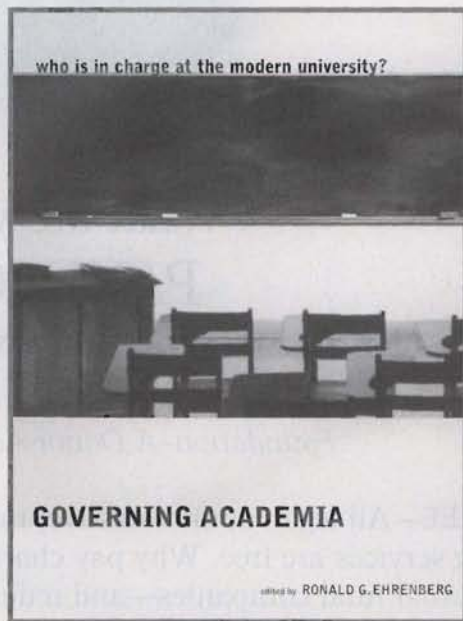
Essig has a longtime fascination with criminology: he wrote his dissertation on the history of forensic toxicology. "I was interested in questions of expert testimony," he says. "Why science, which has such prestige elsewhere in the culture, has such difficulty when it enters a legal setting." In his next book, Essig plans to explore poison murder cases. "I work at the intersection of science and death," he says. "What better way to understand America?"

— Chris Furst

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## Ball-and-String Theory

LARRY SHAW EXPLORES  
THE PHYSICS OF FUN



Larry Shaw, PhD '90, thought he was going to be a physicist. Then came the fateful day in the lab when he strung three hex nuts along a piece of dental floss and started flinging it around. The nuts started orbiting each other crazily, and the physics grad student sensed that the trajectory of his life was about to change. "The first words out of my mouth were, 'This should be a toy,'" Shaw says.

Sixteen years later, Shaw's inspiration is indeed a toy, and then some. It's Astrojax, "The Free-Dimensional Orbiter"—a sort of twenty-first-century yo-yo that has already conquered the youth of Switzerland and Germany and is now poised to sweep American kids ages eight and up. The premise hasn't changed much since 1987: Two balls are fixed at either end of a thirty-two-inch string, with a third ball floating along between them. Tug on one ball, and with a few flicks of the wrist the two others begin twirling around each other. It's the principle of rotational dynamics in action, and with practice, skilled "AJ" players can bounce the whirling balls off the floor or their own bodies and master mesmerizing looping tricks like the Butterfly, the Venus, or the diabolical Supernova. "There's so much you can do with this," says Shaw, who compiled a list of about one hundred tricks for the Astrojax back in 1997. "For years and years I was the world's best player, because there was no competition. Now





there are kids who have invented stuff I couldn't imagine."

Astrojax's journey from grad-school time-killer to nascent global toy phenomenon was a long and looping one. After building a few prototypes, Shaw spent years getting his idea patented—eventually, he wrote the patent application himself, then supported himself by working in San Francisco law firms as a patent agent. Meanwhile, he shopped the idea to 135 toy companies, and got "close to 135 rejections." An early version was sold at the Nature Company for a few years, then Shaw started his own company to make the things. "I had no idea three balls on a string could keep me so busy," he says.

Now Shaw licenses Astrojax to a Swiss manufacturer, and the toy is being marketed aggressively in the U.S. and Asia. There's a thriving AJ subculture emerging as players devise new tricks and exchange tips via the Internet ([www.astrojax.com](http://www.astrojax.com)), and the toy is catching on with older teens and young adults in the club crowd. (The newest model, the Saturn, has colored lights embedded in the balls, for trippy strobe effects.) Shaw hopes that the free-swinging Astrojax has the staying power to one day supplant its elder cousin, the yo-yo, in the toy cosmos. "You see a yo-yo and you go, 'Great—up and down,'" he says. "Astrojax may or may not be a craze, but it will be around for a long time."

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# theme & variations

By Robert Doerschuk

**b**ack in the early Seventies, when John Hsu was chairman of the music department, Malcolm Bilson came to him with a bit of news: he had just been introduced to his first *fortepiano*, a keyboard instrument built by the contemporary craftsman Philip Belt to evoke the Mozart-era predecessor of the modern piano.

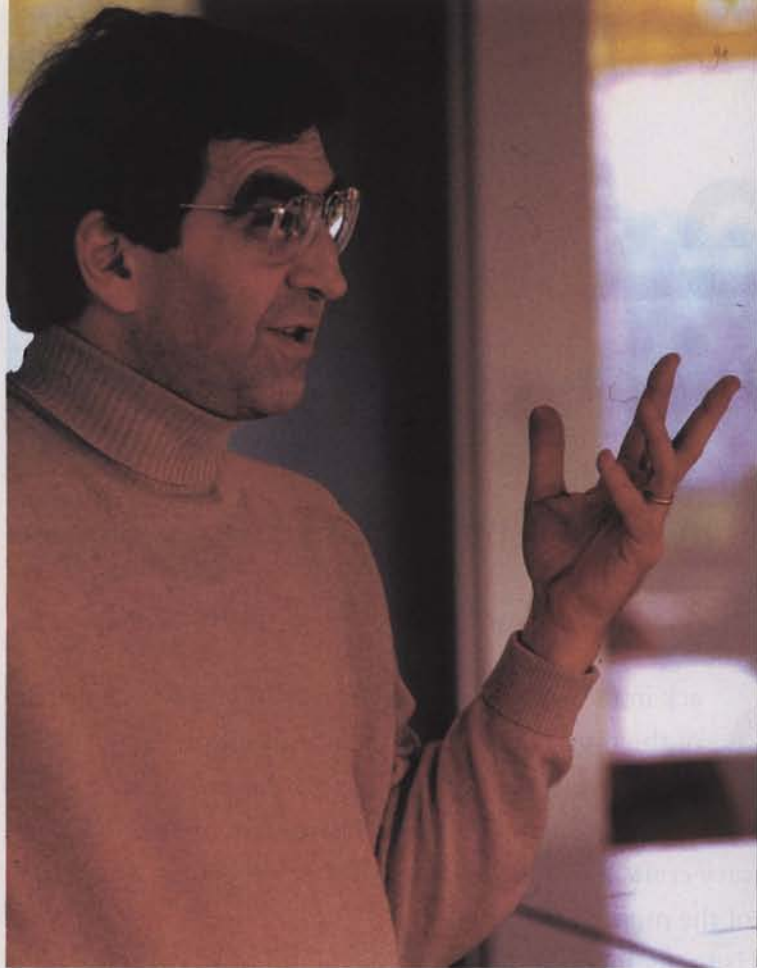
As Hsu remembers it, Bilson, who had recently begun teaching at Cornell, didn't even have to ask the question that would inevitably have followed: "I said to Malcolm, 'We'll find the money to buy it.'"

The conversation might have been quite different had it taken place at some other school. Then, as now, music students and teachers often feel pressure to rush toward a handful of narrowly defined and overcrowded niches—most often as virtuoso performers but also as composers specializing in music that conforms to commercial expectations. In such settings, the idea of pulling money out of the budget to buy an instrument that no one of note has played in nearly two centuries would seem, to use the most charitable language, misguided.

Not so on the Hill, where the path less traveled has often led to places that would otherwise have been left undiscovered. Certainly that's the story with Bilson; given the green light to explore the *fortepiano*, he was inspired to pursue research that would establish him as the leading expert in eighteenth-century keyboard performance. His affiliation with Cornell, where he now holds the Whiten chair of music, was essential to the process—and emblematic of what continues to distinguish the denizens of Lincoln Hall. Bilson puts it this way: "Someone who thinks only of a concert career and wants to practice eight hours a day shouldn't come here."

**Cornell is not known as a music school, yet it has produced many accomplished composers, musicologists, and "music citizens." What makes music on the Hill different?**





Malcolm Bilson

Who, then, should? Many musicians have emerged from Cornell and found distinction—more, in fact, than one might expect from a pool of students that's smaller than those at most comparable schools. Even during the current academic year, when the number of music graduate students has become, in Hsu's words, "unbelievably large," they total only forty-eight. Yet over the years Cornellians have assembled a body of distinguished work too varied to bear any common traits that might be traced to their training.

That in itself is a clue. Cornell's music students have, by and large, resisted the categorization that others accept as the price of admission into fast-track conservatories. A climate that encourages students—and their teachers—to broaden rather than funnel their knowledge, to develop as performers or composers through scholarship as much as practice, has shaped their most basic views of how to explore their art.

Hsu understood this concept long before that conversation with Bilson about the *fortepiano*. As the senior member of the music faculty, he looks back

with some amusement to when Donald Grout hired him as a cello instructor nearly fifty years ago. "He wrote to the dean of the New England Conservatory, where I was a graduate student, and said, 'We're looking for a first-class cellist who's also a jack of all trades.' That just reflects the nature of our music program: Donald Grout was a first-rate musicologist who was also a terrific choral conductor and could teach all kinds of courses. One year, while he was the department chairman, he ended up teaching the entire undergraduate music history sequence himself!"

Both Grout and fellow musicologist William Austin were superb pianists and organists. Grout also conducted the Sage Chapel Choir; Austin, though celebrated for his prize-winning text *Twentieth-Century Music* and for his courses on Stravinsky, Schoenberg, and Bartók, had no problem reaching back two centuries to accompany Hsu's recitals of eighteenth-century works. Their colleague of many years as a composition teacher, the eminent Karel Husa, also found time to conduct the Cornell University Symphony—now led by the former cello instructor turned French



John Hsu

Baroque authority, John Hsu.

"If I had wanted only to keep teaching cello, I wouldn't have been happy here," Hsu says. "And if Malcolm Bilson had gone to teach at another school, he would probably still be teaching [modern] piano. It's the opening up of possibilities here at Cornell that made it possible for him to do something different."

According to Steven Stucky, DMA '78, who has taught composition at Cornell since 1980, the same principles still apply. "We try never to get somebody who can do only one thing," he says of the faculty search process. "Suppose we're hiring a violinist. We'd want a violinist who plays and teaches like crazy, but who is also likely to take an interest in some other aspect of the department. Maybe it's early music performance practice or new music. Or maybe they're interested in fiddling and could connect with world music. The ideal person would help us to keep these connections among the various kinds of music and the ways of thinking about



music that we have here. We don't do anything that doesn't involve ideas, self-discovery, and pushing the boundaries of what people can do in music."

It's no surprise, then, that the current department chair—Neal Zaslaw, a renowned musicologist and Mozart authority—crosses into performance as coach of a student chamber group and, in a recent survey course on music history from the seventeenth century to the present, integrated performance into his syllabus by commissioning new works from three members of the graduate program. His seventy students followed each composer's progress during the semester, culminating in a public concert where all three pieces were premiered.

"We do not encourage students or faculty to stick themselves into pigeonholes," says Zaslaw. "At a school of music, which might have a faculty of fifty or sixty, you'll have a brass department, a string department, a piano department, a music history department, and each is separate, with no one allowed to teach in anyone else's department. They insist that there be a label on everybody: this one's a pianist,

that one's a theorist, and so on. We have *one* department, from which we try to turn out people who are not so highly specialized that they're of no particular use to the world."

Students are aware that the context in which composition is taught can affect the ways they come to understand their own creativity—a level of reflection that can escape attention in more single-minded curricula. "The Cornell music program definitely tries to get us to consider how music is formed," says Robert Shapiro '04. "Now, when I think about composing, I don't just think about theory; I think about what the notes mean in their social and historical context."

The same quality applies to performance: technique is not taught as an end in itself but as an entry into a fuller awareness of the potential of each individual. "I focus my students in dir-

ections that aren't related to winning this or that competition," says Xak Bjerken, an assistant professor and piano instructor. "When you're at a conservatory, you're sometimes pushed into a very conservative decision-making process—and there's a tradition that you don't question the authority of your forefathers. Here, there's an idea of questioning. If you're reading off a score, what kind of hints did the composer leave in the markings? There's never a definitive answer, but at least there's an attempt to question things, and that's all about the scholarly approach we have."

Cornell's commitment to building bridges between different areas has guided a long line of artists and scholars—and, significantly, artist/scholars—into prominence. The compositions of Steve Reich '57, with their minimalist construction and terraced

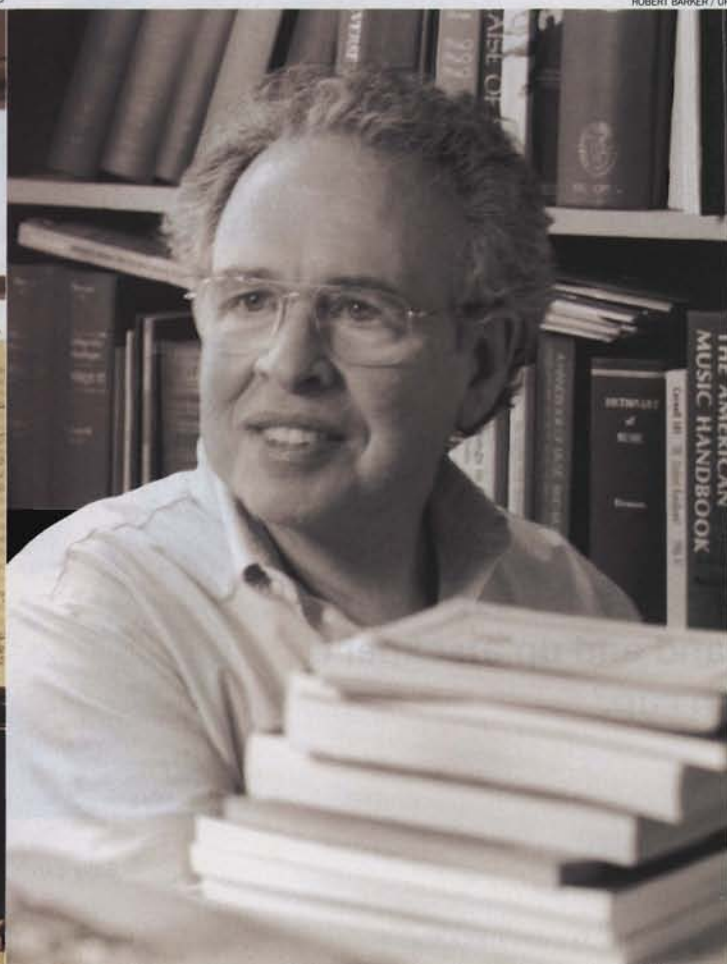
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‘Twenty years from now somebody might come here as an expert in Beethoven and end up an expert in rap.’



JON REES

Sally Lamb

dynamics, could never be mistaken for those of Christopher Rouse, DMA '77, who emerged from his background as a rock & roll drummer to conceive massive orchestral compositions, earn acclaim from the *New York Times* for writing “some of the most anguished, most memorable music around,” and win a Pulitzer Prize.

“What I liked about Cornell was that I didn’t have to take any classes,” says Rouse, who enrolled in the doctoral program to study composition with Husa. “I was more involved with self-educating through the music library, which is one of the best anywhere. The department approved of that; they didn’t feel that the number of credit hours was the important issue. It was whether you learned enough, in whatever fashion, to do your master’s and doctoral work. That kind of freedom is unusual—certainly it was good for me.”

Andrew Waggoner, DMA '86, agrees. He arrived as a refugee from a more competitive undergraduate experience at Eastman—“exhausted by four years of conservatory life,” as he puts it. “A conservatory is full of brilliant people, but they’re often brilliant in ways that aren’t immediately obvious, particularly in conversation. I was hungry to be with people who were interested in ideas and could speak about them more or less coherently. The best thing was that there were so few students in the program that my main teacher, Steven Stucky, could sometimes spend three hours with me. We would stare at my score, chat, and have time for reflection. That was immensely important to me. It actually brought about a change in my music right from the start; it opened up my imagination in ways that hadn’t been the case at Eastman.”

The freedom students have to take greater control of their education dovetails with the university’s idyllic atmosphere; with neither the resources nor the diversions that surround more urban campuses, Cornell’s music faculty has learned to draw on talent across the campus. “Juilliard and Columbia have an exchange relationship,” says Paul Chihara, DMA '65, “but I know many students and professors at both schools, and it’s very seldom that a student has the time or inclination to take advantage of that. Cornell fosters that sort of thing—and you don’t have to go uptown or downtown; you just walk ten feet, so to speak, and you’re in the German department.”

Chihara, who teaches at UCLA, says that his career has directly benefited from this openness. “It made me sympathetic to interdisciplinary activities. I feel comfortable



working in theater, working with writers—not just with violinists and cellists, but with directors, with choreographers, with people who are doing research into Indian cultures and things like that.”

All of this appeals as much to teachers as it does to students. Husa, recalling his 1954 arrival from Europe, says, “I was incredibly impressed by the beauty of Ithaca, by the fantastic campus. It’s true that in the big city you have many more possibilities to be recognized because you are among many more musicians. But remember: composers are solitary people. We close ourselves off so that we may have the quietness of thinking. And there’s no doubt that the beauty of the campus can make that easier.”

For many students, Cornell’s legacy in musicology has widened the focus even more. Since 1930, when the university named Otto Kinkeldey to the first musicology chair in the country, this program has attracted stellar faculty and launched a good number of careers—its graduates far outnumber those who concentrate on composition or performance. And its influence affects everyone in the department, if only as a reminder that, as retired choral music director Tom Sokol puts it, “music always goes hand-in-hand with scholarship here.”

Judith Peraino, a current associate professor, says the relationship between musicology and other areas of music instruction is built on “creative tension.” “Performers don’t often know much about what they’re playing,” she says. “They may have an intuitive sense, but they don’t have the intellectual processing. We try to foster a feedback loop between how we play and thinking about it as well, not only for the moment of performance but also for past moments of performance or the cultural significance.”

With her interests in thirteenth-century secular works and issues of gender and sexuality, Peraino exemplifies the department’s preference for broad scholarship. Now in her sixth year of teaching a survey course on rock music history, she also works with the Cornell Steel Band, which plays a wide range of percussion repertoire. Other groups, such as the World Drum and Dance Ensemble, and instructors such as Javanese gamelan authority

Marty Hatch, PhD ’80, and jazz/rock expert Steven Pond, also explore areas that mirror changes in student demographics, as well as the university’s commitment to new areas of musicological research.

Roberto Sierra, who succeeded the retiring Karel Husa as professor of composition at Cornell, sees such curricular changes as essential in these times of cultural flux. “Twenty years ago it was common for everybody to have a piano at home and to take classical lessons,” he says. “But I don’t think that’s necessarily the case any longer. There’s also been a shift in terms of scholarship, especially in musicology, where people like Judith maintain the highest intellectual standards. And who knows? Twenty years from now somebody might come here as an expert in Beethoven and end up an expert in rap.”

Perhaps it’s not surprising that most who study gender issues in rock or medieval music aren’t music majors, given the sociological and historical aspects of the course material. What is surprising is



how many non-majors take part in the university’s traditional ensembles and fill classes devoted to the music curriculum. On reflection, this makes sense: with so few applicants admitted to degree programs—Sally Lamb, DMA ’98, who joined the faculty at Syracuse University’s Setnor School of Music in August, remembers being one of just eight prospective composers in the graduate program—most of those who take part in the orchestra, the choruses, and other groups, and even the majority of those who attend many music classes, would have to be non-majors.

The reverse also holds true. Music majors—who are not allowed to devote

more than half of their course schedule to departmental offerings—are thus compelled to explore a variety of interests. To some conservatory-oriented observers, such enforced eclecticism dilutes the student’s energy; every moment spent studying literature or physics is a moment in which scales aren’t practiced or theory exercises worked out. That’s not how things are done at Cornell—and it leads directly to what is perhaps the music department’s greatest contribution: the celebration and cultivation of music beyond the limits of the department.

Consistent with Ezra’s vision of “an institution where any person can find instruction in any study,” the doors of Lincoln Hall are open to every member of the community who wants to learn about or make music. At any given time, most of the members of the school’s orchestras, choruses, and other ensembles are students majoring in subjects other than music. They invariably graduate with an appreciation for music that stays with them through whatever careers they choose; they become, in Steven Stucky’s words, “music citizens”—essential participants in the circle of composers, performers, and supportive audiences.

Consider, for instance, Steven Bronfenbrenner ’79. Raised in Ithaca, the son of the renowned human development professor Urie Bronfenbrenner, he earned his bachelor’s in government and economics, following that with an MBA two years later. But his involvement with music throughout his student years provided the light that would guide him into a series of prominent cultural positions and lead to his present affiliation with Artec Consultants, whose projects include designing concert venues.

“Music was *the* key element,” Bronfenbrenner says. “I sang under Tom Sokol in the Glee Club; later, probably over cigars and whiskey, I observed to him that there were two members of the faculty with whom I had spent much valuable time—and he was a close second only to my father. My experience with him and with the music program at Cornell made everything happen. If it weren’t for their amazing influence in my life, I would not be what I am today.”

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JEFFREY LEHMAN '77  
CHARTS A NEW COURSE  
FOR CORNELL.

# Transnational University of the Future'

BY JIM ROBERTS

**O**n the day of his inauguration as Cornell's first president, Andrew Dickson White gave a lengthy address outlining his vision of the new university. It would, he said, be unique in its combination of liberal and practical education, its nonsectarianism, and its form of governance, including the election of alumni trustees. White's speech, wrote Morris Bishop '14, PhD '26, in *A History of Cornell*, was "a splendid declaration of educational independence, wildly applauded by all the liberal-minded listeners."

One hundred thirty-five years later, as Jeffrey Lehman '77 was formally installed as White's tenth successor, he praised the "revolutionary achievement" of the founders—and posed a set of questions for all Cornellians to consider. What, he asked, should the institution that historian Frederick Rudolph called "the first American university" strive to become? What should Cornell offer to its students and the world as it approaches its sesquicentennial in 2015?

"Great universities must continue to nurture a transnational perspective," Lehman declared. This, he explained, "is different from a global perspective because it transcends nationalism without insisting on a unitary global substitute." As if to illustrate this principle, his inauguration was a border-crossing event, beginning in Doha, Qatar, moving on to New York City, and concluding in Ithaca. And it was an event inclusive not only of the Cornell community but of the communities in which the university operates, involving civic leaders in each location. Spanning five days and 5,000 miles, the inaugural celebration was, as the invitations proclaimed, "a new beginning"—a purposeful expression of the worldview of a new president whose first months on the job have been characterized by energy, engagement, and a seemingly unquenchable thirst for knowledge about every aspect of what Cornell is and could be.





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## Qatar

The inauguration began on October 12 in Doha, on the campus of the Weill Cornell Medical College–Qatar. After a press conference, President Lehman cut a ribbon to celebrate the opening of the college’s new headquarters in a striking building designed by Japanese architect Arata Isozaki. Before a gathering that included Peter Meinig ’61, chair of the university’s Board of Trustees, and Sanford Weill ’55, who heads the Board of Overseers at the Medical College, Lehman delivered the first of three inaugural addresses, heralding “Cornell’s unique role in the world.” The Qatar site, he noted, is Cornell’s first campus outside of the United States, and “its extraordinary success means that it will not be the last.” He praised the leadership of the Emir, Sheikh Hamed bin Khalifa Al-Thani, and his consort, Sheika Mozah bint Nasser Al-Missned, saying, “They are an inspiring expression of the Islamic ideal *Talib al-’ilm*, seeking knowledge to the ends of the earth.” The speech was followed by a luncheon and a tour of the Medical College building. On the following day, the celebration continued with a panel discussion on the role of women in Qatar and the formal launch of the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development.



1. President Lehman and Sanford Weill arrive at the ribbon cutting for the new Medical College building. Behind them (left to right) are teaching assistant Robert Cronin '01, MEng '02 and students Rana Biary and Ibrahim Sultan.

2. Designed by Arata Isozaki, the Medical College building combines modern and traditional forms.

3. The inaugural luncheon was held in North Hall.

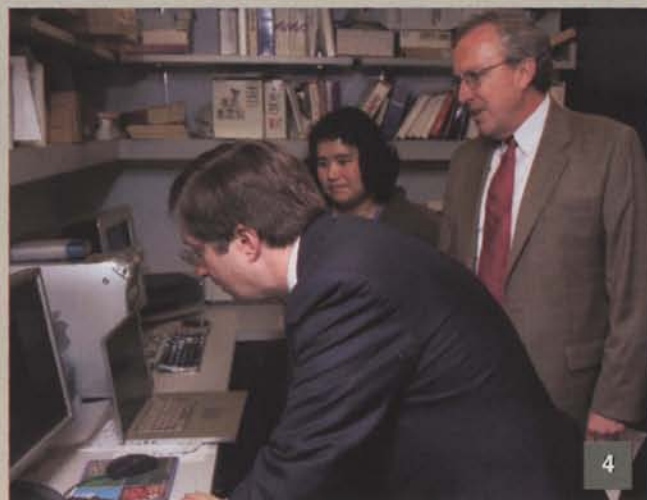
4. Her Highness Sheika Mozah bint Nasser Al-Missned speaks at the opening ceremony.



1. Dr. Anthony Fauci presents the keynote address at the inaugural symposium.



2. Wielding shovels at the tree-planting ceremony are (left to right) Josh Bronstein '05; President Lehman; Councilwoman Gale Brewer; Jennifer Hoos '04; Liam Kavanagh, deputy commissioner of New York City Parks and Recreation; and Bill Castro, Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner.



3. Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Sanford Weill, and President Lehman at the Medical College breakfast.

4. President Lehman visits the lab of Dr. Frederick Maxfield on the Weill Cornell campus.

## New York City

After a travel day, the inauguration resumed on October 15 in Manhattan. The first event was a breakfast at Weill Cornell Medical College attended by New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg as well as Meinig, Weill, Medical College dean Antonio Gotto, faculty researchers Michael Kaplitt, MD '95, and Rache Simmons, and second-year medical student Rafael Vasquez. Bloomberg's presence stressed Cornell's close ties with the city, which Lehman emphasized throughout the day's activities. Following the meal, Anthony Fauci, MD '66, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, keynoted a symposium with an address on "Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases of the Twenty-First Century."

Lehman's second inaugural address stressed "intellectual collaboration" both within New York City—where Cornell participates in partnerships with New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University, Rockefeller University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and other institutions—and between the Ithaca and New York campuses. "Great universities," he said, "help to advance scientific understanding of our world's unifying forces."

After his address, Lehman attended a private luncheon with other education leaders before heading crosstown for a tree-planting ceremony on the Upper West Side. The idea for the event sprang from a neighborhood-improvement project conceived by Jennifer Hoos '04 during an internship in the office of Councilwoman Gale Brewer. After a honey locust sapling had been planted by representatives of the university and the city, Lehman said, "I want to make it a hallmark of my administration to expand the presence of Cornell in the city." The proceedings concluded with a visit to the 34th Street offices of the ILR school and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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# Ithaca

Despite uncertain weather, the final day in Ithaca proved to be a glorious—and sometimes sunny—celebration of Lehman’s installation. For the new president and his wife, Kathy Okun, it began at 8:00 a.m., when they boarded a special “trolley” at Day Hall for a trip downtown to meet local leaders at the Tompkins County Library. Noting that Ezra Cornell had given the city its first library, Lehman announced a proposal to increase Cornell’s annual contribution to Ithaca and extend the memorandum of understanding to 2023. “A strong university and a strong community go hand in hand,” he said.

As delegates from other universities, alumni, faculty, staff, and students gathered for the installation ceremony, inaugural lectures were presented on campus: Richard Meier ’56 spoke about “The New Architecture of Optimism” and showed examples of his designs; Indian business leader N.R. Narayana Murthy called for the use of science and technology to address the problems of the world’s poor and disadvantaged; faculty poets Alice Fulton, MFA ’82, and Kenneth McClane ’73, MFA ’76, read from their works. At noon, members of the procession assembled on the Arts Quad, where they were treated to a special inaugural Cornell Dairy ice cream, Ezra and Andrew’s World View, which featured an ingredient from every continent. After a chimes concert, the procession—led by University Marshal J. Robert Cooke—moved past President Lehman and the Trustees, gathered on a reviewing stand in front of Goldwin Smith, and continued on to Barton Hall.

For the installation, the interior of the venerable drill hall had been spectacularly transformed by set designer Jason Ardizzone-West ’95. After the procession filed down the red-carpeted aisles, the ceremony began with music by the Wind Ensemble and a welcome from Peter Meinig. He introduced U.S. Supreme Court associate justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg ’54, who praised Lehman

**1. Architect Richard Meier with President Lehman and his wife, Kathy Okun.**

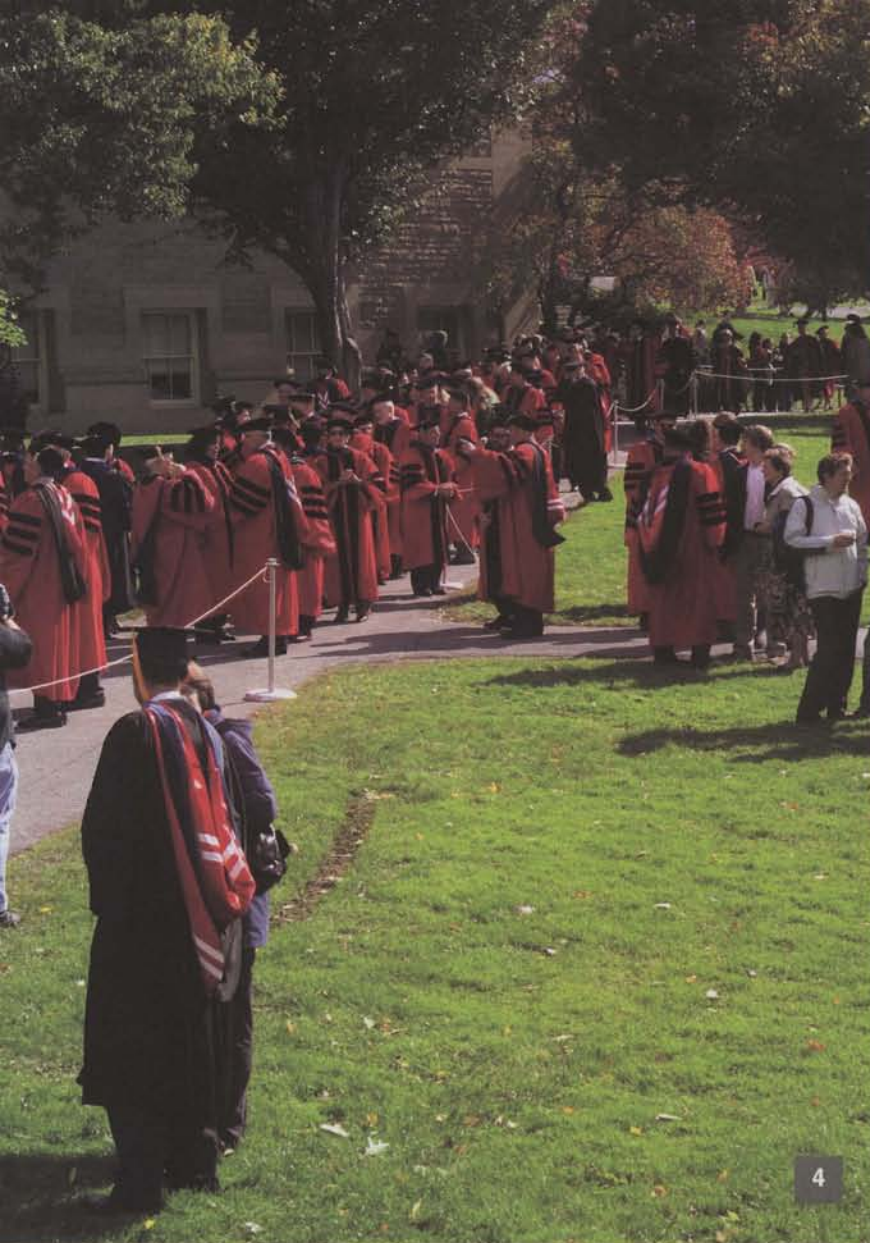
**2. At the Tompkins County Library, President Lehman meets with Tim Joseph, chair of the county legislature, and Sally Grubb, the library’s development director.**

**3. Jacob Lehman greets his father, who is wearing a lei presented by the Cornell Club of Hawaii, at Day Hall on the morning of inauguration day.**

for his support of affirmative action, saying that it was “right on target” for a university founded on the principle of providing education to “any person.” She also noted that Frank Coffin, for whom the president had clerked when Coffin was chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, said that Lehman “comes as close to a real polymath as anyone I shall probably ever be privileged to work with.” For the formal investiture, Meinig presented the president with the symbols of the university—the mace, the great seal, and the university charter—before Lehman gave his final inaugural address.

After a series of dinner receptions around campus, the day’s events concluded with a student spectacular, “Ezra and Andy’s Excellent Big Red Adventure,” staged in Barton by a team led by creative director/producer M. J. Herson ’68, writer/event strategist Jennifer Shea ’72, and stage manager Steven Sather ’82. Introduced by a real Ezra (Trustee Ezra Cornell ’70, great-great-grandson of the founder) and Andy (Athletic Director Andy Noel), the show featured a dazzling array of student performance groups, ROTC units, and sports teams. At one point, Jacob Lehman ’06 called his father to the stage and handed him a telephone. “Dad, it’s for you,” he said. On the other end was astronaut Ed Lu ’84, speaking from the International Space Station via satel-





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4. As the sun breaks through, the inaugural procession gathers on the Arts Quad.



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5. Former presidents Frank H.T. Rhodes (left) and Dale Corson enter Barton Hall for the installation ceremony.

6. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg addresses the audience in Barton Hall.

7. At the close of "Ezra and Andy's Excellent Big Red Adventure," President Lehman is feted by the men's hockey team.

lite phone, with his image projected on a large screen. During their chat, Lu noted that he had been trying to get some shots of Ithaca from orbit, "but it's always covered in clouds."

The evening ended with a grand entrance by the men's hockey team, rolling down the aisles on inline skates and then mounting the stage for a choreographed production number. Lehman was again called to the stage, where the players presented him with a team jersey and raised him to their shoulders. The festivities climaxed as Mylar streamers rained down and the audience rose to sing a rousing version of the alma mater . . . "Hail, all hail, Cornell!"

Many thanks to Cornell News Service, University Photography, and Alumni Affairs staff for their help with the words and pictures. For more about the inauguration, go to: <http://inauguration.cornell.edu>.

The Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections has posted "Legacy of Leadership: Cornell's Eleven Presidents," which highlights the achievements of the university's presidents through letters, documents, and photographs and features the history of their inaugurations.

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## The Inaugural Address of Jeffrey Sean Lehman

AS PRESIDENT OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
ITHACA, NEW YORK, OCTOBER 16, 2003

A FEW STEPS TO OUR WEST, IN THE RARE book collection of the Carl A. Kroch Library, there is an intellectual treasure. Its spine is wood, bound in rope, covered in leather. It is a rare first edition of Nicholas Copernicus's masterwork, *On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres*, often referred to simply as *The Revolutions*.

In the first few chapters of *The Revolutions*, Copernicus carefully considers the ancients' belief that the Earth occupied the center of the universe and demonstrates its inadequacy to explain what astronomers observed. Then, in breathtaking Chapter Nine, he suggests that our observations can be explained if one places the sun at the middle of the universe, with the planets revolving around it. A current translation of the last sentence of that chapter reads, "All these facts are disclosed to us by the principle governing the order in which the planets follow one another, and by

the harmony of the entire universe, if only we look at the matter, as the saying goes, with both eyes."

*The Revolutions* forever changed the way human beings understood their world. Today, when we look at the matter with both eyes, we see Copernicus's vision. We see our planet orbiting the sun. Indeed, it is so natural to us that, if we are not careful, we might forget that *The Revolutions* was truly a revolutionary achievement.

Cornell University's copy of *The Revolutions* was acquired by its first president, Andrew Dickson White. President White loved science. And he loved revolutionary achievements.

Not so long ago, the historian Frederick Rudolph wrote a history of American undergraduate education. In that book, Rudolph recounts Cornell's transformative impact on all of higher education. He observes, "Andrew D. White, its first president, and Ezra Cornell, who gave it his name, turned out to be



the developers of the first American university and therefore the agents of revolutionary curricular reform.”

Before 1865, America’s greatest universities were almost all sectarian institutions, established to prepare young men as members of the governing class for the professions of law, medicine, and the ministry. To do so, they relied on a liberal education in the classics.

But the first sixty-five years of the nineteenth century had brought to our country an industrial revolution and a civil war. There was an emerging sense that higher education was needed for more than just the young men of the professional classes. The first efforts at change, however, did not take hold. In some universities the president resisted; in others it was the governing board. Not until Cornell did a university succeed in providing an education that was open to all and that showed equal respect for traditional classical subjects and for more applied technological subjects: a true university, universal in its approach to knowledge, universal in its approach to people.

The creation of Cornell University forever changed the world of higher education. Today, when we look at the matter with both eyes, we see the vision of Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White. In all of our nation’s finest comprehensive research universities we see coeducation, nonsectarianism, racial diversity. We see theory and application, humanities and science explored with equal fervor and equal dignity. Indeed, it is so natural to us that, if we are not careful, we might forget that Cornell University was truly a revolutionary achievement.

Revolutionary Cornell.

A few steps further to our west, in the Uris Library, there is another intellectual treasure. It is a copy of *Beloved*, the novel by Cornell graduate and Nobel laureate Toni Morrison, MA '55.

In *Beloved*, Morrison shows us America between 1855 and 1873 through the eyes of a slave family. The mother, Sethe, kills her one-year-old daughter, whom we know as “Beloved,” to spare her a life of slavery. But eighteen years later the ghost of Beloved returns in human form and re-enters the family, forming and reforming new relationships with all the other characters.

In a set of breathtaking pages late in the book, Morrison stops writing as an impersonal narrator, standing at the middle of the universe, observing the characters in their orbits. She forces the reader to view the world first with the eyes of the mother, then the eyes of the sister, then the eyes of the daughter. And then she asks the reader to hold all three perspectives in mind at the same time:

Beloved

You are my sister

You are my daughter

You are my face; you are me

I have found you again; you have come back to me

You are my Beloved

You are mine

You are mine

You are mine

A great book like *Beloved* forever changes the way we view the world. It leads us to wonder in new ways about what it means to be a person, to be alive, to be a slave, to love someone else. It makes us wonder whether, and to what extent, our responses to such questions are conditioned by our races, and to what extent our responses transcend race and are more purely human.

In 1869, between the time of Beloved’s death and the time of her ghostly return, the real-life students of Cornell University’s first class were completing their first year of studies. In June of 1869, a member of that first class wrote the following words:

“And at the close of this our first year at Cornell, we ask in a ringing confident tone, has not a new and advancing power arisen in the land? Even as we write, the sound of the afternoon chimes undulating down the valley’s side seems to tell us that they have rung out the old, and that they have rung in the new. . . . We leave older and wiser heads to discuss and decide whether Cornell is a success or not, but we in undergraduate enthusiasm cry out that it is a success if only for the fact that it has inspired love. . . . Our University may be new, but Cayuga Lake has glistened in the moonlight and in the sunlight, and the numerous glens surrounding us have emptied their waters into it for ages past—and as we behold our University amidst all this beauty, we



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feel that we revere it, we feel that we love it, that it is really our alma mater.”

Beloved Cornell.

Among the handful of truly superb comprehensive research universities in the world, Cornell embodies a unique history—bold and innovative, open and engaged, a community of universal aspiration and boundless contribution. The fearlessness of our founders has spawned a tradition of innovation and contribution to the well-being of humanity. The boldness of our founders has spawned a legacy of devotion in the hearts of those who studied here. In New York State, in Doha, Qatar, everywhere in the world, Cornell is the embodiment of dreams, a source of hope for the future of our species.

Revolutionary Cornell. Beloved Cornell.

It is time again for us to consider fundamental questions of who we are and what we should be. What should our university be when it celebrates its 150th anniversary a dozen years hence? In the year 2015, what do we think a beloved, revolutionary, truly superb, comprehensive research university should be offering to its students and to humanity?

Over the course of the past few decades, our world underwent changes that were every bit as profound as the nineteenth-century changes that prompted Cornell’s creation. The revolutions in telecommunications and transportation technology. The end of the Cold War. The mapping of the human genome. The identification of global warming. Have these developments altered our understanding of what Cornell should be? Should they be prompting evolutionary changes in what we do?

In any era the most important set of questions a university must answer has to do with what it chooses to teach its students. What intellectual dispositions, character traits, and essential knowledge do we believe Cornell should nurture in its students? What do we believe Cornell should do to inspire our undergrad-

uate, graduate, and professional students to become intellectual and moral leaders of their communities? What do we believe Cornell should do to prepare our students for well-rounded lives that incorporate humanitarian, political, social, cultural, artistic, and athletic dimensions?

A second set of questions has to do with how we teach our students. Have new technologies and research on how students learn created possibilities for better pedagogy, or are they mere distractions? What kind of mentorship, inside and outside the classroom, should we be providing our students at the different stages of their educations?

A third set of questions has to do with whom we are teaching. What mix of undergraduates, graduate students, professional students, and non-degree students will best help Cornell achieve its educational mission?

A fourth set of questions has to do with where we are present. As our world has changed, we have added new places where we teach those who would earn Cornell degrees. How much further should we be extending ourselves, our resources, and our reputation around the globe?

A fifth set of questions has to do with what our land grant mission means today. What forms of extension and public service are the best modern expression of Senator Morrill’s nineteenth-century program for having outstanding universities contribute to the practical education of society? Should we do more to ensure that the fruits of our research become part of the fabric of the larger society?

A sixth set of questions has to do with how we collaborate. We already collaborate with other great universities in the United States and around the world, on projects large and small. What other institutional partnerships, international and domestic, might permit a scale of endeavor that would allow us to accomplish things we cannot do alone? With whom might we collabo-

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rate, closer to home, to enhance our local and regional economies, and to strengthen our ties to New York City?

A final set of questions is one that I posed when I accepted the presidency last December. Should we be identifying special domains of research emphasis where Cornell is unusually well situated to make enduring and significant contributions? Can such an identification be reconciled with the highly adaptive decentralization that has been one of the hallmarks of research innovation at Cornell?

Revolutionary Cornell. Beloved Cornell.

The Cornell that we cherish today reflects the accumulation of 138 years of carefully considered answers to all these questions. Every day, in every classroom on our campuses, we enact a set of answers to these questions. In suggesting that we return to these questions anew, I am not suggesting that we should be revisiting or second-guessing commitments that we have made. I am fully dedicated to fulfilling them all.

Rather, I am suggesting that we must return to these questions in order to plan our future. We must decide what new commitments we should be making to ourselves and to others, so as to ensure that Cornell continues to be the university we want it to be.

**O**VER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT YEAR, I will be committing myself to thinking deeply about these questions. I will be doing so in order to become more settled in my beliefs about our university's direction. And I will be asking you to join with me in that exploration.

In approaching these questions, we must begin where we are today. We must respect the wisdom of our animating principles, our history, and the considered judgments that have been made by our forebears.

But at the same time we must not be afraid of the discomfiting insight. We must permit our worldviews to evolve. We must welcome perspectives that illuminate new corners of our world, even when a part of us would rather not see what those corners contain.

For example, we must be willing to entertain the possibility that our university might become more true to its creed not by enrolling a student body that looks like America, but rather by enrolling a student body that looks like Earth. The possibility that some teaching might be more effective if it is isolated and asynchronous instead of communal and synchronous.

Careful, deliberate consideration might lead us to conclude that the Cornell of the sesquicentennial should be the Cornell of

today. If that is our conclusion, we should have the courage to remain constant. But if we conclude that we must continue to change, then we must be prepared to allow our practices to evolve in step with our understanding.

Revolutionary Cornell. Beloved Cornell.

Earlier in this inaugural week, on our campus in Doha, Qatar, I expressed my belief that great universities must continue to nurture a transnational perspective on the human condition. On

our campus in New York City, I expressed my belief that great universities must continue to advance scientific understanding of our world's unifying forces.

Today, on this campus in Ithaca, let me express my belief that great universities must continue to promote the spiritually satisfying coexistence of people with one another and with our planet. The dividing lines of race and religion have long been especially powerful stimuli for conflict, mistrust, segregation, and war. Scientific and technological progress have long challenged societal institutions to sustain humanistic and environmental values, even as they enhanced the quality of human life. I believe that universities have a special capacity to help students to be open to these challenges, to appreciate their complexity, and to engage them with all of the scientific, social scientific, and humanistic resources we can muster.

I believe these things about our university. I am asking whether you agree. And I am asking you what other things we should believe about Cornell.

Revolutionary Cornellians. Beloved Cornellians.

Cornellians are everywhere on planet Earth. Indeed, at this moment one of us, astronaut Edward Lu of the Class of 1984, is up in the space station, engaged in his own revolutions around our planet.

Today I am asking all Cornellians everywhere, including Edward Lu, to join with me. Let us, together, engage the fundamental questions about our future. Let us renew an institution where any person can find instruction in any study, where any person can engage, criticize, and improve on the instruction that is offered, where any person can be challenged and enabled to make an enduring contribution to the betterment of our world, where intellectual values are respected and cherished, and where people around the world can find inspiration and hope for the future of humanity.

I am humbled to have been called to serve as the eleventh president of Cornell University. In accepting the responsibilities of office today, I pledge to serve our university with all the ability that is mine to offer. Thank you. ©

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# A Man of His Words

By Brad Herzog

**For linguist Allan Metcalf, tracing the frontiers of English draws a portrait of a changing world.**

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his month in Boston, the members of the 115-year-old American Dialect Society will gather in eager anticipation. The sixty or seventy attendees at the organization's annual convention will consist mostly of English professors, lexicographers, linguists—the kind of people who spend their down time debating, say, the possessive form of *y'all* in the central South. They will sit through a series of presentations with titles like “Dialect and the Spread of Country Music” and “Patterns of Youse in American English.” And then they will have some words. Literally.

“Shock and awe!” someone will probably shout, echoing the U.S. military's self-described attack on Iraq.

“Embedded!” another might reply, thinking of the war correspondents.

“Metrosexual!” yet another is sure to offer, a recently popular term describing an urban straight man who is in touch with his feminine side.

They will argue, defend, and persuade, and then they will vote on the “it” word of 2003, the utterance or expression that has risen to prominence in the past year, emerging as a significant new addition to the American vocabulary.



"I figured if *Time* magazine can choose a Person of the Year, why couldn't the American Dialect Society choose a Word of the Year?" says Allan Metcalf '61, who is in his twenty-fifth year as executive secretary of the association of 500 or so enthusiasts dedicated to the study of the English language in North America. Since 1990, the ADS has met each winter and voted for Word of the Year—which isn't always an actual word. The only real rule is that they must choose a newly prominent unit of expression, which includes phrases (*millennium bug* in 1997), prefixes (*e-* in 1998), abbreviations (*Y2K* in 1999), and even dates (*9/11* in 2001).

But Metcalf, an English professor at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois, has taken the notion further—further back, that is. In the nearly four centuries since English speakers began living in the New World, tens of thousands of words have been added to the language. In 1997, Metcalf and New York-based dictionary-maker David Barnhart co-authored *America in So Many Words*, in which they retroactively chose a Word of the Year for every year since 1750—and for selected years before that, dating as far back as 1555, for which *canoe* was selected. The two studied books, magazines, diaries, letters, and legal documents in an effort to determine exactly when the building blocks of American conversation were forged. It was an attempt, Metcalf explains, to differentiate "the enduring words from the crowd of

transient ones."

In general, the emerging expressions they chose reflect the shifting shape of American society at the time—whether it was *public school* (1636), *plantation* (1645), *pilgrim* (1660), *cowboy* (1779), *immigrant* (1789), *veteran* (1798), *commuter* (1865), *skyscraper* (1883), or *credit card* (1888). Many of the words or phrases arrived as contemporary circumstances changed. Media, for instance, emerged in 1921, when radio extended communication possibilities and the word *publication* no longer sufficed. And *baby-sit* is a relatively recent invention (1947), likely a result of greater economic freedom and the dispersal of the extended family. Other words have simply re-emerged with new meanings over the years. *Punk*, for instance, first appeared in 1618 as a kind of overcooked corn. Since then it has described a stick used for kindling fireworks, a cigarette, a small-time hoodlum, an aggressive form of rock music, and finally an alternative subculture.

"Each of us learns language in a different way, and every situation we meet isn't quite the same as every other, so we stretch words to fit new situations," says Metcalf. "A stretched word usually bounces back, but every now and then somebody encounters a stretched word and assumes that's the meaning of it."

Those are the words that have the potential to enter the modern lexicon, and Metcalf is there to monitor their progress. He is to a new lexical unit what *Car and Driver* is to a new Lexus. He

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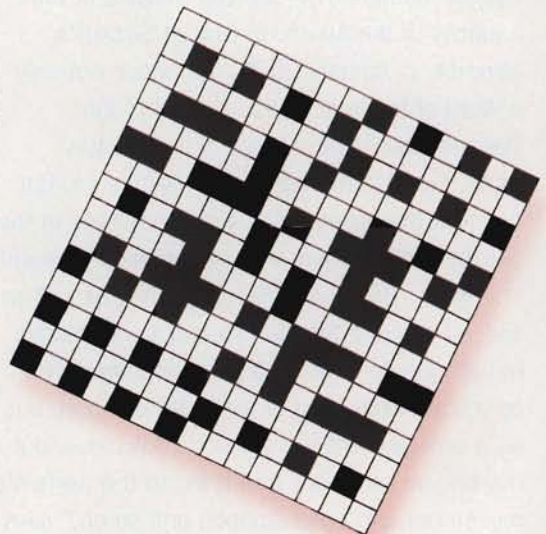
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SQUATTER (1788) IMMIGRANT (1789) VETERAN  
(1817) GOOBER (1834) DEADHEAD (1841) TEN  
VIGILANTE (1860) COMMUTER (1865) MAVERICK  
BAGGER (1868) DUDE (1877) GANGSTER (1896)  
TEENAGER (1938) SWING VOTER (1964) WORKER  
COUCH POTATO (1976) WANNABE (1981)

## She's the One

"To look back over one thousand years and say which new word from those years made the biggest difference..." Metcalf marvels at the audacity of the American Dialect Society's attempt, in January 2000, to choose not only a Word of the Year (Y2K), a Word of the Decade (*Web*) and a Word of the Century (*jazz*), but also a Word of the Millennium. But he loves the winner: *she*. Until sometime in the twelfth century, there was no feminine pronoun in English. The word *heo* meant they as well as she, so singular females shared it with plurals of both genders. But then *she* appeared, not as a sort of offspring of the male pronoun, but as a separate entity. "It sounds ridiculous, but maybe you could say that it led to the women's movement and emancipation and so on," says Metcalf. "It reflects one of the most important social changes of the last thousand years."

acknowledges its arrival, assesses its worth, and predicts its prospects for success.

Along with chronicling the history of language, Metcalf has studied its geographical components. In 2001, he published *How We Talk: American Regional English Today*, an often whimsical road trip in which he observes, for instance, that a submarine sandwich may be called a grinder in Hartford, a spucky in Boston, a hoagie in Philadelphia, and a hero in New York City. But the book is also a profound journey into sociological concepts, such as this notion: When leadership of the English-speaking world shifted to the United States after World War II and Americans no longer felt a cultural inferiority to Britain, "the ideal form of our language moved westward from an Atlantic coast variety associated with England to a more independent inland variety," as Metcalf writes. These days, politicians and professionals of all backgrounds tend to use the neutral speech of the heartland, not the plummy aristocratic locution of days past.

"I think language tells us a lot about ourselves—about human beings," says Metcalf, whose own speech reflects his roots in the Midwest. His books, he says, are an attempt to paint "a portrait of us as reflected in our words."

A portrait of Metcalf, in a few words: His arrival in this world, in Clayton, Missouri, in 1940, coincided with the arrival of *jukebox* and *jeep*. When he was three, sometime between the emergence of *gizmo* and *snafu*, his father accepted a professorship at the University of Chicago. George Metcalf taught Germanic philology (historical linguistics), which suggests his son



ETTLER (1695)  
 732) VALEDICTO-  
 776) COWBOY (1779)  
 AN (1798) PIONEER  
 ERFOOT (1849)  
 CK (1867) CARPET-  
 LAPPER (1915)  
 HOLIC (1971)  
 OCCER MOM (1996)

may have inherited his love of languages. Indeed, Allan Metcalf's arrival on the Hill in 1957 coincided with the emergence of the term *role model*.

He was editor-in-chief of the *Daily Sun* as a senior, when *sit-in* was entering the vocabulary. He spent a year studying in Germany, arriving in Berlin just two weeks after the wall started going up and at about the time words like *biodegradable* and *carpool* were first appearing in the States. By the time he received a PhD in English from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1966, the Free Speech Movement had arrived, along with terms like *swing voter* and *affirmative action*.

**M**etcalf taught English and linguistics at the University of California, Riverside, for six years before taking a position as chair of the English department at MacMurray College. There is a familial precedent there, too. For thirty-two years, his great-grandfather, Joseph Harker, served as president of the tiny school just west of the state capital in Springfield. Metcalf is in his thirty-first year at the liberal arts college, where he has recently been appointed registrar and assistant vice-president for academic affairs. It is a tenure that ranges (linguistically) from *sound bite* (1973) to *weapons of mass destruction* (2002).

Metcalf's recent work has focused not only on what new words emerge, but why. And what are the factors that contribute

## Everything's OK

Allan Metcalf's favorite word of all time? Simply this: OK.

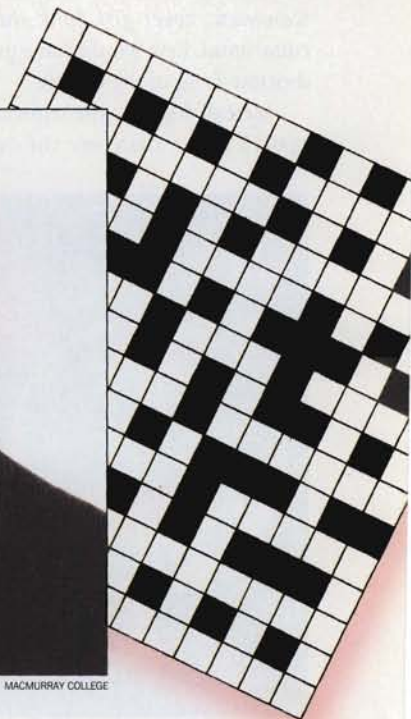
"It deserves a book by itself," he contends, calling it "the most famous expression ever invented in America or perhaps the whole world." Its origin dates back to 1839, when a craze for humorous abbreviations hit the newspapers of Boston (for instance, S.P. for "small potatoes"). Apparently, OK was a purposeful misspelling of the first letters of "all correct." The fad faded, but this one abbreviation thrived, in large part because of President Martin Van Buren, who was called "Old Kinderhook" (after his New York birthplace). Van Buren was up for re-election in 1840, and "O.K." became a campaign rallying cry. Eventually, it evolved into the mainstream lexicon.

OK is an expression that defies classification. Is it an abbreviation? A word? A noun? A verb? An adjective? An interjection? One thing is for certain: it is ubiquitous. Says Metcalf, "George Washington did not say, 'OK troops, time to attack the Hessians.' But nowadays, it's hard to imagine anyone who speaks any language getting by without saying it many times during the day."



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TAMALE (1691) APPLE PIE (1697) COOKIE  
 (1703) ICE CREAM (1744) COCKTAIL (1806)  
 POTATO CHIP (1878) GRAHAM CRACK-  
 ER (1882) HAMBURGER (1884) HOT DOG  
 (1895) CEREAL (1899) JELLY BEAN (1905)

to their long-term success? Each year some new words are created deliberately (*motel* in 1925); others arrive somewhat spontaneously (*teenager* in 1938). Some are borrowed from other languages (*jambalaya* in 1872, from French), and others are slang versions of old words (*showbiz* in 1945). According to Metcalf, there are thousands of newly coined words, or neologisms, born in the English language each day, but only a relative handful will be serious candidates for a future place in the dictionary. He believes it takes about two generations to determine whether a word is going to endure. "If it's still around after forty years," he says, "chances are it will continue."

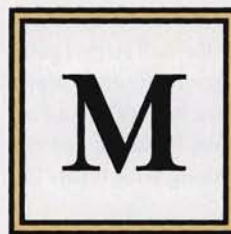
Consider the year 1915, for instance. Metcalf and Barnhart chose *flapper* as the Word of the Year, primarily because it was sort of the *yuppie* (1984) and *soccer mom* (1996) of its day. But also among the words that gained prominence that year were *goof*, *teammate*, *cover girl*, *pink slip*, *handicapped*, *homeroom*, and *runaround*. Few would have guessed that *flapper* would be the shortest-lived of the bunch.

Metcalf suggests the tendency to refer to the terrorist attacks as 9/11 rather than, say, the events of September 11, probably won't stand the test of time. "I predict that it's not going to go the two-generation distance," he says. "To me, it doesn't seem properly dignified enough. Even though it's still widely used, it's such an anomaly—there's no other date we refer to in quite that way."

Metcalf has immersed himself in the prognostication business. In *Predicting New Words: The Secrets of Their Success*, published in 2002, Metcalf introduces the "FUDGE factors," a scale to predict the viability of

new words modeled loosely on the Apgar scale used to measure the health of a newborn baby. FUDGE is an acronym for five factors that determine a word's durability, each graded from 0 to 2 points: Frequency of use (consider *chad* in 2000 and *jihad* in 2001); Unobtrusiveness (inconspicuous words have a better chance than showy or clever ones); Diversity of users and situations (*teenager* gets two points, *adolescent* gets one); Generation of other forms and meanings (*cam* has spawned words like *minicam* and *webcam*); and Endurance of the concept (Metcalf suspects Y2K may one day be relegated to the fringes of vocabulary, like *phonograph* or *jalopy*).

"If you want a new word to succeed, don't use it to make a joke. Don't brag about it; better yet, don't mention it," Metcalf writes. "Just slip it in where it will seem natural and pass unnoticed."

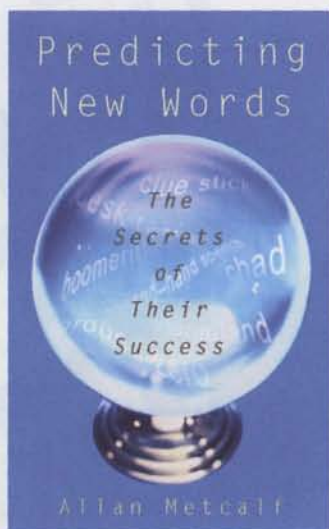


Metcalf points to an unlikely source as a possible success story: George W. Bush and his stated mission to achieve the *embetterment* of mankind. "It's a perfect example of a naturally created word. He used it several times, so we know it wasn't just a slip of the tongue," says Metcalf. "It is fascinating

to hear him when he's not reading a prepared speech. It's a linguist's delight."

Bush's oddball neologisms (*subliminable*, *misunderestimate*, *analyzation*) prompted Metcalf's most recent undertaking. *Presidential Voices*, a study of the language of our commanders-in-chief—from FDR's patrician accent to Eisenhower's ungrammaticality—is scheduled for publication this summer. Metcalf, who listened to voice recordings going back as far as Grover Cleveland, believes studying the evolution of presidential speech allows us to examine American expectations. "In a way, I believe the presidents represent the American ideal—or we expect them to," he says. "And you don't get any other easily locatable 200-year string of people whose language we can follow."

Indeed, Metcalf notes that Bush is following in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson, who was particularly prolific in expanding





PULL UP STAKES  
(1640)

TAR AND  
FEATHER (1769)

BARK UP THE  
WRONG TREE (1832)

KEEP THE BALL  
ROLLING (1840)

PETER OUT (1854)

COLD FEET (1894)

GRASS ROOTS  
(1901)

ASLEEP AT THE  
SWITCH (1908)

COLD TURKEY  
(1922)

PUSH THE  
ENVELOPE (1988)

GO POSTAL (1994)

the vocabulary. He was, for instance, the first to use the word *belittle* in a 1782 essay (for which he was actually belittled at the time). Is that so far removed from *embetterment*?

American English is chock full of expressions coined by a single voice in the word wilderness—everything from *bathtub* (Mark Twain in 1869) and *Bible belt* (H.L. Mencken in 1926) to *couch potato* (a fellow named Tom Iacino in 1976). Given Metcalf's *know-how* (1838) on the subject, one might expect him to *brainstorm* (1924) a bit and come up with a *nifty* (1866) expression in an effort to do his *alma mater* (1696) proud. You know, a *grass roots* (1901) effort to *keep the ball rolling* (1840).

No, he says, we'd be *barking up the wrong tree* (1832).

"I despair at the notion of being creative with new words because the basic conclusion I come to is if you want a word to succeed, you have to camouflage it, make it seem ordinary," he says. "I would hope my brilliance would be found in the profound insights about language that I can provide. But they won't be found in words." ●

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BOGUS (1797)

ROWDY (1808)

ORNERY (1816)

NIFTY (1866)

PHONY (1900)

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(1941)

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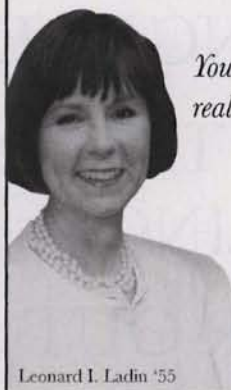
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Welcome: Cornell students from Hawaii and Cynthia Odegaard salute President Lehman with a "shaka," a friendly Island hand gesture.

## An Inauguration with Aloha

By Cynthia Odegaard '78

**T**HERE ARE TIMES IN the course of one's life when practicality takes a back seat to being part of history. One of those times arose recently, and I wanted to share it with my fellow alumni.

As president of the Cornell Club of Hawaii, I was invited to be an "alumni delegate" at the inauguration of Jeff Lehman '77 as the university's eleventh president. First, I did the

math. Cornell has had only ten presidents in 135 years? And an alumnus has never been president before? This is a big deal. As my title would suggest, however, I live in Hawaii. The inauguration in Ithaca is about 5,000 miles away. We were just there for my 25th Reunion in June. How can I do this? What will it cost? How jetlagged will I be?

And then I remembered something. When I first learned of Mr.

Lehman's appointment, I found his e-mail address on the University of Michigan Law School website and left a welcoming message from our club. I heard back from him the very next day—right in the middle of the University of Michigan affirmative action lawsuit that was before the U.S. Supreme Court at the time! He even asked if one of his classmates was still in Hawaii. Then, prior to officially taking the reins, "Jeff" (as he signed his message) met everyone at reunion in June. Clearly, this new president is making an effort to reach out to alumni. My decision became easy: I would use the old Cornell ingenuity to make this trip a reality.

Inauguration day started early, as I met President Lehman at Day Hall at 7:30 a.m. to present him with two maile leis, which I carried from Hawaii. One was from Sabrina Toma '77, who had given Jeff a lei at their Cornell graduation. The other was from the Cornell Club of Hawaii. I think he was surprised!

Next I had breakfast with Caren Rubin, MEng '79, who lives in Ithaca and has two sons currently at Cornell, and we had a great time catching up. We also went to Richard Meier's lecture. Lunch and the donning of the regalia followed. Here I met other alumni leaders and we enjoyed trying to identify representatives of the other Ivy League universities by the colors they wore. On the Arts Quad, we lined up by college for the inaugural procession. I met CALS dean Susan Henry and took the opportunity to ask any faculty members heading to Asia via Honolulu to stop in and meet with alumni for an event. (I am shameless!) Then we



# Calendar of Events

January 15 - March 15

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## All Alumni

**CC/New York**, Jan. 23-25—CACO meeting. Join us Thursday evening for a surprise "Show for Scholarship!" Contact Kerry Strassel, [k.strassel@cornellclubnyc.com](mailto:k.strassel@cornellclubnyc.com), (212) 692-1381.

## NY/Ontario

**CC/Central New York**, Jan. 15—Thirsty Third Thursday at the Syracuse Suds Factory, for young alumni. Contact Michael Wirtheim, [michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com), (315) 464-3010.

**CWC/Cortland County**, Jan. 21—"Did Mrs. O'Leary's Cow Get a Bum Rap?" Linda Ruthig at the Cortland YMCA. Contact Amy Simrell, (607) 753-9651.

**CC/Greater Rochester**, Jan. 21—Alumni book club

at Barnes & Noble in Pittsford. Call Kristen Hallagan, (585) 242-0199.

**CC/Central New York and the CWC/Syracuse**, Jan. 30—6th Annual "Far Above Cayuga's Vineyards" benefit wine tasting and silent auction at Hooligan's Café in Liverpool to support CAACNY Ruth Dales Scholarship endowment. Contact Jim Miller, [jgm27@cornell.edu](mailto:jgm27@cornell.edu), (315) 422-4818.

**CC/Greater Rochester**, Jan. 31—Hunt Hollow ski evening. Call Jack Clarck, [jrcnvd@rit.edu](mailto:jrcnvd@rit.edu), (585) 475-6302.

**CWC/Syracuse**, Feb. 2—Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, executive director of the Gage Foundation speaks on suffragist and abolitionist Matilda Joselyn Gage in Fayetteville. Contact Kate Buehl McMahon,

spotted a black SUV driving on the sidewalk. When we saw the Virginia plates, we figured out that it was Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 and decided not to report the incident to campus security.

We then processed past our new president and the university trustees, all decked out in red, and were seated at Barton Hall for the ceremonies. The remarks by both Justice Ginsburg and President Lehman focused on the things that make Cornell great, and made me very happy to continue my association with the university, both with our club and with the admissions ambassadors network. It also made me realize that our voices would be heard, and opinions valued.

I made a quick trip to the campus store for souvenirs, then stopped into the Statler, where I met Jim Roberts '71, editor of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, and Arthur Boland '57, MD '61, representing Harvard. After dinner, it was off to Barton for "Ezra and Andy's Excellent Big Red Adventure." Two highlights: seeing Hawaii Club members dancing a traditional hula, and the call from Ed Lu '84 from the space station. The day ended back at the Statler, saying aloha to many new friends, including Molly Pulver '80, president of the CALS alumni association, and (fellow) former Cornell rugby player Kevin Brew '77.

The next morning I headed back to Honolulu with lots of pictures and great memories of my day in Ithaca.



**Spanning a century: The youngest and oldest class presidents to process at the inauguration were Nicole Manning '03 and Bill Vanneman '31—and Bill told Nicole that his father, Charles Reeve Vanneman, had been a member of the Class of 1903.**

[Afrikate@aol.com](mailto:Afrikate@aol.com), (315) 492-2378.

**CC/Central New York**, Feb. 19—Thirsty Third Thursday at the Syracuse Suds Factory. Contact Michael Wirtheim, [michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelwirtheim@hotmail.com), (315) 464-3010.

**CC/Greater Capital District**, Feb. 20—Cornell men's hockey at RPI. Contact Bob and Nancy Lynk, [lynks@midtel.com](mailto:lynks@midtel.com), (518) 439-3948.

**CC/Central New York**, Feb. 21—Aldi distribution center tour in Tully. Sample products and learn about one of the largest grocery retailers in the world. Contact Greg Jennings, [omcfinance@aol.com](mailto:omcfinance@aol.com), (315) 446-8720.

**CC/Greater Capital District**, Feb. 21—Cornell men's hockey at Union. Contact Dave Jennings, [DaveJenningsNY@aol.com](mailto:DaveJenningsNY@aol.com), (518) 393-0905.

**CWC/Syracuse**, March 1—Dinner and tasting with Steve Morse, manager of wine and cider making at Beak & Skiff's Apple Farm Winery, at the Onondaga Free Library. Contact Kate Buehl McMahon, [Afrikate@aol.com](mailto:Afrikate@aol.com), (315) 492-2378.

**CC/Central New York and CWC/Syracuse**, March 6—Cornell Glee Club and Syracuse Symphony Orchestra perform Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* at the Mulroy Civic Center. Pre-concert dinner and lecture by Beethoven scholar Jim Webster. Contact Carl Borning, [carl@soldii.com](mailto:carl@soldii.com), (315) 682-2203.

## Metro NY

**CC/Northern New Jersey**, Jan. 22—Networking. Contact Jason Emerson, [Jason\\_emerson@msn.com](mailto:Jason_emerson@msn.com), (973) 218-9141.

**CC/Westchester**, Jan. 24—Cornell Ski Day at Mount Peter Ski Area. Discounted lift tickets and ski rentals; free beginner lessons. Contact Dan Arnow, [dan\\_arnow@yahoo.com](mailto:dan_arnow@yahoo.com), (914) 576-3211.

**CC/Princeton**, Jan. 24—Chinese New Year's celebration. Kick off the year 4702 at the annual Pan-Asian New Year Banquet, sponsored by the Cornell Asian Alumni Association. Contact Peter Yi, [pyipmg@aol.com](mailto:pyipmg@aol.com), (609) 683-0405.

**CC/Westchester**, Jan. 30—Wine tasting. Bring a bottle in the \$15-\$25 range. Contact Jean Voutsinas, [bpkts@optonline.net](mailto:bpkts@optonline.net), (845) 353-1260.

**CC/Northern New Jersey**, Feb. 8—Bowling and pizza at the Plaza Lanes in Madison. Contact Janet Rubin, [jarubin@comcast.net](mailto:jarubin@comcast.net), (973) 564-6018.

**CC/Westchester**, Feb. 13—Second Friday Lunch Club at Mar D's in Eastchester. Contact John Murray, [rujomurr@aol.com](mailto:rujomurr@aol.com), (914) 478-5842.

**CC/Westchester**, Feb. 28—Tennis, dinner, and socializing with Penn Alumni Assn. of Westchester. Contact Laura Fratt, [LDF8@cornell.edu](mailto:LDF8@cornell.edu), (914) 723-5208.

**CC/Westchester**, March 12—Second Friday Lunch Club at Mar D's, Eastchester. Contact John Murray, [rujomurr@aol.com](mailto:rujomurr@aol.com), (914) 478-5842.

## Northeast

**CC/Cape Cod**, Jan. 21—Board meeting. Contact Richard Urban, [rjurban3@aol.com](mailto:rjurban3@aol.com).

**CC/New Hampshire**, Jan. 24—Cornell vs. Dartmouth women's hockey. Contact Jill Mellquist, [ljm28@cornell.edu](mailto:ljm28@cornell.edu), (978) 373-5728.

**CC/New Hampshire**, Jan. 25—Planning meeting. Contact Jill Mellquist, [ljm28@cornell.edu](mailto:ljm28@cornell.edu), (978) 373-5728.

**CC/Greater Hartford**, Jan. 31—Science Center of CT. Beat the winter blues with a fun and education-filled day. Contact Amy Fairchild, [amyfairchild@comcast.net](mailto:amyfairchild@comcast.net), (860) 569-1464.



**CC/New Hampshire**, Feb. 6—Cornell vs. Dartmouth men's hockey. Contact Jill Mellquist, ljm28@cornell.edu, (978) 373-5728.

**CC/Cape Cod**, Feb. 11—Luncheon at Thirwood Place in South Yarmouth: Wendy Northcross, CEO of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, speaks on "Cape Cod Tourism and Its Impact on Residents." Contact Richard Urban, rjurban3@aol.com, (508) 548-4424.

**CC/Greater Hartford**, Feb. 12—"Technology for Dummies" with Bill Howard '74, editor and columnist for *PC Magazine*. Contact Sandy Sears, sls83@cornell.edu, (860) 643-5087.

**CC/Greater Hartford**, Feb. 19—Intercollegiate happy hour. Contact Shana Mueller, shana\_m@att.net, (860) 345-4418.

**CC/Cape Cod**, March 3—Board meeting. Contact Richard Urban, rjurban3@aol.com.

**CC/New Hampshire**, March 13—Glee Club/Intercollegiate Men's Chorus National Seminar Concert at Harvard. Contact Jill Mellquist, ljm28@cornell.edu, (978) 373-5728.

**CC/Boston**, March 13—Glee Club at Harvard. Contact Karen Sehl, kjs34@cornell.edu, (617) 661-0010 x3013.

#### Mid-Atlantic

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, Jan. 15—Board meeting. Contact Brian Ruhl, bjr2@cornell.edu.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, Feb. 27—Cornell vs. Penn men's and women's basketball. Contact Stu Weiss, saw28@cornell.edu.

**CC/Delaware**, March 1—Board meeting. Contact Meg Tallman, (302) 836-6254.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, March 7—Mural Tour of Philadelphia. Contact Jenn Feldman, jfeldman@wolfblock.com, (215) 500-2105.

#### Midwest

**CC/Pittsburgh**, Jan. 20—Cornell vs. Duquesne women's basketball. Contact Mady Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com.

**CC/Pittsburgh**, Jan. 20—Luncheon. Dr. William Trueheart, president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Foundation speaks on "The Pittsburgh Foundation and Education." Reservations: HYP-Pittsburgh Club at (412) 281-5858.

**CC/Minnesota**, Jan. 20—Reading group at Amore Coffee in St. Paul: *Cultivating Delight: A Natural History of My Garden* by Diane Ackerman. Call Judy Morgan, (651) 688-6113.

**CC/Pittsburgh**, Jan. 30—Luncheon at the Engineering Society of Western PA. RSVP by 11 a.m., January 30 to Mady Bauer, mjbauer@switch.com.

**CC/Michigan**, Feb. 1—Chinese New Year Celebration at the Middle Kingdom in Ann Arbor. Contact David Kwan, sailor@ameritech.net, (734) 662-4880.

**CC/Pittsburgh**, Feb. 4—Dinner and *The Lion King* at the Benedum Theater. Contact Dwight Dietrich, ddietrich@dynamixtechnologies.com.

**CC/Wisconsin**, Feb. 7—Annual mid-winter progressive dinner. All proceeds go to the club's scholarship fund. Call John Murphy, (262) 786-7424.

**CC/Pittsburgh**, Feb. 17—Luncheon lecture: "Pittsburgh's Leadership Role for the National Commemoration of the French and Indian War (2004-2010)" with Laura Fisher, director of the French and Indian War 250th Anniversary Committee. Contact HYP-Pittsburgh Club, (412) 281-5858.

**CC/Minnesota**, Feb. 17—Reading group at Amore

Coffee in St. Paul: *John Adams* by David McCullough. Contact Judy Morgan, (651) 688-6113.

**CC/Minnesota**, Feb. 28—Heart walk at the Mall of America. Contact Erica Medendorp, efm9\_2001@yahoo.com, (612) 333-1412.

**CC/Michigan**, March 4—Fundraising event at Masco Corporation headquarters in Taylor to support the club's scholarship fund. Contact Heather Hollidge, heather\_hollidge@comerica.com, (313) 418-3028.

**CC/Minnesota**, March 8—Club Ezra, a dinner/brunch club established to welcome new Cornellians to the Twin Cities. Contact Mariah Michalovic, mkm9\_cornell@hotmail.com, (612) 310-5262.

**CC/Northeastern Ohio**, March 9—Cornellians Making Cleveland a Better Place. Presentations by local alumni. Contact Margaret Mitchell, mnm1947@aol.com, (216) 491-9561.

**CC/Chicago**, March 13—Tenth Annual Full Moon Ball at the Museum of Science and Industry. Reception, dinner, silent auction, live music, and dancing. Contact Lisa Jones, (773) 684-1368.

#### Southeast

**CC/Puerto Rico**, Jan. 15—Cornell leadership in Puerto Rico. Contact Anaiza Morales, aem13@cornell.edu, (787) 725-3905.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Jan. 15—Cornell Plantations director Donald Rakow speaks on "Cornell Plantations: Respect for the Past, a Vision for the Future" at Michael's on East. Contact Barbara Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, (941) 925-8441.

**CC/Southwest Florida**, Feb. 7—Lunch and matinee of *Pajama Game* at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater, Fort Myers. Contact Neena Lurvey, (239) 495-8576.

**CC/Blue Ridge Mountains**, Feb. 21—Champagne reception, tour, and lecture with Pam Myers, director of the Asheville Art Museum. Contact Lorraine DeJong, lorraine.dejong@furman.edu, (864) 294-3383.

**CC/Charlotte**, Feb. 21—Bowling at Park Lanes. Contact Debra Alzner, dla32@cornell.edu, (704) 446-6261.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, Feb. 29—Polo tailgate picnic at the Sarasota Polo Grounds. Contact Barbara Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, (941) 925-8441.

**CC/Eastern Florida**, March 10—Prof. Franklin "Buzz" Spector lectures at Vero Beach Museum of Art. Contact Richard Marks, rhm22@cornell.edu, (561) 742-2535.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, March 11—Scholarship dinner honoring Frank and Rosa Rhodes at Michael's on East. Contact Barbara Bock, dfb24@cornell.edu, (941) 925-8441.

**CC/Southwest Florida**, March 14—Guest speaker Anne Morrissy Merick, ABC News producer, at the Naples Bath and Tennis Club. Contact Mary LeDuc, (239) 649-3110.

#### Southwest

**CC/Greater Houston**, Jan. 17—Bowling, 1-5 p.m. Contact Justin O'Malley, justin@horizon-advisors.com.

**CC/North Texas**, Feb. 1—Super Bowl party. Contact kim.stevenson@eds.com.

**CC/North Texas**, Feb. 28—Whirlyball (picture ice hockey and basketball while driving a bumper car). Contact Jeff Gottesman, jlb75@cornell.edu.

**CC/North Texas**, March 6—CAANT Day at the Fort Worth Zoo. Contact Amy Hunt, ahunt@fortworthzoo.org, (817) 683-0242.

#### Western

**CC/Los Angeles**, Jan. 25—Ancient Honorable IVY Singles Chinese New Year/Pre-Valentine's Day Dinner. Contact Ellen Perlmutter, esp23@cornell.edu, (310) 312-9700.

**CC/Los Angeles**, Feb. 27—Harbourlight dinner dance. Contact Ellen Perlmutter, esp23@cornell.edu, (310) 312-9700.

## Meet President Jeff Lehman '77

In the coming year, Cornellians, parents, and friends will have numerous opportunities to meet and exchange ideas with President Lehman as he travels around the globe. Upcoming events are listed below.

For information about these and other scheduled events, or to register to attend any event, please visit <http://presidentevents.aad.cornell.edu/>

Broward/Palm Beach, FL—Feb. 15

Miami, FL—Feb. 16

Naples/Ft. Meyers, FL—Feb. 17

Sarasota, FL—Feb. 18

Tulsa, OK—Feb. 19

Dallas, TX—Feb. 20

Houston, TX—Feb. 21

More events will be scheduled for Spring 2004



**31** *"The best laid plans o' mice and men gang aft agley"* (or something close to that). The Class of '31's lifelong, very highly honored planner of the lives and fortunes of his insurance clients, our recent vociferous advocate of "Live to be 100"—and attend our 80th Reunion—our vigorous promoter of healthful activities such as tennis and kick-boxing to achieve that goal, and our respected and admired class officer and agent for the Cornell Fund **Ed Mintz** (Edward J.) has been frustrated by the wisdom contained in the line from the old Scots poet. On an October visit to Ithaca for the inauguration of Cornell's new president, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, I was overwhelmed by the belated news from a California friend, **Jim Stocker '51**, that Ed had died suddenly nearly a month before on Sept. 23. Jim said that the "Celebration of Life" services for Ed were a fitting tribute to a life of service—and of amusement and pleasure—to humanity. Ed wanted those extra years only to continue to serve and give pleasure. We are the losers for having lost him. His wife Dorothy, who came with Ed to many of our reunions, survives at the retirement community to which they had recently moved (1840 Tice Creek Dr., Apt. 2447, Walnut Creek, CA 94595).

I received a nice letter from **Ben Hertzberg** (The Pierre, #1207, 795 Fifth Ave., NYC 10021), who appears to be actually doing what we all should be doing, but are probably putting off till tomorrow. He has been going through his files, albums, scrapbooks, and collection boxes and disposing of the contents. He sent me a couple of clips from past issues of this magazine's Class Notes. Mostly sad reminders of old friends no longer with us! The best material, however, he has sent where it may do some good—to Cornell and to his other alma mater, the Harvard Business School. Most such institutions and organizations now have "Archive" departments that are eager to receive your memorabilia, no matter how personal and irrelevant to the institution's history it may appear to be to you. It's better to let the experts at the institution decide what to throw out, than to leave it to some descendant in the harried moments of "settling your affairs."

**Jerry Finch**, PhD '36 (Jeremiah S., 3110 Monroe Village, Monroe Township, NJ 08831-1918), our English major and longtime professor and dean at Princeton, is one who has evidently been doing the same as Ben, with the help of his daughter **Anne Finch-Fakundiny '64**. (Good idea! Get your family involved! They will know what to save for a "family archive.") Anne sent Cornell a copy of a poem Jerry wrote in

1938, which, as she says, "speaks for all Cornellians," not just '31.

*When the friendship between us is broken,  
When the pathways of life are apart,  
When the last word of cheer has been spoken,  
When the years will have hardened my heart,  
Though we meet not together hereafter,  
Though the music of youth becomes still,  
There will ring again echoes of laughter  
In memory of days on the Hill.*

♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St. #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.

**32** **Beatrice Greenfield Maslow** writes that she and **Will '29** celebrate their 70th anniversary this year and adds that they "thank Cornell for introducing us." Both are retired, visiting doctors, trying to set geriatric records, enjoying friends, movies, and museums, and living at 401 E. 86th St., NYC 10028. They have two daughters, Laura, an attorney in Boston, and Catha, a family therapist in Warwick, NY. The family members are numerous and all seem to be engaged in interesting activities. These include a great-granddaughter whose parents live in Paris and who, at the age of 1-1/2, has crossed the Atlantic six times to see Bibi and Will.

Recently I have been driven by pressure from many quarters to get involved with the e-mail set. So far I have made a few tentative steps, but am timid about wading in too far, as I mess up a lot. When I sent my e-mail address to walfenn@aol.com (aka **Walt Deming**), bfalk@4.net (aka **Ben Falk**) and wdmull@axs2000.net (aka **Whitey Mullestein**), I received electronic congratulations from Walt and Ben. Perhaps one from Whitey is buried in my machine's memory, which is a lot better than mine, but I won't know for sure until my computer tutor pays her next visit.

Ben Falk's message included one he received from an acquaintance, which, Ben assures me, relates an actual happening. Someone's grand-aunt died and several months later a bank wrote dunning letters because the deceased had failed to notify them that she was closing the account and, therefore, owed several months of service charges. A good deal of communication between the bank and Ben's acquaintance ensued, during which the bank pointed out that the deceased lady's delinquency might impair her credit rating. The grand-nephew asked whether an address would help. The bank thought it might help, but later pointed out that the address provided was a cemetery plot. That apparently was unsatisfactory. I don't know how this





Flash dance: On November 11, more than twenty international student organizations participated in the "Big Fat Culture Festival," staged in Willard Straight Hall's Memorial Room. Civil engineering major Shideh Dashti '04, center, and human biology major Samareh Ghorbani '04, members of the Cornell Iranian Students Organization, performed a traditional dance.



matter has been resolved, but perhaps Ben will let me know as soon as he finds out.

The *Buffalo News* recently carried an article about the falls of Ithaca. It was written by Bob Downing of Knight Ridder newspapers and included a few facts that I did not previously know. For instance: there are more than 150 waterfalls within a 10-mile radius of Ithaca; Buttermilk is 150 ft. high; Taughannock Falls, with a 215-ft. drop, is the highest in the northeast. Mr. Downing gives an excellent description of Robert H. Treman State Park (which includes Enfield Glen) Buttermilk Falls State Park, and a few other memorable places. I have wonderful memories of all these lovely locations and of the fun we had swimming at the foot of Buttermilk when we should have been studying for our final examinations. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14209-1104.

**33** We received sad news from Valerie Apter that her husband and our Class of '33 president passed away on September 29 in his home in Peoria, AZ. "It seems that the 70th Reunion at Cornell was a promise Nat made to himself to attend. After we returned home he started to go downhill." He was suffering from leukemia. We remember him as a gentle, wise man whose words to us were helpful and interesting always. "He practiced psychiatry and neurology at the U. of Chicago Medical Center for 46 years. He was also the 101st President of the Literary Club of Chicago. After retiring from medicine he moved to Dania, FL, and studied oceanography at Nova U., where he specialized in snail research and became a leading authority on them. He is survived by his loving wife Valerie, daughter Teri of Cambridge, England, stepdaughter Jessie of Fredericksburg, VA, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He had a wonderful smile and loved life. He will be greatly missed." 8435 West Paradise Lane #321, Peoria, AZ 85382.

Our Treasurer **Ted Tracy** (111 Burlingame Rd., Syracuse, NY 13203-1604) has had a trying time with a new knee. It became infected and will probably be replaced with another knee.

Your secretary also is ailing. He lost con-

'I have wonderful memories of swimming at the foot of Buttermilk when we should have been studying for our final examinations.'

JIM OPPENHEIMER '32

sciousness on the streets of Cambridge and found himself in the Cambridge Hospital. Evidently his high blood pressure pills were acting too well as depressants, lowering his pulse rate. He spent five days in the hospital being adjusted to new pills and a pacemaker to give him stability, and is up and around but weak. Please send news to ♦ **Rev. Henry E. Horn**, 47-1 Trowbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02138.

**34** As I write these notes in mid-October 2003, Cornell University is inaugurating its new President, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, the first Cornell undergrad to be so honored.

When we entered Cornell back in 1930, Livingston Farrand was our president, a very dignified and distinguished figure around the campus. Since Dr. Farrand, over 70 years ago, there have been seven other Cornell presidents up to and including Dr. Lehman. The Class of '34, from its beginning in fall of '30 up to now, has seen Cornell through its greatest period of development and growth. And the Class of '34 has been an integral part of this growth.

Recently I had a nice call from **Eddie Borjesson**. He still flies from his home in New Jersey to South America where he has some business interests. Eddie lost his wife recently, after a long and devoted life together. Our deepest sympathy goes out to him and his family. Eddie reports that he fully expects to be in Ithaca for our 70th on June 10-13, 2004!

Word from **Ed McCabe** comes from his summer home in the lovely rustic town of Worcester, NY, just off Rt. 88 in mid-New York State. Ed moves in late October to elegant Del Ray Beach, where he whiles away his winters.

The only other class news is that my wife of some 66 years fell in October and broke her hip. After surgery and a brief hospital stay, Anne is now back at our retirement community center, where she is getting good rehab care. She is recovering well. You might say that a class correspondent has to go to some lengths to create class news!

Please send news of yourselves to make life easier for **Eleanor Mirsky Bloom** and myself! And please plan to attend our 70th Reunion. A grand finale is planned and we want a great turnout. See you there! ♦ **Bill Robertson**, 143 Rivermead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458; tel., (603) 924-8654.

In looking through the *Communiqué* magazine, I found a lovely article about **Eloise Conner Bishop**. It tells all about her life and doings, and I suggest that you read it. So much of what hap-

pened in her life could relate to all of us who were "Depression children."

**Alice Goulding Herrmann** called from Connecticut. She has as many aches and pains as is usual, but her head is working full-time. Fortunately, she is allowed to have her cat live with her—and cats can be good company. Alice keeps in touch with **Eleanor Clarkson**, who continues to be active with her church work.

**Winnie Loeb Saltzman** keeps on doing interesting things, and is a constant participant in Adult University (CAU). Good for you! **Bill Robertson's** letter about the ultimate resolution of our class is a gem—and so well thought out.

I mentioned that Alice Herrmann has a cat. I have always had animals (plural), and when my last cat died at 18, the vet handed me a 3-year-old Calico whom I named Enough Already. That sounds unkind, but she is great company. The work at the Botanic Garden never ends, and I put in two or three days there that are tremendously rewarding. No brain power needed—just good physical work in good company.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year. ♦ **Eleanor "Dickie" Mirsky Bloom**, 463 77th St., Brooklyn, NY 11209; tel., (718) 836-6344.

**35** We were fortunate recently in meeting in New York City with other alumni, including our new university president **Jeffrey Lehman '77**, who reviewed with us his hopes and plans for the future. These covered a broad spectrum and should be well received. When you read this column, the New Year will be with you, and I wish each of you all the best in 2004.

**Carlton Talcott**, who has been on the rolls as a "Bad Address" for many years, has reappeared, we are happy to report, in Lakeland, FL, where he moved from Ithaca in 1952. Upon graduating from Cornell, he trained at GLF and became chief accountant and office manager of the Chemical Division in Ithaca. In Lakeland, he was employed by International Minerals and Chemical Corp., a miner of phosphates, where he spent a very successful career, retiring in 1975. His wife Mary Louise, also retired, was personnel manager at GTE in Lakeland. The Talcotts have three sons who were born in Ithaca and five grandchildren with multiple college degrees. They volunteer in the hospital auxiliary and at church, and Carl coaches baseball teams. They enjoy square-dancing and coin collecting.

**Eleanor Smith Allen** of 10209 Keeping Drive NW, Albuquerque, NM, writes that she vacations at home and spends much of her time enjoying her four children, six grown grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. **Ruth Tachna** has recently moved from the east coast of Florida to 4540 Bee Ridge Rd., #418, Sarasota, FL, and has joined the local Cornell Club. She is a retired lawyer and law professor whose deceased spouse Paul Bauman was a classmate at Columbia Law School. She has daughter Dr. Leslie Levy, son Lionel Bauman, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Ruth is pictured and quoted at length in the pamphlet "Talking with Women of Columbia Law School," which celebrated the 75th anniversary of the admission of women to Columbia Law School. She also teaches "Writing Your Memoirs for the Benefit of Your Children and Grandchildren." Last year she took writing classes in St. Petersburg, Russia. Currently, she attends exercise classes three or four times a week. I am glad to hear that you are so busy, Ruth.

**Hambleton Palmer** and wife Eva of Severna Park, MD, are retired and travel a lot. Last spring



France, then Alaska, and this March to Holland, Belgium, and England to see the gardens and all that walking. They still judge sailing regattas in the Chesapeake and are active in church groups. I'm glad to learn that you're still sailing. Dr. **Henry Berkan** of Floral Park, NY, retired in 1998 and celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary in 2003 with wife Ernestine. They have three daughters and three granddaughters. Henry writes that his father graduated from Cornell in 1907. In earlier years they traveled extensively on more than 15 European and Caribbean cruises. Now he enjoys painting, piano, and his computer.

Our acting class secretary **Florence DeRemer** writes from her home on Ellis Hollow Rd. in Ithaca that she visits classmates and other Cornellians who are living in Kendal at Ithaca. She is active in the Presbyterian Church and in the Service League. Last fall she traveled to the Great Lakes, Soo Locks, and Mackinaw Island. She enjoys duplicate bridge and daily walks at the crack of dawn. Good-bye until next time. Don't forget to send News. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

**36** Hello, again. This column is going to be different from the previous ones for one simple reason—all of you seem to have taken a vacation from sending in anything for me to use. I hope that this isn't habit-forming and that you will favor the rest of us with news about yourself, more of the bios that were all so interesting, or even comments that you may have on things past or present at Cornell. In that vein, the following two items, one about the present, the other about the distant past, will be of interest.

The latest issue of *Cornell Engineer* announced that Ronald R. Kline, professor of electrical and computer engineering and of science and technology studies, has been elected the first holder of the Sue G. and **Harry E. Bovay Jr.** Professor in the History and Ethics of Professional Engineering, endowed with a gift from Harry Bovay and his wife Sue. In the early 1990s, an endowment from the Bovays established at Cornell the Bovay Program for the Study of the History and Ethics of Professional Engineering. The new Chair will become part of a campuswide initiative that is teaching ethics throughout the disciplines, funded through a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts. We are reminded almost daily of the need for an appreciation of ethics in business and the professions, and we congratulate Harry on this significant contribution.

Now, about the past. Most of us will remember that in 1939 our football team traveled to Columbus, OH, where they received national attention by beating Ohio State—newsworthy because, as you will also remember, four years earlier our '36 team had tied one game (Columbia) and lost all the rest. I recently found a clipping of a column by Richards Vidmer from the Nov. 21, '39 issue of the New York *Herald Tribune* which begins, "Cornell is being hailed as the outstanding football team in the East, one of

the outstanding leaders in the country, and up at Ithaca they are making the most of it." He continues, "It wasn't so long ago that Gil Dobie took a Cornell team to Dartmouth under different circumstances. Arriving the afternoon before the game [in those days it was about a 24-hour train ride from Ithaca to Hanover, so we left Ithaca on Thursday afternoon], he assembled his squad and told them there would be no practice that afternoon. 'There's nothing you can learn in 24 hours that will help any, but I do want you to feel at home and not get excited by your surroundings, so we'll just take a stroll over to the field.'

"They straggled over to the gridiron and Dobie waved his arm at the white-stripped rectangle. 'Well, there's the field and that's where you will be playing tomorrow. Look around and get used to it. The stands will be filled with people. I want you to feel at home.' He led them out onto the field and pointed to the ground. 'There's the 40-yard line. That's where Dartmouth will kick off from if they win the toss. I want you to get familiar with all these things. Now come on down here.' He marched them down to the other end of the field. In the shadows of the goal post he halted and waited until every man on the squad had gathered around him. Then he pointed to the ground again and in solemn tones said: 'There's the 5-yard line. Look at it very closely and feel at home, because that's where you're going to be all afternoon!'"

That's a true story, as I was there to hear it, and basically he was correct—they beat us 41-6. We had a great bunch of fellows on that team, but they were not outstanding football players, under a coach who was out of touch with the way the game was then being played. That all changed within the next four years under Carl Snively, who made the most of such players on our freshman team as **Bruce Holland '39**, MS '41.

As Dean Martin used to sing, "Memories are made of this." Send me some . . . or whatever else you would care to. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409; subilhoyt@aol.com.

**37** There is not too much that **Bob Rosevear** and I can write about, since we have not heard from you folks recently. Last fall, our loyal and faithful co-presidents **Ed** and **Doris Thompson Shineman** sent out a letter reminding everyone about "News and Dues," and we're looking forward to having your updates forwarded to us shortly from Alumni House. Your dues include a subscription to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, and your news helps us write this column. If you haven't done so yet, we hope you will send reports to us of interesting events in your lives, along with your class dues.

As for me, I am on my way for a week in Las Vegas with my two daughters! As for all of you, keep well and enjoy every day. Best wishes to all. ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535; and **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd. N., Deland, FL 32720-1403.

**38** **Mabel Levy Gerhart**, MA '39, recently sent news from her home in Perkasio, PA: "Sorry I didn't get to Reunion, but I didn't want to take the ride alone and didn't know of anyone in the area who was going. Recently returned from a trip to Italy again, to Lakes Garda and Como, both just as beautiful as ever and the weather played along with us—perfectly gorgeous. We stayed at Bellagio and Torri del Benaco, also drove through the Dolomites, which were, as they always are, spectacular in the evening sunset. We stayed in a lovely little town called Corvara at the Romantik Hotel La Perla, and in Brixen at the Hotel Elefant, also a lovely place. We spent the last three days in Milan at the Grand Hotel Duomo and enjoyed our last dinner in the roof garden restaurant with the gorgeous view to the illuminated cathedral on a beautiful moonlit night. Although we've both been to Italy several previous times, for some reason this trip seemed especially special, perhaps because the weather was just so perfect every day for the whole two weeks. The summer here in Pennsylvania was very strange and unusual this year, as I guess it was in many places, from what I've heard. Very, very wet and damp and humid. My flowers amounted to nothing—a real disaster. So now I'm out in the yard getting things tidied up for the new year. I'll soon be real deep in leaves. I have about a three-acre plat and much is woods and lawn, so I have my work cut out for me, but wonderful mulch for rhodies and azaleas."

From California, **Irving Sarnoff**, MD '42 (Roslyn Heights, NY) wrote about his activities in the Golden State: "I retired from the practice of medicine in 1986. We spend our winters in La Jolla, CA, where our son **Bob '70** lives, and with our daughter **Karen Sarnoff Davidson '66** in Santa Barbara. Travel, tennis, and INDOLENCE take up much of life, but we enjoy it."

Another classmate sending news from California is **Olof Dahlstrand**, BArch '39 (Carmel, CA): "I'm still actively painting and drawing. A work of mine is currently hung in a juried art exhibit at the Monterey Museum of Art—a thousand entries, sixty accepted. The City of Carmel calls on me now and then for advice on zoning, land use, and other matters. Lucia and I still go wilderness camping (tent, sleeping bags on the ground, haul in our own food and water, don't see a soul for a week) in the backroads areas of the West—wonderful subjects for my art. Health still good, but I'm becoming more bionic with each passing year. It must be the scotch that keeps things going."

Last, but certainly not least, **Bernard Gatlir** wrote in with wonderful news: "I can only add that we celebrated our 62nd anniversary in August of 2003. Still going strong!" Let's all keep going strong in the New Year. ♦ Class of '38, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-1247; e-mail, cornell\_magazine@cornell.edu; or **Helen Reichert** Chadwick, 225 N. Second St., Lewis-ton, NY 14092.



**39** It's hard to imagine your reading this column in January, when we are enjoying a pleasant October week filled with events on campus celebrating the inauguration of our new president, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**. There are special lectures, campus-wide parties, and even a new flavor of ice cream from the Cornell Dairy in honor of the occasion.

This is the third inauguration since we returned to Ithaca, and it has been fascinating to watch how each president has put his own personal stamp on the development of Cornell: President Rhodes, a geologist, and President Rawlings, a classics scholar, instituted major changes in campus life, housing, and curriculum, among other things. Now, President Lehman, a legal scholar and a former Cornellian, will probably swing Cornell in a different direction to suit the economic changes that are occurring in our national life. Never a dull moment on this campus!

Major changes: the university is planning to move some of its offices to downtown Ithaca near the Commons, in a new office building to be constructed; and the dormitories on Stewart Avenue will be razed and new buildings erected that will facilitate the new program of residential colleges for upperclass men and women, including their own dining and classroom facilities and faculty residences, with the purpose of creating more opportunities for communal

study, discussion, and student and faculty interchange. The plan is to build one residential hall at a time over a period of years. It sounds like a hybrid of the English system to me.

With our upcoming 65th Reunion looming, we need to think seriously about what should be done with whatever funds will remain in our treasury, and give the university a written direction for Alumni House to follow by the 70th Reunion. Apparently, we should have developed a plan after our 50th Reunion, which we never did, leaving the treasury in the capable hands of **Bill Fuerst, MS '61**. When you all come back to Ithaca in June (and we all hope for that), please be prepared to offer your suggestions to the university: 1) leave the remainder to our Remembrance Garden at the Plantations; 2) add it all to our Tradition Scholarship fund; 3) divide it in half, each of the above receiving half; or 4) doing something entirely different with the remainder. We will need you to help your class officers decide. It is your money.

As you can see, I have run out of class news sent me last fall, and I am hoping you will fill up my mail box to last me another year. May I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2004. ♦ **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

**40** Your correspondent is temporarily out of commission after a car accident last fall. Stay tuned to this space, and send news to: ♦ **Carol Clark Petrie**, PO Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

**41** As I began this column, the whole campus and surroundings were getting ready for the installation of Cornell's 11th president, **Jeffrey Lehman '77**. I live in town, at the Kendal at Ithaca continuing care community, and a blanket invitation was issued to us all. This included transportation and lunch and an all-day series of speeches and activities. Of course I am going! Before the ceremonies here in Ithaca, the new president was to be inaugurated in the far-flung institutions administered by Cornell in Qatar and New York City.

**Alice Sanderson Rivoire**, MS HE '48, and husband **John '42**, MBA '48, were on that great Adult University (CAU) trip to the Baltic, with four days in Iceland first. She says it's a fascinating country with a variety of art and scenery and good food! Their luck held—they had great weather. Since then, John has had surgery for a head injury and a broken hip and is recovering nicely. Last year, Alice was selected to be on the board of the Tompkins County Library Foundation. **Alice Marion Williams** Hallanan returned the form, but sent no message. She lives in Alexandria, VA. **Jean Soule Schragle** of Lexington, MA, reports that she is widowed and proud of three children and one grandchild.

I was saddened to see the obituary for **Pat Mooney Short** in the *Ithaca Journal* in September. I met Pat in September 1937, and we were reunited when I moved to Ithaca. Another friend of Pat's, **Shirley Richards** Darmer, has sent me

more information. She says Pat is finally relieved of pain now, for she has been suffering in a nursing home for months. Her son John is concerned for his sister Josi, of whom Pat had been taking special care. He has set up a memorial to help her. If anyone would like to contribute, please contact me at the address at the end of the column and I will forward more information.

I am also sorry to report that **Jane Webb Acton**, my neighbor at Kendal and former class correspondent for the women of '41, died on Oct. 17. Jane was in the Arts college at Cornell and was also the Women's Editor of the *Sun*, a member of Mortar Board (senior women's honorary society), and a member of Alpha Phi sorority. A very capable woman, she married **Charles '40** in 1942 and had four children. They lived in New Jersey and Bucks County, PA, and in both locations she was very active. Jane volunteered with the Bucks County Historical Society (heading the Folk Fest), worked on the hospital board, and encouraged the symphony. She and Chuck were awarded the Humanitarian Award, a first for a couple, for their untiring work in the county. They moved to Kendal when it opened in 1996. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert Wiggans**, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850-6504, tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, flower@localnet.com.

**Eddie Burgess** Bartholomew and **Bob Brunet**, with the usual strong support from **Chuck Lake**, report that as of the end of June, 162 classmates have contributed \$373,000 to Cornell.

Susan Clark wrote that her father **Irving Orkin** died Dec. 15, '02. "His class of '41 and Alumni Association were very important to him. He is survived by son Robert Orkin, daughter Susan, granddaughters Rachel Evans and Leah Clark, and great-granddaughter Kayla Evans."

**Don Robinson**, MS '54, had an annoying hospital stay of 14 days last year, with a pesky nose bleed. **Paul Blasko** has the right spirit of survival: "Keep healthy—exercise, medication, oxygen, wheel drive—all help." Judge **John Elfvin**: "The legend of **Matt Urban** lives. In July 2003 there was a parade in Matt's honor sponsored by the Erie County Veterans' Services Dept." **Fred Vieth** spends time with the American Legion in Pacific Palisades, CA. His daughter and family reside in Connecticut. Oldest son Jeff and family live in Newport Beach, CA. Son Tim lives in Sacramento, CA. Fred's granddaughter Danielle is a copy writer with "Mother" Agency in London, England.

**John Matthews** in Albany, TX, is a rancher who rides on a four-wheeler instead of a horse. His area has been suffering a four-year drought. John, **Pete Gifford**, and **Hays Clark** are planning a trip to Lake George to visit **Stu McKinney**. They are the only '41 Dekes living. **Richard Weiss** writes, "We still enjoy life in two idyllic places, Bay Harbor Island, FL, and the breathtaking Adirondack Mountains. Our pleasures come from our four great 'kids,' their families, lots of swimming, a little golf, and a lot of reading." **Guilford Woodward** enjoys living in the Imperial Palm facility in Largo, FL: "It is a relaxed life, busy with clubhouse and church activ-

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ities. We use the wellness center and pool frequently. We plan to spend three summer months in New York."

The writer thanks all who shared in writing these columns. It makes my job a pleasure to one-finger type it. It is "The Great Class!" ♦ **Ralph Antell**, 7015 Carnation St., Beaufort Towers #408, Richmond, VA 23225.

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**Ken Stofer '43**, BCE '48 (stofaork@aol.com), whose Blasters jacket surfaced when he moved, asks if anyone has knowledge of

**Whitey Nelson '38**. He is anxious to contact him re: his brother **Gordon Stofer '35**, BArch '37, and the past. **Bill Webster** (Little Rock, AR), who also recalls the Cayuga Blasters, says his alias was "Gunner." After making a fairly good recovery from a stroke, last March he broke his ankle and detached a retina in a fall. But all is looking up following an operation. **Bill and Elizabeth Luxford Webster '39** enjoy sing-a-longs for daycare centers and retirement homes, as well as their four children, seven grands, and one great-grand.

**Frank and Shirley Caplan** (frankcaplan@cco.net; Lacey, WA) volunteer as full-time caregivers. Frank is editor-in-chief of the quarterly journal *Quality Engineering*. He is one of only 11 to ever receive the Distinguished Service Medal from the American Society for Quality. They enjoy four children, 14-1/2 grandchildren, and five great-grands. Lucky **Bessie Kaufmann Grossman** (Beekg@aol.com) has moved to my hometown of Rockville Center, NY. She enjoys making stained glass. Her grandson attends George Washington U., and her granddaughter is in high school. She can get together with **Ruth Naitove Sherman** of Lynbrook. Ruth is learning Spanish to help her as she tutors English as a Second Language at Hewlett High School. She cruised Alaska and is proud of her son, a law professor, and daughter, a biology professor.

**Ignatius and Dorothy Lacombe** (ilacombe@aol.com; Plattsburgh, NY) and 55 Cornell alumni had a great dinner cruise on Lake Champlain on the *Spirit of Plattsburgh*. A New England dinner of lobster, clam chowder, steamers, etc., was really special. Ignatius claims to have been the oldest on board. **Frederick "Duke" Shelley** (fshelley3@aol.com; Stamford, CT) goes walking, does wood carving, and attends Rotary meetings. He is proud of grandson Atticus, a starting triple-threat quarterback on his high school football team. **Jim**, MS '47, and **Alice Popp "Poppy" Whitaker** (jhw17@juno.com; Storrs, CT) had a wonderful Russian cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow along the Volga and connecting canals through lakes and 22 locks.

**Dick Thomas** (Meadville, PA) has not been wasting his time since retiring as class president. He teaches a reading class of one—a 72-year-old who in one and a half years has progressed from being a non-reader to almost the fourth grade level. His student is most proud of his ability to read articles from the local newspaper. **Emily Germer St. John** and husband Robert (saint78@att.net; Lake Oswego, OR) volunteer with Meals on Wheels. Their son John likes to tell about his 81-year-old parents taking meals to

the "old folks." Trips taken included Argentina, Chile, and the Iguazu Falls in Brazil, and two trips East. They regret their inability to attend reunions. They play tennis and exercise several times a week and enjoy their immediate family of 38 persons.

**Ed and Jane Holub** (Media, PA) see classmates **Ed and Midge Millison Ryder** (S. Yarmouth, MA), and **Bob Wright**, as well as **Ron Wick '69**, ME '70. Their travel is now limited to their second home in Earleville, MD, only 56 miles from Riddle Village, their lifecare residence. They feel most fortunate their son Stephen and his family all live nearby. Sadly, we belatedly list the passing of **Helen Libisch Elmer**. Helen was most active while at Cornell, and following graduation kept up her interest in the violin, playing in several symphonies and the Corning Philharmonic. She taught home economics, chemistry and math. Her dad was a renowned glass engraver for Steuben Glass. She and Thomas had three daughters. She is missed by many.

**Ken Hubbard**, BS '48 (Ft. Myers, FL) sent me the "Faces in the Crowd" article in the Sept. 15 *Sports Illustrated* about my granddaughter Ariel Rittenhouse, whose mother Sharon attended the 60th Reunion with me. Ariel, 12, is featured for winning medals in the Junior Pan Am Diving Championships in Belem, Brazil. The article also included an 81-year-old woman who won the 100- and 400-meter races and the high jump in her age group in a senior track meet. Is anyone doing track?

Keep in touch with me and use all those e-mail addresses. Don't forget to visit our class website, <http://classof42.alumni.cornell.edu>. Pres. **Liz Schlamm Eddy** updates it regularly. ♦ **Carolyn Evans Finneran**, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, CeeFinn@juno.com.

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**Shig Kondo** delivered a program recently at Winchester Gardens, where he lives along with the **Jack Chances**, or is it the Jacks Chance? If you missed his lecture, turn to page 63 in the Compendium. Shig, American born and educated, took a crash course in Japanese. The hard way.

A note from Pat Shaw, daughter of the late **Patricia (Homer)** and record-setting sprinter **Charles Shaw**: "Dad suffered a fatal fall in September while on a visit to his beloved Costa Rica. He had been traveling with his wife of three months, Carol Fischer. We held a small family service here in Seattle, and interred his ashes alongside our mother. We are grateful that **Peggy Dilts Lakis**, a lifetime friend, flew out from Massachusetts to be with us. May the wind always be at his back." Amen.

**Ellis DeGross**, Singer Island, FL: "I left Cornell in January 1942 to join the Army Air Corps. Served 3-1/2 years as fighter bomber pilot, including 79 missions beginning on D-Day. Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross and 15 Air Medals. Returned to civilian life in '45 and a sales career with NCR. Took early retirement and started my own business—sales and service

of IBM machines. Sold that in '93 and retired. Sixty years ago married the very beautiful Frida Harris [beautiful indeed, but, alas, no relation]. Since retirement we've spent summers in the Blue Ridge Mountains; winters here."

Travelers. **Eleanor Gillmor Amos**, Columbus, OH: "As a docent at our art museum, I visit museums in Boston, New York, Philly, and Chicago. This past spring we visited the Netherlands at tulip and Van Gogh time. I've been a docent for 31 years, always with a wonderful travel package to look forward to." **Lucille Jenks McGown**, Mesa, AZ: "My recent trips have been to discover the northwest. [Yeah, Lucille, but look who got the credit—Mr. Lewis and Mr. Clark!] Another to Sacramento, Reno, Lake Tahoe, and the following year a cruise on the Columbia River—a real learning experience. Now to enjoy an Arizona winter."

**Mary Jo Borntreger Ray**, Dallas, TX: "We spent two weeks in France [this, dear reader, was 2002, as are some other old notes below], followed by eight days in London visiting our daughter and family. We were there for the graduation of our twin grandsons from the American School. They're now at NYU, but spent their freshman year on the Florence, Italy, campus. I really enjoyed the Compendium. [Plug] Even my Northwestern grad husband read a lot of it. Now I regret not having written anything myself." **Jay Seth Rosenthal**, East Hills, NY: "We're still working in our real estate appraisal business, but nothing keeps us from traveling: London this summer [2002] and southeast Asia this fall [still 2002], including Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand. With e-mail and fax, we spend winters in Boynton Beach, FL, working and playing golf."

**Curt Strand**, New York, NY: "So far this year [you guessed it, 2002], I've done some hotel consulting, gave a lecture on international development at the Hotel school, some *pro bono* work for the Executive Service Corps in Aspen, CO, helping non-profit organizations. Keep fit—or trying to—skiing, hiking, biking, golf. We got to Spain, the less familiar parts, and to Myanmar, née Burma."

**Charles Morrison**, Holmdel, NJ: "After a speed bump in summer of 2000 (colon surgery and chemo), we're back in the travel mode: Bermuda ('01), cross-country skiing Galena, ID ('02), Elderhostel in Switzerland (also '02). Magnificent railways; the Swiss really know how to run a railroad. [And here I thought it was Mussolini. Go know.] Still spend a lot of time at our 'camp' in the Adirondacks—canoeing, hiking, cross-country skiing, but no longer climb the high peaks." (Correspondent note: Spreads in the wilds are called "camps" the way castles in Newport are "cottages.")

**Robert Warren**, Spruce Head, ME: "Retired from General Electric. Remarried. Spent 15 years cruising aboard sailboat from Maine to the Bahamas." **Jean Quick Bryant**, Parrish, FL: "We still spend our summers in Highlands, NC. Since we moved from Miami in '89, we've lived at River Wilderness Country Club on the west coast of Florida. We've had many wonderful winter get-togethers with Joe and **Doris Fenton Klock-**



ner and **Sue Krebbiel** Horger, MD '47. Naval historian and author **John Alden**, Delmar, NY: "Moved to be closer to family members. Wife **Ann (Buchholz)** '45 and I now have a granddaughter, **Ruth Alden** '04, on the Hill."

**Constance Misener**, Niagara Falls, NY: "Cruised the Caribbean in February with my younger daughter. Elected to third term as elder of my church. Expecting 12th and 13th great-grands." Which reminds me, Constance. Every day brings another spate of e-mail trying to sell me generic Niagara. **Gordon Jones**, Stanley, NY: "Thoroughly enjoying the Finger Lakes since retiring to just north of Seneca Lake in '93. Spend much time traveling—recently cruised from St. Petersburg on the rivers, lakes, and canals to Moscow. Previous year through eastern Europe: Warsaw, Crakow, Prague, Budapest, Vienna. An Elderhostel trip: Lafayette, LA (Cajun country), Mobile, AL, and New Orleans during Mardi Gras. Real treat."

**Geraldine Jenks** Gaenger, College Station, TX, shortly before her death last July: "We celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary last year. Married in Sage Chapel on a beautiful, warm October day in '42. Frank was in the first class of Navy ensigns sent to Cornell for diesel training. They then scattered to pass on to recruits what they had just learned. It was a hurry-up war for us. We were stationed at Purdue, Cornell, Newport, North Carolina State, and New Orleans before Frank was sent out to the Pacific. Life has been good. I'm the first of fourth-generation Cornellians (my great-grandfather, Doctor Tarbell (1870)—"Doctor" was his given name, not his degree—was in Cornell's first graduation class), and our son **Paul** '70 is the first of the fifth. Ithaca and Cornell have always been very close to us, and always will be. May the Class of '43 flourish forever!" ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, 1955 Miller Road, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

**44** In the July/August column you read about **Art and Dotty Kay Kesten's** recruiting prowess—number one among the classes. Since this is a new year, you might like to know the new members they found. My records go back to '91, hence the following are brand new. **Richard Clark**, BS '47, writes from Laguna Beach, CA, that he "had a pleasant meeting with **Mary Wright** '45 in Cooperstown in June" and that she would send a report. **Fred Hannahs** of Belvedere-Tiburon, CA, says he left the Air Force in 1945 and has been out of touch, but plans on the 60th Reunion. **Clifford Earl** and **Ann** are still at The Landings in Savannah, GA, and have two great-grands. **Thomas Barker**, MBA '48, is "still alive and still rehabbing inner-city housing in Minneapolis, MN." Gen. **Robert Christie** lives in Vancouver, BC, Canada. He spent 37 years as a pilot in the Canadian Air Force, 20 years in agriculture in San Diego County, CA, five years in aerospace in Los Angeles, and retired in 2000 to Vancouver five blocks from his birthplace. "Vancouver, not San Diego, is the world's most beautiful city."

These others were last heard from as indicated. '93: **Curt Beck** of Storrs, CT, taught polit-

ical science at the U. of Connecticut for 45 years. "My interest in Democratic politics has never waned." He is also an active board member for local, regional, and state mental health programs and remarried in 2002. '95: **Frank Reynolds** is very active in Springfield, MO. He serves on the SW Missouri Citizens Advisory Board for Probation and Parole, on the Strategic Planning and Building Committee Evangel Temple, and as Board Chair of the Teen Challenge of the Ozarks, and teaches four hours of classes at Greene County Jail. He claims four sons and six grandchildren. '98: **Gilbert Smith**, MD '47, writes from Kentfield, CA—"a paradise" in Marin County—that he remarried in '94, plays doctor in a urology clinic in San Francisco, takes courses in oil painting, and looks forward to our 60th Reunion—his first!

Anniversaries continue to be proudly reported. **Bob Reidy** and **Jean** celebrated their 50th in April with a party given by their children in Pound Ridge, NY. He mentions a 5-year-old granddaughter "legacy." **Taylor Keller** and **Carola**, his German war bride, announce 55 years of married bliss. Their three children and six grands have accomplished much. One granddaughter is an '03 grad who "majored in rowing" and was hired by Adult University (CAU). The family summers on Canandaigua Lake. His post-war buddy in Munich, **Joaquin de la Roza** '43, settled in San Francisco. **Dick Hillman** of Northridge, CA, wrote, "Our kids are taking us to Kona in August for our 55th." His only Cornell contact is one-time roommate **Charles McCoy**, BS '48, of Orinda, CA. **Edward**, PhD '50, and **Verna Eaton Beckhorn** '46 claim a 59th anniversary. They attend Cornell Club activities in Naples, FL. **Morton Kahn** and **Evelyn** (Alfred U. '44) of Auburn, NY, were married 60 years ago Oct. 3, '03. **Jean Slaughter** Davis reported a 60th anniversary on June 9 and the arrival of number one great-grandson on June 13. She and **Jeff** married on graduation night at the US Naval Academy, so celebrated there in September and look forward to their 61st at Cornell.

Some of us have special claims to fame. **John Cummings**, BArch '49, was recently named Binghamton High School's Distinguished Graduate. Earlier he was given the title "National Secretaries Boss of the Year" (in '78), Chamber of Commerce "Man of the Year" (in '57), and "Rainmaker" for the three award-winning architectural firms he established over a period of 40 years. In retirement he has many activities and hobbies, as does his wife **Carolyn (Hendrickson)** '45. **Ted Smith** and **Betty Bob** are healthy and busy in Savannah, GA. She is a noted sculptor who recently won two prizes in an art show. He plays golf five days a week. They visit kids and grands regularly. Dr. **William Lane**, MNS '48, whose fame in naturopathy was described in a recent column, has another feather in his cap. He has set up a gallery in Las Vegas to display the many treasures in art, sculpture, and antiquities he collected during his frequent travels worldwide. Items are of gold, bronze, and jade, some 500 to 700 years old, even BC. He mentions three children.

In August the Rundells used a Timeshare to

visit Pigeon Forge, TN, noted for Dollywood (Dolly Parton), an amusement park with lots of country music shows (corny but fun), good restaurants, crafts, etc. We also played golf and drove south through the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains to Clemson, SC, to visit **Marie Buening** Cramer and **Shannon**, Vice-Adm. USN Ret. This second marriage for both involves 11 children, 26 grands, and seven great-grands. Marie and I hadn't seen each other since her wedding to **George Ploetz** (one of those diesel ensigns) on Aug. 3, '43 (I was Maid of Honor). En route home we visited **Hal**, BA '43, JD '49, and **Ruth Cosline Rhyndance** in their beautiful mountain home in Fairview, NC, near Asheville. All are looking forward to our 60th Reunion June 10-13. Art and Dotty Kesten, **Howard**, PhD '50, and **Erica Evans**, and **Dan Morris**, BA '76, have already attended planning meetings in Ithaca. Y'all come! ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Cir. #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

**45** Although some recent news communications from our classmates report on 80th birthday celebrations, for some inexplicable reason many concern grandchildren and great-grands. Does anyone have an inkling as to why that might be? As previously reported in our list of legacies, **George Martin**, BS '47 (Honeoye Falls, NY), son of the late **Harwood Martin** '16, boasted of his fourth-generation Cornellian, **Sarah B. Martin** '03, and said that his winter retreat at Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL, is great for wintering but too popular with his four children and nine grandchildren. Now **George** kindly sent a photo of **Sarah** in her cap and gown, along with her dad, **James H. Martin** '75, and **George** himself, looking quite dapper. If the magazine printed photos we would use it, but you will have to await our reunion photo board to see it. **James** '44, BS '43, and **Phyllis Avery Olin**, BS '44, settled into their new Charlottesville, VA, retirement apartment near their oldest son and wife, while awaiting their Ithaca visit for a granddaughter's graduation. After having married off in 2001 grandson **Marc Olin** '00, a granddaughter, and a nephew, plus going through 35 years of Roanoke accumulations, they deserve a rest.

**Margaret Taylor** Macdonald (Chapel Hill, NC) couldn't persuade her latest college-age grandchildren to become legacies, so off to Kenyon and Yale they went. Peg's three children all joined in the great fun at husband Ross's 80th birthday celebration. Yale also claimed Nancy, daughter of **Priscilla Okie Alexander**, MA '48 (New Haven), and her Yale husband. They have adopted two Russian sisters, who join Pat's other granddaughters, 14 and 11, in receiving her attention, along with two chocolate Labs. Just to balance off the Yalies, a year ago last December **Theodora Uelzmann** Longenecker (Temple, PA) took great pleasure in attending the wedding of her younger grandson to a fellow Harvard graduate in the National Cathedral in Washington. **Teddy** says that, with her littlest granddaughters, 5 and 3, in the bridal party and the Christmas



decorations in place, the setting was glorious.

Young grandchildren also please **John '33** and **Ann Buchholz Alden** in Delmar, NY, where they live near their youngest son, **Lawrence Alden '82**, and wife Penny. All of their other grandchildren are college age or older. Last spring Ann and John went on an Elderhostel trip to Venice and the Dalmatian coast, which they recommend highly. **Benjamin Klein**'s daughter Roberta received her PhD from U. of Pennsylvania (!) and son Stuart is lawyering in Palo Alto, CA. Ben and Martha keep busy with Miami community activities while Ben is still trying to learn things at U. of Miami. From Dallas the family news of **Roy Hughes** is that their four sons "continue to prosper/survive/exist (pick one)." Three are fellow Texans, with the California one having two sons. Roy says that his arthritic right knee and hip make him barely able to walk on some days, with the result that he is "known in the family as a sheep/bull/lion (pick one, or on some days, all)." Restorative repairs will be in order soon.

Medical mending of a twice-broken wrist, broken rib, and torn cartilage convinced **James Jenks**, BA '48 (Garden City, NY) that he's a bit old for such foolishness as skiing and flying airplanes. He even sold his sailboat, with which he collected some silverware over the years of summering on Shelter Island, NY. Jim's thinking about trying to get his golf average below 100 "after his back heals" and also says he is fully retired, on permanent vacation, and loves it. A year ago, in answer to our news form's question on vacation activities, Jim wrote, "What's vacation?" Maybe he's finally got the picture. His kids are scattered: Jeffrey (Princeton) is in Schwarzeneggerland, Cynthia (U. of Connecticut) in Arlington, VA, and **Schuyler '78** in New Jersey. Speaking of New Jersey, from Morristown comes **Jean Hall** Dinsmore with news that her grandson **James** loves Cornell and is the 11th family member to attend in the past 110 years. Jean is serving her fifth term as Republican State Committeewoman for Morris County, but managed to take enough time off to visit Alaska and Hawaii.

Like Jim Jenks, I have fully packed it in. I testified in a trial in NYC last May and stated under oath that this was my last expert witness testimony. No sooner did I return home than I had a telephone call from a lawyer asking me to help in a forthcoming trial. My answer was simple; I don't perjure myself and can't help; end of the line! In my October column I wrote that **Dick '42**, PhD '49, and **Catherine Verwoert Work**, BS '44, would welcome visitors in Tempe, AZ. Kay sent a nice note to correct my improper assumption that when she said "I," she meant just that and not "we." Unfortunately, Dick is deceased, but Kay still wants visitors, so long as she is not away cruising the Seine during the European heat wave, which didn't bother her, as she is accustomed to that. Apologies to Kay; never assume anything! ♦ **Prentice Cushing, Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; e-mail, [CescoVA@aol.com](mailto:CescoVA@aol.com). Our class Home Page: <http://hometown.aol.com/CescoVA/CU1945.html>.

**46** In the November/December issue, I reported on CyberTower, which offers a capsule Cornell education via cyberspace. I had chosen to investigate the "forum" area. Professor **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, interviewed new President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** there on streaming video. As I reported, my experience with video on my telephone-modem-served computer was unsatisfactory. But on a friend's cable-served computer, the results were spectacular.

I owe many thanks to **Ralph Janis '66**, head of Adult University (CAU), and to Diane Kubarek, CyberTower's technical project leader, for guiding me to the audio-only versions of the presentations. While not as elegant, the audio with slides interspersed does a very acceptable job. The audio version can be reached by pausing the video clip (third button from the right), clicking on "audio," then restarting the video.

I heeded Mr. Janis's advice on a study room subject, "Ezra's Farmstead." **Kent Hubbell '67**, BArch '69, professor of architecture and Dean of Students, and John Ullberg, landscape architect for Cornell's Dept. of Planning, walked us through the years and campus since 1868. In the early days, Libe Slope was a cow pasture, and the Arts Quadrangle had been denuded of trees. They also gave insight into the dynamic tension between the scholarly Andrew D. White and the pragmatic Ezra Cornell, as well as following Cornell's growth to the present day. I found it absorbing and think you will, too.

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Address changes: **Priscilla Alden Clement** moved back East to South Hadley, MA, in October. **Gordon '44** died on June 24. **Leah Smith Drexler**, BS '45, widow of **Henry '45**, downsized to a devel-

opment made from a part of their family farm in Sherburne, NY. Write or call me for street addresses (sneaky way to get news from you).

le in Brooklyn, NY. They have two older sisters. "We were known as 'the twins,' rarely called by our names, always together—and dressed alike, to the confusion of everybody." In the Home Ec college at Cornell, they became "individuals." They had different roommates, classes, activities, and acquaintances, but they both joined Delta Gamma sorority.

After graduating in the accelerated program in 1945, they parted. They both taught nursery school, Cynthia in Brooklyn and Los Angeles for two years working with blind children, and Sally at the base preschool at Camp Lejeune, NC. In 1947, Sally married her high school sweetheart, Bill Morgan. He earned an MEE at Purdue while she taught. Both girls took graduate courses. Sally wrote, "In 1948, we returned to New York and purchased a house in Levittown on the GI Bill. It was a unique development built on the potato fields of Long Island. I had the interesting experience of working in the office of the United Nations General Assembly at Lake Success." Cynthia was certified to teach in public school, where she taught visually handicapped children for 12 years. She also married.

Continuing their similarities, both had four children—three boys and a girl. In the early days, they corresponded weekly and visited every few years. In 1972, Sally and Bill moved to Maryland. Sally earned a nursing degree and worked as a medical-surgical nurse for 14 years. Cynthia divorced and later married John Cornell, also from their high school (and a remote cousin of Ezra Cornell). Both girls are retired but keeping busy. The Morgans live in Stevensville, MD. They have four grandchildren, two in college in Maryland and two in elementary school in Texas. The Cornwells live in Tequesta, FL. They have 17 grandchildren between them.

Cynthia wrote, "Life as a twin has been wonderful for me. We talk by phone weekly and visit often. We still look very much alike and our voices sound the same." Sally wrote, "We are lucky. We traveled to Europe three times, including the Passion Play at Oberammergau, and made a won-

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CYNTHIA AND SALLY WHITFORD '46

derful trip to Hawaii to celebrate our 75th birthday." What a great way to be 150 years old!

Here's to many, many more. We've seen them at several reunions and hope to see them again in 2006. ♦ **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 503 Morris Pl., Reading, PA 19607; tel., (610) 777-4938.

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be there. There were Pomp and Circumstance, good speeches, and feelings of joy. Everyone I talk to at the university seems pleased with him and is looking forward to his work. In his talk, President Lehman spoke of Cornell's historical progress as "revolutionary" and of the university as "beloved." Good words. Our class president **Pete Schwarz** was invited to be in the procession by virtue of his office. Other '47 classmates I saw there were **John** and **Helen Allmuth Ayer**, BS HE '46, **Margie Newell Mitchell**, BS HE '46,

father, an aunt, an uncle, and a grand-aunt. She thanks us from the bottom of her heart. **Paloma Loya**, enrolled in ILR and concentrating on International Relations, is a junior and busy in volunteer and extra-curricular activities such as Latin dance groups, the Mexican-American student organization, and several schools where she helped students with English language acquisition and skills. She also works in the office of Cornell VP **Susan Murphy** '73, PhD '94. Paloma thanks us "wholeheartedly."

bypass surgery. He was contemplating attending a Navy reunion in Charleston in the fall and keeps in touch with Cornell through his granddaughter, who is a sophomore. I have learned from past class president **Herb Brinberg** that his wife Blanche died unexpectedly in September. We extend our condolences.

Since I am still not fully functioning, I thank my daughter **Beth** '80, son **Roger** '78, and husband Doug for their assistance with this column. Send news to ♦ **Arlie Williamson Anderson**, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; email, arlie47@aol.com.

## 'Life does not slow down or become less involved.'

JANE RANDOLPH DEMOTT '48

**Margi Schiavone Berens**, and **Jerry** '49, MBA '50, and **Enid Levine Alpern**.

Two weeks earlier, my husband **Doug Anderson** '50 and I were able to be at the special banquet gala at the Statler Ballroom at which **Barlow Ware** was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Also celebrating with him were classmates Margi Berens, John and Helen Ayer, and Pete and Elaine Schwarz. All of the new inductees were introduced to the whole community on Saturday at Schoellkopf Field. When Barlow was announced (the last person because the list was alphabetical), a large group of spectators started a roar of BAR-LOW BAR-LOW! Exciting! It all was Important and Swell. As I read the names of members of the Hall, the only other classmate I saw listed was **Allen Dekdebrun**. Hooray for Barlow!

I had one more recent Cornell connection when visited by **Holly Hertel Heitzman** '96, regional director of Alumni Affairs for my region, who interviewed me on tape to record recollections from when we were students. Remember 1944 when we went to class on Thanksgiving and had only Christmas day off? I have long thought that it was so different in our time that it should be chronicled. Fortunately, the Federation is taping reminiscences now.

Our class has received thank-you letters from three students who are recipients of our Tradition Fellowships. **Marianne Fives** is a new transfer junior from the U. of Albany, enrolling as a fine arts major in the College of Architecture, Art and Planning. Coming from Goshen, NY, with an older sister who was in Arts and Sciences, Marianne is looking forward to the many opportunities available to her. **Kate Walker**, from Falconer, NY (which, she says, "is almost as far west in New York as you can get"), is a junior transfer from Jamestown Community College. She is enrolled in the Ag college and is majoring in animal science. Her family raises Holstein cattle on their dairy farm, and Kate owns five cows of her own. Showing her cattle at county, district, and state shows, she has won top awards. At the New York State Fair, her cow won "the second best udder in the class!" She is an athlete and from a family of Cornellians, including her

I had a nice phone visit with **Dick Jones**, BS '46, recently. He and wife Mary are happy in Freedom, NH, where they resettled from Colorado. **Clara McPherson** Reiss is busy in the big city doing advocacy work on health matters as a member of the Women's City Club of New York, the New York Citizens' Committee on Aging, Bellevue Hospital Community Advisory Board, and Manhattan Community Board #6. That is a lot of Good Works. She also walks a lot, especially exploring the city's ethnic neighborhoods, and goes to the theater, opera, and ballet, and reads a lot. Clara keeps in touch with her oldest friend from age 8, **Kathleen Livingston** Watson, who was also her Cornell roommate. Clara and Kathleen had two wonderful weeks in Barcelona and Madrid in the fall a year ago and visited again on Kathleen's beef farm in Ireland last spring. Clara adds that unfortunately both of them left Cornell before graduation after too-early marriages.

Last spring, Richard and **Margot Poritsky** Jerrard (mjerrard@uinc.edu) visited their son **Leigh** '85, who has started an architectural practice in Los Angeles. The previous fall they went to Turkey to visit son **Robert** '86, a mathematics professor who was visiting Istanbul while on leave from the U. of Toronto. Margot and Richard are still getting royalties from the book they wrote, *The Grad School Handbook*, published by Perigee. **Richard Greenfield** (rkgpps@inzl.com) retired as planning commissioner of Lafayette, CO, and pursues aerobics, golf, gardening, reading, and doll house construction. He and wife Greta, an artist, traveled to Scandinavia and Russia. They have four children and six grandchildren.

**Alan Markham**, BS '49, writes that he retired from Allied Signal in 1991. "Keeping busy with Volunteers for Medical Engineering designing assistive devices for the handicapped and disabled. Also reading for the blind at the Radio Reading Network and the Library for the Blind. Active with the Radio Amateur Communications Emergency Service and serving as a volunteer examiner for FCC operators' licenses." He takes a cruise occasionally and was recovering from cardiac valve repair and quadruple

**48** **Rita Lemelman** Alper, Stony Brook, NY: "I'm a library page and volunteer for Three Village Meals on Wheels. Traveled to Vienna, Prague, and Budapest after floods subsided." **Franklin Wright**, MA '49, Memphis, TN: "Trying to cope with nightly TV news and our entanglements in the witch's cauldron of Middle Eastern racial and religious hostilities. Can't think of a solution that would be practical unless draconian in nature—given our love affair with suburban sprawl and the related power of automobile manufacturers. The world's problem is overpopulation. Did you know that in 1650, six million people spoke English and today over one billion use it as first or second language? Life: "Tomorrow let my Sun her rays display, or in clouds hide them, I have lived today."

**Willard Smith**, West Hempstead, NY: "Still do insurance one day a week; birding and camping at other times." **Jane Randolph DeMott**, Seven Devils, NC: "Am back to normal activity after physical therapy in 2002 for lower back problems. Life does not slow down or become less involved. Problem is 'getting things done.' Keep fit, do what you can. Environment and population problems can be solved by keeping informed and appropriately active. One can learn by observing wildlife at home. Life: In living, change is inevitable; progress is optional." **John Osborne**, Vestal, NY: "Continue to do AARP tax counseling for the elderly."

**Lester Wise**, Old Westbury, NY: "I'm tutoring third grade kids in math in Hempstead School District; also do painting and backyard sculpture. Son **Paul** '74, MD '78, is professor at Boston U. Medical School." **Patricia Hayes O'Brien**, East Aurora, NY: "Busy meeting friends and learning how to use the computer. Son Joseph received PhD in biology after three years in Costa Rica. He's now employed by the US Forest Service, Athens, GA. I felt very sad and shocked at what happened to our country on 9/11 and hope our grandchildren will be able to live in a safe world. We must pray and appreciate the sacredness of life and help the poor of the world. Since 9/11 it became so important to live the moment, appreciate friends and family, and let them know it."

**Dianne Shapiro** Gasworth, Palm Beach, FL: "Retired Civil Court Judge, Housing Part, NYC. Presently do mediation in Florida court. My father was an appellate judge, son is a law



professor and writer, and granddaughter is in law school. That's four generations in the law business." **Dorothy Hirschhorn** McGrath, Pompano Beach, FL: "Not only am I still 'here,' but I have moved to 'there,' which is Pompano Beach, FL. They specialize down here on what to do to better manage your life when you start to get somewhat decrepit and then, later, maybe *very decrepit* (hope not). Best of all, the prices, especially housing, are half of what they are in the New York area, so here I am!"

**Bart Holm**, West Grove, PA: "I'm on numerous boards and retirement community committees and do taxes at senior centers for AARP. Took coastal steamer in Norway from Bergen to Kirkenes above the Arctic Circle and on to the Russian border. Seven grandchildren, one at U. of Colorado and one at Skidmore. We'll get one into Cornell! Skied at Jackson Hole last winter. Beautiful, but too hard on old legs. Summered on Lake Champlain. Cruised Danube from Budapest north; very relaxing. My problem is keeping up with all I've committed to do. Solution: Commit to less. Live and let live."

**George Ausenda**, MEE '50, Milan, Italy: "I'm secretary for the Center for Interdisciplinary Research of San Marino, and in my spare time I edit books for the center. Since 1991 I am finally doing what I always wanted to. Plans for tomorrow are to try not to die (Sid Caesar, 1956). Eldest son moved to the US as CEO of Pizzoli in NYC." **Claude Stone Jr.**, Morton, IL: "Served out my final term as a State Senator for Illinois on Dec. 31, '02. Now trying to keep up with the 'home duties,' and we'll travel more often to see the grandchildren in Tucson and Los Angeles. The economy and 9/11 caused large budget problems for 2003. Very hard to cut funding for education and institutions for the disabled."

**Mary Holland** Freeman, Albany, NY: "Life-long learning courses, book clubs, volunteering at Cooperative Extension, bridge, traveling, movies, concerts, theater, art exhibits, swimming, walking, dancing, dining out, and visiting family all over the US. Celebrated 50th anniversary with Sam on Sept. 1, '01 with lovely party. Our two sons are in Berkeley and Corte Madera, CA. We have one grandchild, Eva, 3. World's problem is corruption of power and, as always, the seven deadly sins, especially greed. I'm most interested in the new discoveries in the biological sciences, especially genetics. There is no meaning of life."

**Jim and Jacqueline Smith Flournoy**, Westport, CT: "In 20th year as secretary at Cedar Point Yacht Club. Busy with crafting, hospital thrift shop, playing bridge. Would rather be sailing. Visited Jim's brother, **Hugh Flournoy** '50, in Punta Gorda, FL, took Caribbean cruise on Holland America ship, and flew back to Florida on a Learjet due to Jim's illness. Probably the only time I'll get to fly in one. Have learned that a person's spirit can handle most problems and that love and support of family and friends is all important." ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776.

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Happy New Year everybody! Congratulations are in order for **B. F. "Bud" Stanton**, **Ted Levine**, MA '50, and **Joseph McAuliffe**, who have been recognized for outstanding accomplishments.

Bud Stanton, with wife Lara, traveled to Finland in June '02 to receive an honorary Doctor of Science from the U. of Helsinki. "While on a Fulbright there in '66-67 I worked closely with one of the doctoral students, who is now Chancellor—a great four-day celebration. We visited Lara's five living first cousins in Iceland on our return trip. Working part-time at Cornell as chair of the Health Careers Evaluation Committee. We sign the summary letters for the more than 400 students who apply annually to med schools across the country." Ted Levine was awarded the Life Achievement Award by the International Economic Development Council '02. Joseph McAuliffe was recognized in '02 for his work and support of the International 4-H Youth Exchange at the 50th Annual Conference of the IFYE Assn.

**Donald** (aka Pete or Red Dog) **Johnston** has completed a huge undertaking—a massive, five-year project! He was editor-in-chief of the first *Encyclopedia of International Media and Communications* (Academic Press), a four-volume, 2,800-page set that contains 219 articles by specialists around the world. Pete says that as the world becomes more complex, the importance of exchanging information grows accordingly. He has been director of the International Media and Communications Program for grad students at Columbia U. for 13 years and teaches news reporting and writing. Before that he was a faculty member and academic dean at Columbia's Grad School of Journalism, following 25 years of professional journalism at UPI and the *New York Times*. Pete is president of the Journalism Alumni Assn. and recently received a University Medal for contributions to alumni activities from Columbia, where he got a master's degree in '50. But—he still considers Cornell his true alma mater and is active in alumni affairs there also.

**Dick Brown**, 81, outstanding classmate and Hotel grad, died September 4 following a battle with cancer. Our deepest sympathies to **Muriel (Welch)** '47, BS '46, his wife of 56 years. They were married in Sage Chapel in '47. Dick was former VP and assistant to the president of Banfi Vintners, America's largest wine importer. He attended Boston U., served 3-1/2 years in World War II, then earned his degree in hotel administration at Cornell. Dick was president of the Cornell Hotel Society, founder of the National Inst. of the Foodservice Industry, vice-chair of the Culinary Inst. of America, and a fellow of the Educational Inst. of the American Hotel-Motel Assn. He and an associate led the leadership campaign for the Hotel school, raising \$43 million. In his honor the Richard W. Brown Amphitheater was endowed and will be a focal point in the school's new Beck Center. Dick will certainly be missed. So many awesome accomplishments by our classmates!

**Barbara Corell** Lawrence enjoyed a trip from Schenectady to Melbourne Beach, FL, to

visit "old roomie" **Babette Tetter** Rutherford. They lunched with **Jan Molin** Brown, **Jean Davis** Salisbury, and **Lois Olsen** Biehler and all agreed, "You haven't changed a bit!" **Muriel Lechter** Wiesen, MPA '50, and husband David are settled in Reston, VA, and really appreciate the beautiful countryside. **Douglas McLean** and wife Jean, prof. emerita in Human Ecology, love cruising on their 30-foot boat. Jean is recording secretary at the beautiful new Marco Island Yacht Club. **Jim Henry** and Natalie live nine months in Naples, FL, but still have a home in New Jersey. They play lots of golf and have five children and six grandchildren, who all visit while they are in Florida!

There is nothing more important than your health, just ask us! **Edgar Van Zandt** will mark the 10th anniversary in February '04 of a miracle—his heart transplant! He has been able to lead an active and fulfilling life: travel to India, China, and Europe; yearly visits to Hawaii; mortgage manager for Habitat for Humanity; working on condo management at their retirement community in Princeton, NJ. Ed and wife **Edna (Gillett)** '50 even find living among many Princeton grads quite stimulating and pleasant!

It took **John Jones** almost two years to recover from a bad auto accident in October '00, but now he plays golf "and life goes on!" **Mel Bennett** "suffered a stroke four years ago, but manages with a cane." He now has a great-grandchild. Life certainly does go on, doesn't it? **Stephen Profflet** had a quintuple heart bypass, but is recovering OK. **Bette McGrew** Benedict had a successful right knee replacement last March. She adds, "My surgeon is very tall and very handsome, but looks about 14." Take care, '49ers. Get all fixed up and return in June!

Early reunion notes (written end of September): 160 classmates or more (hopefully) will stay in Mews, a new air-conditioned dorm on North Campus; a panel discussion sponsored by '44 and '49 will be held on the 2004 National Election; souvenirs, of course; tennis tournament, as there are lots of courts nearby; milk punch party and more! Be there! ♦ **Mary Heisler** Allison, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159-9442; e-mail, ellenallison13@earthlink.net.

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It is 2004 already and that means Reunion 2005 is just around the corner. Make plans now to be in Ithaca in June next year. In continuing announcements of 50th anniversary celebrations, we add our congratulations to **Jean "Jay" Miller Weber** and husband **John** '49 of Rochester, NY. Their youngest son arranged a surprise for the anniversary. Among the guests were **Marge Maddy** Croop and husband Ray of Cincinnati, OH. We are always thrilled to hear about new marriages and the latest congratulations go to **William Yetter**, La Habra Heights, CA. After almost six years of being a widower, he was married last March to Rose Mary. He says, "It's wonderful to have a new start in life." We agree and wish you both the very best.

**Anita** "Skeeters" **Ades** Goldin writes that she and husband Albert were privileged to meet Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** '54 last winter



when the justice was presented with the prestigious Brandeis Medal given by the U. of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law. Following the program, Anita was able to chat with the justice and share that they were both Cornellians and also sorority sisters. **Earle Barber Jr.** (Philadelphia, PA) is active in the Science and Art Club of Germantown near Philadelphia. This past year's presidents were **Marion Steinmann** Joiner and husband Charles. It's nice to have these mini-reunions around the country between our five-year reunions.

We have a few classmates who have "almost" retired. **Elizabeth Alexander** Weis writes that she has moved to Osprey, FL, as of October '03. She will not be practicing law any longer, but will keep her license in North Carolina. She is considering changing careers. Not sure what that will be. In the meantime, she would like to hear from anyone in the Sarasota Cornell Alumni Chapter. She can be reached at [eweis@bell.south.net](mailto:eweis@bell.south.net). **John Peterson**, MD '54, now in Virginia Beach, VA, writes that he and wife Friede sold their ultrasound business (non-invasive vascular lab) to a large radiology group and moved to this new location. They are trying to decide if they like retirement. The retirees know that it won't be long before they will wonder how they had the time to work!

**Lawrence Greenapple**, JD '52 (New York, NY) says, "I am now counsel to my firm and work only on matters requested by clients of long standing. I am serving as a mediator on cases pending on the commercial division of the Supreme Court, NY county, and US District Court. I have a 90 percent record on cases assigned to me for mediation." Well, we would have expected as much from one of our own classmates! **Elder Wolfe** (Avon, OH) says he is still farming vegetables, but spends winters in McAllen, TX, and last year added a trip to Florida for an AGR fraternity meeting, followed by a cruise through the Panama Canal. In addition, he was in California and stopped to see classmate **Jean Krag**. **Chloe Gray Alexson** (Rochester, NY) retired from her practice in pediatric cardiology and is still doing some teaching and interviewing medical school applicants. She is also on the board of directors for STEP (Society for Total Emergency Programs).

Joining others in our class, **Peter Rowe** (Florence, MA) says, "In gratitude for laying a rich foundation for a lifetime of appreciation of the liberal arts, I have established, in my will, a Cornell undergraduate scholarship in the humanities."

Among those classmates not yet retired is **Manley Thaler**, LLB '53 (West Palm Beach, FL). He is practicing law with offices in Palm Beach and Boca Raton, specializing in estate and financial planning. He visits frequently with **Dave Gardner**, MBA '55, **Rodger Gibson**, **Hugh Flournoy**, all of Ponte Verde Beach, FL, and **Barrie Sommerfield** (Greenwich, CT). We are pleased to report that among the 2003 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Awards is our own **Sam Johnson** and his wife **Imogene (Powers)** '52 (Racine, WI). The award was presented at a banquet this past October. **John**

**Dixon Griswold** (Woodsville, NH) says, "I am healthy and enjoying life 'North of the Notches,' where the lifestyle is Live, Freeze, and be Happy."

In the travel category, **Richard**, MBA '51, and **Ursula Sennewald Myers** (Janesville, WI) enjoyed a wonderful trip to London and environs last May, with a return on the *QE2* to New York. How exciting to be on one of the last trips for this ship across the "pond." **Frank Greene** and wife Loli, who reside in Panama, visited Cornell last year to spend time with daughter Melinda Boyar on West Hill. He enjoyed seeing the new Snee Hall home of the Dept. of Geology, his undergraduate major, and said, "I was astounded by how the university continues to grow." Frank wants to start a Cornell Alumni Club where he resides in the Republic of Panama. Anyone interested? Let us know and we'll establish contact with Frank. **Bill Brockway** (Hagerstown, MD) is still playing baseball three or four times a year at Cooperstown, NY, Ft. Myers, FL, and Brooklyn. His goal is to play until he is 80! **Sue Woodward** Spence and husband Weden (Moreland Hills, OH) say they are still sailing their Tarten 27 on Lake Erie and skiing in northern Michigan.

You have by now received a new form for sending news of yourself to us. This is an idea we adapted from an earlier class that has found it very successful. Please fill out as much as you want and return it to us with comments about how you like it—or make suggestions for changes. We are eager to hear from you.

It is with great sadness we announce the loss of two classmates last July. We all remember the many devoted years **Mike McHugh** (Cincinnati, OH) gave to Cornell and to our class in particular. Some of Mike's contributions include serving as director of Adult University (CAU) and planning many wonderful courses for alumni during the summer and year-round in many locations. As our class reunion co-chairman, he planned outstanding weekends for us over the years. Due to his great interest in ornithology, he planned wonderful bird-watching trips after he retired from Cornell. We send our sympathy to his wife **Tucker (Marks)**, MA '72, and to their children. **Henry Chapman Kline**, Buffalo NY, was a WWII veteran and had an extensive career as an electrical engineer at Westinghouse and Grumman Corp. He served as a community volunteer, fund-raising as a fervent Cornellian. Our sympathy extends to his wife Juliet and their four daughters.

We very much enjoy your e-mails to us with news of yourself. In order that we don't mix your notes with our spam, please write "Cornell Class column" in the subject. We do not want to miss anything.

Please plan to join classmates at the Cornell Club in NYC on Jan. 24, '04 for our annual class dinner at 7:30 p.m. in the Library on the fourth floor. Come early for a cash bar from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Send a check payable to the Cornell Club, for \$60 each, to 6 East 44th St., New York, NY 10017 to the attention of Danielle Salera. Indicate your preference for an entree of salmon, filet mignon, vegetarian, or kosher, and note "Class of '50" on your check. ♦ **Ruth** "Midge"

**Downey Kreitz**, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, [rdk12@cornell.edu](mailto:rdk12@cornell.edu); **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, [phj4@cornell.edu](mailto:phj4@cornell.edu).

**51 William Zimmer**, Schenectady, NY, is a Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener and volunteers with the local fire company. In fact, he won the Schonowe Volunteer Fire Company Fireman of the Year award in 2001. He and wife **Elaine (Shannon)** '52 enjoyed a 12-day cruise on the Baltic Sea visiting Scandinavian capitals last May. **Ellis Glazier**, La Paz, Mexico, was stirred to write to *Chemical & Engineering News* in response to an April article about why students cheat. As a chemistry major and English teacher, he writes:

"There are a lot of reasons that students give when asked. Most of them are untrue and self-serving. The real reason they cheat is that their elders, in all sorts of ways and completely publicly, have taught them that it is okay to do so, especially if you don't get caught. And if you do get caught and do it in a big enough way, the results are only annoying, not serious. Society has lost its sense of ethics. I took my college training 55 years ago, and I did not find my labs dull or boring or not real world, nor was there any idea that we should cheat. Cheating certainly existed, but it was rare. From Del Carlo's research, it now seems to be common." Ellis retired to the tip of Baja California, but then, 13 years ago, began teaching a course on scientific writing in English, and editing papers written in English by non-native speakers. He has worked for two of the three research labs in La Paz and the university. He is presently teaching physics in English to high school students who are preparing to go to Tecnológico Monterrey, one of the premier universities in Mexico, where many of the courses are taught in English.

**Robert Giebitz**, Crossville, TN, having survived prostate cancer and quadruple bypass surgery in the past three years, decided to go back to work selling insurance and long-term care to seniors. This spring the family celebrated his mother's 100th birthday at the East Berne, NY, homestead. She received a citation from the NYS Legislature for her years of community service. **Al Ginty**, Orange, CA, traveled to Ireland with son Bill for a father-son golf tour. Three other father-son combinations made for two four-somes, "some wonderful competition on the great golf courses, and good fellowship at all times." He reports seeing **Pete (Charles F.) Cole** '50, PhD '57, at a Theta Xi reunion in Ithaca. Pete is retired as emeritus professor from OSU. They were in NROTC together.

**Art '50** and **Barbara** "Bobbie" **Kunz Buchholz**, Ocala, FL, were impressed with the indomitable spirit of the people of Eastern Europe on a memorable trip to Poland, the Czech Republic, and Hungary last year. Their grandson, **Brian Buchholz**, entered Cornell this year, becoming a fourth-generation Cornellian. **Sarah L. Thomas** has retired from teaching what's now called Human Ecology and is now a



fashion consultant and hostess of a small bed and breakfast in the Hamptons. She writes from Southampton, NY, "A bunch of us meet once a month with **Helen Vinski**, who makes world class cakes."

**Eleanor Steinholtz** Keats, Littleton, CO, published her second book of poems last May, *An Olive Tree Cycle*, with seven photographs by the author of the olive tree harvest in Tuscany. She signed books and read her poetry at The Tattered Cover bookstore in Denver in July, "one of the top few independent bookstores in the US." The book is available on Amazon.com, at The Tattered Cover, and from the publisher, Wayland Press, Indian Hills, CO. She also writes music reviews and travel articles. **Mary Diegert** attended an Adult University (CAU) program last summer entitled *The Way Bugs Work: Insects in Their Natural World*, led by Cole Gilbert and E. Richard Hoebecke.

**Sabra "Piper" Baker** Staley reports that she no longer gets to take visually-impaired high school students through the White House. During the 2002 summer, one of Sabra's former students from New Mexico, now an intern in Senator Bingaman's office, provided a tour of the Senate Office Building with guide dog Yuma. She rejoices in her 10th summer at a camp in the Shenandoah Valley where for two weeks she will be Bible teacher/Vesper leader/Camp grandma. A granddaughter will be junior counselor, and a great-granddaughter, a third-year camper. Piper says, "You can't beat camp food."

**Patience Cameron Wilson** Hoskins, Cleveland Heights, OH, reports that 11 classmates of the Cornell-New York Hospital School of Nursing celebrated their 52nd reunion at an Elderhostel on Low Country Traditions, including study of the Gullah language and of the origins of folk music. **Anna Mae Gallert** Van Doren (Camillus, NY), **Jean Dulin** Klierer '50 (Corvallis, OR), **Betty Benjamin** McClintock (Littleton, CO), **Mallie Haley** Nadworny (Bloomington, IN), **Elsie Svendsen** Schnorr (El Cajon, CA), **Susan Campbell** Hughes, **Ronnie Conway** Holm (Charlotte, NC), **Jo McCarty** Gyurko (Scottsdale, AZ), **Betty Feitner** (Denver, CO), **Eileen Elliot**, and **Vivian Gerhold** Dodds (Denver, CO), all met on the Isle of Palms, SC, last April.

The class Web page is [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1951). **Barry Nolin** writes, "Our site now has the listing of those of our class who have died, with a bit about each one. However, we are missing a lot of information and very possibly a bunch of corrections. I hope you and others can look at the listing and help make it more correct and complete—especially dates and circumstances of those who died before 1998." Send news to ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel. (740) 374-6715; e-mail, [bbond@ee.net](mailto:bbond@ee.net).

**52** Time. Today is Oct. 13, '03. What follows completes submissions dated from September '02 through July '03 and, space permitting, cleans out the old mail bag. In September, **Jan McCulloch Hoffman** wrote, "Nothing spectacular this year." This, despite her being our

## Criminal Engineer

ALFRED BLUMSTEIN '51, PHD '60

At twenty-three, Al Blumstein told the U.S. Chief of Naval Operations how to defend his fleet against Japanese attackers. At seventy-three, he advises Congress on how to fight violent crime in American cities. His weapon of choice? Math. For more than thirty years, the engineering physics major has used statistical analysis to identify the roots of crime—and what law enforcement agencies can do to prevent it. "My job is a mixture," he says. "It's about generating insight on what's going on and giving those insights to people who can do something about it."

After earning his doctorate in operations research, Blumstein worked in air traffic control. But he changed direction in the late Sixties, when American crime rates spiked and President Lyndon Johnson needed a solution. "He thought that if science could land a man on the Moon, it had to be able to solve the crime problem, too," says the New York City native. "Somehow, I got recruited to lead the national task force."

Blumstein has worked in the crime business ever since. Now a pro-



fessor of urban systems at Carnegie Mellon and director of the National Consortium on Violence Research since 1996, he has also advised the House Committee on the Judiciary. "The crime rate is likely to go up in the near future because of many factors," says Blumstein. "But it's not the violence that upsets me. It's the senseless, 'get tough' rhetoric politicians respond to it with."

— *Everett Hullverson '05*

class co-president and our last reunion's co-chair. Jan has cut down to four craft shows a year. Apart from that, she, who loves to garden, was to graduate from the master gardener program in November and was traveling to the Worcester Museum for art lessons. She and **Ed, ME '51**, continue to enjoy their 1780 house and woods in Ashford, CT.

**Robert S. Lamb II** and Patricia Ann live in Terre Haute, IN, where they "celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays with whoever comes to visit us in the extended family," which includes six grandchildren, ages 25 to 30. The Lambs bicycle local trails and go to ISU home football games. Bob set up a book-repair business in his basement after preservation and conservation training at Indiana U., Bloomington. The Lambs attend opera, concerts, plays, and Oscar-winning movies. Bob reads "metaphysical books." Their garden grows vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Bob also makes a pesto sauce with

garlic, olive oil, pine nuts, and basil leaves. Unfortunately, he did not send the recipe.

In October, **Bernard Schapiro** wrote that over Labor Day he and Jane had attended the bar mitzvah of Craig Schapiro, son of **Marc '79** and **Patricia Laxer Schapiro '77**. Their August CAU trip to Iceland and the Baltic found '52 well represented. Bernie's "career news": he is part-time senior research analyst at a Martinsville, NJ, investment firm owned by his son Ken. He also golfs, plays tennis, skis at Vail, travels, and raises funds for his community hospital. When he wrote, he was just back from a Truro, MA, reunion with **Irwin** and **Helen Sitkin**, **Colette** and **Marty Convisser '53**, and **Ellie** and **Ernie Friedlander '54**. **Elizabeth Ride-nour** Somers and husband Joseph live in Villanova, PA, except for three winter months. Libby lists six grandchildren ages 7 to 13. All are at good schools in their area. Re travel: Libby was anticipating "nothing special, maybe a trip



to the West Coast to visit friends." Leisure activities? Golf, bridge, gardening.

**Lillian Schneider** Innerfield Gerstman lives in Buffalo, NY. She is twice widowed. Lillian wrote, "No more babies and no more weddings at this time. Just high school graduations and college parent/grandparent weekends," three of which were spent at Pomona, Yale, and Brown. Lillian likes Elderhostels. Her favorites are hiking, especially in Arizona, and she planned a trip to the Copper Canyon in February. She volunteers for the Cultural Arts Festival and lists distance learning for Holocaust Resource Center. She exercises regularly and finds time to audit literature and history courses at SUNY and attend theater, locally and in New York City.

**John Newhard** wrote from Decatur, GA, that he and Eloise's two daughters were both married with families, which gave them five grandchildren, one girl, four boys, 2 to 15 years old. The Newhards took an annual summer family vacation to St. George Island, FL. In 2001 Jack and Eloise went to Europe, Paris, and London. In November, **Helen Icken** Safa reported that she had just returned from two great weeks in Mexico with her husband. She gave two lectures in Mexico City and one in Jalapa, after which they explored the Gulf Coast. She enjoyed our 50th Reunion. I certainly enjoyed her participation.

In February, **Richard Rosa**, PhD '56, reported that he and Mickey were still living in Polson, MT. Their children Katrina, R. Scott, and Cynthia have given them Sharon, Caile, Erin, Kristen, and Richard. Dick was consulting on MagnetoHydroDynamics (MHD) and had attended the AIAA/MHD conference in Maui. He listed travel to various Utah parks, including this year's to Zion to hike and climb, along with skiing, sailing, and hiking as leisure activities. A program that bespeaks good health. **Bruce Warner**, BArch '52, who may have paid his dues twice last year, wrote again in March to report that "nothing has changed worth noting since the last news." He and Eugenia are still in Charlotte, NC. Two dues, two mentions. Seems only fair.

A June report from **Judith Calhoun** Schurman found her and **Peter** living in New Canaan, CT, with two winter weeks in California, and two summer ones in Maine. They celebrated their 50th anniversary last June. Three children produced eight grandchildren, three boys and five girls, ages 30 to 7. Their granddaughter, who just completed her freshman year at Cornell, pledged Grandma's sorority. Peter and Judy were in France last October and should be in South Africa as I write this October. "We are both too busy. We keep saying we need to retire from retirement." Peter works for SCORE, is a Presbyterian elder, and consults for his old companies. Judy is a deacon and sings in their choir. She also volunteers and is on the board at the New Canaan Community Center. Apart from that they see friends, read, fight over who uses the computer next, play bridge, and attend bridge classes.

Alas, not enough room for the report received July 30. First next time. The Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) is meeting at the end of January. Combined class dinner at the Cornell

Club-New York on Saturday, January 24. Y'all come. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

**53** Old Foreign Service hand **Bill Marsh** was back in the chair of the head of the US delegation to the General Assembly of the UN during Jacques Chirac's reply to President Bush on opening day of its annual meeting and subsequently last fall. It was Bill's sixth year as advisor on European Affairs to the delegation. "It makes for great fun," he says—working on a US resolution to ban human cloning, for instance. That involved contact with the Holy See, and Bill said he would try to obtain a general absolution for Cornell '53.

**Erwin Geiger**, MBA '54, and wife Marcia stopped off in Bali on the way to relatives in Australia. It was "charming and peaceful," he says, "a tropical tourist paradise—open and relaxed (our hotel's lobby and dining areas had only a roof, no walls)—before extremists (who) could not stand to see this oasis of peace and enjoyment had to bring terror and destruction to this lovely paradise." **Jim Hudson**, DVM '60, retired nearly a decade, doesn't travel. "We love it right here at home" in Newcastle, ME. The Hudsons, whose three kids and families are all nearby, are "still very busy having fun, fishing, boating, swimming, skiing, and walking our dog."

**Dick Cliggott**, **Todd Kolb**, **Jack McCarthy**, and **Gene Renzi** walked Schoellkopf once more with a happy few, a diminishing band of brothers, for the annual reunion of Lefty James's magnificent 1948-52 Big Red teams in October. There were droll tales, a dash of nostalgia, and the continuing pleasure of each other's company. **Gerry Grady** (Ponte Verde Beach, FL), a walk-on at the Kite Hill tailgates on opening day of the football year, had been sprung to join the 50th high school reunion of **Jack McCormick** '57 in Binghamton and to negotiate arrangements for the CU '54 Reunion milk punch, June 10-13.

**Henry Stein**, having flunked retirement, became deputy secretary of the Clinton, CT, Volunteer Fire Dept. and an emergency medical technician, besides recording secretary for the Clinton Open Space Committee. But Hank has managed trips to China, Australia/New Zealand, and Scandinavia. **Dave Wagner** (Jacksonville, FL) has given up after 42 years of trying to "talk to" sick chickens and switched to selling hot water heaters at Sears part-time. He says he's "daydreaming about retiring." After selling his home to the ambassador from, lately the premier of, the Island of South Lucia, **Joe Alfredo** (Greenwich, CT, and Highland Beach, FL) has been leading seniors to golf tournaments in Manchester, VT, and Naples, FL, and catching actor son Albert on "Sex and the City" and "Sopranos."

Living alone "in almost retirement," **Marguerite Goetke** Larsen (Middletown, NJ) says she's trying to learn how to communicate and learn from the computers (it ain't always easy) and is to be found as frequently as possible at Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Opera. As

a single parent, says Peg, she gave her all to her three children. With her more abundant free time she's able to read, travel around Germany, Holland, Belgium, and England, "look at but not work in my garden," and meditate on her busy past as a practitioner of internal medicine, then psychiatry, through three marriages. **Ruth Christoff Landon** (Indianapolis, IN) plans to keep on working as long as it's fun at the early childhood center of which she's director. It's connected with Ball State U. The oldest of her 12 grandchildren graduated from high school this year and the youngest is deep into kindergarten. Ruth's oldest daughter, Barb, earned her PhD in psychology this year. It's always a mighty pleasure to see Chris and **Bill** '52 at '53 events. **Lois Hoyer Jaggard** (Chillicothe, OH) and husband **Art** '51 have son Art Jr., an Oxford PhD, at Harvard on a Merrill Fellowship this year. Granddaughter **Katie Priaux** is Cornell '06. Lois is lately retired from the pottery business.

**Nancy Ralph** Balbus knows what to do when there's a retired husband around the house (her Ted was a radiologist). She is still a full-time kitchen designer in Elkins Park, PA, but there's time for golf, travel, reading, and family events ("always and many"). **Fay Bissell** Hession (Marshfield, MA), retired aide to the town manager of Duxbury, has put her leisure time to good use, with trips to Kuala Lumpur, Taipei, Beijing, and Istanbul to visit family. She has eight grandlings scattered around New England and the rest of the world. **Judy Karkus** Allen and husband Will repeated their commitment to one another at their daughter's Vermont home for their 50th anniversary. Will and a son-in-law are licensed pilots, and a grandson who's a junior in high school is likewise air-minded. Family flights can be spontaneous. Cooking, says Judy, is "still my number one hobby." The Rev. **Jeanne Herron** Linderman continues as a priest associate in Wilmington, DE, and was working on a doctor of ministry degree at Lancaster Seminary last spring.

Curiosity springs eternal among us and Adult University (CAU) nurtures it. Ask **Jim Lansing**, who went back to Ithaca this summer for Mideast studies with CAU; **Barbara Mestel** Schaeffer, who took courses on great American trials of the 20th century; **Bill Bellamy**, MBA '58, JD '59, who looked into the gorgeous gorges of the Finger Lakes; and **Judy Resnik** Chabon (antiques and antiquing). CAU took **Richard Klein** and **Recie Miller** Scott to Sicily, **Jay Brett** to the core of the Big Apple for a spring theater weekend, and **Lynn Rosenthal** Minton to a raft on the white waters of the Green River at Dinosaur National Monument, UT.

A regret: **Caroline Mulford** Owens, elected class secretary at Reunion, has been overlooked among listees, not by design. She is (you read it here) a very, very good one. And **Jim Blackwood** undertakes the new post of membership chairman. You will be treating him right and doing yourself a favor when you come up with class dues and magazine subscription. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.



**54** Mark your calendars and join us for a gala dinner Saturday evening January 24, at the Cornell Club of New York. We are anticipating a great turnout as we continue the countdown to our 50th in June. Your reunion committee will be there and available to answer questions, take your suggestions, and take note of your offers to help with our big one. Details on the dinner will be posted to our website, along with updates on reunion activities.

Associate Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** was the honored guest speaker at the inauguration of **Jeffrey Sean Lehman '77** as Cornell's 11th president last October 16. Justice Ginsburg spoke of the many ways the university has continually sought to provide opportunities for all students to seek a Cornell education. Other class members known to be there celebrating the inauguration were **Lou Schaefer** Dailey, **Bob Levitan**, Dave, PhD '60, and **Mary Gentry Call**, **Jane Shanklin** Warter, **Polly Hospital** Flansburgh, **Bob Kennedy**, Lew Stone, BS '57, **Lucy Fein** Saunders, and **Jack Vail**.

**Ken Hershey**, reunion co-chair, would like to remind you of how lovely Upstate New York truly is in June. You will be able to stroll the campus (with map in hand, of course), hear Frank Rhodes once again, see the Plantation gardens in full bloom, visit the new Ornithology Lab, and stay in a brand new dorm with elevators, climate control, and windows that open with a view. Off campus you can visit one of the 73 award-winning wineries or just wander through the picturesque Finger Lakes landscape. The committee has laid on great food, sing-alongs with **Bob Benzinger**, Dixieland Bands, milk punch, and much, much more as you return to "Tread the Hill Again."

The mail bag gets very slim at this time of year, but your class officers and reunion committee members have come through with news of their activities and some of the reasons they keep returning to Cornell. Lew Stone, our class treasurer, said the approach of our 50th reminds him of the large role Cornell has played in his life, especially after graduation. He and wife **Joan (Steiner) '55**, have done just about everything any alum could do for the university. They have served as Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) members, fund-raisers, class officers, members of Cornell Council, and parents of two Cornell graduates. Lew says each time he returns to the Hill he feels the years just slip away. I think those thoughts are with us all each time we walk those well-worn paths, absorb the familiar odors of classrooms and dormitories, or gaze out over the hills at dusk as chimes ring out the "Evening Song."

In August, Lou and **Bob Dailey '53** took a ten-day cruise aboard the *Stad Amsterdam*, a 250-foot clipper ship built in 2000 by the City of Amsterdam. She participated in the Cutty Sark Tall Ships Races with young sailors aboard, racing from Poland to Turku, Finland. In Turku, the youths got off and 25 adults got on, all from the Netherlands, except for Bob, Lou, and an American journalist. They did not race but had a wonderful cruise from Finland to St. Peters-

burg, Russia, where they spent two days touring the city. They then sailed on to Riga, Latvia, which they found to be a fascinating city: walker-friendly, clean, and beautiful.

While the Daileys were sailing Tall Ships in the Baltic, your correspondent was quietly standing, binoculars and camera at the ready, in the bow of a small, 60-person vessel as it plowed its way through the inland passage north of Juneau, AK. I was taking my granddaughter on her 12th birthday adventure, one I trust she will remember fondly. The trip was a family affair sponsored by the Audubon Society of Massachusetts and the National Zoo. It was fabulous. Sixty birders and outdoor people of like mind. Loved the state, the birds, the whales, the sea life, the group, the rain, and the wind. We were at sea for a week on a ship that could meander the bays, coves, and fjords with ease. We stopped for all wildlife that was of interest and kayaked among icebergs filled with harbor seals. I'd recommend it to all outdoor families.

Jack Vail, who was present at the inauguration, wrote of the beautiful fall day and all the memories that came flooding back as he toured the campus. He wrote of the many changes going on and the delightful surprises that await those who have not been back in awhile. He spent a weekend last fall with **Warren "Breck" Breckenridge** and a group from '55 that included **Bin Pettit**, **Bob Jones**, **John Davidge**, LLB '58, **Bud Rose**, JD '60, and **Jim Brackbill**. Both Jack and Breck will not only be back in June but will recruit others to return with them. Do come back and share the magic. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website: [www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1954).

**55** Take note, classmates: the calendar says 2004, and that means our big 50th Reunion in June 2005 isn't far away! In fact, several of your class officers, including reunion co-chairs **Phil Harvey** and **Dick Estey**, MBA '60, met during Homecoming Weekend last October to discuss plans for this very special event. From the reports coming in from classmates near and far, it sounds as though many of you already have your suitcases ready to pack. I know I do!

So, on to the news. **Rosamund Wobber** Wendt, BS '61, is officially retired from her position as assoc. prof. of biology at the Community College of Philadelphia, but continues teaching a section of biology and advising students interested in health careers. **Sally Stephens Logan** writes that she and **Frank '54**, MBA '55, are relocating from the Boston area and "finally heading for a warmer climate"—Virginia Beach, VA, within easy visiting distance of their eldest son and five grandchildren, who live in the Tidewater area. **Rae Pullen** Alexakos suggests that any classmates wondering where to retire should consider Quechee Lakes, VT. "We have a lot of Cornellians here, and so many wonderful activities (golf, canoeing, hikes, tennis, skiing) that I feel like I'm in camp!" Rae and Leo's three children surprised them with a wonderful weekend visit—without spouses or grandchildren. "It was

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- Golf/tennis/hiking/biking
- Barbecue at the Plantations
- Dinner/dance at Barton
- Music all weekend with Johnny Russo
- Wine tour/lunch/tasting at Sheldrake Winery
- Sing-along with Bob Benzinger '54
- Sunday brunch at the new Appel Commons
- Sage Chapel concert & campus tours

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and always returning..."**



the first time the five of us were alone together in 21 years!"

At the time we heard from **Donald Demske**, he was devoting his time to landscape painting, growing the best tomatoes east of the Mississippi, building sets for a theater group, and praying the Washington Redskins win the title. **Paul Sammelwitz** and wife Diane enjoyed an Elderhostel trip to Rome and found it "fantastic to experience the structures from the B.C.

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era." Like other classmates, Paul feels there are "not a lot of positive things" happening in the world. "Bush's war," he says, "is not a good thing for anybody." **Emilyn Larkin** Jakes would agree: "There's really not much to cheer about." On the other hand, **Joe Silverman** says he's glad that the US military ("my old gang") has "just made the world a little safer." **Frank Filkins**, who's retired and has just made the move to Carolina "low country," is gratified to see the US is "getting tough on terror." **Cherie Woodcock Mitchell** expresses hope that the Kurds may at least have representation in their new government. You may remember that the Mitchells met in Iraq, and Cherie helped set up a girls' school there in 1956.

Hotelier **James Heiman** has just received his finance doctorate, is currently finishing his condo development in Tarpon Springs, and reports, "My family and business are doing well." **Leonard Hittner** is still working part-time, but also serves as treasurer and board member of the USS *Intrepid* Assn. of Former Crew Members. The *Intrepid* was Len's first ship and he takes visitors on tours of the ship, now a museum in New York City. Reunion? "Ann and I hope to be there," says Len. **Olga Bruun** Staneslow retired from teaching seven years ago and has taken some trips since then: to the Greek Islands, to Israel to visit her daughter, and most recently, by car to Canada, camping in Nova Scotia's national parks.

**John Wertis** splits his time between running his Boer goat livestock operation and serving as head superintendent of Grove Cemetery in Trumansburg. John welcomed his eighth grandchild this year, which was cause for celebration, but his comment on the world situation was "Yuk!" **Dan Begin**, BS '59, adds that "world events have taken the joy out of travel." **Avra Friedman Metzger** says she's "pursuing useful pleasures," such as her new home in Northern California that brings her nearer to family, ushering at concerts and plays, and Sonoma County bicycling.

**Myrna Stalberg** Lippman spends her time with freelance book reviewing, tennis, golf, vol-

unteering, and traveling. **John**, LLB '58, and **Jean Davidge** cruised the Po Valley with other Cornellians, including **Rob** and **Peggy Stotz**. But travel honors have to go to **Nancy Taft Whitman**, who's visited all seven continents ("yes, including Antarctica"). Nancy went to Hawaii, England, India, and Nepal in 2002, Japan in 2003, and this year South Africa and Ireland. **Herb** and **Pat McCormick Hoehing** live in Sylvania, OH, where Herb works part-time with

the Sylvania Community Improvement Corp. "Retirement is fun!" he adds. "I'd like to do it a few more times or until I get it right."

**Rex Boda** says he's "happy and content in my first years of busy retirement." **Arthur Yelon**, professor at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal, declares he's "too young to retire," especially with grants in place through 2007. Artist and gardener **Jana Mason** retired from her position as a professor of educational psychology, and has now turned her attention to creating an "edible landscape" in the backyard—a mini-farm of fruit trees, shrubs, berries, and a vegetable plot. **Joan Fellerman Hartz** says that life in her hometown (New York City) has a more tentative feeling these days, but that they are "surviving, in the best New York sense."

**Al Fountain** lives an interesting life. He's a real estate consultant ("day job") and shows horses in his off-hours. **Linda Mandelbaum** Caigan works part-time in the complementary care department of White Plains Hospital Center as coordinator of mental imagery. **Don Buckner** and wife **Kathy** visited **Phil**, PhD '74, and **Sally Alkon** out in Las Cruces, NM. They enjoyed some local sightseeing, as well as "serious reminiscing of precious days on the Hill, and the loss of two '55 icons, **Lenny Oniskey** and **Dick Schaap**." The Alkons are planning to be here for our 50th Reunion and, according to a recent note, so are **David Montague** and wife **Nancy**. Dave has a part-time systems engineering and management consulting practice in Menlo Park, CA, plus a lake house in New Hampshire to keep him busy. The Montagues traveled to Spain and Portugal for three weeks and also took a cruise down the St. Lawrence, followed by a 10-day drive through the Maritime Provinces.

**Pat** and **Connie Salm Conlon** continue rehabbing their old house in Lansing, "but I don't think I will ever get it done," admits Pat. The Conlons stay in touch with what's going on at Cornell via their son, daughter, and daughter-in-law, who are all working for the university. Pat attended a memorial service for his old wrestling coach, Jimmy Miller, a while ago, and

enjoyed seeing many of his old wrestling buddies, "many of whom had lost their wrestling muscles." Since 1960, **Dave**, MRP '61, and **Allison Hopkins Sheffield** '56 have vacationed at Lake Mooselookmeguntic, ME (near Rangely), and are now building a house there. Dave also volunteers on the building committee of his church in Wellesley, MA, and found himself on site a lot as "clerk of the works" during recent construction. In his spare time, Dave taught himself to weave Nantucket Lightship baskets. As many classmates have found, it's never too late to learn a fun new skill!

Here's good news for you Florida snowbirds! In March, **Jay Hyman**, DVM '57, is inviting 80 of us to visit his house, aviary, and garden in Del Ray. Also this spring, **Jeffrey Lehman** '77, our new president, will be visiting several Florida destinations. To make sure that notices of these events are mailed to your Florida address, e-mail **Barbara Loreto Peltz** (blp24@cornell.edu). ♦ **Nancy Savage Petrie**, 6 Inkberry St., East Hampton, NY 11937; e-mail, nsm55@juno.com.

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**Richard Sklar** has left his homes in San Francisco and Napa for an indeterminate time to move to Little Rock, AR, to run the campaign of General Wesley Clark. He and wife **Barbara** are just settling in to their new city. Dick has worked with General Clark before and obviously has the highest regard for him, so he jumped when the general asked him and **Eli Segal** to help him. Sklar thought he was through moving, but if you know Dick, he is a person who cannot sit still, especially for a cause he believes in. You can e-mail him at rsklarsf@aol.com.

A sad note from **Don Koch** '53 that his wife and our classmate **Barbara (Bloom)** passed away last September 4. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and will be missed.

It was nice hearing from **Edward "Van" Cunningham**, LLB '62, who not only is a trustee of Cornell, but was just named a director of the Metropolitan Opera. He spent reunion this past June with **Gerry Grady** and his crazy group of the Class of '53. Van is still practicing law and serves as trustee on many testamentary trusts. He lives in Poughkeepsie, NY.

A bunch of us attended the inauguration of President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 on October 16, followed by Trustee/Council Weekend. It was a very impressive affair, with Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** '54 addressing the gathering before the investiture of President Lehman. Attending from our class (at least the ones I saw) were **Nonnie** and **Jerry Tarr**, **Ernie Stern**, **Phyllis Bosworth**, **George** and **Judy Cohen** Lowry, **Keith Johnson**, **Lorrie** and **Mike Nadler**, BS '58, and **Gail** and **Steve Kittenplan**. The weather and the program were super, but the football game left a lot to be desired as we lost to Georgetown—yes, Georgetown. When will this agony end?

A last note from this news-shortened column. We missed our dear friends **Curt** and **Pamela Reis**. Curt was recovering from minor surgery, and I am happy to report to all his friends that he is back in fighting shape as of



this writing.

If you haven't already done so, please send in news with your class dues. Phyllis and I need your help. ♦ **Steve Kittenplan**, 1165 Park Ave., NYC 10128; e-mail, catplan@aol.com.

**57** When the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post* err in a report, the correction appears the next day. Alas, I had to wait four months to set the record straight. **Sam Bookbinder** did indeed play in the Alumni Baseball Game at Reunion and was injured in the process. A hit to the knee resulted in many sessions at the Rothman Inst. of Orthopedics in Philadelphia. And to add insult to injury, Sam's wife Connie was hit by a foul ball while sitting in the dugout. It only took her four weeks to get better.

By now you have received your class dues letter from **Bob Watts**, which included a news form. I hope you'll take time to fill in some tidbits and send them on to me. **Marcia Wishengrad-Metzger**, JD '60, returned hers and told of her trip with Bob earlier this year on a canal cruise in the Netherlands and Belgium. She also wrote that had she not been in the Arts college, her choice would have been Hotel, as she enjoys giving formal parties (as well as theme parties). Preparing ethnic foods is also one of Marcia's interests.

**Ben and Sandy Lindberg Bole** were in the middle of the chestnut harvest last fall with an orchard that produces wonderful nuts. Their customers are the upscale grocers in the Sherwood area just south of Portland, OR. Children and friends came in shifts to help, which made the exhausting days more fun. The Boles' business has been featured on Martha Stewart (pre-Imclone), in an AP article, and on local television. Sandy and Ben welcomed grandchild number eight, another Benjamin, last March in San Francisco.

Among those attending their 50th high school reunions were **Sue Shelby** Schurmeier at Syracuse Central High School, **Martie Ballard** Lacy at Solvay High, and **Ruthe "Skip" Hewlett** Gorman at Farmingdale High. Ruth flew in from Huntington Beach, CA, where she is working for a real estate construction firm. **Adele Petrillo** Smart and **Jean Waters** Townsend went back to Buffalo Seminary for their 50th. Jean and husband Charlie, along with **Alice Brunner**, visited the Waters' son Bill in the country of Georgia. He works for BP, which is building a pipeline from the Caspian Sea to the Mediterranean. The group also made a side trip to Armenia.

**Flower Clark MacMillen** and husband **Glenn '54** began their fall migration to Florida last October. Now that they have a new granddaughter near Kansas City, the route between New York and Florida seems to go via Missouri. They are still living full-time in their motorhome and enjoying every minute of it. In May they hosted a family reunion and 95th birthday party for Flower's mother in Upstate New York. Flower also attended her 50th high school reunion at Pulaski High. The MacMillens celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary while attending a Clan MacMillen gathering in NYC, and were at Ground Zero for a memorial serv-

ice when the big northeast blackout hit. Quite an experience, writes Flower.

**Eleanor Meaker** Kraft, LLB '60, will be heading back to Cornell in June for the law school class reunion. Ellie continues practicing law, doing indigent appeals in the San Francisco area. Her 22-year-old daughter is in her second year of college. (Ellie wonders if it's taking longer these days than when we were young!)

Classmates continue to participate in Adult University (CAU) activities both on and off campus. This past summer **Jarmila Neuman** Kovell was improving her game at the Golf Clinic, **Bob '55**, MBA '57, and **Vanne Shelley Cowie** brushed up on their landscape drawing and alabaster carving, and **Sue Hitz** Magnuson was learning about great American Trials. **Joanne Clark** Nelson was at the Personal Fitness Clinic, while **Debby LeCraw** Grandin enjoyed the Gorgeous Gorges. **Joyce Edgar** Schickler spent a week at a Wyoming dude ranch, **Eva Stern** Steadman opted for Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks, and **Rita Feldman** Cohen saw four theater productions at the Shaw Festival. Ron and **Helen Kuver** Kramer also attended the festival. Earlier in the year the Kramers visited Sicily on the CAU town and country walking tour. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave. #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail, JCReuss@aol.com.

**Ephraim McLean** has spent over 40 years in the field of Information Systems—with Procter & Gamble for seven years before an 18-year tenure on the faculty of the Anderson School of Management at UCLA, and since 1987 in the University System of Georgia, at Georgia State. The highest honor in that domain was recently bestowed on Dr. McLean, that of Regents Professor, a title held by less than one percent of faculty members in the Georgia System. For those who think they suffer from writer's cramp, be it known that Eph has published over 125 papers, and authored, co-authored, or co-edited ten books. One of his books, *Information Technology for Management*, is in its third edition and is the second largest selling Information Systems textbook in the world. In addition, over the years he has raised more than \$33 million for Georgia State, UCLA, and the International Conference on Information Systems, which he had a major role in founding. He sounds like a natural to put the Class of '57/Kinkely Room project over the top. Speaking of that project, **Phil McIndoo**, one of our classmates who has done such a superb job in bringing us within striking distance of our \$250,000 goal, informs me that he and Erica have "committed" marriage.

Always good to hear from **Gil Riley**, who informs me that RileyFest '03 was held in Maine last August, attracting 20 grandchildren and assorted children and parents. Gil also mentioned that he attended a ritual attended by many of us in the last year, his 50th high school reunion. Anybody getting within shouting distance of Wilton, ME, is welcome at the Rileys'.

**Bob Watts** represented our class at the inauguration of **Jeffrey Lehman '77** as Cornell's 11th president, reporting that it was both festive and

respectful of the traditions of the university. He marched along in the procession with **Art Boland**, MD '61, who represented Harvard.

I had the pleasure once again to experience the wonderful hospitality of **Rod and Liz Beckwith**, when my recent meanderings took me through Charlottesville, VA. They are proud grandparents and superlative hosts. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, Suitcase2@aol.com.

**58** My last column was all about our reunion and what a wonderful time we all had. One never knows what may happen at such an event. For example, **Marjan Schneider** Carasik and **Garrison Holt Davidson Jr.** met there for the first time and were married in September! Marjan was a widow and a retired social worker. Gary had just retired as an accountant in the Los Angeles offices of Iron Mountain Record Management, which stores business, legal, and banking records. And now they're newly married—another happy outcome to such a fine time.

**Lew Futterman**, a successful NYC apartment developer through the '70s and '80s, is back in business again. This time he is associated with another Cornellian, Trustee **Joe Holland '78**, MA '79, one of our last all-Americans and a former NYS Housing Commission chairman. They are building Harlem's first large luxury condo development, which should have broken ground by last fall. **Phil Getter** is the president of DAMG Capital. With some friends and colleagues, he started a new investment bank, and he says all is going well. **Art Shostak** had his 24th book published, an edited collection of 47 new essays entitled *Viable Utopian Ideas: Shaping a Better World*. He is now editing three books on the Iraq war for use in high schools.

**Bill Endter** spent most of last year traveling the Caribbean and diving. He visited St. Maartens, the Cayman Islands, Aruba, Curaçao, and Cozumel. The last few months, however, he has been limited by two knee replacements. His wife Jeanne broke her heel, ankle, and leg bone thinking she could still climb ladders and clean gutters. Guess we aren't as young as we used to be! **Peter Klem** has retired and is working on a philosophical treatise. He stays in touch with classmates **Nat Donson** and **Art Pfeiffer** and Art's wife **Susi (Gruen) '59**, all of whom he says are doing well.

**Marilyn Winters** Boger had a wonderful trip last year to Fairbanks, AK, with 25 other Habitat for Humanity volunteers. There was time off for fun at the nearby North Pole, where they ate, slept, and played together in a high school gym, enjoyed a Midnight Sun 10K walk/run, and toured Denali National Park. Last year at this time she was training to bicycle across the US from San Diego to St. Augustine! I received a wonderful note from **Judy Philipson** Warsh. Her daughter Alexandra Steele is a meteorologist on the Weather Channel from 7 to 10 a.m. She was also on the season finale of "Friends." Judy, I watched her—6 a.m. my time, but she's great! What fun to have a television



celebrity daughter! **Ken Pollard** built a new, year-round home on Cayuga Lake, and is really enjoying it. He was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Springfield Shriners Hospital for children. He had served as an associate member for three years.

I am now devoid of news for the column, so please fellow classmates, send NEWS! ♦ **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.

**59** Class Co-President **Marian Fay** Levitt reported with delight that more than 60 class members helped inaugurate the Class of '59 Scholarship endowment, pledging almost \$45,000 toward the moneys needed to fully endow and establish the scholarship. Marian deserves our thanks and kudos, for she single-handedly jump-started the project by telephoning classmates. "It was great!" she enthused. "Everyone was so pleased that our class is undertaking this project, which will allow Cornell to each year provide a student with financial assistance."

It is hoped that all '59ers will support the endowment with generous gifts—all of which count toward our 45th Reunion gift. The endowment is a wonderful legacy from our class to Cornell and to the Cornellians we will touch in perpetuity. And yes, we'll know who these youngsters of upcoming generations will be. Over the years our class presidents will get reports on the student recipients, which we plan to share with everyone in this column.

Reunion festivities kick off on the evening of Friday, January 23, with a class dinner at the Cornell Club, 6 East 44th St., NYC. All classmates, spouses, and friends are invited to participate in an evening of fun, food, and socializing. Hosted by Reunion Chairs **Gwen Woodson** Frazee and **Fred Harwood**, the dinner coincides with the annual meeting of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO), so many of your class officers expect to attend. The cost of the dinner is \$58 per person. All RSVPs must be received by Marian Levitt no later than January 15. For more information, contact Marian at (212) 633-1214.

Classmates who participated in Adult Uni-

versity (CAU) this past spring and summer included **Lucy Tuve Comly**, **Ed Grossman**, **Alan Rosenthal**, **Sam Schoninger**, **Phil Yarnell**, and **Judy Cook** Gordon. Judy has enjoyed CAU trips to Mongolia and Iran since retiring from the semiconductor unit of Lucent Technologies, where she handled the firm's worldwide customer satisfaction research.

"Looking forward to our 45th Reunion," says **Ken Riskind**. He and wife Judy are retired, living six months in Tucson, AZ, and six months in Steamboat Springs, CO. They have four children and four grandchildren. "Between golf, hunting, fishing, and travel there is never a dull moment!" says Ken. **Pearl Woody** Karrer and husband Henry of Palo Alto, CA, celebrated their 40th anniversary with a two-month trip to Australia, seeing wildlife and enjoying great seafood, wines, and hosts. Pearl has retired from microbiology, but teaches piano and exhibits her monotypes and mixed media art in juried shows. She is also a listed poet in *Poets and Writers* and an editor for the *California State Poetry Quarterly*. She and Henry have two children and three grandchildren.

**Alan Schechter** of Bethesda, MD, has spent 38 years doing medical research at the National Institutes of Health. "My research has evolved from very basic molecular biology to more clinical studies related to the treatment of sickle cell anemia. With each year the work gets more exciting!" he writes. Alan's wife Geraldine works in a related field, doing clinical hematology at the Washington Veterans Hospital. They have two married children and two grandchildren. Now with eight grandchildren are **Jim '54** and **Marjorie Holeton Weaver** of Naples, FL. Among their recent travels was a trip to China. The trip began in Hong Kong and continued with a Yangtze River cruise that ended in Beijing, where they boarded a Crystal Cruise that went to Dalian and Shanghai and on to several port cities in Japan. Also visiting China were Gerald and **Joan Travis** Pittel of Boynton Beach, FL. They spent a month visiting major cities, cruising on the Yangtze, shopping in Hong Kong, and then seeing Bangkok.

**Naomi Meltzer** Rubin of Gladwyne, PA, now has 13 grandchildren. Naomi, an artist who works in all mediums, enters juried shows and is on the boards of the Art League and the Main Line Art Center. Recent travels have included workshops in France, Santa Fe, Pennsylvania, and Arizona. Renee and **Stanley Blau** of New York City celebrated their 43rd anniversary. Stan is retired and enjoying their three children and eight grandchildren, all of whom live in the New York suburbs. He writes that in addition to being active in city life, he and Renee spend their summers in East Hampton, NY, enjoying tennis, biking, and the ocean, as well as the cultural activities they support.

**Ed and Beth Streisfeld Tavlin '62** of Delray Beach, FL, also have their grandkids, which number seven, living nearby. "We get plenty of time to spoil them!" writes Ed. Beth continues to work as a CPA, but Ed is loving retirement. Dentist **Carl Resnick** of Lincolnwood, IL, is now working only part-time, which gives him more

time with his eight grandchildren, all of whom live within 20 minutes of Carl's home. "Mostly retired" is how **Nancy Justin** Dalrymple of Bloomington, IN, describes herself. An autism educator, she continues to consult at the U. of Louisville and with school systems. In 2002, Nancy made her first trip to China with her daughter to adopt her first granddaughter. She returned to China in March 2003 to tour and to attend an autism conference and meet families of children with autism. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** Classmates in the New York area, and those from elsewhere who want to join in, are invited to an exciting event, a new Broadway show, *Never Gonna Dance*, produced by Jay Harris. The event is planned for Friday, January 23, and **Gale Jackson** is making the arrangements for tickets and a pre-theater supper. For details about locations and prices, contact her at gale.jackson3@verizon.net. Hope to see many of you there!

**Logan Cheek** had an adventure when he visited Peru in March and April and trekked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, which he says was "a spectacular experience. I must have set a record for the oldest gringo to do it," he adds, though he'd be interested to know if any Cornellians of the "over-age-64 ilk" have hiked the trail. Logan's one regret is that lack of time and warnings about danger in the vicinity prevented him from visiting Hacienda Vicos, where Sociology professor Alan Holmberg and other Cornell faculty undertook a land reform project during the years we were undergraduates. If any classmate is thinking of trekking in Peru, Logan will be happy to share his notes and contacts; e-mail at him at lmc42@cornell.edu.

**Dick**, MBA '62, and **Susan Jobs Thatcher** sent word from Gwynedd Valley, PA: "We recently did a great Italian trip—wine country, Lake Como, Venice—with our good friends Peggy and **Charlie Streeter '61**." When not traveling, Dick serves as managing director of Investment Banking at Investor Inc., where he focuses on capital raising and mergers and acquisitions for emerging growth technology companies, and Sue continues to be involved in church and charity activities, along with "grandmothering" the Thatchers' six grandchildren. **Patty Mahool** Thayer writes from Kew Gardens, NJ, that she is an Extension educator in Workforce Development at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in New York City. She develops programs, she says, "for youth who are out of school, dislocated workers, and those striving to get off welfare," as part of an "educational initiative to grow food industry businesses and create a trained workforce" for those businesses.

**Jack Sarfatti** sent word from San Francisco that he published two books in 2002, *Destiny Matrix* and *Space-Time and Beyond II*, and is a producer for National Music Theater Networks, which is overseen by **Tim Jerome '65**. Not surprisingly, Jack's Web page describes him as a "theatrical physicist." After receiving his PhD in

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physics from the U. of California, he taught for four years at San Diego State, followed by stints at the U. of London and the International Centre of Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy. Jack subsequently left academic physics, co-founded the Physics-Consciousness Research Group, and served as president of the Internet Science Education Project. Busy with his yacht chartering business in Merritt Island, FL, **Don McNair** notes that he is also "enjoying the Florida sunshine and finding time for golf," as well as sailing. He and wife Kim are home-schooling their 12-year-old son.

**Don Frei** writes from Cincinnati that he has plans to "retire from the law firm where I have been practicing patent and trademark law for 37 years and will move to Incline Village, NV (Lake Tahoe), where Cindy and I have a home. We expect to do much hiking, biking, skiing, and tennis. We have been spending ten weeks a year there since 1995, and love the area." In Nevada, the Freis will also be much closer to their children and grandchildren in San Francisco, Sausalito, San Diego, Salt Lake City, and Denver. Let us know when you make the move, Don.

Also announcing plans to retire is **Brian Finger** of Damascus, MD, who points out that his wife Joan "retired in October 2002 and is enjoying herself." Brian projects a departure date of January 2004. **Dave Dresser** retired in May 2003 after spending 35 years in higher education, "most of them," he says, "as a dean at Eisenhower and Ithaca colleges." He and Judy plan to continue living on Cayuga Lake in Ovid, and he invites classmates to "come and see us." He can be reached at ddresser@ithaca.edu.

**Diane Dietz** Broadhurst sent along the sad news that in January 2002 her husband Ron died, just six months after they moved to the farm they had spent several years restoring in Adamstown, MD. "I hope to remain here," says Diane. "So far I've coped with drought, a three-day power outage, snow, and ice." On a happier note, early in 2003 Diane's new granddaughter Valerie was born, joining her sister and two cousins.

The Class of 1960 and the Ackley family suffered a terrible loss when **Ken Ackley**, ME '66, our energetic and very competent Reunion Chair, Class Council member, and Webmaster died of cancer on Oct. 7, '03. The organizer of our 35th and 40th Reunions, Ken was working on plans for our 45th when the cancer he had been battling for several years reappeared in the summer of 2003. When Ken received the Frank Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award in 1999, the accompanying news release praised the "vital role" that Ken played for Cornell as both "volunteer leader and classroom teacher." During his long and successful career as CEO of Innovation Packaging Inc., Ken found time to participate regularly in the manufacturing seminar course in the College of Engineering, and after he stepped down from his industry leadership post, he became a full-time senior lecturer in the School of Chemical Engineering.

Along with organizing reunions, creating the class Web page, and serving as a class officer, Ken was also a member of the University Council and closely involved in fund-raising efforts

for the undergraduate computing laboratory and the College of Engineering. He served, too, as president of the Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Rochester. Ken is survived by son David of Rochester, daughter Jennifer Bobalik of Cologne, Germany, and his wife Miriam of Pittsford, NY. A memorial service for Ken was held on October 25, during Homecoming Weekend. In the words of **Carrie Warnow** Makover, who has posted a tribute to Ken on our class website, [www.alumni.cornell.edu/org/classes/1960/kenackley.htm](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/org/classes/1960/kenackley.htm), "We will all remember Ken for his devotion and dedication to his family, our class, and the university." Send news to ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** **Larry Bortles** attended the 35th reunion of his Harvard Business School class in October. Based in the Philippines, Larry also took advantage of his visit to the US to enjoy a fall vacation in Vermont. The webtech company he started in the Philippines, Amphil Tech Inc., has carved out a niche specializing in the development of custom Web-hosted applications that are making the Web such a rich resource for companies. For mostly US clients, Amphil writes "open source applications" running on reliable US-based Linux Web servers. These include Supply Chain, Purchase Order, Process Flow, and Client Relations Management applications.

**Marv Amstey** and wife **Freddie (Herrmann)** '62 were reunited with his AEPi fraternity brother **Charlie Arkin** after not having any contact with each other in nearly 25 years. Charlie and Marv dropped out of Cornell in 1960 after completing their junior year to attend different medical schools. He thought at the time that "another year of fun and games at CU didn't seem worth it then: probably a mistake; the last year would have been great." Marv is working part-time as an ob/gyn after being made professor emeritus at the U. of Rochester in 2000. Last year, he was part of the CDC's Working Group on the use of smallpox vaccine, a current hot topic that keeps him traveling and lecturing. Marv writes that none of it is as much fun for him and Freddie as their four grandchildren.

**Jon Greenleaf** arbitrates disputes between Ford and its dealers on the one side, and consumers on the other as a member of Ford's L.A. Arbitration Panel. It's "fascinating" work, according to Jon. Following the sale of their home in Pinehurst, NC, he and Barbara are living in Santa Barbara full-time. He continues to serve on the board of the Music Academy of the West, while Barbara is on the Board of Trustees of Jewish Federation. Both Greenleafs continue to work on their golf games. It appears that Barbara is rapidly advancing her game, leading Jon in the hole-in-one department two to none. As always, Jon and Barbara are involved with family: daughter Cat, an on-air reporter for RNN-TV in NYC, married Michael Rey, an assistant producer for "60 Minutes II." Three-year-old Megan, belonging to their other daughter, is "a wonderful, happy, verbal, gorgeous terror!" Like

many others, the Greenleafs are finding grandparenting to be a lot easier than parenting, and much more fun.

As the chief lawyer for Holocaust victims and their survivors, **Burt Neuborne** announced an agreement with the Swiss banks that will give investigators limited access to 4.1 million Nazi-era accounts that had been shielded by bank secrecy laws. The agreement will be important in returning lost deposits to victims as part of the implementation of a \$1.25 billion settlement with the banks reached in 1998.

**Bob Lurcott**, MRP '68, notes that our class may have set records in terms of service and contributions to Cornell. With so many significant alumni offices in the hands of classmates, he may very well be right. Bob also remembers the wonderfully enjoyable mini-reunion class members had in Carefree, AZ, in 2000.

An overcast Saturday in October set the mood for a tour of one of the world's foremost collections of medieval art at the Cloisters Museum in Upper Manhattan. The tour attracted 19 classmates and 12 guests. Following the tour, the group dined at a nearby cafe set atop the cliffs overlooking the Hudson River. Attending were: Kerstin and **Garry Codrington**, **Ed Goldman** and wife Judith Riven, Elizabeth and **Gerrit White**, **Marshall** and **Rosanna Romanelli** **Frank**, **Mike**, PhD '66, and **Linda Goldfarb** **Roberts** '62, **Peggy Thomas** and her guest **Allen Kelley**, **Barbara Byrd Wecker** '62, **Carol Gittlin** **Franklin**, **Debbi Robbins** **Wolf**, **Ellie Browner** **Greco**, **David Kessler**, **Bobbi Horowitz**, **Neila Cruickshank** **Werner**, **Lew**, MD '65, and **Anne Klein** **Rothman**, **Ray** and **Judy Gubman** **Goldfaden**, **Peter Engel** and his wife, **Peter Greenberg** and wife **Elke**, **Steve Geffen** '60 and wife **Susan**, **Larry Hoard** and wife **Patti**, and **Gary** and **Marilyn Schur** **Hellinger** '63.

**Mike Roberts** is in what appears to be the decisive final stages of a multinational, intergovernmental negotiation to proceed with ITER, a large-scale fusion energy research facility (see [www.iter.org](http://www.iter.org)). The project began more than 17 years ago at the time of the 1985 US-USSR Geneva Summit. ITER has been Mike's focus for most of this time. He leads the US delegation at the working level, supporting the policy level negotiations. According to Mike, this activity is distracting him from his real work, which includes gardening, photography, writing, and traveling. During the past several years, Mike has traveled to Antarctica, China, and the Galapagos.

Attendees at last summer's Adult University (CAU) programs included: **Gerald Fleming** (Green River Rafting Expedition), **Peter Gemeinhardt**, MS '64 (Web Page Design), **Sam Greenblatt**, MD '66 (Moments & Lapses in Architecture), **Carol Keon** (Personal Essay Writing Workshop), **Jack Neafsey**, MBA '63 (The Western Front, WWI), **Lew** and **Anne Rothman** (Town & Country Walking Tour of Sicily), **Jane Sessler** (Wall Street 2003), **Richard Snyder** (Italian Cookery), and **Irene Su So** (The Middle East Struggles).

Happy New Year to all class members and their families! ♦ **David S. Kessler**, [dsk15@cornell.edu](mailto:dsk15@cornell.edu).



**62** Happy new year! Third-generation Cornellian **Roger Neel '02** is the son of **H. Bryan Neel III** and grandson of **May Bjornsson '34**.

**Bryan (neel.bryan@mayo.edu)** noted that a highlight of Cornell for him was the Glee Club, and he was pleased to report that the group recently performed in Minnesota, led by Tom Sokol. "He is as vibrant as ever!" Bryan has completed two terms on the U. of Minn. Board of Regents.

We mentioned in our last column that **Helen Rabinowitz Anbinder (HMAnbinder@aol.com)** was considering retirement. She writes, "I'm about to take the big plunge. After 14 years as director of Inter-Village Continuing Education, I am retiring. Husband **Paul '60** and I love to travel and will now be freer to be away on longer trips and to travel on the spur of the moment. We are going to southern Italy in October and will be celebrating our 40th anniversary in February on a cruise to the Panama Canal and southern Caribbean (including Aruba, where we spent our honeymoon)."

**Dr. Terry Baker (reteyedoc@aol.com)** reports, "It's been three years since I retired and I've never been busier." Lynne and Terry spend most of the year at their Lake Tahoe home, skiing all winter and golfing and boating in the summer. They have enjoyed travel in their RV: the first trip was a three-month journey from California to Newfoundland. Another retiree is pediatrician **Marion Balsam (mjbalsam@aol.com)**, who retired from the US Navy Medical Corps as a rear admiral. Marion spent 20 years in the Navy and initially moved to London, but has returned stateside to Bethesda, MD, to be closer to her four children and three grandchildren. She is involved with issues of children and terrorism, is studying photography, and would like to hear from classmates in the DC area.

After retiring from Exxon after 35 years, **David Hill (dhh1@cornell.edu)** began studies in physics at Rutgers and received his BS in May. His plan is to work at Rutgers part-time, with Cornellian **Robert Bartynski '80**. David and Judy's son **Doug '99** lives near their home in Basking Ridge. The Hills enjoyed a visit with Bill and **Evelyn Spieske Dufur** at the men's ECAC hockey tournament in Albany, and again for the Cornell-Columbia game. The e-mail address says it all for **Karen Palmer Anderson**. Karen and Einar (7continents@earthlink.net) are admittedly "travel junkies" who visited all seven continents by 1991 and are "in hot pursuit" of their second 100 countries. The Palmers visited **Duke** and **Patty Padgitt Wellington** in their Venice, FL, home last year. Home base for the Palmers is Morgan Hill, CA. Wedding bells rang for Morgan Colyer, daughter of Robert and **Lynne Williams Colyer**, in San Diego last August 30.

**Bob '59** and I were delighted to be parents of the bride on that same day on the other side of the country. Daughter Valerie was married in Alexandria, VA, to Navy Capt. Charles Fowler III (aka Chip). Her brothers and their wives and all five grandchildren were wedding participants, including an impromptu 3-year-old "flower boy" who decided that his flower girl sister needed someone to walk down the aisle with

her! We were thrilled that **John '60** and **Helen Zesch Ward**, Bob and **Karin Nielsen McNamara**, Ben and **Sandy Lindberg Bole**, both '57, **Don '61** and **Gay Heppes**, and **David Heber '96** were able to be there to celebrate with us!

**Hotelie Rudy Muenster (rwmconsult@aol.com)** continues to serve Cornell as chairman of international programs for the University Council. He is past president of the Cornell Hotel Society and is a hotel consultant based in Berlin. Rudy's wife Annelie is a painter working in oils in both their Berlin and Berchtesgaden homes. Grandson Jeremias is fluent in French and German. ♦ **Jan McClayton Crites**, 2779 Dellwood Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 9034-6721; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

**63** Fall is setting in all over the country at an early pace, and by the time you read this it will be winter. How time flies at this time in our lives!

**Ed Butler**, MS '65, is our new class president. Ed is now retired after a career with Bell Labs/Lucent Technologies. He and wife **Nancy (Taylor) '64** are parents of three and grandparents of two. Ed has been deeply involved in Cornell alumni activities, including 22 years with the Alumni Admission Ambassador Network (CAAAN) as area chair, local Cornell Club board (currently co-president), and Cornell Council, where he chaired the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee. Ed's enthusiasm is catching and I think he will do a wonderful job as class president. He wanted us to know that our class made a reunion gift of \$15,000 to the Cornell Council on the Arts/Distinguished Artist Program. He is advertising the class officers/council meeting on the weekend of January 23, 2004 as part of the Assn. of Class Officers (CACO) annual meeting in New York. If any of you want to get involved, information is on the CACO website, [www.caco.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.caco.alumni.cornell.edu).

According to a press release, **Martin Dollinger**, LLB '66, a partner in the Woodbridge office of Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith, Ravin, Davis, and Himmel LLP, has been ranked among the top attorneys in real estate in New Jersey, as listed in Chambers USA, a guide based on research in over 20 areas of commercial law. **Barbara Zinsmeister White** writes from New Falmouth, MA, that she and **William '61** sold their business, the Sjolholm Inn in West Falmouth on Cape Cod, at the end of 2001. Barbara is currently working for Museum Enterprise Partners, the entity that runs the gift shops for the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She and William bought a two-family dwelling in the area. **Evelyn Chadwick** is retired and living in Ft. Lee, NJ. Her twin 27-year-old children, Chad and Nicole, were both married this past summer. **Bob Ulrich** is a busy man. He attended the Final Four in New Orleans in March and skied in British Columbia last winter. He enjoys coin collecting, pistol club, ski club, and serving on area boards, as well as music history classes at Juilliard that get him into NYC on a regular basis. Daughter **Corey '93** is married to Dr. **Mark Sprague '93** and they have two children. Bob's

son Spencer recently graduated as a physical therapist and lives in NYC.

**Susan Meyers**, M Ed '67, lives in Mt. Kisco, NY, where she was a public school teacher until 1995. She spends her time sightseeing, combined with bridge tournaments, in interesting cities. **Sharon Klig** Krackov had some interesting trips to Copenhagen and southern Sweden. The visits included work and pleasure. Sharon also has a 1-year-old granddaughter! **Carmine Lanciani**, PhD '68, retired from the U. of Florida in Gainesville in June. He and wife Grace moved to their "retirement home" on a golf course. Rather than golf, they spend time bird-watching. They travel to Amelia Island and have summer vacations in Sanibel Island. They also take an annual fly-fishing trip and family visit to Leominster, MA. There are two grandchildren.

**Albert and Marilyn Epstein Berger '65** have been married for 38 years and live and work in Seattle. Albert has been on the faculty of the U. of Washington School of Medicine—the number one NIH-funded public medical school in the country—for 25 years as professor of physiology and biophysics. He runs a research lab focused on neural control of breathing. He has also joined the medical school administration as Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education. Albert and Marilyn have one grown son who is a Harvard graduate working for Microsoft. **Kenneth '62** and **Carole Nelson Beal** moved to Frederick, MD, in January. Carole retired from the Monroe County (NY) Health Dept. as water quality planner. The last two years they have visited Asia, but moving took over for vacation in 2003. Their son **Doug '89** is a financial consultant for international companies in Hong Kong; daughter **Patricia '91** is a pediatrician, and **David '95** received his PhD from MIT in June. Kenneth and Carole have had several visits with **Seth and Dorothy Hall Ross** in Newark, DE.

**J. Roger and Barbara Allen** Guilfoyle live in Ridgefield, CT, where both of them continue to work full-time—they enjoy their careers and have no interest in retiring. Barbara is assistant administrator for Patient and Family Support Services at Calvary Hospital. A lot of news came from **Mari Bingham** Wesche. She and husband Rolf live in Ottawa. Mari is still teaching at the U. of Ottawa, the oldest and largest bilingual university in North America. She took a year off to build their house on a lake north of Ottawa where loons not motorboats are prevalent. Mari's mother celebrated her 100th birthday in Florida last year. Son Stefan, an avid percussionist and music student and snowboarder, entertained. Mari and Rolf visited England last year to see their daughter Sonia, who completed her master's at Imperial College in environmental management. During the same visit, they visited **Jose Ochoa '64**, MBA '67, and his family at their heritage rural home in Sussex, England.

That's it for this column. Don't forget that you can always e-mail me! ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 42 Campus Ct., Racine, WI 53402; e-mail, [icke@execpc.com](mailto:icke@execpc.com).



**64** This is it! Our 45th Reunion year! So let's begin with a formal invitation from our Reunion Co-chairs **Don McCarthy, Susan Mair Holden, and Barbara Lutz Brim:**

"You are all invited to our 40th REUNION this June 10-13. We are well under way in planning a fun, exciting, and interesting reunion. It will feature a Rock & Roll party, a class forum, fabulous meals at beautiful campus locations including the Plantations, a reading group, hikes—just to name a few. Cornell will also provide its usual extensive program of events, speakers, flora, athletic activities, and affinity group receptions. We will also remember the classmates who are no longer with us. The chance to visit Cornell and with each other, and to enjoy what Cornell has to offer, comes to us once every five years. We hope to see as many of you as can make it next June. GO BIG RED!"

So start making plans. Between now and then, I'll keep you up-to-date on classmate news. Let's begin with three classmates who are recent honors recipients. **Virginia Bottone** Burggraf, a nursing professor at Radford U., Radford, VA, was selected for fellowship in the American Academy of Nursing, one of the highest honors in the profession. She will be inducted at the Academy's annual meeting in San Diego this month. A criterion for Academy membership is recognition by one's peers of outstanding contributions to nursing. Ginger is the Marcella J. Griggs Endowed Chair in Gerontological Nursing at RU. She also was a senior policy analyst, grant writer, and program coordinator for the American Nurses Foundation, is widely published, and serves on the editorial review boards of the *Journal of Gerontological Nursing* and *Geriatric Nursing*. In Radford, she is active in local community groups and writes a column, "Senior News," for the local newspaper. She also has received grants for the RU gerontological nursing program.

**Ronald Aungie**, BEP '65, ME AESP '66, manager of advanced technology at Elliott Turbomachinery Co. Inc., has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Int'l. The Fellow grade is conferred upon members with at least 10 years' active engineering practice who have made significant contributions to the field. Ron lives in Greensburg, PA. **Carl Bender**, a physics professor at Washington U. in St. Louis, MO, was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to spend a year's sabbatical at Imperial College in London, England. Carl's sabbatical is also supported by an Engineering and Physical Science Research Council grant from the UK. Wife **Jessie (Waldbaum)** retired from being a speech/language therapist in time for the year abroad.

**Charles Robinowitz**, a long-time resident of Portland, OR, where he is a trial lawyer specializing in serious injury and death claims, as well as consumer fraud claims, reports spending a day last April with **Mike** and **Fran Friedman** and **George Yankwitt**, LLB '67, and wife, who were en route to San Francisco from Seattle, where they attended the wedding of **Randy Odza**, LLB '67's son. Last May while attending

his 35th law school reunion at U. of Virginia, Charles spent an afternoon with **Bill** and **Lindsay Freedman**. Bill is a cardiologist in Charlottesville. Charles, who is still running despite a related injury requiring surgery last spring, and wife **Selene** have two sons, one in college and the other in high school. **Paul Lyon** writes from his home in St. Augustin, Quebec, that he was invited to France in October 2002 to sing in the Cathedral de Blois. Then last winter and spring he participated in nine major concerts. Paul still works as an independent translator ("a fun job") and is still married to wife Louise ("luckily for me").

**Alice Anderson** Rapasky writes that she may come to reunion and would love to be in Riskey again, but that her husband "would revolt" against staying in a dorm, so she's shopping for a hotel. Alice also wants to know if any Tri-Delts will attend. **Peter Jessel**, MS EE '66, reports that theirs is currently a "three Cornell" family, with son **Matt** in grad school (civil engineering), daughter **Rebecca** in A&S (pre-med), and himself teaching in the Electrical Engineering department! Peter and wife **Rhonda** live in Scarsdale, NY. **Warren Bowman**, ME '66, sends no news but notes he's a market development manager. He and wife **Arlene** live in Wilmington, DE. Avid marathoner **Norbert Roihl**, a radiologist at Martin Memorial Medical Ctr. in Stuart, FL, won the third place divisional trophy in the Tampa Bay Marathon early last year. He and wife **Janis** live in Palm City, FL, from where they journey to their second home in Cambridge, MA, as often as they can to visit their son and daughter who both live in New England.

**Toby Kleban** Levine continues to consult for various educational organizations and public television producers from her and husband **Andy's** retirement home in Stockbridge, MA. Toby is still heavily involved in the PCCW (President's Council of Cornell Women) and is working to start a Cornell Club of the Berkshires. She reports that its first event was held in August 2002 at **Tom '63**, **MBA '64**, and **Nancy Williams Clark '62**, M Ed '64's "fabulous" sheep farm in Old Chatham, NY, an event that drew 177 people. Toby was planning a reprise for last August, but I have not heard whether it occurred. She also reports that daughter **Amy '92** is working for Bright Horizons Family Solutions, which is owned by **Linda Mason '76**.

Hope to see you at reunion! Meanwhile, don't forget our website: <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail: [blamont@tribune.com](mailto:blamont@tribune.com).

**65** Classmate news is a wonderful mix of children and grandchildren, career changes, achievements, and retirements. **Judith Rosuck** Fox, head of Princeton Day School since 2001, married Dr. David Loomar this past June. The happy couple vacationed in Sicily and enjoyed a honeymoon in Alaska. Judy's daughter **Lisa** presented her with granddaughter **Julia**, moments after power was restored following the infamous August 2003 blackout. What timing!

Still trying to write the "great American novel" is **Julianna Ricci** of Derby, NY. Though semi-retired, she teaches writing to incoming frosh at Canisius College in Buffalo. Spare time sees Julianna subbing at a local high school teaching Latin I and II, being an art gallery docent, volunteering at Graycliff, a Frank Lloyd Wright house, and traveling. Her last two trips were to Paris last October and Budapest in May.

**Susan Lehrer** Jones tells of son **Morgan** graduating from Middlebury College in 2002 and now working for the NBA in NYC, while son **Cooper** is a junior at the Potomac School in Virginia. **Evie Brandon** Schechter and husband **Stuart** sent news of their daughters. Younger daughter **Rachel '03** graduated from Cornell last May, and older daughter **Kate** graduated from Cardozo Law School in June. Kate was married in Palm Beach in December 2002. Classmate **Natalie Teich** attended and shared in the festivities. Wedding bells also sounded in **Meri Klorman** Schreiber's family. All three sons married within one year. Son **Michael** is CTO for United Way of America, son **Matthew** is a doctor in rural Georgia, and son **Jeremy** is a marketing analyst for Citibank. Meri teaches an elementary school multiage class in Massachusetts.

The Arts and Sciences newsletter reports a new book from **John E. Conklin**, *Why Crime Rates Fell*. He is also the author of other books on crime and criminology. After six years as a dean, **Faye Duchin** was on sabbatical this year and has been a visiting professor at Yale, Tufts, and the U. of Vienna. She returns this fall to being a professor of economics. Her research is about sustainable economic development, household lifestyles, and international trade. Faye's most recent book is called *Structural Economics: Measuring Change in Technology, Lifestyles, and the Environment*.

**Bruce Bennett**, professor of English at Ohlone College in California, celebrated his father's 90th birthday last year in Camarillo, CA. Dad (**Alfred Bennett '33**) is also a Cornell alum. Bruce spends leisure time hiking with wife **Ellen**, writing poetry, cycling, and enjoying classical music. Leaving the world of photography to get a master's in teaching for K-8 is **Bradley Olman**. Brad's daughter **Emily** is going into high school this year and son **Charley** is 9. I had some fun

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attending what will be commonplace for us all—a 60th birthday party! Husband **Stephen Rogow '63** and I enjoyed the festivities at **Marcia Goldschlager Epstein '64's** milestone. Other Cornellians present were **Michael Wachter '64** and **Len '89** and **Amy Epstein Feldman '91**.

**Brad**, BA '67, and **Phyllis Friedman Perkins** keep busy with family and career interests. Brad has a monthly commute to China, where he has an interesting mix of ongoing architectural projects. He has written and coauthored three architectural texts during the last three years. Phyllis has been teaching cooking. Daughter **Rachel '92** is married and a conservator at the Smithsonian, daughter **Judith** is married and teaches school, and daughter **Rebecca** is a special effects makeup artist. Two major interests these days keep **William Hill** busy. He helped start the California Lichen Society and is now president. His other interest is "alternative archives," which he initially attempted as the "Library for Social and Technological Alternatives." This has evolved to mostly an archive on gay and lesbian periodicals collected over the last 30 years. Bill is seeking to donate these to other archives around the country. He previously worked as an electronics technician in the development of new products.

**Peter Bloom** is the Chairman/CEO of the Connecticut Surgical Group. He is also a Professor of Clinical Surgery at the U. of Conn. Medical School. His daughter **Stephanie** does neurosciences research at U. of Pennsylvania, and son **David** is an architect in Washington, DC. Relaxation for Peter includes travel, gardening, and furniture-making. Relaxation for **Charles Bucknam** includes boating, canoeing, and biking. He is president of the Lyndonville Savings Bank and vice chairman of the Caledonia County Republican Committee. He and wife **Deborah** still call Walden, VT, home. The 2002 Clinician of the Year at the Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth U. was

bie volunteered for several organizations, teaching and tutoring two mornings a week at a school for orphans run by Maiti Nepal. On their way home, they golfed in Thailand and hiked in Hong Kong. Keep sending us news! Send to: ♦ **Joan Elstein Rogow**, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel., (908) 782-7028; **Dennis Norfleet**, 3187 State Rt. 48, Oswego, NY 13126; tel., (315) 342-0457; e-mail, dpn5@cornell.edu; and **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI 48322; tel., (248)788-3397; e-mail, rsh28@cornell.edu.

**66** **Ron Goldstock** (Larchmont, NY) writes that **Richard Katz**, MD '70, celebrated the wedding of his daughter **Jordan** in San Diego the first week of August. Attending were **Dick's** Cornell roommates **Mike Levy**, **Dave Rempell '67**, and **Ron**. Also there were **Stu Oremland '68**, MBA '71, and **Marty Schwartz**, ME '67, and wife **Roberta (Bernstein) '68**. **Ron** and **Mike** took the opportunity to play the **Torrey Pines** golf course. **Ron** and wife **Judi Friedman** then went north to **Napa**, where he hung out with **Roger Hayes '65** and wife **Sophia Liang**, then on to an ABA meeting in **San Francisco**, where he had drinks with **Hawaii's Richard Turbin** and wife **Rai St. Chu**.

Congrats to **Judy Kurtz** Polcer and husband **Ed** (Princeton '58), step-daughter **Karen**, and son-in-law **Nick**, who all completed the NYC Marathon. Their motto is, "Without a pack of the pack there is no front of the pack." **Judy** is still working in marketing at **Malcolm Pierre Environmental Engineers** and is currently back in school completing a certificate program for teaching English as a Second Language. When not running, working, or studying, **Judy** finds time to travel with **Ed's** jazz band and spent three weeks in Europe last summer at **Ascona Jazz Festival** in Switzerland and traveling in Europe.

**Judy Burke Stephenson** writes from West-

**Sprinkle**, DVM '69, and **Fred Kaiser**. **Bill** is very active in the Cornell Football Assn. **Lee Lindquist** writes from **Coeur d'Alene, ID**, that he and **Joan (Buchsbaum) '68** are proud grandparents again. Daughter **Kristin Lindquist Wallace '92** gave birth to her second son, **Luke Robert**, on Sept. 13, '02. They spent last Christmas in **Boise** with son **Kevin**, MBA '99, and **Rochelle Spandorf Buchsbaum '73**. **Lee** says his medical practice continues to grow. He also says they live in such a glorious place of supreme beauty that they haven't had the urge for too much travel lately. They can be reached at (208) 699-7498 for any classmates passing through. **Bruce Mansdorf**, living in beautiful **Pacific Palisades, CA**, sent a quick note that he recently visited daughter **Lucy '06**, and sends a big thank you to **Alice Katz Berglas** for taking **Lucy** to dinner on **Trustee/Council Weekend**.

We heard interesting news from **Kenneth Dormer**, MS, PhD, FAHA, who writes that he co-invented an implantable middle ear hearing device for sensorineural hearing loss suffered by 19 million Americans, many of whom are probably in the classes of the '60s at our alma mater. He co-founded **SoundTec Inc.**, and 500 devices have already been implanted with FDA approval. He and wife **Karen (Kyne)** live in **Edmond, OK**. Congrats to **Bobbie** and **Bill Kilberg**, who had grandchild number one when daughter **Sarah** and husband **Scott** gave birth to little **William Jackson ("Jack")** on Oct. 27, '02. **Jack** was named for **Bill's** dad, who had passed away a few months earlier. **Karen Schmidt Johnson** writes from sunny **Phoenix**, where many of us might like to retire, that she and husband **Norman '67** are now living in the same state as both their daughters. **Karen** is politically active in the **Arizona League of Conservative Voters**, **League of Women Voters**, and swim club. She also got a master's in teaching English as a Second Language at **ASU**. She is now taking a post-master's class in educational language policy.

Some quick flashes! **Carla Meisel Schwartz** informed us that she and **Stephen**, MBA '67, have two granddaughters, **Nell**, 3, and **Maddy**, 4. "We spend half of the year at **Addison Reserve** with a lot of our friends, and the rest of the year in **Connecticut** and traveling. The two granddaughters are the most wonderful part of our lives." **Ken Hamlet** invites any Cornellians in the **San Diego** area to call (858) 737-0200, although he and **Carolyn** do a lot of traveling—biking in **Italy**, **Hawaii**, **Napa**, and the **UK**, and lots of trips to **NYC**. **Stuart Peterfreund** is still teaching and is graduate director of the English department at **Northeastern** in **Boston**. He runs the **De Bois Program**, structured to help inner-city adults attend college. ♦ **Bill Blockton**, rbsfabrics@aol.com; **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com; and **John Miers**, John\_Miers@nih.gov.

**67** **Anne Nosworthy Fischer** (Morganton, NC; nfischer1@msn.com) "traveled to **Egypt** to anchor feminine energy on the planet after 9/11, and also went to **Finland** and **Norway** as a participant in the **International Federation of Home Economics Council**, also an

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awarded to **Robert Leshner**, MD '69. He and wife **Debbie** will spend the academic year of 2003-04 in **Seattle**. **Bob** plans to learn more about molecular genetic strategies for his research on childhood muscular dystrophies and also update his knowledge on the neurobiology of autism. They will spend time with their grandchildren as well.

Grandchildren galore for class president **David Roitman** and wife **Linda (Lomazoff) '66**. His three newest grandchildren are a grandson from son **Brian '90** and wife **Sonia (Lees) '90**, and twins from son **Mitchell '92** and wife **Jamie**. Making the move to **NYC** in the fall from **Seattle** are **Debbie Dash Winn** and husband **Richard**. Daughter **Allison** was married in **March '02**, and son **Randy** married last **January**. The **Winns** spent three months in **Nepal**. **Deb-**

**wood**, MA, that she continues to teach appellate advocacy at **Boston College Law School**. While husband **Scott** served as president of **Common Cause** in **Washington**, **Judy** commuted and enjoyed seeing classmates **Linda Bernstein Miller** and **Mike** and **Paula Haimila Levy '67**. **Judy's** three daughters all live in **San Francisco**: **Tenley** is a lawyer, **Cameron** just graduated from the U. of Michigan with an MBA/MSW, and **Annie** manages a clothing boutique in **Presidio Heights**. **Judy** went to **Cuba** for several weeks in **April** to study architecture and hopes to visit **Ann Weigel** in **London** this year.

**Bill Wilson** (St. Michaels, MD) wrote to inform us there was a terrific gathering of Cornell football players of the '60s at last year's Homecoming game against **Yale**. Some of our classmates attending were **Marty Sponaugle**, **Ted**



NGO of the UN." Anne reports that **Kathy Koklas** Rohlf's moved back to Charlotte, NC, after many years in Texas and is now a grandmother of five. Kathy's youngest daughter, **Kristin '00**, was in grad school getting her MMH in Hotel Administration.

**Rick Weisman**, PhD '73, reports from Bethlehem, PA (rnw1@Lehigh.edu). "I'm still associate dean of engineering at Lehigh and recruiting students away from Cornell when I can!" **Jeffrey Chesky** (Springfield, IL; chesky.jeffrey@uis.edu) has been appointed a "senior scholar in aging studies" at the U. of Illinois, which sounds like the right field to "go senior" in. **Robert Morse**, Washington, DC, reports that his son **Alan** graduated from Cornell in '02 and is a deckhand on the schooner *Sultana*. "I could not make reunion because my daughter Danielle was graduating from MIT. She is currently a grad student in meteorology at Florida State U. I continue to teach physics at St. Albans School and to organize workshops for teachers in the DC area."

Class president **Margie Greenberg** Smith (mgsmith13@aol.com) reports on her two Cornell progeny. Son **Brian '95** (MBA Fordham '00) is working in Florida for PRS Group; and daughter **Robin '96** (JD Georgetown '99) is working in New York for the Sonnenschein, Nash & Rosenthal law firm. Margie adds a big thank you to everyone who helped in the planning of our 40th Reunion and to everyone who attended.

Sad note from **Jane Borin** Grayson (Shelburne, VT; rgrayson@adelphia.net): "Our daughter Sara graduated from Brandeis U. in 2000. One year later, at the age of 23, she became mentally ill and died of suicide." **Sharon Argus Paschos** (Dortmund, Germany; paschosfam@gmx.net) writes that husband **Emmanuel, PhD '67**, was inducted into the elite Athenian Academy of Science and was a visiting professor at the Japanese High Energy Physics Laboratory in Tsukuba, near Tokyo.

**Jeff Benjamin** (New City, NY; jeff.benjamin@group.novartis.com) is vice president and general counsel of Novartis Corp., also serving as ethics and compliance officer. Last year he joined the Advisory Board of the Brennan Center for Justice, "promoting human dignity via legal services in the areas of democracy, criminal justice, and poverty." Daughter **Lily '00** received her master's in the clinical psychology PhD program at Albany, where she has been a presidential fellow; son Ross graduated this year from Vassar. Wife Betsy is a psychotherapist in private practice who also does volunteer counseling. "Too bad work interferes with vacations," writes **Phil Scheff**, MEE '68 (Sherman Oaks, CA), who with wife Jan spent several weeks in Turkey, Egypt, and Israel. His daughter Stefanie is at U. of Sydney in veterinary medicine, and son Scott received a master's in the "human factor of engineering."

This column comes to you from Pristina, Kosovo, where I'm engaged for a few weeks in organizing a project for the next few years to help design a workable justice sector and court system for this province once the UN pulls out, whenever that may be. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**,

2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

**68** Greetings! **Jim Keen**, PhD '76, has been named Dean of the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies at Thomas Jefferson U. in Philadelphia. Jim is a professor of microbiology and immunology at Jefferson Medical College and director of the school's Cancer Center. A note from Adult University (CAU) reports that **Henry and Ellen Schaum Korn**, **David Maisel**, and **Merry Runsdorf Mendelson** and husband **George '67** attended programs at CAU during the past year.

**David Yesner**, BA '71, and wife Kristine Crossen live in Chugiak, AK, and are both professors at the U. of Alaska, Anchorage. David, Kris, and their son Dan, 9, continue to undertake research projects in Alaska and the Russian Far East. Kris was a participant in a recent reenactment of an 1899 expedition to Alaska sponsored by Smith College. David has continued his archaeological research studying the early sea mammal hunters of the Russian Far East. Dan attends local schools. David also serves as president of the Cornell Club of Alaska.

**Elizabeth Cadbury** and her husband Arthur Borrer live in Canada, not far from Montreal. Elizabeth is a professor at a French school and sings every Sunday. She has a daughter studying communications at Concordia U. in Montreal. Art is a retired professor of biology and ornithology at the U. of New Hampshire. In addition to their home in Canada, they have a colonial farmhouse in Pittsfield, NH, and divide their time between the two residences. **Sue Selton Benjamin** was "New Mexico State Teacher of the Year" in 2002. Her picture was taken with the President in the Oval Office, and she attended an international space camp with the other state Teachers of the Year and a group of international representatives. Sue reports, "It was a blast."

**John Gross**, JD '71, is an attorney in Comack, NY, and has been appointed treasurer of the New York State Free Press/Fair Trial Conference. John is also a member of the New York State Bar Assn. Executive Committee, which is the governing body of the association. **Joe and Judie Allen Moore** live in Lake Forest, IL. Joe is a retired tax partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers. **Vera Kubie** Balluff and husband Robert live in Granite Bay, CA. Vera is a teacher and enjoys playing a lot of bridge. She tutors Spanish, French, German, and English as a Second Language and enjoys visiting her family in Prague, Czech Republic.

**Fred Scholl**, PhD '76, and wife Gladys Waltemade live in Rye, NY. They recently bought a house in Rye, which they are remodeling. They have two 5-year-old children in nursery school and a 15-year-old at Riverdale Country. Fred's professional work includes network testing and forensics. **Frank Moss** and wife Nancy Sills live in New York City. Frank is a lawyer practicing labor law, representing entertainment unions such as Actors' Equity, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, and the Writers Guild. Frank and Nancy were married in 2003.

**David McAlevey**, PhD '75, is a professor of English and director of creative writing at George Washington U. in Washington, DC. He has a new book of poems appearing later this year. David and wife Kathy Perry live in Arlington, VA. Their daughter graduated from Stanford and son Andrew attends Brown.

**Adam Drobot** is moving to New Jersey after 27 years in Washington, DC. His daughter Clare attends Carnegie Mellon. Adam's new assignment is managing applied research at Telcordia, a subsidiary of the company he has been with since graduate school in 1975. **Tom Bodden** was recently honored as Lawyer of the Year by the Maui County Bar Assn. of Hawaii. He was also featured in a recent article for his 21 years of writing a weekly column on taxes, estate planning, and real estate law, and for service to the community. In 2002, Tom was diagnosed with ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease. He presently can no longer speak or swallow, but can still work some, and communicates by e-mail and typing.

**Kathleen Maney** Fox and husband Gary live in Cortland, NY. Kathy is a second grade teacher at the Groton Elementary School. Her outside activities include serving on the local Democratic Committee. Gary retired and is currently working as an admissions counselor at SUNY Cortland. Her daughter **Melissa Toner '97** was married in Sage Chapel at Cornell. Kathy reports having dinner with classmate **Terry McKeegan** Davis. **Charles and Marilyn Brownlie Roll '69** live in New Jersey, where Charles works as a massage therapist treating pain and orthopedic problems. **Steve Steinhardt** is an attorney in Albany, NY. **Rob Swersky**, Great Neck, NY, is a doctor practicing vascular and cardio-thoracic surgery. Rob practices at St. Francis, Long Island Jewish, and North Shore hospitals. He also started a company that manufactures wind blockers for convertibles (made out of unbreakable Lexan). **Arthur Bernstein** lives in Boca Raton, FL, and works in investment banking. **Charlie Kohn** lives in Needham, MA, and has recently started an electronics company. **Jay Goldstein** and wife Laura live in Newton, MA. Jay is a dermatologist. Their daughter is a freshman at Johns Hopkins U., and they have two younger sons in elementary school.

I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, Putnam Investments, 1 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109; fax, (617) 760-8349; e-mail, gordon\_silver@putnaminv.com.

**69** **Adam**, MPA '71, and **Laurie Haynes Sieminski** were transferred from Baltimore to London by Adam's employer, Deutsche Bank. Adam works as the bank's global oil strategist and Laurie teaches American patchwork-style quilting. They claim to be living "in a garage on an alley (Londoners call them mews houses) in an area of the city called Belsize Park." From Charleston, WV, **Martha Sue Woodward** Forsbrey tells us about her experiences in 2002. A nurse educator, Martha received a BS in nursing from the U. of Charleston and was promoted from Program Coordinator to the department chairperson. Son Kevin wel-



came a beautiful new daughter Hannah into the family that already includes Alex, 3. In addition, Martha enjoyed a trip to Ireland and Scotland. "Traveled to China in spring 2002 to show Lea that it really did exist!" says **Marguerite Waller**. Daughter Lea Xiaopeng Waller is 6. Back in the US, Marguerite, along with Frank Burke, co-edited *Contemporary Perspectives on Federico Fellini*.

**Brett Klein** e-mails that he lives in Los Angeles and "still plays trumpet." Brett also has "a day job as a Superior Court judge." Passco Capital Inc., a firm that specializes in tenant-in-common 1031 real estate exchanges, promoted **Thomas Jahncke** to be its president. **Harvey Leibin** is president of DuBose Associates and relates that the Hartford, CT, architectural firm was awarded a Connecticut Art Design Award for Hartford's Camp Courant. Harvey lives in Avon with wife Florence, who teaches in the Farmington school system. Son Brad graduated with honors from Washington U. in architecture, daughter Kate is a senior at American U. studying education, and daughter Kara attends the U. of Wisconsin.

Press releases inform us about several classmates. **Peter Kutner**, who is the Hugh Roff Professor of Law at the U. of Oklahoma, has received a second Fulbright award in Japan. During the 2003-04 academic year, he will be in Tokyo teaching at Waseda U. and Japan Women's U. The U. of Delaware writes that **Charles**

**MacArthur** is a coeditor of the *Journal of Special Education*, which publishes research, scholarly commentary, and reviews covering all disabilities and issues in special education. Charles also researches in the field, particularly writing instruction and the use of technology to support learning-disabled students. Case Western Reserve U. has named **Ellen Landau**, a professor of art history, the Andrew W. Mellon Professor of the Humanities. In addition, she has been awarded a fellowship at the Inst. of Advanced Studies at Princeton beginning in 2004. Ellen is an internationally respected expert on American abstract expressionism. Another classmate with a passion for art, **David Boxer**, Director Emeritus and Chief Curator at the National Gallery of Jamaica in Kingston, was presented with the Gleaner Honour Award for Excellence 2002. A native of Jamaica, he has distinguished himself by tirelessly developing and promoting Jamaican art since 1975 when he received his first appointment at the National Gallery. As Assistant Secretary for Information Technology, **John Gauss** serves the Veterans Affairs department as its chief IT officer. His responsibilities include overseeing the computer and telecommunications systems. In 2001, John retired from the Navy with the rank of rear admiral after 32 years of service.

The *Cornell Chronicle* reports that the Johnson Graduate School of Management has formed a fund, BR Ventures, to invest seed money in start-up companies. The current in-

vestment capital comes from donations made to Cornell, but the student-run fund hopes to use profits from its investments in the future. **Robert Ryan**, the former chief executive of Ascend Communications and 2002's Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year, is one of the fund's advisors. **Linda Tatelbaum**, PhD '72, has been entrepreneurial in her own way. In 1974, after the college where she was teaching went bankrupt, Linda and her husband moved to Maine to build a solar-powered house and raise their own food. Her career developed from her decisions on how and where to live. Ultimately, Linda became a professor of English at Colby College and a novelist. *Yes and No*, a coming-of-age story about a young woman who moved to Paris to escape the '60s student unrest at Cornell, is Linda's latest work. It deals with the need for young women to be mentored by women, a belief Linda holds strongly.

Please return your news and dues cards soon. If possible, include a business card so that spellings will be accurate. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

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**Linda Jackson**, MAT '73 (Mason, MI; jacks067@msu.edu) is a professor of psychology at Michigan State U. Currently, she

is principal investigator with a research grant for the National Science Foundation studying the social and psychological dimension of information technology, known as the HomeNetToo project. Check out these websites, [www.msu.edu/user/jacks067/index.htm](http://www.msu.edu/user/jacks067/index.htm) and [www.HomeNetToo.org](http://www.HomeNetToo.org). Mike is chief commissioner of the Michigan Supreme Court. In 2003, their son Christopher graduated *summa cum laude* in engineering physics from the U. of Michigan. Their daughter is a freshman in college. **Stan Casper** ([casper@cmslaw.com](mailto:casper@cmslaw.com)) and wife Stephanie are still in Orinda, CA. Stan continues as a plaintiff's trial attorney with the six-person firm he founded in 1979. Their three children are grown. Jocelyn is a psychologist with a private practice in San Francisco, Nick is in law school at the U. of San Francisco, and Ava is a senior at Wesleyan U.

Jim and **Connie Mather** Calhoun live in Slidell, LA ([jjmcalhoun@earthlink.net](mailto:jjmcalhoun@earthlink.net)). Connie still works at a local nursing home as MDS/utilization coordinator. Recently, she visited with classmate **Sandra Savard** Goodling ("who looks just like she did as a student nurse") while Sandra was in New Orleans. The Calhouns are a real Coast Guard family. Jim has been in the Coast Guard for 30 years, and now their eldest son (along with his wife and three dogs) is doing a four-year tour in New Orleans. Finally Connie will have family nearby. Their youngest son, Mike, who loves travel, is doing a three-year tour in Yorktown, VA. **Patrick Kelly** (Ottawa, Ontario; [patrickelly@webtv.net](mailto:patrickelly@webtv.net)) recently retired from 22 years of teaching. In May 2003, he and wife Angela sailed aboard the wooden tall ship *Grace Baily* out of Camden, ME. Patrick is currently employed as a first responder/counselor for FGI in the field of critical incident stress

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management occurrences.

**Ed Katz** (Thomasville, GA; edkatz@rose.net) has been a surveyor for the Joint Commission on Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) since 1998. His wife Mindy received her BA from Monmouth College in Illinois, her MBA from Augusta College in Georgia, and her JD from the U. of Akron School of Law. She has a solo practice in Thomasville. Their daughter Betsy is in the Class of 2005 at the George School in Newtown, PA. Kitty and **Chip Reveal** (Cote de Caza, CA; ernest.reveal@cox.net) have celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary. Their daughter Ginny is a junior at Loyola Marymount U. in California; daughter Adrienne is a sophomore at Goucher College in Maryland; and youngest daughter Danielle is a senior in high school. Recently, after almost 30 years at Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi, Chip had to retire as a trial lawyer due to a cervical problem. He hopes to transition to a less demanding alternative dispute resolution practice.

As a student of the humanities during her four years at Cornell, **Gael Jacobson** (North Fayston, VT; wgifm@aol.com) rarely cared or yet cares a lot about numbers, but here are a few from her now! In June of 2002 she went to her first Cornell reunion, her father's 65th! She used the chance to show off Cornell to her then 7-year-old daughter Ahn. They were an anomaly, since people of her (our!) age were attending with grandchildren as old or older than Ahn. But attending Cornell in the late '60s gave Gael a head start on living on a road (dirt) less traveled. If you knew her then and are traveling anywhere near her road, consider yourself invited to stop by. **Greg Hill** (Chesterton, IN) found life to be very busy and hectic from mid-2001 into 2003. His company, Bethlehem Steel Corp., was sold to International Steel Group Inc. Bethlehem entered into Chapter 11 bankruptcy in October 2001 and all steel-making assets were acquired on Apr. 30, '03. It was the second largest integrated steel company in the nation and still it could not make it. This has been extremely stressful for all employees, management, bargaining units, and retirees. As Greg sees other companies, large and small, go through this, his comment is, "Don't let it happen; do all you can to prevent it. People get hurt."

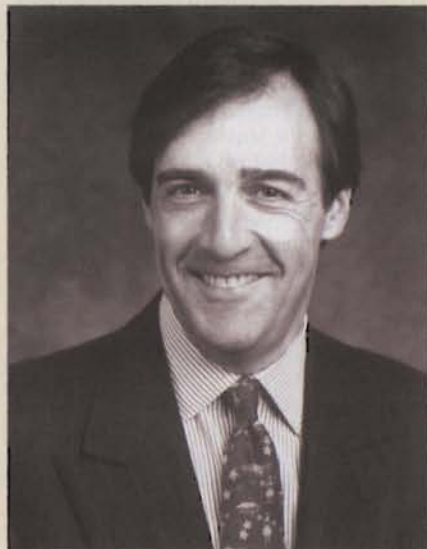
**Kenneth Gilstein** (Guilford, CT; k.gilstein@worldnet.att.net) has finished his research on concussions in young adolescents (ages 11-14). He presented at an international convention in Berlin, Germany in July 2003, and was to present in Hong Kong in December, depending on the SARS situation. He is beginning to coordinate research projects in concussion/mild traumatic brain injury with emerging departments at Yale and the U. of Florida. And he continues to coach youth lacrosse—seventh grade level this year. **Fred Solowey** (Washington, DC; fredsolol@cs.co) is a dad for the first time at the tender age of 53! Benjamin was born in Central America on Oct. 11, '02, and looks a lot like Fred. Fred says he and wife Kathryn Ries are totally in love with him and that he may turn out to be the first Cornell football player/campus radical in a long time. Fred has had his own

## Smoking Gun

THEODORE GROSSMAN '71, JD '74

**T**heodore Grossman is a damn good litigator. That's what his client tobacco giant R.J. Reynolds thinks, and the *National Law Journal* seems to agree: in June 2003, they named him one of America's top ten trial lawyers. Last February, Grossman successfully defended Reynolds in a \$3.6 million dollar lawsuit in California. But he doesn't consider himself a tobacco attorney, and he admits that certain people find his work odious. "Some people do take offense, but no one is suggesting that smoking is safe," he says. "There is nobody, even people with their head under a rock, who hasn't heard that smoking is related to a wide range of diseases."

As a partner at Jones Day in Cleveland, Ohio, Grossman has defended Reynolds for fifteen years and worked a variety of product liability cases. In the early Eighties, he served the Justice Department, defending the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Communications Commission. "I've always liked dealing with big public issues," he says, "which is part of



why I like these smoking cases."

Grossman built his tobacco case on personal responsibility. "I asked the plaintiff if he took responsibility for his conduct, and he said no. In fact, he had a pretty aggressive attitude against people who told him the risks. He said, 'Maybe it will kill me and maybe it won't.'"

—J.R. Johnson '04

labor communications business for the past eight years and remains active in the International Solidarity Union and anti-war work, when he is not changing diapers.

Have a wonderful, safe, healthy, and happy 2004! ♦ **Connie Ferris** Meyer, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.

**71** We hope that all of our classmates enjoyed a happy and healthy holiday season. We received a nice news card from **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas in Chevy Chase, MD, where she lives with better half **Art Spitzer**. Elisabeth's daughter Katherine is a journalist at the *Providence Journal*. Katherine loves living back in her college town (Brown '02), after having done an internship at the *New York Times*. Elisabeth's son Benjamin is a junior at Brown, and daughter Esther is in her second year at the McLean School in Potomac, MD. Elisabeth has been in touch with **Betsy Cairns Reveal**, **Martha Coultrap**, **Patricia Yuan** Zuroski, **Mike** and **Janet Lynn Cornfeld**

'72, **Naomi Katz-Mintz**, **Kathy Menton** Flaxman, and **Dale Cohen**. She would like to locate **Mary Margaret Linberger**. Get in touch with Elisabeth at ekb72@cornell.edu and with Art at artspitzer@aol.com.

**James Mithoefer** (jmithoefer@usa.net) writes from Ludlow, VT, that he is busy having fun with his grandchildren, ages 4-1/2 and 1. Since February '03 he has been working at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center as a physician assistant and has been appointed clinical instructor in Emergency Medicine. After hours, he devotes time to building his home and farm in Vermont. **Pat Samuels** Muhlrud has children, ages 25 and 21. Daughter **Samantha '99** is at BU Medical School, and son Craig loves Brown, where he plays a lot of rugby. Pat keeps in touch with **Cara Nash** Iason, **Rebecca Singer**, and **Judy Greenhill** Weisel. **Howard Schatz**, DVM '75, writes about his family. He is the father of children ages 26, 23, 19, 8, and 5. Oldest son **Jason '98** is studying at Rutgers Law School and was lucky enough to walk away from the World Trade Center on 9/11. Son Eric (referred to by



Howard as "the traitor," as he is a 2002 graduate of Dartmouth) is finishing a master's degree at Dartmouth in engineering management. **Andrew '05** is a student in Hum Ec. Daughters **Gabrielle** and **Sara**, 8 and 5, respectively, are not quite sure of their future plans.

**Thomas Nally**, BArch '72 (tnally@arterybusiness.com) is planning director of the Artery Business Committee in Boston, a group that represents the downtown business community with respect to the \$14.7 billion Central Artery/Tunnel Project, also known as the "Big Dig." This is the largest, most complex, and technologically challenging highway project ever attempted in American history. In his spare time, Tom serves on a committee in his hometown advocating appropriate development to enhance the community and provide additional tax revenue. He is the father of Michael, 6, a kindergartner. Michael recently told his dad that he loves school, especially extended day, recess, and choice time. Tom hopes that Michael will develop a similar love for the harder subjects later in his academic career.

Another Bostonian heard from recently is **Rudy Mitchell** (Mitchell@gis.net). Rudy's daughter Laura graduated from Wheaton College in 2002, and son Joel pursues Middle Eastern studies and classics at Harvard. Rudy sees **Russell Kent**, a pastor in Somerville, MA. **Adrienne Altman** writes from Sherman Oaks, CA, that she is a "pediatrician in the same practice for 20 years, though the office site is new and creatively hip." When she is not practicing medicine, Adrienne enjoys dressage horseback riding and has traveled to Germany and Denmark during the past year to horse events.

As promised in the previous column, we will continue to update you on a recent Phi Ep reunion in New York. **Mark Katz** has been working as a physician with Kaiser Permanente since 1985. He is the coordinator of HIVcare for the entire Southern California region. Mark and his partner Bob have been foster parents to Marcus, age 2, and are nearing final adoption. Mark reports that he had plenty of time in his early days to travel, lecture, read, and sleep, and now in his 50s, he loves being a dad. Don't worry, Mark, when Marcus is at Cornell, you'll be able to sleep again!

**Jay Goodwin** reports that his life has come full circle. "After leaving my hometown of New Rochelle, NY, and living in Ithaca, California, Australia, Washington, DC, and New Jersey, I got married (for the second time) to a wonderful woman I went to high school with and actually re-met at our 20th high school reunion. We were married 14 years ago and moved back to our mutual hometown New Rochelle a few years ago. On the career front, I began as a newspaper reporter, magazine writer, and book author, veered off into corporate sales and marketing for about 15 years, and recently returned to journalism as the first editor-in-chief of a new national magazine that covers homeland security issues called *GSN: Government Security News* (www.gsnmagazine.com). I'm glad to have made both journeys, but in each case it's good to be 'home.'" We wish Jay much luck

with his new venture.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of one of our classmates. **Hilary Cohen Kolton** passed away on Sept. 29, '03, after a long illness, at home in the presence of her family. At Cornell I spent many hours studying for nutrition exams with Hilary. She was an excellent student and a joyful person. Our sincerest condolences to her husband **Robert '69** and children Jordan and Joanna.

Your class correspondents appreciate all the news you have sent to us—keep it coming. ♦ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

**72** Special thanks to **Gerry Miknis** for the following report of a special weekend mini-reunion that he helped organize last summer. The Cornell Football Assn. Ben Mintz Golf Outing held on Aug. 2, '03 at the Robert Trent Jones golf course at Cornell provided the opportunity for a reunion of 1972 Delta Upsilon fraternity brothers. A remarkable 18 of the 27 brothers that pledged in the spring of 1969 returned to campus for a long overdue reunion. Although many of the guys had maintained contact since graduation, this was for some their first return to the Hill in 31 years. The idea for the reunion started at a fall football tailgate party when Gerry and **Scott Schnuck** talked about trying to get the DU '72 class together.

Gerry started the ball rolling early in the spring and managed to contact all the brothers via e-mail (the Internet is a great tool). The list of attendees included: Dr. **Rod Clemente** (Glen Ridge, NJ), **John Dougherty** (Marco Island, FL), **Tricia and Doug Herron** (Columbus, OH), **Tom Guba** (NYC), **Charlie Joyce** (Wellsville, NY), **Margie and Craig Lambert** (Reston, VA), **Patty and Bob Mauro** (Pittsburgh, PA), **Gerry Miknis** (Clarks Summit, PA), **Dan Miller** (St Louis, MO), **Jack Moresko**, MBA '76 (Falls Church, VA) and his friend Vicki Smith, **Jim O'Hargan** (Houston, TX), Dr. **Jim Parolie** (Flemington, NJ), **John Peterson** (Melbourne, FL), Dr. **Tom Rakowski** (Ridgewood, NJ), **Scott Schnuck** (St Louis, MO) and wife **Julie (Mather) '70**, **Randy Shayler**, MBA '73 (Fayetteville), **Bill Sodemann** (St Louis, MO) and Dr. **John Yaros** (Pittsburgh, PA).

Other DUs who joined the festivities over the weekend included **Tony Cashen '57**, MBA '58, **Fred Devlin '67**, **Dick Storto '71**, JD '74, **Mark Clemente '73**, MPS '77, and **Dan Leonard '79**. Classmates who returned for the golf outing included **Don Jean**, MBA '73, **Ed Marinaro**, and **John Morehouse**. Classmates who would have joined the reunion had it not been for other plans included **Owen Snyder** (Orlando, FL), who was in Ireland on his honeymoon (really, Owen, is that any excuse to miss a CFA golf tournament?), **Tom Rowlands** (Pittsburgh, PA), who was in New Mexico with his son on a Boy Scout camping trip, and **Mike Murphy** (San Diego, CA), **Craig Scott** (Marshall's Creek, PA), and **Skip Daino** (Horsham, PA), who had previous business commitments. **Tom Edry** (Columbus, GA) was attending a wedding in Tennessee. It was a weekend full of laughter, memories, and

renewed friendships. Again, special kudos to **Gerry Miknis** for helping organize the '72 mini-reunion and providing us with the details.

**Marilyn Rocco Mandigo** is in her 16th year of teaching home economics in the Fulton City School District. Married for 29 years, she and husband **Daniel '71** have three children: **Kristy** graduated college as a mechanical engineer; **Danielle '05** is a junior majoring in Science of Earth Systems and Communication; and son **John** is spending his senior year of high school in Australia. The Mandigo family has been in dairy farming for 30 years. Dr. **Joyce Jaffe Reynolds** of Palo Alto, CA, left Genentech in 2001 and established an independent practice as an organizational development consultant. In 2002 she affiliated with GEO Group Strategic Services Inc., which has a Web-based interactive strategic action system that is especially effective for ad execution with geographically dispersed groups. She is now managing director of the Northern California area. **Joyce** has three teenage boys, two in high school and one a junior at George Washington U. She enjoys attending various Cornell activities sponsored by Cornell Silicon Valley and is most appreciative of the dedication and hard work by CSV Executive Director **Shannon Murray '94**. Proud parents **Gary Wolf** and wife **Bonnie (Grad) '71** are happy to have son **Alexander Wolf '06** in Arts and Sciences at Cornell. Last year Alexander lived on the same floor and wing of Clara Dickson Hall where **Bonnie** spent one year. **Gary's** architectural practice in Boston is busy with educational and residential projects, one of which received a preservation award from the Massachusetts Historical Commission in 2002.

**Kirk Forrest** of Tulsa, OK, is VP and general counsel at Sam's Club, the \$33 billion wholesale club division of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in Bentonville, AR. **Kirk** reports that it is an exciting opportunity to build and lead a first-rate legal staff. He also serves on the company's seven-member executive committee. **Daniel Knauss**, the oldest child of **Stephen Knauss**, ME '73, and **Beth (Brunger) '75**, graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College with a BS and his pilot's license. Daughter **Amanda** transferred from Florida St. U. to U. of Florida after two years. **Stephen** and **Beth** continue to swim. **Beth** volunteers and researches genealogy. **Stephen** referees soccer games. He says it's a wonderful way to get exercise if you can stand the abuse.

**Christine Creighton Laubin** writes from England, where she works at the Maria Montessori Training Organization (AMI) in London, training adults to work with children. **Christine** remains very grateful for the child development training received from the College of Human Ecology, particularly from **Lee C. Lee** and **Clara** and **Alfred Baldwin**. **Christine** is married to **David '70**, BArch '73, who works full-time as an artist. Daughter **Sophie**, 25, is the National Museum of Ireland's paper conservator. Son **Max** is studying international relations and politics at Southampton U. Daughter **Lucy**, 18, has finished secondary school and hopes to train in architecture at either Oxford Brookes or



Kingston U. Christine says that if all she wrote sounds very tidy, in reality it is not. But, she exclaims, life is good! Dr. **Gail Povar** reports that husband **Lawrence Bachorik '71** was promoted to the Federal Senior Executive Service in 2001. He is busy coaching daughter Alexandra's soccer team when not running the FDA's Public Affairs Office. Alex is 15. Son Justin is a sophomore at Brown. Gail is happily surviving as a general internist for adolescents to geriatric patients. She remains busy in medical ethics and health policy activities as well.

**June Feeks** Brooks of Eugene, OR, writes with great sadness to tell of the death of her husband David (Yale '71) in December 2002. She and Dave were high school sweethearts. They married at the end of June's sophomore year and she took her junior year off so that she could live in New Haven while Dave completed his senior year. They returned to Ithaca for June's senior year. June says that the couple lived a charmed life. June continues, "We have two wonderful sons, Christopher, 25, and Adam, 21. Dave was a physician who loved his work. We had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling and had, in fact, just spent the summer of 2002 in Australia. Dave was a wonderful athlete and continued to run, play tennis, and ride his bike everywhere. He was in excellent physical health, but unfortunately he was struck by depression last year. In spite of counseling, treatment, an adjustment of his work schedule, and lots of support from family and friends, he was not able to continue to fight. He chose to end his life the week before Christmas 2002. Depression is an illness that is much misunderstood. It is also an illness that is not always acknowledged."

June says that with the love of her family and friends, she is doing OK. She continues to teach special education full-time, and it has been her lifeline through the toughest times. June reports that she was just blessed with a visit from her Pi Phi roommate **Nancy Drews Harding** after a 19-year absence and has also been in touch with her other roommate Dr. **Debbie Kondis**, who now lives in Nashville, TN. June would love to hear from any other old friends. She can be reached at [jbbooks@lane.k12.or.us](mailto:jbbooks@lane.k12.or.us). Our deepest sympathies go out to June and her sons. Send news to ♦ **Alex Barna**, [alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov](mailto:alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov); or **Gary Rubin**, [glubin@aol.com](mailto:glubin@aol.com).

**73** **Madeleine Kleiner**, Hilton Hotels Corp. (Beverly Hills) executive vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary, was honored with the diversity award at the annual Assn. of Corporate Counsel 2003 October meeting in San Francisco. Madeleine has an outstanding program for both in-house hiring and outside counsel assignment of legal matters to firms of minority and women attorneys. Dr. **Caren Rosenfeld** Goodman has been appointed chair of the Anesthesiology department at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London, CT.

With our 30th Reunion a smashing success, I can't help realizing what a small world it is and how interesting and diverse our class is. Did you

know **Ted Goodwin** and **Marcia Wasserman** were born on the same date and in the same hospital in the Bronx? Or that **Wayne Merkelson**, JD '75, our Class Council officer, went to Stuyvesant High School with my husband Alex? Our class is spread out across the 50 states and around the world. Classmates traveled from up and down both coasts and as far away as Hong Kong to join in the reunion activities.

**Dick '76** and **Sheila Kennedy Holtzman**, MBA '74, were unable to attend Reunion, but were missed. They were in the process of moving

won Ernst and Young's Technology Entrepreneur of the Year award. He was among 24 distinguished entrepreneur finalists. John is president of the CBORD Group located in Ithaca. Also noted in the *Ithaca Journal* last June was **Joe Laquatra**, PhD '84, who was named to head a New York State consumer program to promote energy-saving incentives for homeowners, landlords, and builders. Joe is a professor of design and environmental analysis in the College of Human Ecology and lives in Freeville, outside of Ithaca.

'Stephen Knauss says refereeing soccer games is a wonderful way to get exercise if you can stand the abuse.'

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to Kauai, HI. And as luck would have it, I missed them when I was in Kauai in July. **Irene Yesowitch**, the 30th Reunion co-chair and chair for our 35th (who is soliciting ideas for reunion activities and events), guided me through the Sonoma wine country when I was visiting San Francisco in October. **Claudia Gaillard Meer** is still on the faculty at Rutgers U.—29 years! She was disappointed to miss our 30th Reunion, but was able to spend some time on campus during the five years her son **Jonathan '02**, MPA '03, was a student. "Jonathan is now attending Rutgers Law, so we don't have to go nearly as far to see him."

**George Mitchell** had another successful year apple-farming, just a few miles from Cornell. He has a wealth of Cornell class memorabilia and I, as class historian, am in the process of compiling an interesting portfolio of facts and moments for another column and our next class reunion. Greetings from New Orleans and Happy Mardi Gras! ♦ **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorff, [dtrostorff@lockeliddell.com](mailto:dtrostorff@lockeliddell.com); and **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, [phyllis.grummon@scup.org](mailto:phyllis.grummon@scup.org) or [phg3@cornell.edu](mailto:phg3@cornell.edu).

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Make sure these dates are in your calendar: June 10-13—our 30th Reunion! You will be receiving information shortly, and in advance of that, you can contact **John Foote** at [jhf25@cornell.edu](mailto:jhf25@cornell.edu) or check out our class website, [www.cornell74.com](http://www.cornell74.com), for details.

Last March, Cornell professor **Mariana Wolfner** was recognized as a 2002-03 Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow. The award recognizes excellence in teaching and advising, and outstanding efforts toward instructional improvement and development. After receiving her PhD from Stanford and doing a post-doc at UC San Diego, Mariana joined the genetics and development department (Biological Sciences), where she has been a member of the faculty since 1983. She lives in Ithaca and can be reached at [mfw5@cornell.edu](mailto:mfw5@cornell.edu).

In June 2003, **John Alexander**, MBA '76,

**Tom Reahard** made his local newspaper in Scottsdale, AZ. The *Arizona Republic* ran a story on Tom's participation in the US Tennis Association's National Grass Court Championships for 30 and over. Tom took up tennis a few years ago after a lapse of 35 years. He is owner of Symmetry Software Corp. and [Scottsdale.com](http://Scottsdale.com), a travel website for the city of Scottsdale. Tom lives in Scottsdale with wife Cathy, son Tom, who is at the U. of Colorado, and daughters Elizabeth and Laura.

Last summer several classmates enjoyed courses at Adult University (CAU): **Lynn Santeler** Anderson took Great American Trials, **Jaclyn Spear** took Great Battles Past and Present, **Deborah Linker** Moriah, BA '76, took Un-Natural History, **Louise Thomas** took Introduction to Fly Fishing, and **Sandy Sears** took Cayuga Lake Paleobiology. Another piece of news involving Sandy Sears: With the support of the Cornell Club of Greater Hartford, Sandy has launched a program called Operation CU Through. The program's goal is to support Cornell alumni on active duty overseas in any branch of the service or who have immediate family serving overseas. If you have alumni information to share, send it to [cuthrough@cornell.edu](mailto:cuthrough@cornell.edu). If you have questions, contact Sandy at [sls83@cornell.edu](mailto:sls83@cornell.edu) or (860) 643-5087.

**Rob Swanson** and wife Merily participated in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge for two days last August. They were among the group of 4,000 cyclists who biked 179 miles from Wellesley, MA, to Provincetown, MA. The PMC is a fund-raising event for cancer research and is the single largest contributor to the Jimmy Fund at the Dana Farber Cancer Inst. in Boston, raising nearly \$15 million. **Lynne Moskowitz Glasser**, MAT '75, mentioned in this space exactly a year ago, has a new e-mail address: [LMGlasser@comcast.net](mailto:LMGlasser@comcast.net).

Reunion planners who were in Ithaca the weekend of September 6 gathered at the Ithaca home of **Ann Goodwin** and husband Norm Krause and enjoyed meeting President **Jeffrey**



**Lehman '77** and wife Kathy Okun. The group included class president **Kristen Rupert**, VP **Mary Berens** and husband Paul Feeny, reunion co-chairs John Foote and **Carolyn Gregg Will**, **Joan Saltsman** Oelschlagel, Jaclyn Spear, **MI O'Connell**, **Betsy Beach**, **Marleen Pasch**, **Jim Tull**, Loren and **Tom Colbert**, and **Ellie Hobbie**. Last September **Mort Bishop**, John Foote, **Brian Beglin**, **Larry Gill**, and **Ned Weigel '75** visited Sigma Chi cook and confidante of 26 years Harry Nash at Harry's home in Maudlin, SC.

**Christopher Reeve** was awarded the Lasker Public Service Award in September 2003. Chris, who is chairman of the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation and a leading advocate to increasing financial support of medical research aimed at spinal injury, was honored for transforming his personal tragedy into public service. The award jury stated, "The combination of Mr. Reeve's dedication to educate himself about the scientific and political aspects of research and his renown as an actor has allowed him to wield tremendous influence with government officials and the public."

**Ezriel Kornel** was named President of the New York State Neurosurgical Society. The Society represents the interests of all neurosurgeons in the state in regard to both socio-political issues and general clinical issues. Ezriel is a neurosurgeon in private practice with the Neurosurgeons of New York in White Plains, NY. He also serves as director of the Inst. for Neurosciences at Northern Westchester Hospital Center, the first in the area to open a Center for Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery. Ezriel resides in Bedford, NY, and in his spare time he enjoys playing the violin.

**Cary Frumess** (frumes@nye.rr.com) continues to work with individuals, couples, and groups in his psychotherapy practice in New York's Greenwich Village. His wife, Dr. **Leslie Kushner, 'GR**, is director of research in the urology department at North Shore-Long Island Jewish Hospital. Their daughter Jeannine is a sophomore in the drama studio at the LaGuardia High School for Music and Art and the Performing Arts. **Andrew Peck**, who lives in New York City, was elected President of the New York Chapter of the Mystery Writers of America (MWA) and to the Board of Directors of the

entitled *The ARC Family Diaries*, which is a moving compilation of stories of persons and families affected by developmental disabilities. The book's publication and the work of the ARC was favorably reported on in the *New York Times*, the *Star Ledger*, and other media. It is available on Amazon. All proceeds benefit the ARC Foundation. Judy was honored at the ARC's gala dinner on Nov. 19, '03 in West Orange, NJ. Judy's son **Lawrence** is an '02 ILR grad. He just began his second year at Brooklyn Law School.

**Bruce, MD '80**, and **Michelle Weiss Korf** moved from Newton, MA, to Birmingham, AL, where Bruce is working at the U. of Alabama, Birmingham. Michelle is still doing work for WGBH in Boston. ♦ **Betsy Beach**, eab52@cornell.edu; **Linda Meyers** Geyer, lgdesigns@cox.net; **Steve Raye**, SRaye321@aol.com.

**75** This has been a very interesting year for all of us. I don't know about the rest of you, but I am just not ready to receive my AARP card! Turning 50 does have its advantages, but I would have been more than happy to postpone it awhile longer. I was able to take stock of "turning 50" by seeing lots of classmates. (Lucky for the column because I was lacking in e-mails from all of you; send news to your correspondents at the addresses at the end of the column.)

I went to a number of Army lacrosse games this spring to see **Mike Kamon '04**, the co-captain son of **Mark** and **Ting Magill Kamon** (kamon75@yahoo.com), play in his last year. Mark is president of Dynamet Inc., a supplier of titanium alloy products, in Washington, PA. Ting continues her quilting while traveling to lacrosse games and helping daughter Emily graduate from high school and prepare for entering Miami U. of Ohio. Eldest son Jake is working and living in the Washington, DC, area. Ting told me that it was a great spring to see other Cornell (DU) cheerleaders at various Army games. Dr. **Carl "Buzz" Berasi** (drcb3@aol.com) was snowbound in Colorado in March, but drove nonstop for 21 hours back to Ohio for the Army-Ohio State game. He brought wife Louise, daughter Lauren, who is

ME '74, and **Debbie McCoy Paxton** (paxfam5@aol.com). Debbie and Jay are moving again, as Jay is now the Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA. Their son John lives and works in Virginia, while son Andrew is a freshman at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL, and daughter Carolyn is a high school junior. Debbie was in Ithaca this summer visiting with her nursing school roommate, **Debbie Stuart Nelson '73**.

I was able to attend the Rutgers game, along with **Jim Thul** (jt@thulmachine.com), wife Lorna, and son Garrett, who plays lacrosse in New Jersey and was one of the ball boys for the game. Daughter Lauren is a senior in high school and plays volleyball and basketball. Jim is VP of Thul Machine Works. Also at the game were **Mark Clemente '73**, MPS '77, and **Dan Brammel '76**, wife **Kathy Jones '77**, and daughters Karen and Kristen, who both attend Rutgers. I ran into **Joe Wasilewski '74**, wife Susan, and son Matthew, when they attended the Bucknell game, traveling from Virginia to West Point to see fellow Cornellians. **Jim Seeley**, JD '79 (seeleyj@bsk.com) and 2-year-old son Robbie went to the Hobart game. Jim is an attorney at Bond Schoenck King in Syracuse, NY. He and wife **Beth Wright '76** also have a 10-year-old daughter Faith.

This summer, during the Eastern Seaboard/Midwest Blackout, I spent a long weekend away from it all with **Lynn Arrison Harrison** (lah2127@aol.com), **Karen Lauterbach** (kel@rti.org), and **Abbie Smith**, MBA '79, PhD '81, to collectively celebrate our 50th birthdays. Lynn works at the law firm Nusbaum Stein Goldstein & Bronstein in Succasunna, NJ. Son Ridgely just graduated from Union College, where he was captain of the men's swim team, captured several honorable mention All-America honors during the year-ending NCAA swim meet, and is now assistant coach. Daughter Katie is a sophomore at Middlebury College, where she plays on the softball team, and son Willie is a senior in high school, where he plays soccer and hockey and runs track. Lynn and husband **Chip '74** live in Hackettstown, NJ. Karen is at the Research Triangle Inst. in Chapel Hill, NC, where she is the director of communications, information and marketing. Husband **Mark Powers** (powersma@aol.com) is a pulmonologist with the Durham Chest & Allergies Group in Durham. Mark celebrated his 50th by competing in a triathlon. Their son Luke is a junior at Vanderbilt, and Kyle is a senior in high school and plays soccer. In 2001, Abbie took a year away from Chicago and was named a fellow by the Harvard Business School. While in Boston, she started to take lessons on the soprano sax and tried her hand at writing music. Abbie returned to U. of Chicago Graduate School of Business where she teaches and concentrates her research in corporate governance, executive compensation, and performance measurement. She must be extremely busy these days! I received a press release that announced her election to the Board of Directors at Ryder System.

I saw **Bob "Bullit" Brennan**, ME '76, and wife Claire this summer at a high school gradu-

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National MWA. He was also elected to the Hall of Fame of Berkshire Hills/Emanuel Camps, of which he is a board member.

**Judy Urman** Elbaum is the president of the Assn. for Retarded Citizens of Essex County (NJ) Foundation. The Foundation provides financial and other support for 1,200 persons with developmental disabilities, including Down's Syndrome. Judy recently edited a book

now a freshman at Notre Dame, and sons Carl, a junior, and Steven, a sophomore, who both play football at the high school. Carl practices orthopedic surgery in Columbus and is in the process of building a physician-owned hospital. He stays current with the Big Red football team by helping recruit players.

Attending the always competitive Army-Navy game were **Scott Keenum '76** and **Jay '73**,



ation party for his son Shane, who is now at Marist College. Son Michael is a junior at Delaware, and daughters Kaitlyn and Meghan are in high school. The Brennan family can be reached at rtbsb@yahoo.com. Bullit told me of a surprise 50th birthday party that he attended in the spring for Cornell roommate **Nick Makes**, ME '76 (nmakes@aol.com) and wife Patti (they were born in the same hospital on the same day!). Nick is with Turner Construction Co. in Milford, CT. Nick and Patti's son **Matthew '04** and daughter **Katie '06** were there, as well as Patti's sister **Susan Rapkowicz '77**. Another Cornell roomie, **Bruce Shutts**, '78 was there from Wellesley, MA, where he works for Geltex Pharmaceuticals.

Over the summer, I went to a party at the home of **Mark Clemente '73**, MPS '77. It was like a Cornell/Clemente reunion. Brother **Jeff '70**, MBA'72, came the furthest from Japan. Closer to Mark's home in Glen Ridge, NJ, were brother **Jonathan '78** and wife **Judy Davis Clemente '80**, brother **Dr. Rod Clemente '72**, and friends **Steve Corbo '78**, **Dan Brammel '76** and wife **Kathy Jones '77**, and **Bill Totten '73**. From our class, Mark's sister **Laurie Clemente Milnor** (lmilnor@aol.com) came from Alton, IL, for the occasion and also to celebrate a girls' 50th birthday weekend with classmates **Jeanne Fattori Reinig** (jmf37@cornell.edu) and **Mary Baumann Pesaresi** (mp242@cornell.edu), who drove down from Ithaca for the event. Laurie owns Shoptalk in Illinois. Jeanne recently moved to Basking Ridge, NJ, works with the Special Olympics, and has sons **Scott '04** and Christopher at Cornell and Georgia Tech, respectively. Mary works at the Alumni Affairs Office at Cornell.

**Bill Hoffman** (hoffman.william@epamail.epa.gov) sent me pictures of a week-long 50s celebration this summer on Keuka Lake for a group of DUs and families. Bill and wife Barbara recently moved to Haddon Heights, NJ. Bill also received a promotion and is now chief of the Environmental Programs Branch for the US Environmental Protection Agency. He now supervises the wetlands and environmental impact statement functions in EPA Region III. Bill said that he took part in diving operations during the recovery efforts from the space shuttle Columbia accident. **Jack Brewster** (brewdog@rcn.com) brought wife Debbie and family from Philadelphia, PA. Their son Nonni is a freshman at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, and will be playing football for them. Daughter Katie is a junior in high school and Maria is in kindergarten. Jack retired from the Navy, just finished his MS in Education and MA in Classics and is now teaching Latin to K-5th graders at a public school in West Philly (I am not sure whether the Navy has sufficiently prepared him for teaching elementary school children!). Also there were **Steve Adams** from Columbus, OH (onesadams@hotmail.com), **Benny Peyton** from Adams Center, NY, where he works for Peytonbilt Construction, **Mark Dewey** (dew99@juno.com) and wife Kim from Byron, NY, where they own Dewey Produce, Jim Seely and Beth Wright, **Crawford Pierce** and wife Debbie, from Elmira, NY, where they own Pierce's

Restaurant (prestauro@stny.rr.com), **Luciano Rossi** from Princeton, NJ, and **Steve Bigalow** from Houston, TX (sbigalow@msn.com).

Keep those e-mails and letters coming. Add news about classmates and get-togethers. ♦ **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco Boroff**, boroffk@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com.

**76** When I started writing this column after our 5th Reunion, I had so much news to choose from I would end up writing from News and Dues forms that were nearly a year old. Now the news is more current, but there is not as much to choose from. So, a not-so-subtle plea for more news! **Ann Rosovsky** Beaton wrote that it is hard to believe, but as of June 2003, her eldest, **Eric**, has just finished his junior year at Cornell. He spent the spring semester in the Cornell-in-Washington program, where he interned at the Surface Transportation Board, a place that allowed him to combine his lifelong interest in trains with his government major. Her second son, **Greg**, is a junior at Hunter College High School, so that means they are facing the college admissions process again. Their youngest son, **Andrew**, finished up fifth grade at the Rodeph Shalom School. Ann is an associate professor at the SUNY College of Optometry, helping to enlighten future optometrists about molecular biology, histology, and microbiology. Husband **Neal** (Harvard '75, Harvard Law '78) is a partner at Holland & Knight, his previous firm, **Gilbert Segall & Young**, having merged two years ago.

**Don Fanelli** sent a note to say that all is well in New Jersey. He is approaching his 24th year as a dentist, and is in a family practice in the Meadowlands area. His son is entering his junior year at Lehigh U.; daughter **Lauren '03** graduated from Cornell with a BA in English and is attending American U. to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing. She hopes to become a professor. **Linda Noonan** can hardly believe that daughter **Madeline** is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences. They have lived outside Boston for the past 18 years and Linda has been an active volunteer and worked part-time for a nonprofit. This has been a busy year for **Steve Krumenaker**, ME '77. He wrote that he married Donna in April 2003, and they moved to a new home in Montville, NJ. Steve now works in NYC for Avaya as a senior application sales specialist.

**Cal Cohen** writes that, despite doing premed at Cornell, he became a physician. He is busy working on treatment research for HIV infection. He says he still misses ZOBO Fun Band concerts the most. **John Rodis**, "the Greek," wrote that after two years as chair of the ob/gyn department at Stamford Hospital in Stamford, CT, he moved into a new position as senior VP of Medical Affairs and Chief Clinical Officer on July 1, '03. He encourages any Cornellians in Fairfield County to give him a call. John still lives in Farmington, which is 72 miles from work, with wife Marytherese and daughters Alexandra,

13, Katrina, 11, and Anna, 8. With a three-hour commute daily, if anyone has any books on tape, he would be happy to "read" them.

In 2002, **Carla Holder** found herself restructured out of a job and took a position with Columbia U. as interim director, capital. Since the woman that she was filling in for is back from maternity leave, she is looking again. She is going to Harp conferences and to the beach to help fill the time. **Deborah Stinson** is enjoying consulting work. She provides mental health services and training to Head Start and daycare programs. She is also keeping her foot in the child welfare and youth services area by developing fund-raising plans and proposals for nonprofits. A personal highlight has been forming a committee for children with special needs at her son's school. Parents and staff attend. Son David just graduated from elementary school and Thomas is in third grade.

**Roberto Plaja** moved to Milano, Italy, at the end of 2000 to run the fixed income department of Sanfaolo IMI Asset Department. He left at the beginning of 2003 and is now exploring various alternatives in the US and Europe. In February 2002, **Fred Kaplan** joined World Imports Ltd. as CFO and is teaching introductory finance as part-time faculty for Penn State U. In June 2003, daughter **Erica** completed her freshman year at George Washington U., where she was a varsity cheerleader, while son **Jeffrey** finished second grade. **Kim Ouellet** Chen is committee chair, Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) committee 333 (Boston South Shore), and director of the Cornell Club of Boston, as well as editor of the Cornell Club of Boston newsletter. Her daughter **Sophia** "Gee Gee" Chen attended Cornell's six-week high school program in the summer. In 2002, she attended the three-week honors program for high school sophomores and absolutely loved it.

Classmates attending Adult University (CAU) recently were **Meryl Kaynard** (Landscape Design workshop), **Marilyn Shaw** (Moments and Lapses in Architecture), and **Marjorie Silberman** (Legacies and Landscapes of the Adirondacks). ♦ **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@aol.com; **Karen Krinsky Sussman**, Krinsk54@aol.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@aol.com.

**77** In honor of the inauguration of our classmate **Jeffrey S. Lehman** as the 11th president of Cornell University, we are devoting this column to him and printing the reports from two classmates who were in attendance that historic day.

From Class President **Kevin Brew**: In early September I received an invitation to participate as an alumni delegate in the inauguration of President Lehman. I was very honored and excited to represent the Class of '77 at this grand event. I became even more excited when the response card asked for my cap and gown size. Unlike so many of my overachieving classmates, I haven't had the occasion to put on a cap and gown since our graduation from Cornell 26 years ago.

On Inauguration Day I arrived on campus for registration after a five-minute drive from



my home in Ithaca and found myself rubbing elbows with alumni delegates from as far away as Hawaii and with academic representatives from colleges and universities throughout the world. At lunch I sat down with an old Ithaca friend, **Mollie Pulver '80**, who had moved five years ago to Little Falls, NY. She is the president of the Ag college Alumni Assn. and was representing that august group. We were soon joined by my classmate **Lisa Lipner Hunter, BS ILR '79**, whom I hadn't seen since our 25th Reunion. Lisa was representing the ILR Alumni Assn. She became president of this group in June. After lunch we lined up to get our cap and gown. Luckily I had brought my camera so I could show my 7-year-old daughter Michaela how intellectual I looked. I also have pictures of Michaela from last May's Cornell graduation—she's wearing the regalia of our friend **Monica Valcour, PhD '03**, who was receiving her doctorate.

We set off for the Arts Quad to await the start of the inaugural procession. This was truly a *déjà vu* moment—waiting around the Arts Quad in cap and gown. The memories were flooding back. The only things missing were the two bottles of champagne I had with me 26 years ago. The procession started as the bells chimed in the McGraw clock tower. We started in front of Goldwin Smith and walked around the perimeter of the Quad. Then we marched past the reviewing stand where the University Trustees, noted dignitaries, and our very own Jeff Lehman stood. Jeff was beaming! What a treat to watch.

From there it was up Tower Road to the cavernous Barton Hall, the site of so many fine concerts during college and the place I took my daughter to play on rainy days as an infant. Behind me sat fellow Ithaca resident and classmate **Laurie Robinson**, Cornell's Director of Development. Another distinguished Cornell alumnus, Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, had the honor of introducing Jeff Lehman to the standing-room-only crowd, and with much pomp and circumstance, Jeff was inaugurated as the 11th president of the university.

As the crowd exited the building I ran into **Ellen Gobel Walsh '76** and our class treasurer **Elaine Mead Alexander**. Both Ellen and Elaine live in Ithaca and have daughters enrolled at Cornell. Elaine recently put her restaurant, *Coyote Loco*, up for sale so she could enjoy more of living and less of working. Her husband **John '74, MBA '76**, is a Cornell trustee. Ellen is Cornell's Director of Regional Offices for Alumni Affairs and Development. She is responsible for getting me involved as an alumni volunteer. I returned the cap and gown (I really wanted to keep it) and headed home to check in before coming back for dinner and "Andy and Ezra's Excellent BIG RED Adventure."

At dinner I met up with the president of the Cornell Club of Hawaii, **Cynthia Odegaard '78**. Cynthia flew in for the inauguration and brought with her two fresh flower maile leis, which she gave to Jeff that morning. One was sent by our classmate **Sabrina Toma**, who had

given one to Jeff (his first) at our graduation in 1977. The other was from the Cornell Club of Hawaii. I learned over drinks later that evening that Cynthia was, like me, a rugby player in college, and we shared a few rugby songs in honor of the occasion.

After dinner it was back to Barton Hall with Mollie and Cynthia to see "Andy and Ezra's Excellent BIG RED Adventure." This was quite a show. Over 500 students participated and every facet of the university was honored on stage. There were student singing groups, dance troupes, international organizations, and sports teams. Student representatives from each of the colleges marched in a humorous procession that was a funny contrast to the formal procession on the Arts Quad just hours earlier. The most surprising event of the evening was the live satellite video call from the International Space Station by NASA astronaut **Ed Lu '84**. The call was broadcast on a 20-foot screen that left Jeff almost speechless—everyone was amazed by the technology that pulled this off. The show ended with the men's hockey team hoisting Jeff on their shoulders and skating him around the stage (they were on in-line skates). Of course the grand finale was the singing of the Alma Mater, a song that Jeff sang with a huge smile on his face.

From **Jan Rock Zubrow**, classmate and member of the Cornell Board of Trustees: The inauguration of Jeff Lehman was a very emotional experience for me. It caused me to reflect upon the extraordinary leadership that Cornell has had over the years. Cornell is an even stronger university today than it was 26 years ago when we graduated. As a classmate of Jeff's, I felt like a proud sibling basking in the success of a beloved brother, sharing his joy. As I tell my fellow trustees, the Class of '77 was truly an outstanding class, and anyone of us could have been president of Cornell!

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**78** **George Corneil** is living in Toronto, Canada. He's married and has two teenagers who are very active in sports and the arts. He's vice president at the Royal Bank of Canada, but manages to squeeze in some time to play "old-timers hockey" with fellow Cornellians **Kevin Fullan** and **Jeff Schmalz '77**. **Diane Elliott** (diocusa@aol.com), who is living in Irvine, CA, celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary with **Donald Strenk** this year. Their eldest child, **Michael '07**, entered the College of Engineering this fall. **Chris Crowley** is enjoying life with two growing kids and a 20-acre farm in Washington with dogs, horses, llamas, and chickens. He's doing some political consulting and building wind power projects.

After 22 years of living in Manhattan, **Stephen Kesselman**, JD '81 (skesselman@rmfpc.com) and his wife and three children moved to Old Westbury, NY. Stephen joined one of the largest law firms on Long Island, **Ruskin Moscov Faltischek PC**, to continue his corporate litigation practice. His wife **Alison Schecter** is a

cardiologist and faculty member at Mt. Sinai Medical Center. **Laura Howes** (lhowes@utk.edu) is an associate professor of English at the U. of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. She has also served as director of a new academic outreach program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. She and husband **Charles Biggs** and daughter **Mary** escape north when the summer heat gets to them.

**Joel Spellun, MD '82**, says his practice is busy and if there are any gastroenterologists looking for a job, give him a call. He and his wife have two children and a new dog; his mid-life crisis has revolved around exercising and he's contemplating the Boston Marathon. **Kim Friedman Landau** (mlandau1@nycap.rr.com) is president of the Hebrew Academy Day School in Albany, NY. Son **A.J.** is in his first year of high school, and **Justin** just celebrated his bar mitzvah. Husband **Michael** is busy with his endodontic practice and tinkering with his five cars, one go-kart, and multiple bicycle parts. **Lesley Gudehus** (lesleygudehus@bmhcc.org), who lives in Memphis, TN, has been doing a lot of writing and recently interviewed cancer patients for issues of the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation magazine.

**Laurey Howe Czekaj** (lgczekaj@cs.com) of Union, NJ, wants to know if she is the first grandmother in the class. Courtesy of her stepson **Michael**, she is the proud grandma to **Summer, 4**, and **Shannon, 3**. She is a newly minted empty-nester since her daughter **Claire, 20**, is a junior math major and baton twirler at the U. of Delaware, and daughter **Katie, 18**, headed off to Rutgers U. this past fall. **Mark Levenson** (markl@levenson.com) writes from Manhattan that he married **AnneBeth** two years ago, and their son **Zally** just turned 1 year old. **Mark's** production of **S. Ansky's *The Dybbuk*** has won national awards and will play in Atlanta, Boston, and New York next year. **Charlene Moore Hayes** (chayes7757@aol.com) says that she left North Carolina State U., in Raleigh, where she was the associate vice chancellor for human resources, to begin employment with Johns Hopkins U. in Baltimore. She will be the vice president for human resources there.

If you're in the throes of making summer plans, you might want to consider taking some courses, with or without your family, at Cornell's wonderful summer program. Here's are some classmates who attended Adult University (CAU) last summer: **Gail Ferstanding Arnold**, **Vivian Tom Bennette**, **Henry Farber**, **Laurie Letvak, MD '82**, **David Levine**, **Tom McCarthy**, **Joan Passiatore Popolo**, **Carol Lind Rattray**, and **Marie Sciortino Venezia**.

By the way, some of you may be wondering if it is an optical illusion or whether the classes of 1977 and 1979 (among others) seem to get more space than we do. Broad hint: class column lengths are determined by how many class members are magazine subscribers—a bonus that comes with your class dues. So pay your dues and send us your news! ♦ **Eileen Brill Wagner**, brillcon@aol.com; **Pepi F. Leids**, pleids@aol.com.



**79** Greetings from York, PA, and the new home of the **Gould** family. It has been an interesting and challenging six months for us as we get acquainted with a new state, new schools, new teams, and new jobs. For the most part our relocation has gone well and we are comfortably settled in. Bob has been marketing manager at Snyder's of Hanover for about a year now and we joined him in our new home in Pennsylvania this summer. Brandon, our son, spent three weeks at Cornell this summer taking Democracy and its Discontents, taught by Nick Salvatore. He enjoyed the course and college life, but after three weeks in Class of '26 Hall, he was glad to return to air conditioning and home cooking. He is now busy preparing college applications and will thankfully be done by the time this column is in print. **Bob** and I enjoyed being back on campus and visiting with **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87.

Allison is a sophomore and is still swimming year-round for North Baltimore Aquatic Club. She is working hard to keep up with the many high caliber athletes she swims with, and hopes to swim in college someday. I recently accepted a position as a health educator with Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center in York. I will be teaching and developing youth programs on various topics for one of the premiere health education centers in the country. I am really excited about this change from solely focusing on nutrition.

**Jordan Schell-Lambert**, ME '80, reports that his daughter **Rachel** is a proud member of the Class of 2007, majoring in Plant Science and taking advantage of many activities on campus, among which are a dance troupe and the Sailing Club. There are three legacies, including a trustee's daughter, in her five-person unit in one of the new dorms! Jordan has been reestablishing contact with Alpha Deltas from '79 and '80, including **Jeff Weiss**, **David Hahn '80**, and **Steve Ritchey '81**. He also met up with fellow OR&IE **Franklin Koh**, who is a consultant in an information technology firm.

**Randy Allgaier** writes that he would love to hear from other Alpha Deltas! He has been living in San Francisco for more than 15 years. He and his partner Lee Hawn celebrated their 15th anniversary this past 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 Association of People with AIDS and the Kaiser Family Foundation on HIV/AIDS and Medicare. He has also been appointed by San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown to the HIV Services Planning Council of San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. Mayor Brown also appointed him as his representative to the Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR) Coalition, a national advocacy group advocating for Ryan White CARE funding for AIDS programs. Randy was also the founder of the California Alliance for Pride and Equality (CAPE), which is California's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender organization, and is a member of the

Board of Governors of the Human Rights Campaign. The nation's largest gay and lesbian organization, the Human Rights Campaign provides a national voice on gay and lesbian issues. Randy can be reached at [randy@allgaierhawn.net](mailto:randy@allgaierhawn.net).

From the East Coast, **Marcie S. Gitlin** ([vbabe214@hotmail.com](mailto:vbabe214@hotmail.com)) writes that she is now happily ensconced as executive assistant to the president of the Lower East Side Tenement Museum. The Museum, an actual tenement building on New York's Lower East Side, is a national historic site, the only such urban building accorded that honor, whose mission is "to promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of the variety of immigrant and migrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America." Marcie writes that it's a wonderfully vibrant, collegial, and committed institution. She assists the president with her many activities, represents her when required, and also leads weekly tours. Please do visit [www.tenement.org](http://www.tenement.org)! On the personal front, Marcie still lives on Manhattan's Upper East Side, volunteers as a "conversation partner" with non-native English speakers, and is planning a return visit to Burma in January 2004.

**Elna Hum Pratt** ([epratt@prattlaw.com](mailto:epratt@prattlaw.com)) writes that in November 2002 she relocated her tax law practice from Washington, DC, to Alexandria, VA. There are two lawyers in her firm, the Pratt Law Group PLLC. They service clients in the areas of estates, trusts, and probate law, business law, and IRS controversy and collections. Elna and husband Ted live in Manassas, VA, home of the Civil War battlefield. Ted has been a beekeeper since 1996, and the honey he produces won blue ribbons this year, the fifth year in a row. They travel to beekeepers meetings often, but missed the meeting in Ithaca last year. **Laura Schuett** has been appointed by County Executive Scott Walker to serve on a 13-member Lakefront Task Force. The task force will draft standards and criteria for further development on Milwaukee's Lake Michigan shoreline.

In March 2002, **Michael Curran** ([mcurran@mgmccomp.com](mailto:mcurran@mgmccomp.com)) retired from McLagan Partners after 19 years (and two acquisitions). He writes that a year on the beach proved to him that he should be careful what he wishes for in terms of early retirement. Earlier this year, he joined MGMC, a start-up consulting business focused on compensation in the financial services industry. He feels that starting from scratch is a scary proposition, but even more rewarding when you succeed.

It is only six months until our 25th Reunion, and the class is busy preparing for the biggest and best gathering of alumni ever. As part of this effort, regional pre-reunion events took place this fall in numerous cities including Ithaca, DC, Houston, NYC, and Philadelphia. University-wide events are scheduled to take place in NYC, Washington, Boston, and Chicago in April or May. **Jeff Berg**, MBA '81, and wife Debra Paget hosted the first of nearly ten regional pre-reunion events on October 12 at

their home in Westchester County, NY. Nearly 20 classmates and spouses attended, including **Sandy Anderson**, **Jean Mischenko** Condon, **Ginny Groton** Goelz, Steve and **Sue Stein** Klubock, **Dan Mansoor**, MBA '80, and **Joyce Rothschild '80**, **Brian** and **Heidi Miller**, **Rich** and **Dana Sherman Novitch '83**, **Anne Marie Reilly**, **Peter Robert**, ME '81, and **Tom** and **Sally Van Leeuwen**. Everyone had a great time and many agreed to get a block of seats together for the Cornell at Yale hockey game in New Haven on November 7.

Cornell research about reunion participation shows that there are three primary reasons why classmates return for reunion: to see other classmates, to see the campus, and "because someone asked them to come!" Brad and Mary Grainger would like you to know that you have such power over your classmates! Please consider getting in touch with your freshman dorm friends, your former lab partners, your Straight Break buddies, your friends from sports or clubs or Greek life, your Cornell friends from the first place you lived after college, etc. If you need to find an updated address for them, check out the online alumni directory on the [www.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu) website.

You'll also find that the website features electronic postcards which might be a fun way to send messages to friends you want to encourage to meet you on campus next June 10-13 for our very special 25th Reunion! If you need help



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locating someone, feel free to contact Mary or Brad at [mmg7@cornell.edu](mailto:mmg7@cornell.edu) or (607) 257-3268, or class VP **Karen Mineo** at [kam6@cornell.edu](mailto:kam6@cornell.edu) or (609) 520-2025. You can also communicate with your class correspondents about locating long-lost friends and sending other news. Use the class e-mail address, [classof79@cornell.edu](mailto:classof79@cornell.edu) or contact us directly. Please keep your news coming so we have lots to write about before reunion. ♦ **Kathy Zappia Gould**, [rdgould@sus.com.net](mailto:rdgould@sus.com.net); and **Cindy Ahlgren Shea**, [cynthia.shea@hotmail.com](mailto:cynthia.shea@hotmail.com).

**80** Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season. As I write the column in early autumn, many classmates happily (and somewhat enviously) have left their children in Ithaca to begin their undergraduate adventures. Anyone care to wax poetic on the wonders of Ithaca in January?!

Our column begins with news of classmates who are enjoying their Cornell visits and are all so impressed with the "new" North Campus facilities, which provide a residential college experience for new students. "Feeling weird" is how **Jamie Pundyk** and **Bob Davis, JD '78**, felt dropping son **Billy '07** off to begin his Cornell studies. **Dave** and **Cynthia Jamison** feel the same way as their oldest daughter, **Katy**, pursues her academic studies in astrophysics. The Jamisons' Pennsylvania nest is far from empty with high school junior Emily and seventh grader Molly still at home.

**Jim** and **Margo Sue Randall Bittner** shared lots of news recently, which starts with a move. "We bought a former convent. We'll be turning it into the intergalactic headquarters for Singer Farms and having an on-farm winery downstairs. Our home will now be on the second floor. After

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JIM AND MARGO SUE RANDALL BITTNER '80

years of growing fruit, we're going to make fruit wine under the label Appleton Creek. This house has a fascinating history, having been built in the 1850s originally. There are ghost stories galore. The Sisters of St. Joseph owned it for 60 years or so. Every now and then, various Sisters have been coming out to the farm. Now, they show up here and are telling me the history of the place from their perspective. The address is 7171 E Lake Road, Appleton, NY 14008. Also, our oldest, **Kevin**, is a senior in the Ag college, and our daughter **Janet** is a sophomore there. Our youngest, **David**, was just accepted to Purdue. We've been spending our time on campus because the older two are members of the symphonic band, playing in two concerts each semester."

**Peter Newman** ([p.newman@utoronto.ca](mailto:p.newman@utoronto.ca))

accepted a position as assistant professor in the U. of Toronto Faculty of Social Work. He presented at the 2002 International AIDS Conference in Barcelona. Newman has been awarded several grants to study psychosocial and behavioral issues in future HIV vaccine dissemination. **James Markham** ([james.markham@virgin.net](mailto:james.markham@virgin.net)) recently co-authored a book with Bryan Hopkins entitled *e-HR: Using Intranets to Improve the Effectiveness of Your People* (published by Gower, August 2003). **Rudy Porter** ([rudyporter@hotmail.com](mailto:rudyporter@hotmail.com)) is currently working as Country Director for the American Center for International Labor Solidarity, AFL-CIO, Indonesia office in Jakarta. **Donald Wyman** of Kingwood, TX ([dwyman@rohmmaas.com](mailto:dwyman@rohmmaas.com)) writes, "Last summer we moved from the Philadelphia area back to the Houston area. I am still at Rohm and Haas, currently working on SAP implementation (that's big business application software) at our big plant in Houston. Becky and I have been married almost 21 years. She is also a chemical engineer (Rice U.) and works as a consultant in the LNG industry. Our son James is a freshman at Sam Houston State U., where he is studying computer science. Our daughter Elizabeth is a high school junior."

Looking for the exotic in Pennsylvania? **Carol Butler** writes that she has 200 llamas for neighbors! I wonder if vet Carol makes house calls. Carol still loves the vet work and also keeps busy with foster daughters Rae and Quoi. She also manages at least an annual visit with **Patricia Kenney Clark, DVM '85**, who is living in Herkimer. **Kristin Bieber Domm** finds that living in Cow Bay, Nova Scotia, has inspired her to write children's books about endangered species. Her latest book, *The Hatchling's Journey: A Blanding Turtle Story*, features illustrations by her husband Jeff.

**81** Happy 2004! We hope you and your family had a very enjoyable holiday season. May the year ahead bring you the blessings of health, peace, and prosperity.

**Jeffrey Lehman '77**, the new president of Cornell, has been a busy man and will continue with a full schedule in 2004. He is traveling throughout the country bringing Cornell to the hometowns of so many of our alumni and

friends. This past fall, he visited Portland, OR; Seattle, WA; Princeton, NJ; and Philadelphia, PA. In February, he is scheduled to tour Florida, including Palm Beach/Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Naples, and Sarasota. Then he is on to Tulsa, OK, and finally to Dallas and Houston, TX. We wish him well in his new position. How exciting to have an alum, just four years older than we are, as president of our prestigious alma mater! For more information about President Lehman's tours, please visit <http://president.events.aad.cornell.edu/>.

Congratulations to **Susan Ying**, who recently received the 2003 Woman of Color Award. Susan is a mechanical and aerospace engineer at Boeing. In her role as executive program integrator to the president of Boeing Phantom Works, she leads special projects to support business objectives, monitors day-to-day operations of the organization, and coordinates executive level events. Her previous experience includes leadership positions in the C-17 Extended Range program, Systems Engineering and Integration, Aerodynamics, and Flight Performance in the Advanced Transport Technologies in Phantom Works. Before joining Boeing, Susan taught at Stanford, Iowa State, and Florida State universities, and directed research at the US Department of Energy Supercomputer Computations Research Lab and NASA Research Center. She was also a NASA astronaut candidate finalist in 1994.

**Marty Koffman** writes that he just started a new business, Pearl River Pastry & Chocolates, in Pearl River, NY, which sells high-end pastry to hotels, caterers, and restaurants. The Koffmans have daughter Billie, 2, and son Isaac, 4. Also in New York is **Ed Baum**, who recently joined a new law firm, Proskauer Rose LLP, where he is practicing complex commercial and employment litigation. One of his new partners at Proskauer is **Paul Salvatore, JD '84**.

We have a little more background to share about **Bill Schlappi**, also known as country music performer and songwriter Billy Montana. His songs have been sung by country artists Leanne Womack, Kenny Rogers, and Tim McGraw, and we send congratulations to him on all his success. Bill got his musical education as a boy watching his dad play in square-dance bands on Friday and Saturday nights in Upstate New York. He gave up life on the farm to start a music career in Nashville, and has written over 600 songs. "Just got to get them hit singles," he writes. "I try to be positive and wholesome in my writing, although I also try to be realistic. And I don't think the world is always a bed of roses." Bill's musical influences were Jackson Browne, Dan Fogelberg, and the Eagles, and he loves "folk attitude." He lives in Nashville with his wife and three teenagers.

That's all the news for now. Drop us an e-mail and let us know what your New Year's resolutions are. Take care. ♦ **Kathy Philbin LaShoto**, [kathleen\\_lashoto@equityoffice.com](mailto:kathleen_lashoto@equityoffice.com); **Jennifer Read Campbell**, [RonJenCam@aol.com](mailto:RonJenCam@aol.com); and **Betsy Silverfine**, [bsilverfine@rogers.com](mailto:bsilverfine@rogers.com).



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Together with the Classes of '81, '83, and '84, our class hosted a wine-tasting on October 24 at the Cornell Club in New York City.

Class VP and event organizer **Lauren Silfen** reports that 45 people attended, including **Aida Vernon**, **Cindy Cooper** Gorlick, Mark and **Virginia Verbeyst** Leonard, **George** and **Lisa Esposito Kok '83**, **David** and **Robin Slavit**, **Jean Pierre** David, **Sharon Guss** and **Alan Pollack**, **Sharon Lieberman**, and **Sigrid Aarons**. The sommelier, "Alexander the Grape," explained each of the wines that were paired with the four course menu, and **Lorraine Aronowitz** Danzig reported that everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening.

The next day, **Terry Kilmer** Oosterom hosted the Class of '82 Annual Homecoming Tailgate Party, which everyone enjoyed despite the weather. **Tom Parsons** attended with daughter Elizabeth and had such a great time that he has decided to make Homecoming an annual event! Also attending were **Greg** and **Sandra Busby** with son Robbie; honorary '82er **Juliet Kolm Gibbs '80**, **Bob Ramin**, MBA '85, and lots of Glee Club and Hangover alums. Another classmate gathering occurred in May 2003. **Beth Tremer** Herrick, MD '86, **Anne Shuter** Pride, and **Meg Murray** attended **Terry Ries** Krieger's wedding to **Mike Stepanovich '76** in Pittsburgh, PA. According to Meg, "We all had a great time roasting Terry and dancing into the wee hours." The happy couple honeymooned in Napa Valley.

From our classmates in the armed forces: **Mike Panosian** advises, "I continue in my Air Force career, now working as a medical squadron commander, Spangdahlem Air Base Germany, close to Luxembourg. I still practice ENT and occasionally get to fly in the F-16 as a flight surgeon. I got in touch with classmate **Alan Tucker** (also still in the Air Force) after many long years. We had a nice chat, but unfortunately did not get to visit, as Alan was moving back to a Pentagon job." Lt. Colonel USAF **Mark Strickland** writes that he moved from Georgia to Alabama last summer and is the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. His wife Kimberly home-schools their children Cooper, 9, and Paige, 6. Mark home-schools in the evening when he returns from work.

After being in the Pentagon for three years, **Charles Stuppard** says he has "finally detached." He is slated to be the next captain of the ship USS **Arleigh Burke** (DDG 51), the lead ship in a new class of destroyers having the most sophisticated radar, computers, and weapons systems in the world. Charles's school and training will take him from San Diego, CA, to Newport, RI. The change of command is scheduled for April 2004 in Norfolk, VA. If any Cornellians are in the area and would like to see a Navy change of command, please e-mail him at cls27@cornell.edu for an official invitation.

On the civilian job front several of our classmates have been in the news. In August 2003, *The Blood Horse* ran a people profile of **Lisa Potkewitz**, DVM '88. I quote: "Small animal veterinarian Lisa Potkewitz is a benefactor to those on the backstretch at Saratoga. The

perky, pint-sized 43-year-old shows up early each day, giving advice and offering reduced-cost medical care for the dogs, cats, and other pets owned by the backstretch help. Following her busy morning, she hits the road, running her Saratoga Mobile Vet operation out of her office—a blue Ford Focus station wagon . . . Potkewitz puts about 40,000 miles a year on her clinic-on-wheels, providing services in and around Saratoga, NY. 'I'm totally mobile,' she says. Two days a week, she travels down the New York State Thruway to Albany, where she works for the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society."

I received a newspaper clipping naming **Alan White** as one of Mt. Kisco's "people on the move." In June 2003, Alan was appointed Catskill Mountain program director for the Nature Conservancy's Eastern New York Chapter. He is based in Arkville and will oversee the Conservancy's efforts in the Catskill Mountain region. **Tom Carbone** was quoted in a March 2002 *Baltimore Sun* article on "Making the Switch to Onsite Electricity." Tom is the president of Wartsilla North America Inc., an Annapolis, MD, company that designs, builds, and operates power plants. Wartsilla is a Helsinki-based corporation, best known for making giant natural gas powered and diesel fuel engines for cruise ships. "These ships have the power of small cities," said Tom. "Our clients said, 'If you can do this on a ship, how about you do it on land?' We quickly realized there was a business out there for smaller plants attached to industrial sites. We think that is where the future will be."

**Lori Penner** Hurwitz writes, "After a three-year hiatus as a stay-at-home mom, I am going back to work! I am joining Coldwell Banker Sunland Realty, in Brevard County, FL, as a licensed realtor. I had previously been with Coldwell Banker in Atlanta." Good luck, Lori, on your renewed endeavor!

In closing I bring you a cute Cornell memory. **Jill Schwartz** Rowan writes that her 8-year-old reads a series called *The Box Car Children*, in which each book has a family of four children solving a mystery. She recently read "The Haunted Clock Tower Mystery," in which the children accompanied their grandfather to his alma mater, "Goldwin University." On the campus were a clock tower, a quad, and buildings named Morrill and McGraw Hall. Additional points of similarity included the Slope and a carillon player, and there were other veiled references to Cornell. Says Jill, "It was an unexpected and enjoyable experience to read about Cornell in my child's book."

Final note, my e-mail address has changed. Please contact me there with your news. ♦ **Donna DeSilva**, rjodmd@comcast.net; or **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

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After nearly ten years of having little involvement with Cornell, I can attest that the nostalgia surrounding reunion was sufficient to convince me to commit to serving as one of your class correspondents for the next five years.

I'm looking forward to getting back in touch with lost friends and acquaintances, and to keeping up with our active classmates along with fellow correspondent **Dave Pattison**. Please make it one of your New Year's resolutions to send us your news!

Last summer was a time of reconnecting for many of us, whether through reunion or in other venues. **Lisa Esposito** Kok writes: "This past August, my family (**George '82**, Nicholas, 9, and Pippa, 3) and I pulled into the parking area of the Tyler Place Family Resort in Vermont and I could not believe the sight in front of me. **Meryl Friedman** Price, my freshman roommate and senior year apartment-mate, was shepherding her brood—Josh, 20 months, and Hannah, born the day after Reunion Weekend—into the hotel with her husband David. After the whoops, hollers, and exclamations of incredulity were done, we discovered we were to spend the next week together in this idyllic family camp. Shamelessly promoting Cornell with my tees, sweats, and hats acquired at reunion, other Cornellians sighted me and "outed" others in our midst. Considering there were only 60-odd families checked in for the week, how likely was it, statistically, that ten Cornellians were in attendance with their families? To top off the school spirit, we found out the founder of this generations-old family-run camp was a Cornellian herself, **Frances Johnson** Tyler, MA '26!"

**Hans Bauer** and wife Maria Duca delivered their second son, Christopher, on Dec. 20, '02. Hans works as an interventional cardiologist and serves as medical director of the cardiac catheterization lab at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, NJ. **Deborah Doggett** Swift gave birth to her third child last spring, and reports that as a home-schooling mom she uses all facets of her education on an almost daily basis. Deborah and family live in Flagstaff, AZ.

Many classmates were on the road last spring and summer, some traveling to exotic locations and others returning home from time abroad. **Karl Debus-Lopez**, MRP '86, and his partner Tanner Wray enjoyed a holiday in Berlin, Prague, and Vienna. Karl has been working as chief acquisitions librarian at the U. of Wisconsin since 1998 and was named Librarian of the Year in 1993.

After working for seven years at the American School of Asunción in Paraguay, **Daniel Reyes-Guerra** is now principal-in-residence at Florida Atlantic U., teaching and studying to get his doctorate in educational leadership. Daniel says he enjoys being back in the US after 18 years. **Martha Leslie** raves about her experiences living in The Netherlands for the past five years. She, husband Ivo, and daughter Helen, 9, particularly enjoy the spring tulip season, and she likens the beauty of the Dutch gardens with the natural scenery in Ithaca. She regrets that the International Society of Nephrology annual meeting in Berlin conflicted with reunion, but states that she is planning to make it next time. Martha works as an internist at a large teaching hospital.

Our classmates report a wide range of recreational activities and diverse career interests. **Sue Amberg** Hurban and family enjoy spending



several weeks each year sailing on their catamaran in the Grenadines. **Rebecca Slivka**, MArch '86, spent last summer riding her bicycle cross-country from her hometown of Seattle, where she engages in computer consulting and bicycle advocacy, and serves as director of Seattle's Scrabble Club. **Monica Daniel** reports that she works as an independent nurse midwife in private practice. Though she, husband Jorge Cuevas (an Ithaca College grad), and children Taina, 5, and Antonio, 1, now live in Ithaca, Monica spent a year after her nurse midwifery studies volunteering in the West Indies, then enjoyed the beach life in Florida for several years, and had a "great US/European Harley Davidson adventure" prior to settling down in Ithaca. Another Ithaca resident, **Diane Dillon**, is working as assistant coach of the Cornell women's ice hockey team and says it's "great to be back in Ithaca!" Living in nearby Canandaigua is **John Cleary**, who writes that he is "closing down Seneca Army Depot" as a civilian Army employee.

**Eric Messinger's** job as a freelance writer in NYC fits well with his "prying nature," he confesses. Eric is married to **Rebecca Tayne '81** and has one daughter, Elena. **Bill Wildman**, JD '86, lives in Decatur, GA, though his busy construction litigation practice takes him all over the country. Bill has daughters Kate, 8, and Lee, 2. Another attorney, **Elizabeth DiRusso**, BS '85, is a commercial litigator in Stamford, CT. **Karen Chan** spends her days designing signs on the computer for Sign On Enterprises in Hicksville, NY, and she and her family enjoy watching the NY Mets on TV and in person whenever possible.

**Laura Berkowitz** Lokker, JD '86, informs us that children Andrew, 10, Nicholas, 7, and Katherine, 4, as well as she and her husband Brian—both attorneys—live in Montclair, NJ. Laura is no longer actively practicing law and is planning to attend graduate school in clinical psychology when her youngest begins kindergarten. Although she said she wouldn't make it to reunion, she was planning a short visit to the area that summer—only her second trip to Ithaca after graduating from Cornell Law School in 1986. **Cindy Goldberg Fine** practiced tax law for 15 years, but stopped working two years ago to care for her children, ages 7 and 10. She writes, "My 7-year-old is a lively and cheerful young girl who has multiple disabilities requiring lots of attention. Taking care of her and helping her to grow is my biggest challenge and adds tremendous meaning to everything I experience." Cindy, husband **Jay**, and their children live in Bloomfield, NJ.

Children's activities prevented **Caryn Zimmerman** Zoffer from attending reunion. Caryn, husband Bill, and Josh, 11, Emily, 8, and Mollie, 4, lead busy lives in Durham, NC, where they have lived for the past six years. **Stephanie Malcolm** O'Donnell wasn't able to make it to reunion due to the timing of her family's move to Austin, TX, last May, but hopes to make it to our 25th. A few other classmates report recent moves, including **Maureen Saunders**, DVM '87, who moved to a new home in Upper Nyack, NY, with her partner Will; and **Ronald Dreifuss**,

who purchased a new coop on Sutton Place in NYC. Ronald works as director of radiology for St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center.

As for myself, I'm living in Bellaire, TX, with my husband Griff and daughters Anna, 12, and Sarah, 9, and am working as a social worker and coordinator for a pediatric clinic for children with chronic illnesses and disabilities. I'm fortunate to have a flexible schedule that allows me to pick up my girls from school most days and to devote time to community activities.

Our class received a touching thank-you letter from scholarship recipient **Trevor Johnson**, who wrote: "I would like to thank the class of 1983 for this scholarship and for the opportunity to further my education. Rest assured that this scholarship has been given to someone who will work hard to represent the Class of 1983 in a manner that would reflect a positive image on the class and this scholarship." The full text of Trevor's letter is included on our class website (<http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu/>).

Please keep your news coming, and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2004! ♦ **Dinah Godwin**, [dinahgodwin@msn.com](mailto:dinahgodwin@msn.com); and **David Pattison**, [d.pattison2@verizon.net](mailto:d.pattison2@verizon.net).

**84** Reunion is fast approaching! Let's break the attendance record for a 20th reunion! Please call long-lost friends from the class, especially ones that might not subscribe to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. We will be staying in the newly renovated Donlon Hall, on the incredibly different North Campus. The menus and locations are set—now we just need YOU! Our anticipated attendance as of mid-October is 141 adults and 124 children, testimony to the great children's program at reunion. My two children participated during our 15th and they're still talking about it. **Janet Insardi** and **Kitty Cantwell** are always looking for more people who would like to help call classmates, donate giveaway items, or assist during the weekend. You can reach Janet at [insardij@hotmail.com](mailto:insardij@hotmail.com), or Kitty at [ccantwel@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ccantwel@rochester.rr.com) if you have any questions or want to offer help.

Armed Forces and Astronaut News: Lt. Col. **Joseph Brendler**, MSEE '85, commands the 782 soldiers of the 123rd Signal Battalion, which provides communications support for the US Army's Third Infantry Division (Mechanized), based at Fort Stewart, GA. He was deployed to Kuwait in November 2002 and subsequently participated in combat and in stability and support operations in Iraq, as the Third Infantry Division led the US Army's initial efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His wife Teresa and children Joey, 11, and Jenna, 8, greeted him upon his return to the US on Aug. 15, '03. Joe had previously served in the Army's 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC, and in 2002, he spent two months in Afghanistan as part of an international Combined Joint Task Force led by the US Army's XVIII Airborne Corps during Operation Enduring Freedom. Joe is planning on attending reunion if the Army allows—and is looking forward to seeing and renewing ties with many old friends, including his brothers in

Delta Kappa Epsilon.

**Ed Lu** reached out to Cornell students and researchers from the International Space Station on September 4. The shortwave radio contact lasted 11 minutes and was part of NASA's Amateur Radio Onboard the International Space Station (ARISS) program. Lu has been conducting scientific experiments in the low-gravity environment with Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko. Ed reported that the experiments range from basic physics to applied medical tests. A graduate student in physics asked about the view of Mars, and "with noticeable excitement in his voice, Lu said, 'Mars is quite beautiful from here.'" This quote came from an article released by Cornell News Service and can be found at [www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Sept03/Lu-ISS.bpf.html](http://www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Sept03/Lu-ISS.bpf.html).

**Tim Becker** is in Batavia, OH, with his wife and three boys (!) Max, Sam, and Theo. Just to add excitement, Max and Sam are only a year apart and in the double digits, but Theo is just a toddler. **Julie Sylvester** Moody is a Hotelier turned designer. She was featured on HGTV in July on "Designing for the Sexes." We would love to hear if the appearance generated any new business for Julie! **Marlon Brownlee** writes that he has changed his e-mail address. Any other news? The law firm of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP has made **James Mizgala** a partner in the Chicago branch. James specializes in litigation—product liability and mass torts. The law firm is one of the world's largest, with more than 1,500 lawyers practicing in North America, Europe, and Asia.

Weddings: **Christine Nitzsche**, MBA '91, married Michael Go on May 25, '03. Cornellians in attendance included **Cedric Leighton**, **Tomoko Morinaga**, MPS '89, **Patricia Thomas**, MBA '91, **Karen North**, MBA '90, **Irene Argue Christy '93**, **Delfina Gova Bisha '86**, MBA '98, and **Jacqueline Marr '79**. Christine is a human resources department administrator at the U. of Washington's National Primate Research Center, and Michael is a software developer at WRQ. Christine attended Cedric Leighton's wedding on June 14, '03 at Fort Meade, MD. Cedric and his wife Amy just moved to San Angelo, TX. **Ruth Heller** married Mark Catan in June 2003 and **Eileen Moroney** Joyce was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance was **Beth Butlien** Ayres, and the Cornellians gathered agreed to meet again at reunion. Ruth celebrated her 40th birthday by hosting a party of about 100 friends in a decidedly downscale bar in Washington, DC. They had a blast that night—a perfect way to usher in a new decade!

Adult University (CAU) has once again attracted classmates to its excellence and variety. This summer **Tim**, MBA '92, and **Nancy Grambow Brown '85**, PhD '94, and **Emily Liu** Fillo-ramo enjoyed the Wine Class, and Emily also participated in the Tennis Clinic. **Michael** and **Gail Mosinger Severance** took Wall Street 2003 and Un-Natural History, respectively. The most unusual course "awards" go to **William Ryan**, MS EE '85, in the Family Ranching in Wyoming course (Dudes and Dinosaurs at the 7D), and **Robert Hole**, in the Down Under the World



Down Under course (Tropical Australia and the Great Barrier Reef). ♦ **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com; and **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.com. Class website: www.alumni.cornell.edu/orgs/classes/1984.

**85** As I submit this column, we have just finished inaugurating our new Cornell University President, **Jeffrey S. Lehman '77**, the first-ever Cornell graduate to fill this position. President Lehman certainly chose a most auspicious means of returning to campus, but you need not sit behind the Big Desk in Day Hall in order to find your way back to our dear alma mater—you need only consider participating in Adult University (CAU), the way that some of our classmates did this past summer.

**Ann Herendeen**, like President Lehman, has an interest in leadership. She participated in the CAU course "Tarzan Meets Gandhi: Outdoor Leadership" (I can't quite picture either Ann or President Lehman swinging from a vine, but I'm sure that was a terrific class). Also reveling in the Great Outdoors was **Jacqueline Tobin**, who intrepidly chose "The Way Bugs Work" (we must conquer our fears by confronting them—right, Jackie?). Among those who preferred the visual and/or culinary arts as a course of study were **Diane Madrigal**, who chose "Antiques and Antiquing," and **Nancy Grambow** Brown, PhD '94, who chose the "Now You're Cooking" workshop (now we're talking!).

Can't decide which course is most appealing? Well, you can always opt for the CAU class devoted to the most famously indecisive protagonist in literature: Hamlet. Actually, Hamlet contains many pearls of wisdom that are being taken to heart by the Class of '85. For example, **Jim Moore '84**, BA '85, is following the famous "To thine own self be true" advice dispensed by Polonius in Act One. Jim wrote to say that he had left his perch as director of alumni relations at the U. of Rochester's Simon School of Business, where he enjoyed many happy years, to pursue his passion to run his own business. The Corwin Group LLC is a firm that works with small companies "to identify new uses and markets for their existing goods and services." Says Jim of his decision to strike out on his own, "Given that I recently turned 40, my wife acknowledges that this is a better choice than a little red sports car."

**Anne Westa Cummins** and **T.J. Costello** are also following their true paths as bosses of their own design practices. Ann, who is married to **Bill '84**, and is mom to sons Jamie, 10, and Brian, 9, operates her own design firm, Hildreth House Interior Design, while T.J., who is married to **Andrea (Chmil) '84**, runs his own architectural practice, Hierarchy. T.J. and Andrea have adopted a baby girl from the Ukraine, and he says that their family, which includes son Toby, 7, is "very happy."

Another truth seeker in our class is **Ellen Baum** Rabinowitz, who wrote that she had "discovered a new vocation"—teaching second and fifth graders at her synagogue. Ellen says that she is still very active with planning school and community events, and that her kids Sonia and Brent

keep her "always on the move." **Sheila Marrinan** Burkus likewise notes that she is an active volunteer, and is also mom to Nick, 12, Lexi, 9, Annie, 7, and Kylie, 4. Sheila met up with **Leslie Simon** Knibb at her "beautiful home in DC," where classmates **Lori Deckelbaum**, **Phil Borkowski**, **Marla Berman** Dalton, and **Melissa Russell** Rubel were on hand for a mini-reunion, along with **Gay Truscott '84** and **John Carnella '86**.

Other advice from Hamlet, such as "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" is not being followed by all of us. **John Fessenden** wrote to say that he has a new job as a loan officer in the Geneva, NY, office of Farm Credit of Western New York. John and wife **Mariann (Roese) '84** are the proud parents of Marissa, 15, Samuel, 13, Thomas, 11, and Sarah, 9. In other news from the world of finance, **Robert Joyce** sent word that he is a managing director at The Bank of New York, where he has worked since graduating from Duke U.'s Fuqua School of Business in 1987.

Although the whole parent/child thing doesn't work out too well in Hamlet, I am confident that our '85er parents and their offspring will fare significantly better. **Tracey Nichol** Austin celebrated the birth of her second child, Max Carlton, on April 3. He joins big sister Jill, who is 4 years old. **Marjorie Riemer** Setchko of Richmond, CA, had daughter Xanthe on Apr. 14, '02. Xanthe is the eighth (yes, eighth) child in the Setchko household. With four boys and four girls, Marjorie can now stage her own Shakespearean epics and never have to resort to using any non-family cast members! Congratulations, Marjorie.

Well, Shakespeare also famously opined in Hamlet that "brevity is the soul of wit," so I will quit now while I'm ahead and simply ask you to send me whatever news you can muster about yourself or your classmate buddies—we are running low on those precious News Forms. Thanks! ♦ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; or **Ed Catto**, edcatto@hotmail.com.

**86** Just a few news items to report this month, beginning with classmates in the Golden State. "After finishing four years of graduate school in architecture at Harvard, I

relocated to Los Angeles at the end of 1990," **Alice Kimm** writes. In 1995 Alice started her own architectural design firm with John Friedman, a classmate from graduate school. "We design affordable housing, single family houses, and commercial buildings, and we now have an elementary school project under construction," Alice reports. The two are also partners at home, having married in 1999. They have a 2-year-old daughter Rae.

**Laura Pitta** Peter sends news from California as well. She is the director of intellectual property at Foundry Networks in San Jose. **Adrienne Silvertstein** Iglehart writes, "I am living in Manhattan with my husband Ken and children Steven, 12, and Caitlin, 10." Adrienne works at Wilmington Trust Co.'s New York office, and prior to the move east she and her family lived in San Francisco for five years. (The California theme continues!)

Back in the northeast, **Ed Decker** reports a move to North Caldwell, NJ, a few blocks from classmate **Evan Blum**. Ed and wife Laura have daughters Carly, 4, and Ellie, 2. Ed practices ophthalmology in nearby Roseland and Millburn. **Jeffrey Lowe** reports a change in professional status, too. "Earlier this year I retired from private practice to open the Washington, DC, office of Major, Hagen & Africa, the country's leading legal search firm." Prior to that, Jeffrey worked at law firms in New York and Tokyo. And **Sandra Bresnick** writes that she recently joined the international law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as a partner in its patent litigation practice. Sandra has lectured extensively on patent litigation and has published numerous articles in professional journals and trade publications.

Also in the professional news category, ILR grad **Milly Rivera** writes of a recent six-month detail as special assistant to Cari Dominguez, the chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Milly's assignment will allow her to take a hiatus from her work as a trial attorney in the EEOC's Baltimore district office. And lest we think life is all about work, **Jean Peterson** Wanlass reminds us of the importance of getting away from it all. "I just returned from a vacation in the High Sierras with my husband,

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7-month-old daughter, and several friends," she writes. "It was a welcome break from juggling full-time work and motherhood." Good for you, Jean, and thanks for sending your news.

Just one baby note this time. **Marc Meyer** and wife Sandra Thornton report the birth of their second child, Jennifer, in August. "Proud grandmother **Betsy Lockrow Meyer '60** was there, taking care of Jennifer's big brother

is a cancer survivor, like my wife Rebecca, and his ongoing accomplishments, on and off the bicycle, should continue to inspire others who face their individual battles against cancer. You can see my photo journals from Paris at <http://www.tomtsg.com>.

**Scott Pesner** filed a lengthy report from Trustee/Council Weekend: "University Council members **Daniel Fessenden, Gordon Whiting,**

life; learned about the stars; went hiking, seal watching, and bird watching; and toured tall sailing ships. I recommend it highly to everyone!" Another former class officer also had a big day in Maine last August: **Gordon Whiting** got hitched! From the *New York Times*: "Cornelia Conway Cabot was married to Gordon James Whiting at the Village Church in North Haven, ME. Mrs. Whiting, 32, is known as Nina. She is a major gifts officer at Audubon New York. Mr. Whiting, 37, is an executive director of acquisitions at W. P. Carey & Company, a real estate investment banking company in NY."

**Sondra WuDunn** dropped me a note last June to say that she had switched to a new job: "I started a new job five weeks ago at American Express. I'm a senior marketing manager and am essentially trying to cross-market our financial 'ONE' product to existing Amex card members." About the same time, two classmates were on campus for Adult University (CAU): **Helen Kimmel** took "The Wine Class" with Abby Nash, while **Susanne Kraszewski** Wesnofske attended the "Personal Fitness Clinic." **Zachary Shulman**, JD '90, is leading a new program at Cornell called Entrepreneurship Legal Services (ELS), which offers professional-quality legal services to emerging growth-oriented businesses. The program is sponsored by JGSM and the Law school. **Debra Eisenberger**-Matityahu is new to the Peninsula: "In August 2003 we make the big cross-country move to California. We will live in Los Altos for a year while we build a new home in Palo Alto. I'll be doing part-time ob/gyn at Kaiser; my husband Amir will be at San Francisco General doing ortho-trauma. Our beautiful children: Arielle is 4, and Jacob will be 2 in November."

**Cynthia Brown Daniels**, DVM '94, in Zephyr Hills, IL, wrote, "My husband and I have our own equine veterinary practice. We have a little girl, Addie, who will be 2 in November." From **Andrea Reddy** Christenson of NYC: "Celebrated 20 years of friendship with fellow Cornellians and their families on a vacation at the Outerbanks in North Carolina in July. The party included **Russell '86** and **Amy Clatanoff Brown** (and their sons Jacob and Lucas), **Kasia Grzelkowski**, MRP '94, my husband Todd, and our 19-month-old daughter Lauren. **Deanna Cyr** Campbell could not join us due to the birth of her third child in June."

Finally, several more classmates were in print: **Sean Cleary** co-edited *Combinatorial and Geometric Group Theory*, which was published by the American Mathematical Society in 2002. He is an assistant professor of mathematics at the City College of New York. From **Deirdre O'Regan**, "Life has gotten crazy in the last six months. Came back from sea (I teach two humanities courses for Southampton College's SEAmester program, once a year) to my husband and sons (Aidan, 4, and Grady, 18 months) ready to play mommy again. Alas, the peace only lasted a month when I suddenly got a temporary fellowship I couldn't turn down to do a maritime history research project in Gloucester, MA. When you have an MA in Maritime and someone offers you a PAYING job,

## 'When you have an MA in Maritime and someone offers you a PAYING job, you take it.'

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Matthew," Marc writes. "Equally proud is grandfather **Martin Meyer, PhD '65**." Congratulations, all.

It's difficult to write, but we regrettably report the death of classmate **Thomas Dandurand** of Orleans, VT. Thomas passed away on March 5.

What news do you have? We'd love to hear it, and you can drop any of us a line. If you'd like to get more involved in helping everyone stay connected, think about becoming our new class webmaster. We're looking for someone to maintain our class website, which you can check out at <http://classof86.alumni.cornell.edu>. Contact our class president **Lisa Hellinger** Manaster at [lisahman@aol.com](mailto:lisahman@aol.com) if you'd like to help. We need you! In the meantime, best wishes . . . and stay in touch. ♦ **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean, [aaf9@cornell.edu](mailto:aaf9@cornell.edu); **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, [haf5@cornell.edu](mailto:haf5@cornell.edu); **Jackie Byers** Davidson, [jackiekd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackiekd@sbcglobal.net).

**87** How often does one have a chance to witness history in the making? I was fortunate enough to experience the thrill of a lifetime on July 27, '03, on the grandest avenue in the most beautiful city in the world. As a winner of the VIP tickets giveaway sponsored by *This City Paris* magazine, I and a dozen other American and European winners watched the final stage of the 2003 centennial Tour de France from the front-row seats in one of the grandstands. Fellow Cornellian and cycling enthusiast **Jamey Dumas '91**, MS '95, took the Eurostar train from the UK to join me. We enjoyed the pageant of one of the most spectacular sporting events in the world, especially the unforgettable sight of Lance Armstrong and his US Postal Service team leading the rest of the peloton down the Champs-Elysees. When Lance ascended the award podium and "The Star-Spangled Banner" was played on the loudspeakers, I was suddenly seized by emotions, with tears welling up in my eyes. The day's significance was not lost on me: Lance Armstrong became only the second person in the history of this sport to win five consecutive times, against the backdrop of a seemingly anti-American France. Yet what was even more meaningful to me was the fact that Lance

and I, as well as former class president **Gligor Tashkovich**, MBA '91, were among those attending the inauguration of **Jeffrey Lehman '77** in Ithaca. Watching the procession wind its way from the Arts Quad to Barton Hall brought back memories of commencement. Listening to Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54**, followed by President Lehman's inaugural address (reminding us of both the 'Revolutionary Cornell' and the 'Beloved Cornell') was great. But what topped it off was the night's entertainment. From a *cappella* groups and multicultural dance troupes to international students carrying the flags of their countries and the hockey team skating up the aisles, it was magical evening. As I walked out of Barton, I heard many alumni expressing what I was feeling: "Today, I was so proud to say that I am a Cornellian."

Just hours before I boarded a flight for Hong Kong, I got a note from **Karl Townsend**, who lives in Los Altos, CA: "**Karen (Fann)** and I and the kids are doing well. Busy as usual. Sierra started kindergarten this year and really loves it!" An engineering executive at Handspring, Karl never failed to trumpet the virtue of his products: "You need a Treo 600 (GSM)! I was in Taiwan a few weeks ago and had access to all my e-mail and international phone calls (sounded great!) and stayed in touch over SMS. Let's have lunch and I'll give you a demo." Fellow Stanford employee **Rana Glasgal**, ME '92, had a major classmate sighting over the Labor Day weekend in Toronto for **Elana Marcus's** wedding: "**Shari Brasner** and **Sharon Pohoryles** were bridesmaids. They looked amazing, surpassed only by the bride herself. The groom, James Wintraub, is a great guy and I'm really happy for them." In May 2002, Rana and husband Bruce bought an Eichler house in Palo Alto, upgrading from their previous "cozy little home."

**Stacey Neuhofer** Silberzweig took husband Jeff and son Ian, 5, to the Shoals Marine Lab in Maine for a marine biology camp last August. She could not stop raving about the program: "I was really impressed with Shoals and think Cornell could do a lot more to promote it. (The lab) is operated collaboratively by Cornell and UNH. It was a great adventure with fabulous people, beautiful scenery, and wonderful faculty. We played in tidal pools with all kinds of marine



you take it! A week later I got another job I hadn't asked for and one that I couldn't turn down. So, lately I have been working seven days a week. New job is editor of *Sea History Magazine* (of the National Maritime Historical Society)."

**Howard Rosenberg**, a former *Daily Sun* reporter, published his first book, *Cap Anson 1: When Captaining a Team Meant Something: Leadership in Baseball's Early Years*. Anson, the first player to reach 3,000 hits, is a favorite target of Jackie Robinson enthusiasts for allegedly drawing the sport's "color line" that Robinson broke. Howard lives in Arlington, VA. Finally, **Wendy Knight** of Ferrisburgh, VT, gave birth to her third book, *Making Connections: Mother Daughter Travel Adventures*. "It was released by Seal Press in July 2003. The anthology, with essays from Terry Tempest Williams and Nancy Morris, explores the mother-daughter relationship in the context of the outdoors and adventure travel."

Will Lance Armstrong go for an unprecedented sixth victory in the Tour de France this summer? Send your prediction, and news, to ♦ **Tom S. Tseng**, [ttseng@stanford.edu](mailto:ttseng@stanford.edu); or **Debra Howard Stern**, [dstern@acksys.com](mailto:dstern@acksys.com).

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Hello, classmates, and Happy New Year! When you read this, we will be well into starting 2004, the 20th year since we all

left high school and began our journey to Ithaca (not that I want to make anyone feel old!). I truly hope that the holiday season just past found each of you enjoying a personal peace and looking forward to the new year.

While I write this, it is a beautiful fall day in Northern California and I am celebrating a little good news myself. Two years after a layoff from a big tech company (let's just say I was a little blue when that happened) and doing a variety of contract work, I am starting a new position as a senior IT engineer for Kaiser Permanente, one of the largest not-for-profit health care providers in the country. I am tremendously happy to be returning to full-time work, and my wife Ann and I are happy to be staying put in the San Francisco Bay Area.

I'd like to start with some news from classmates who are also on the West Coast. **Karen Kao** made a cross-country move from Manhattan to the Bay Area and was delighted to find a big Cornell presence in the west. She lives in Palo Alto, working as a physical therapist, and enjoys weekend hikes with the Sierra Club. Karen wrote about several classmates: **Ilinca Popescu** Creveling and husband Keith are proud parents of Delia and younger brother Spencer. **Steve Kershner** is a professor of philosophy at SUNY Fredonia. And **Naomi Tam Klenke '87**, BA '88, and husband Tom are parents of daughter Zoe and reside near Lake Tahoe, NV. Thanks for all the news, Karen! Also here in Northern California is **Pamela Stein** Marshall. Pam moved to Sonoma County in February '02 and bought a yoga studio called The Open Hand in Sebastopol. She is busy growing the yoga business, teaching cooking classes, and "personal chefing" in the Sonoma wine country. **Janet Helms** bought a new house in Fresno, CA, early

last year and started a new job as a technical services specialist at a Monsanto dairy business. And in Oakland, CA, **David Virtue**, BArch '89, started architecture and design firm The Virtue Design Group.

In 2002, **Kathy Duffe** Ambrosini was appointed director of education at the Mohonk Preserve Inc. in New Paltz, NY. Karen is an adjunct professor at SUNY New Paltz and serves in a volunteer capacity as VP of the New York State Outdoor Education Assn. **Lynn Tomlinson** spent last summer teaching a film animation workshop at Cornell. She, husband Craig Saper, and children Lucy and Sam live in Orlando, where Lynn works as an independent animator. Also in Florida is **Susan Laufer**, with husband Mitchell Appelbaum and children Taylor Matthew and Megan Dora. Susan is a pediatric emergency room doctor in Boca Raton. Last spring **Susan Nyquist** Houston wrote that the Houston family vacationed in Agadir, Morocco. Susan is a colonel in the US Air Force and continues to work for NATO overseas.

They say good things come in threes! **Patrick Cahill** of Stamford, CT, is the father of three (Liam, Ryan, and Aidan) and passed his oral board exams for ob/gyn at the end of 2002. **Amy Doig** Cullen lives in Ballston Lake, NY, and is also a parent of three; son Kevin joined siblings Ryan and Meghan in March '03. Amy works as a community service coordinator for the Shenendehowa school district. Our retired reunion chair **Pam Darer** Anderson keeps very busy in Toronto with her daughters Rebecca, Allison, and Sarah with school, activities, and having fun as a family. **Ellen Rothschild** of Glen Ridge, NJ, had her third child, daughter Julia Rose Kolinski, in May '02, joining brothers Ben and Lev. And finally, **Dave Thomas** e-mailed that he and wife Tara had daughter Riley in May '03 and returned from Russia with adopted son Aleksey in August '03. Their first daughter Regan is very excited to be a big sister!

**Jill Miller** Katz, JD '91, became a partner for the firm Kostelanetz and Fink in NYC, where she heads up the trusts and estates department. Jill is mom to Sarah Nicole and little sister Dana, born in August '03. Also practicing law are **Evan Raskas** Goldfarb and **Kristin Hileman**-Adams. Evan is a mother of two boys and a health care lawyer with Thompson Coburn in St. Louis. Kristin married Wesley Adams III in 2002 and gave birth to Wesley IV. Living in Severna Park, MD, she left the State's Attorney's Office in April '03 and left criminal law to work in the Prince George's County Office of Law as a civil litigator. Also living in Missouri is **Deborah Smith**, PhD '96. Deborah has received tenure and is an associate professor at the U. of Missouri, Kansas City. Her son Emlen turned 3 in June '03.

We also have some recent marriages among our classmates. **John Lew** married Alexandra Landoso in October '02. John says that he loves marriage and highly recommends it. He is currently a fellow in minimal access surgery at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. **Susan Farris** married Ivan O'Connor in 2002 and had a son as well. Fionn John Duncan O'Connor. Susan lives in Switzerland and writes

that, sadly, she has lost touch with many classmates. If you know Susan, why not drop her a line at [sf12@cornell.edu](mailto:sf12@cornell.edu).

Well, that about wraps things up! Our collection of news is getting a little low, so please write in with updates on all things, be they related to family, work, or play. ♦ **Steve Tomasselli**, [st89@cornell.edu](mailto:st89@cornell.edu); and **Suzanne Bors Andrews**, [smb68@cornell.edu](mailto:smb68@cornell.edu).

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Wow, another year has passed and this year marks our big 15th Reunion (June 10-13). Hopefully, we'll see you in Ithaca. Let's

get right to the news. First, **Paul Zakrzewski** sent us an e-mail telling about two big events that happened in his life. He got married to Rebecca Metzger on Sept. 14, '03, and published his first book in August. He edited an anthology called *Lost Tribe: Jewish Fiction from the Edge*. You can check out the website at [www.lost-tribe-fiction.com](http://www.lost-tribe-fiction.com). Besides writing, he works as director of literary events for the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan.

**Tom Van Tiem** was recalled to active duty with the Air Force. He writes that he's very busy flying troops and cargo in and out of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other spots in the Middle East. For now, his job with JetBlue in NYC is on hold and he's hoping to go back in spring 2004. **Oren Rosenthal** is founder and CEO of Newton-based Elderado Technologies, a software and Web service company that reaches out to wired seniors. Oren received a seed fund award from the Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship at Babson College, where he is an MBA student.

A company press release announced that **Marc Warrington** was appointed a VP for sales for Fortis Benefits Insurance Co. in Kansas City. He and wife Laura have a daughter Abby and a son Charlie. Filmmaker **Michael Tolajian** had his first feature-length film debut at the Tribeca Film Festival in NYC in May 2003. According to Michael, the film, *Bought & Sold*, is basically a coming-of-age story. We read about this exciting news in the *Watertown Tab and Press*.

A couple of our classmates won national government awards. Dr. **Tara Habig** McHugh won the US Dept. of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service's Herbert L. Rothbart Outstanding Early Career Research Scientist. Her research about how to capture the flavor and freshness of pears, apples, tomatoes, and other produce in healthful, fun-to-eat snacks won her the award. Tara holds three patents and is the author or co-author of more than 20 scientific publications. Currently she directs the Processed Foods Research Unit of the ARS in Albany, CA. Another government award went to Dr. **Douglas Emlen**, who is an associate professor in the Division of Biological Sciences at the U. of Montana. He was the recipient of a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). Doug was honored at a White House reception. He is an evolutionary biologist whose research at the interface of evolution and development has provided crucial new insights into biological diversity and evolutionary processes.



Pat Levy-Zuckerman sent an e-mail to share her big news, "... something I consider my biggest accomplishment ever." She and husband **Stuart Zuckerman, MRP '94**, announced the birth of their triplets at Georgetown U. Hospital. They now have two boys, Robert and Jacob, and a little girl, Rachel. Pat wrote, "We went from zero to three babies in 180 seconds (C-section)! Because of her complex pregnancy (and size), she spent three months on bedrest, and is grateful for the support and visits of her fellow '89 friends **Lisa Stuart** and **Claudia Flatau**. Pat and Stuart still live in Washington, DC, in the house they built four years ago, and Pat is a principal at the health economics consulting firm Covance Inc.

**Larry Rusoff** wrote with lots of news. First he reported that his family, wife Leslie and daughters Samantha, 4, Jordan, 4, and Ariella, 3, moved from NYC to Scarsdale. Larry is still working in private equity and keeps in touch with **Steve Alter**, who practices orthopedics in Boston. Steve and wife Avra just had their second child, Hannah, who joins big brother Noah. Larry also sent news about **Shawn Blick**, who is practicing urology in Arizona and lives with his wife Ania and son Tristan. **Lenny and Amy Epstein Feldman '91** both practice law and live in Bala Cynwyd, PA, with daughter Maddy and son Benjamin. **Steve Tsang** is married to Winnie and has a daughter Hannah.

**Molly Moran Ascrizzi** wrote to say she is "still retired from the software industry, but keeping busy working with her daughters' preschool." Kitty is 5, and Michelle is 2. For the next two years, Molly will serve as president of the preschool's Board of Trustees. Molly still keeps in touch with classmate **Laura Rossin Van Zandt**, who had baby girl Jennifer. Lastly, Molly reports that her husband **Vince '86, MD '90**, has a busy pediatric practice, but still finds time to enjoy their garden. **Mark Lacy**, lieutenant commander in the US Navy, married Julie Fischer in August 2003 in Washington, DC.

Now, to end on a personal note, I had the pleasure of having **Darryl and Laura Magid Lapidus '88** (and their two kids) over when classmate **David Harap** and wife Sharon were in visiting from Austin, TX. I also had a quick dessert in NYC with **Lisa Waldman** and husband Paul Schwartzburg in the city. All are doing well.

Please keep sending us your news (make it one of your New Year's resolutions), and I hope we'll be able to catch up with most of you in person at reunion! Only five more months and counting! ♦ **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidoni@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com.

**90** This issue, our class column takes a look at 1990 by the numbers... 2 is the number of baby girls with the beautiful name Cassandra reported by classmates recently. **Michelle Allen** and husband **Chuong Vando '93** of Everett, WA, welcomed Cassandra Vando in July 2002. Across the country in Maryland, **Lau-**

**ren Berkow** (who married on Memorial Day 2001) is the proud mom of her Cassandra, who was born in October 2002 and received in a newly built house on the fabulously named Bold Venture Drive.

3 is the number of dogs—Labradors, to be exact—that greet **Ellen Alence** Matheson at the door each day. "But who's counting?" she asks. New yellow Lab puppy Bitta (short for Bit o' Honey) joins Baci, Ellen's Cornell graduation present, and Nilla in the Matheson home. Ellen is a veterinarian in Lithia, FL. She also told us that **Gillian Lucks** Kaeyer had a baby girl, Megan Elizabeth, in December 2002.

4 is the number of classmates who sent news of new homes. **Carolyn Johnson** Chaloner, who is still surprised to find herself living in the Midwest, built a new house in Neenah, WI. "Been in for six months and still not unpacked yet!" **Philip Sandler**, with wife Verna and children Lindsay and Drew, bought a new home in Katonah, NY. He was recently named senior VP and director of Wunderman Interactive, a NY-based Web marketing agency. Perhaps he will bump into **Neera Rellan** Stacy at lunchtime. She and her husband bought a co-op in Manhattan in 2002. **Holly Jean Nachbar** Heidelberger bought her first house in January 2003. She lives in West Valley, NY, works for veterinarian brother **Scott Nachbar '87, DVM '91**, and is "just loving life!"

5 is the number of Class of '90 marriages recently featured in the *New York Times*. **Andrew Neuwirth, JD '96**, and **Lisa Kallenbach** were married in January 2003. Also that month, **Paul Simic, MD '98**, a chief resident in orthopedics at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, was married to **Amanda Mazzocco**, an occupational therapist at New York Hand Rehabilitation. **Dolly Chugh** wed **CJ Singh** in July 2003. She is a candidate for a PhD in organizational behavior and social psychology at Harvard, where she also received an MBA. **Robert Wisniewski** married **Mary Lanzerotti, PhD '97**. In a match made in high-tech heaven, both are computer scientists at the T.M. Watson Research Center of IBM. She designs high-speed microprocessors for supercomputers; he writes software for them. **Deborah Hays**, the fundraising director for the Brooklyn Children's Museum, married violinist **Uli Speth**, a member of the orchestra for the *Bohème* production playing on Broadway.

6 is the number of children that can call the amazing **Liz Russo** Gilges "Mom." She gave birth to number six, **Avery William**, on Mar. 25, '03. As if caring for a large family weren't enough, she and her family also hosted a Czech exchange student, who even started dating a Cornellian and brought him home for dinner!

7 is the number of newlyweds who dropped us a note with news of their nuptials. **Katherine Chen** Swanson sent brief word that she tied the knot in March 2003. **Krista Kuehnel** used the Cornell website to quickly let us know that she married **Matthew Kineiko** in May 2003. **Larry Gritz** also logged on to write that he got married to **Beth Loughney** "after being together for ten years." **Lisette Leon** told us she married **Bill**

**McClain** in November 2002 and went to Italy for the honeymoon. **Ricardo Aparicio** exclaimed, "I got married to Holli Medenwaldt!" They had a small wedding in Southern California and reside in Maple Grove, MN, where Ricardo works at General Mills. **Sheryl Resnick** Carini wrote of honeymooning in Hawaii after marrying John Carini in July 2002. Bridesmaids included **Ilyssa Rothman Alter**, **Stacey Agin** Schwartz, **Susan Gross** Scharf and **Jennie Tenser** Cammeyer '91; other Cornellians at the festivities included **Jay '89** and **Alisa Kossowsky** Strauss, **Jamie Wolfe** Weinstein, **Steven '89** and **Julie Goldsmith** Simms, **Karen Landman** Getz, and **Bonnie Mann** Falk. While not exactly "newly" wed, **David Schiffhauer** filled out his news card to get us caught up on his life. He married Dr. Linda McHugh in September 2001. Cornellians there to celebrate included **Tom '88** and **Jill Schiffhauer Baxter '91**, **Rodrigo** and **Julie Clark** Pineiro, Dr. **Erica Schorr-Evans**, **Kathy Kuchler** Wilcox, and Dr. **Doug Wojcik**. David and Linda met while teaching skiing to the disabled, and in January 2003 daughter Sarah Marie joined the family.

8 is the number of moving vans criss-crossing the country with classmates' belongings. **Catherine Campbell** left Atlanta for the Washington, DC, area to take a new job at the National Institutes of Health. **Terry Osika** Cornelius headed south for Greensboro, NC. **Kevin Ma** moved to Columbus, OH, to serve as investment manager at Nationwide Insurance. **Jocelyn Giezendanner** Lofstrom and husband Carlos are off to London for three years (until June 2006). "We expect to host many family members and good friends and to enjoy ourselves with abandon." **Nicole Timan** O'Rourke relocated to West Hartford, CT, where she has taken a position as VP of advertising and brand management at Aetna. Veterinarian **Erica Schorr-Evans** and husband **David Evans '92** moved from Massachusetts to Seattle in August. **Robert** and **Susan Portman Price, MRP '91**, and their three sons have settled in Villanova, PA. "After six years in San Antonio, TX, we are sad to leave such a great city, but happy about our new opportunities outside of Philadelphia. Rob is now chief marketing officer at Wawa convenience stores." Along with most of us, they miss Hot Truck! Now that they're further east, perhaps they'll feed the craving with a road trip. **Scott Beijer** and family have moved to Salt Lake City for his job with the Pepsi Bottling Group as director of retail sales. He misses sitting at the Palms drinking \$1 Schaefers. It may take a slightly longer drive to quench that thirst!

9 is the number of classmates reporting something beyond wedding, birth, and job news that can only be categorized as unique. **Kathy Kirk** of Descanso, CA, sent a calling card promoting her endeavor, Applied Spirituality. Visit her website at [www.appliedspirituality.com](http://www.appliedspirituality.com). **Ani Phyto** just published a Web design book, endorsed by the American Inst. of Graphic Artists, *Return on Design: Smarter Web Design That Really Works*. Check it out at [www.smartmonkey.com/returnondesign](http://www.smartmonkey.com/returnondesign). Also publishing (yet another) book is **Brad Herzog**. His latest is



aimed at children: *K is for Kick: A Soccer Alphabet*, published by Sleeping Bear Press. **Matthew Cornetta** tried his first federal case this year. "Now I know where they get the expression 'Don't make a federal case out of it.'" **David Herz** closed his law practice to take care of his kids, but instead wound up running a nursery school. He and family were planning to move to Israel in November 2003. **James Kumpel** was featured on the front of the *Wall Street Journal* "Money & Investing" section, getting "rare positive press for sell side analysts." **David Healy** recently returned from Iraq, where he was the doctor for one of the Marine Corps' infantry battalions. He and wife Carol are moving to San Diego so David can start his ENT residency. On the home front of bravery, **Jessica Lattman** took her 4-year-old daughter Alexandra skiing in Vail for the first time and "she did great." **Tara Cooper** Wilhoit is a stay-at-home mom, caring for her 3-year-old son who was diagnosed with epilepsy. She also has a 5-1/2-year-old daughter.

18 is the number of baby girls and 19 the number of baby boys for whom we have new and aging news not yet reported. We promise we'll include more of the details in the next column. 20 (at least) is the number of "we're engaged" or "we're expecting" news we've received but cannot report, per magazine policy. Please send updates on the happy events once they've happened and we'll print the news! ♦ **Alisa Gilhooley**, AlisaGil@aol.com; **Amanda Willis**, AmandaEsq@aol.com; **Carole Moran** Krus, ckm42@cornell.edu.

**91** Happy New Year, Class of '91! As we embrace the year 2004 and all of the exciting developments that will soon unfold, we thought we'd take a moment to recap the milestones that our classmates experienced during the past year. Congratulations go out to **Erika Ackermann** Duffy, who was married to Michael last July. Erika and Michael currently reside in Reading, MA, where she recently took a position at Marblehead High School as a social worker. **Jeff Goodman** also joined the newlywed club last summer as he celebrated his marriage to Hope Heinecke at the Four Seasons in Las Vegas. Other Cornellians in attendance included **Rob Williams**, **Dan Jones**, who works as CFO of Bolt Industries, **Stephen Dyott**, who has a marketing job at Pfizer, and **Jason Foehrenbach**, who works at Computer Associates. Thanks go out to Rob Williams, who reported on the nuptials and also shared news of the birth in August of his daughter Caroline. Rob shares that he and wife Melissa are doing well. It seems the years of sleep deprivation while studying at Cornell has prepped them well for parenthood. Rob also reports that classmate **Christopher Ruggio** and wife Jackie celebrated the birth of another baby boy, Benjamin, last summer. Christopher works at Accenture in London and has been taking every opportunity to travel through Europe with his family, including trips to Provence and Tuscany.

Other Cornellians who are celebrating their new state of parenthood include **Nate Bailey** who, along with wife Camille, welcomed son

## Excellent Adventures

NEEL INAMDAR '90 & ANNE LOEHR '90

She had a "crunchy granola" Ithaca childhood. He grew up speaking KiSwahili in Kenya. Together, they're working to protect African wildlife—one safari at a time.

Husband-and-wife Hotelies Neel Inamdar and Anne Loehr founded Eco-resorts in 1999. Dissatisfied with traditional tourism in East Africa—which focused more on fun in the sun than the environment—the couple started a company that arranges Earth-friendly trips to Kenya and Tanzania. European and American guests stay in camps that use solar power and recycle waste, or that give back to the community by supporting local schools and clinics.

After a decade of living in Kenya—where daily life included shoeing monitor lizards out of the office and dealing with towel-snatching elephants during safaris—



the couple recently moved back to the U.S. to promote their company and work to establish Eco-resort trips to South America. "In the long term, to be eco-friendly is more profitable," Loehr says. "But it's also who we are."

— Heather Schroeder '03

John last April. Nate and his family live in Kansas City, MO. Also, **Stephen Holden** and wife Kristine had their first child, Stephen, in March. Stephen lives in Bronxville, NY. He staged a "mini-reunion" in New York City during the 2002 holidays with classmates **Chris Field**, MBA '95, and **Brian Finnegan** '93, as well as **Mike Roark** '92, **Anthony Tabasso** '94, and **Hans Maentz** '93. Congratulations also go out to **Celeste Tambaro-D'Alessandro**, who celebrated the birth of her first son, now 1 year old. Celeste, husband **David D'Alessandro**, and son David (the III) reside in New York City. **Lauren Rosenblum** Goldman writes to announce the birth of her daughter Anna, who was born last July. Lauren and husband Geoff are both attorneys in Manhattan; Lauren practices appellate litigation at Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw. Lauren also shares that classmate **Liz Kleinberg** and husband Mike Kanarick completed a six-month hiking expedition along the Appalachian Trail, having started in Georgia in March and finishing in Maine in mid-October. Lauren and Mike were hiking as a fund-raising venture to benefit the Child Welfare League of America, which aids abused and neglected children.

It seems the Class of '91 is no stranger to adventure. In addition to explorations in Tuscany and Provence and along the Appalachian Trail, classmates traveled the globe far and wide during 2003. **Debbie Sniderman**, ME '92, reports that she completed her second year of world travel, having most recently lived in Spain and the Canary Islands. **Chris LaPunzina** spent two months traveling through Southeast Asia after finishing an MBA at Duke U.'s Fuqua School of Business and is now pursuing a career in real estate investment. **Corinne Kuchling** also spent a month in Thailand in order to escape Seattle's dreary winter skies. Finally, last summer many classmates embarked on a pilgrimage back to Ithaca to participate in Adult University (CAU) summer programs. **Kim Brown** Bixler spent a term improving her backhand at the Tennis Clinic and followed that up with a few weeks in the Personal Fitness Clinic. **Stephen Gagnon** spent the summer exploring the Gorgeous Gorges of the Finger Lakes. And finally, both **Amy Wefer** Faucher and **Keith McAfee** spent some time honing their culinary talents with CAU cooking workshops.

**Elleke Monster Haggerty** reports that "it's



great to be back!" She has returned to the United States with her family after living abroad for 13 years. Elleke has settled in the Washington, DC, area, where husband **Steve '90** works for Marriott headquarters. She is busy settling in with their children Anneke, 7, Mia, 5, and 2-year-old Ryan. **David Ratner** also changed address recently and now lives with wife Darcy in Los Altos, CA, where he works at Openwave headquarters in the Silicon Valley as director of engineering. Also living in the Silicon Valley is **Lane Patterson**, who lives in San Jose with wife **Mimi (Lee) '92**. Lane writes that he attended a fun alumni event at San Jose Tech Museum last summer, where he had the opportunity to meet many alumni and become reacquainted with some whom he'd lost touch with. **Gregory Florio** writes that he'd recently seen alumni **Jimmy Pitaro** and **Dave Koch**. Gregory lives in New York City with wife Rachel.

Having shared news about the new parents of the Class of '91, we should also share news of those classmates who are celebrating parenthood for the second or third time around. **Laura Hubbert** DiCarlo lives in Oxford, MS, and welcomed the arrival of their third son, William, who recently celebrated his first birthday. **Cristos Goodrow** and wife **Elizabeth (Toole), JD '97**, reveled in the delivery of their third child last summer; baby Brendan joins the Goodrow family and siblings Corran, 3, and Isabelle, 2. Cristos also reports that he was visited by classmate **Thomson McCormick** while he was in San Francisco on a business trip. **Andrea Belusko** Hertzendorf saw a few big changes last year. Not only did she give birth to son Cade (who joins big sisters Caitlin, 5, and Cassidy, 2), but her family moved to Fort Leavenworth, KS, where her husband Michael is attending the US Army's CGSC School for Majors. **Elaine Chiu** and husband **Rob Leung** recently announced the birth of their second son, William, who joins big brother Ryan, 2. Elaine and Rob live in New York City, where Elaine has just finished her first year as assistant professor of law at St. John's, teaching both

she resides in San Francisco, where she works as director of business development for International Overture Services. Last summer **David Nocilly** joined the Syracuse law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC as an associate, concentrating in intellectual property law. And congratulations to **Michele Ruiz**, who last summer earned the rank of partner at Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood LLP in Chicago, where she practices primarily in matters of investment products and derivatives.

Once again, we'd like to congratulate all of our classmates on their myriad accomplishments and adventures. We hope that 2004 will bring us even more to celebrate! We're glad to hear that many of you are keeping in touch with each other and hope that this column inspires you to continue to check in with your classmates and keep your class correspondents abreast of your activities. You can update us either at the Class of '91 website, <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>, or by e-mailing us. ♦ **Corinne Kuchling**, [kuccori@hotmail.com](mailto:kuccori@hotmail.com); **Nina Rosen Peek**, [nrs5@cornell.edu](mailto:nrs5@cornell.edu); or **Dave Smith**, [docds30@yahoo.com](mailto:docds30@yahoo.com).

**92** It's October as I write this column—such a joyous time of year. Harvest and the holidays are here. There is a certain something in the air that smells like . . . happiness. Now if I could only bottle that scent. For those in New York City, you can see my face plastered on subway trains in an ad for Metropolitan College of New York. The ad can also be seen on [www.moviemaker.com](http://www.moviemaker.com), [www.timeoutny.com](http://www.timeoutny.com), *Time Out NY* and *MovieMaker* magazines, and local papers like *The Daily News*. I was also featured on the cover of the June/July issue of *Working Mother* magazine and had an article printed in its September issue. Yes, I've been busy. To boot, I had another baby in July! That makes four for me. A baby boy to even the score. Anyone else out there celebrating a new addition to the family? Write me and tell me all about it. We can share diaper stories. On to the news . . .

love for any Cornellian who may be interested in volunteering in the United Kingdom to apply.

**Seth Isenberg** says that his 2-year-old son Fisher is doing well. Seth was in Alaska again in early September, fishing for silver salmon with the fly rod. Would-be steelheaders can contact him in Oregon. **Jennifer Lynn Johnson** was married on July 12, '03 to Peter Millones Jr. at the Spring House Hotel on Block Island. Class of '92 members in attendance were **Pamela Murray Bilfield**, **Patrick '93** and **Penelope Anne Graboys Blair**, **Stephanie Carter**, **Suzannah Johnson** Creedon, **Matthew Egan**, **Eric Einhorn**, **Victoria Janulaitis Isip**, **Anne Fogarty Kain**, **Kristen Koh** Goldstein, **Dana Leff** Niedzielska, **Corinne Cantrall Patten**, and **Cindy Zedeck**. Mr. and Mrs. Millones met when they were associates in the New York office of the law firm of Latham & Watkins. Jennifer is now an intellectual property litigator at White & Case in New York.

**Joe Gatto** and wife Jennifer welcomed their first child, Alexander Pearce, in September 2002. Joe has been working at Merrill Lynch & Co. in Houston in energy investment banking for six years since receiving his MBA from the Wharton School in 1997. **Beth Hensel** reports that she and husband Scott welcomed Jessica Nicole into the world on July 8, '03. After two days at home, their 2-year-old son Trey was not quite sure what to make of her, but seemed to be a proud big brother.

**Patricia Santiago-Muñoz** moved in late July. After months of renovating and trips to the Home Depot, Sherwin-Williams, etc., she finally has her dream kitchen. Recently, she started her second year as a Fellow in Maternal Fetal Medicine at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, TX. **John J. Kim** tells us that he and wife Lisa have a daughter Nina who celebrated her fourth birthday on August 15. In the last six months, the couple vacationed in Cancun, Mexico, and Honolulu, HI. After leaving Wall Street two and a half years ago, where he traded convertible bonds, John spent the last two years running the Environmental Derivatives Trading Desk for Shell Trading Gas & Power North America. The Merchant Energy Trading Sector soon fell apart and he decided to go back to the financial markets. He is now working for a hedge fund in the Minneapolis area as a convertible bond arbitrage trader and portfolio manager for its Quantitative Strategies Group.

**Danielle De Maio** married Michael Alan Paskin in Santa Fe, NM, on May 25, '03. Until the beginning of May, Danielle was a vice president for investment banking at Credit Suisse First Boston in New York. She is a chairwoman of the Wall Street Committee for V-Day, a charity that seeks to reduce violence against women, in New York. She received her MBA from Columbia.

Is that it? Is it over already? Naw, there's got to be more news out there. Write to your class correspondents! Until next time . . . Be a light, and be well. ♦ **Wilma Ann Anderson**, [info@WilPowerEnterprises.com](mailto:info@WilPowerEnterprises.com); **Renee Hunter Toth**, [rah24@cornell.edu](mailto:rah24@cornell.edu); **Debbie Feinstein**, [Debbie\\_Feinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:Debbie_Feinstein@yahoo.com).

## 'My son is a 5th generation Las Vegan, believe it or not!'

LORI HAMRICK BEAN '93

criminal law and family law. Elaine adds that Rob works at the corporate law group Boies, Schiller & Flexner in Westchester and that they both miss Ithaca!

Beyond family fluctuations, our classmates have new developments to report in the form of career changes, too. **David Hwang** reports on both. He and his wife Jiyoung live in Watertown, MA, where he has been working as division intellectual property counsel at Teradyne Inc. since the summer of 2001. David and his wife also welcomed the birth of their daughter Hannah later the same year. **Susan Chen** writes that

**Wilson Morales** reports that he is the website editor/film critic/journalist for [blackfilm.com](http://blackfilm.com). He is also a segment producer/co-host for REEL WORLD on WBAI Radio (99.5 FM), which airs the third Thursday of each month. Succumbing to his alter ego, during the day he works as a financial headhunter for Easton Personnel, an employment agency in NYC. **Jessica Ingram-Bellamy** shares that she married Gerald Bellamy on June 17, '00. They have no little ones yet. She is the recruitment chairperson for the Winant-Clayton International Volunteers Inc. ([www.winantclaytonvolunteer.org](http://www.winantclaytonvolunteer.org)), and would



**93** Hi, everyone! I apologize that some of this news is a little old, but we are working our way through some old News and Dues forms. Please make sure to send us some updates! Our addresses are at the end of the column.

**Natasha Mitchell** wrote that she received her PhD from the U. of North Carolina, Greensboro in counseling and educational development. She is currently an assistant professor at the U. of Maryland in the counseling and personnel services department. **Joseph McGee** wrote that he and wife Kelly have moved to Delray Beach, FL, where he has assumed a new position with MetLife as director of annuity sales in the Southeast US. **Pankaj Talwar** wrote that he moved to New York City to work as a director for strategic planning for George Weston Bakeries. **Jessica Jones** Sooudi is working to keep us all safer, as she is working in L.A. County for the department of health services to improve our readiness for biological, chemical, or radiological acts of terrorism. She and her husband are living in Pasadena. **Rebecca Chapa** wrote that in the summer of 2002 she did a lot of wine-related travel. Highlights were Australia, Portugal, and Spain. She is now re-focusing the wine classes she teaches at UC Berkeley. Last year also had **Hirohide Abe** move from Tokyo to Chicago, where he is working at Hyatt International Corp. as the director of strategic marketing. **Brian Ott** also moved last year from California to Massachusetts. **Kurt Brown** wrote to say that he did the Ironman Canada Triathlon as part of a fund-raiser for charity.

Wedding bells rang in 2003 for some of our classmates. **Alissa Vradenburg** married Michael Sheresky on May 24 in New York City. Alissa is a talent manager who represents actors at United Entertainment in Los Angeles. On May 25, **Christian Haberlin**, ME '94, married Gineane Wolfson. Christian is a senior geotechnical engineer at Raytheon in Burlington. **Stewart Whitman**, MBA '00, married Allison Nied on June 14 in Tarrytown, NY. Stuart works in Manhattan as the director of business development of Majestic Research, a company for institutional investors.

E-mail brings some newer news. **Darren Tishler** e-mailed to say that he moved to Birmingham, AL, with wife Stephanie and daughter Emma. He completed his surgery residency and is currently doing a fellowship in advanced minimally invasive surgery at the U. of Alabama, Birmingham, specializing in laparoscopic gastrointestinal and bariatric procedures. **Tamar Dolgen** wrote that after living and working in Mexico for three years, she moved back to Los Angeles with her husband Sergio Bicas. She has taken a job as a marketing director at Warner Brothers in their home video division.

**Kelly Voll** Foley sent an update that she married Michael in 1995. They now live in Avon, CT, with four children under the age of 7. She writes that raising four children successfully is the most challenging yet rewarding job she could have imagined, and that there is no career she can think of that would have used her HDFs degree like the stay-at-home Mom job has. She

is also actively involved with the PTO at her children's elementary school. **Calin Moucha** wrote that she is back in the tri-state area, where she was recently appointed assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). She will be specializing in adult joint replacement.

**Lori Hamrick** Bean e-mailed an update as well. She writes, "Despite the website listing, I did attend the 10th Reunion! It was great to see everyone. I left early to meet up with my husband Shane, my son Alex, and my parents in Ohio. Alex turned 1 on September 15. We just moved into our new house the week before, so it was a very small celebration amidst boxes. My son is a 5th generation Las Vegan, believe it or not! Quite a rarity. I'm working on my master's via the American College in Bryn Mawr, PA. I spent a week this summer on the campus and will be back in January. I'm still a certified financial planner practitioner and anxiously awaiting a bull market. My husband teaches seventh grade history in North Las Vegas. I keep in touch with **Rachel Yarkon** who looks fabulous! I've also become good friends with **Kasey (Connelly)** '92 and **Mike Zanolli**. We saw **Keith Weinberger**, who gave us some great parenting tips—his son Jack just turned 2."

**Alison Amsterdam** sent the news that **Debbie Silverman** Rothschild and her husband Jeffrey welcomed Jonathan Evan into the world on Sept. 14, '03 in New York City. **Bonnie Zucker** wrote in to say that she married Eric Magnuson in L.A. this past August. Cornellians in attendance included her brother **Adam Zucker** '97, her uncle **Michael** (Richard M.) **Zucker** '62, and friends **Erica Fishlin** Fox, **Rebecca Wilson**, **Roland** and **Judy Hudock Kays**, and **Tyler** and **Lisa Barcelo Story**, both '98. Bonnie is finishing up her PhD in clinical psychology at UCLA. Finally, congratulations to **Valdi** and **Lauren Bailyn** Sapira, MBA '94, who welcomed their son Joshua Eytan on Aug. 13, '03. Lauren and Valdi and baby Joshua are living in Hoboken, NJ.

Please note my new e-mail address below. While I am still working for the same company, we have recently changed our name. That's all the news I have for the moment. Please keep it coming and have a happy 2004! ♦ **Yael Berkowitz**, yberkowitz.y@mellon.com; **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com.

**94** Ten years. How in the heck has it already been ten years since we embarked on our last semester far above Cayuga's waters? At this time ten years ago, we were psyched to be gearing up for Wines class, hoping to hear from grad schools or looking for a job, and generally just itching to start life beyond college in just a few short months. A decade later, we are itching to spend a few days back in a dorm and relive our time at Cornell. That's right, mark your calendars for Reunion 2004! Come June 10, we'll be piling into Sperry and U-Hall 1 for a marvelous reminder of our collegiate glory days. For more information about reunion, check out the class website at <http://classof94.alumni.cornell.edu>, or e-mail

our illustrious reunion chair **Betsy McAfee** Wilson at [blm7@cornell.edu](mailto:blm7@cornell.edu).

And frankly, what would a reunion be without an accompanying fund-raising campaign? **Kristin Barbato**, **Dave Martin**, **Kim McKenzie Bendus**, **Karen Bierman** Hirsh, **Sara Lulo**, JD '02, and **Jay Silpe** are leading a committee of more than 30 classmates for our 10th Reunion Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$130,000 from 725 donors. We also hope to reach 114 Ivy Society members and 12 Tower Club members. Thank you so much to those who have already supported our efforts by making a gift to Cornell. If you haven't had a chance to make your gift yet, please join us! Gifts can be made online at [www.alumni.cornell.edu/giving/giftcard.ta?function=giftform](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/giving/giftcard.ta?function=giftform), or call 1-800-279-3099. Don't forget that you can double or triple the size of your gift if you work for a Matching Gift Company. Check with your human resources representative to learn more.

In the meantime, more and more classmates are joining the ranks of the marrieds. **Amy Moskowitz** married Lewis Lahana in NYC on July 13, '03. She's a freelance photo editor, and he's a library media specialist at a Manhattan public school. **Chris Gallagher** and **Libby Smith** '95 were married in a private sunset ceremony on the beach in Islamorada, FL, on July 29, '03. The couple lives in Terre Haute, IN, where Chris is a narcotics detective with the Terre Haute Police Dept. and Libby is an occupational therapist working in Medical Rehab.

On Aug. 23, '03, **Scott Behson** married Amy Griffin, a professional stage actress who has starred off-Broadway in *Forbidden Broadway* and in the first Broadway national tour of *Seussical the Musical*, as well as many other regional theaters. The wedding was at the Florham Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson U., where Scott is an assistant professor of business management. Scott writes: "Amy and I met on a blind date that was set up by **Kristin Maloney** '97, also a professional stage actress." Kristin was part of the wedding party, as was author and former *Cornell Alumni Magazine* associate editor Beth Saulnier. Co-best men were **Kevin Walsh** '94 and **Scott Evenson** '95. Other Cornellians in attendance were **Neil Cohen**, **Bradley Kaufman**, **Brad Arlett**, **Jason** '94, MMH '98, and **Elyse Gould Saltsberg**, MMH '99, and **Sada Manickam** '93.

Even the lawyers are finding time to marry, publish, and (gasp!) breed. On the marrying front, White & Case associate **Jennifer Johnson** married Priceline.com general counsel Peter Millones Jr. on July 12, '03. The pair met while working at Latham & Watkins. Also, **Julianna Gerbasi** was married to Gregory Kaden on Sept. 6, '03 on Martha's Vineyard. Julianna writes: "Greg and I met in law school at the U. of Chicago (we graduated from there in 1999) and both work at Ropes & Gray LLP in Boston. I am in the corporate department and he is in the creditors' rights department. We had an absolutely gorgeous September day for the wedding. Two Cornellians were bridesmaids, **Liz Cuthill** Eberhart



# Strategic Success

MARTIN SNYDER '95

The first time Martin Snyder '95 met his employees face-to-face was at the debut of their company's Web-based, multiplayer, real-time strategy game, "Strifeshadow." After launching Ethermoon Entertainment Inc. in 1999, Snyder blindly recruited six employees, scattered across North America and the United Kingdom, for technical and artistic support. Because Ethermoon is a virtual corporation, the entire project was developed via online communication. "The challenge is really in the work ethic itself," says the former computer science major. "It doesn't matter if they're all in the same room or not."

"Strifeshadow," a game of planetary conquest, drew more than 5,000 weekly hits during its first months on the market and was a finalist at the 2001 Independent Games Festival in



San Jose. Snyder quickly realized the importance of acting as a moderator more than a director. "A big part of why we were successful was that everybody had tremendous say in the way things went," he says. "People really created their own game."

— Lauren Beach '04

'93, who was there with her husband Matt, and Danielle Rinsler '93, who was there with her husband Patrick Heron and gorgeous baby Anna." Also in attendance were Soo Kang, Cindy Liu, Nathan Buchek '96, Holly White '95, and Julia Reichgott Prieto '93. Julianna jokes, "We moved to the suburbs (Wellesley) after the wedding, so I guess I am doing all of my growing up at once."

Scariest of all, lawyers are breeding and I can make that joke because I am talking about myself. Hubby Michael Alex Wasyluk and I welcomed Alexander Michael into the world on June 11, '03. I am proud to note that he already has at least two Cornell outfits. Alex isn't the only one keeping the Campus Store in business. Chris and Carrie Kurtz Turner welcomed their first child, Jonah Harrison Turner, on Aug. 23, '03. Alex's good friend Cassandra Page Youn is a double legacy also heading for the Class of 2025. Daughter of Joe '91, M Eng '93, and Mary Sue Page Youn, Cassie, entered the world on May 7, '03.

Remember: Reunion=good. News=good. Donations=good. Duespaying=good. Let's show the world how successful we've become in ten short years! ♦ Dineen Pashoukos Wasyluk, dmp5@cornell.edu, Jennifer Rabin Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; and Dika Lam, DEL5@cornell.edu.

95 Happy New Year! Although I am writing this column in October, I am still able to reflect on the years past and look forward to what's ahead. I am amazed that it's been ten years now that I've been writing this column, and even more amazed that our ten-year Cornell reunion is just a year away. Before long, we'll all be back on the Hill, drinking some Finger Lakes wine, meeting one another's spouses and families, sharing old memories and making new ones. Stay tuned for updates throughout the coming year and a half from Alumni House and your class officers. And let the countdown begin!

In the meantime, updates from our classmates have been slooooooowly trickling in (so, if you've got classmate info you're hiding from us, please send it our way!), but what I do have is all great news. Steven Strell writes that, on Aug. 10, '03, he married Rachel Davis at La Foret restaurant in San Jose. "Rachel is an extremely talented artist attending classes at San Jose State, and the love of my life." Awwwww. Unfortunately, according to Steve, the only thing the wedding lacked was lots of Cornellians (he speculates it was due to the travel distance). However, one member of the class, Steven's oldest friend from elementary school, Samir Bhatt, made the trip from Manhattan. "And there was, of course, my Mom, Ronni Schulbaum Strell '58, in atten-

dance." The happy couple honeymooned on a Carnival cruise to Mexico and are now settling into married life in their apartment in Sunnyvale, CA. Classmates can view pictures and a movie Steven made of the wedding at <http://homepage.mac.com/strells>.

Steven also gave news of a wedding he attended on June 21—Claire Halligan '94 (who started with our class but graduated a year early) married Doug Corliss in Pocono Pines, PA. Other Cornellians in attendance were bridesmaids Alex Gelber and Tanya Herdechny, and maid of honor Maura Flood Lentini, who also got married in Ithaca in July. On August 30, David Fitzhugh married Karen Wang '98 right on the Cornell campus. Writes Dave, "Having met Karen during my senior year at Cornell through the Sage Chapel Choir, we got married IN Sage Chapel (how's that for sentimental?), and our reception at the Statler followed thereafter." Other class of '95 attendees included Tim Dutta (one of the groomsmen) and wife Nerissa Guballa, MD '99, Kami Patrizio (one of the readers), Jon Blocksom '94, Alarick Yung, Rick and Lindsay Jordan Vincent, and Heidi Kretzer.

Word also came to me in mid-September that our esteemed "Senator," class officer Tony Romano, tied the knot in Savannah, GA. This report came from my DC-area "neighbors" Vincent and Lisa Gray Bertomeu. Vin is an optician and Lisa recently was promoted to a senior position at Hilton. Also in attendance were classmates Jason Lipman, Chris Rauber (with his wife and little girl), and Chris Cox and his wife, among many others. Melissa Biren Singer writes: "2003 has been an incredibly exciting year for Scott '94 and me. In the spring, I earned my PhD in clinical psychology, and soon after, we bought a house in Chappaqua, NY, where we both grew up (so we pre-dated the Clintons!). Most importantly, on August 21, our beautiful daughter Kayla Biren Singer was born. We are just ecstatic with joy about our little wonder!"

More baby news comes from Wendy Breckenridge Nystrom, DVM '99, who, with husband Bill, welcomed their first baby, Owen Scott, on June 18, '03. Says Wendy, "He's really a great baby—rarely fussy, really happy, totally easy-going. Parenthood is a joy." Wendy is working as a veterinarian (part-time now) in the Chicago suburbs and really loves her job. She would love to hear from classmates at [wmystrom1@comcast.net](mailto:wmystrom1@comcast.net).

In the world of academia, Rick Greenberg reports that he is in the middle of a two-year master's program at Columbia's School of International & Public Affairs (SIPA) getting a dual degree in nonprofit management and social policy. In addition, he consults for two NYC-based nonprofit organizations that serve low-income populations, Greenwich House and Community Service Society. He and his wife Jessica have been married since June 2001.

Some exciting career/travel news from Elizabeth Leff: "I took a leave of absence from my job as a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton in DC (where I was living and working for 3-1/2 years) after being selected for a traineeship program with the European Commission in Brus-



sels. Following my five months in Europe, I came back to New York briefly before heading to Bangalore, India, on a Fulbright Fellowship for about nine months. There I will be affiliated with the Indian Inst. of Management and work with a nonprofit organization to do research on the use of information and communication technologies in development projects. I would love to be contacted by anyone in the region and can be e-mailed at [elizabethleff@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethleff@yahoo.com)."

So, short but sweet this month for our kickoff to 2004 and our 10th Reunion countdown. Please keep that news coming! ♦ **Alison Torrillo** French, [amt7@cornell.edu](mailto:amt7@cornell.edu); **Abra Benson**, [amb8@cornell.edu](mailto:amb8@cornell.edu). Class website: [www.classof95.cornell.edu](http://www.classof95.cornell.edu).

**96** Short list of ways to tell we've all got 30th birthdays coming dangerously close: the only news I have to report this month is weddings, more weddings, and babies. Please stop! You guys are scaring me.

Wedding One: **Elizabeth Bard** married Gwendal Auffret on July 5, '03 in Paris. Yes, *that* Paris. Classmates in attendance (besides me) included **Betsy Levine**, **Afra Afsharipour**, and **Diego Valderrama '95**. Elizabeth is working as an art critic and historian. You can check out her stuff in the *New York Times*, among other publications. After stints in Madrid and New York City, Betsy has moved to Boston. Afra is a lawyer at Davis Polk in San Francisco, and Diego is at the Fed.

Wedding Two: **Sheryl Kamholz** married Todd Neufeld on Aug. 31, '03 in Woodbury, NY. **Stacy Aronowitz** was one of the bridesmaids. Other classmates in attendance were **Jessica Katz**, **Jasper**, ME '97, and **Nisha Mathew Cordero**, **Robyn Levey**, **Ella Zalkind** Gendlin, **Rachel Berman** Colchamiro, **Samantha Klein**, **Deborah Kulick**, and **Evan** and **Vita Craine Cohen**. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, Sheryl is working as a lawyer for the city of New York, and Todd is working as an intellectual property lawyer and running his own balloon entertainment company ([www.balloonshow.com](http://www.balloonshow.com)).

As for the scoop on the other Cornellians there: **Nisha** and **Jasper Cordero** welcomed **Dylan Mathew** on May 12, '03. **Nisha** is a lawyer in New Jersey, and **Jasper** is a VP at Citigroup in NYC. **Vita** and **Evan Cohen** welcomed daughter **Mia Isabelle** on May 13, '03. The Cohens are living in Boston, where **Evan** got his MBA from MIT and **Vita** is working as a lawyer. Also in Boston: **Deborah Kulick**, who's doing her first year of residency in psychiatry at Harvard. **Rachel Berman** Colchamiro received her master's in public health and is working for the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health. **Robyn Levey** was recently promoted to manager at Deloitte in NYC. And **Ella Gendlin** and **Samantha Klein** are both lawyers in NYC.

Wedding Three: **Jessica Katz** married **Dan Poscover** on Sept. 14, '03 in Newton, MA (and then took off for a honeymoon in Spain). Classmates in attendance were **Ellen Schiffer** Berkowitz, **Leslie Moskowitz** Byck, **Rachel Colchamiro**, **Jasper** and **Nisha Cordero**, **David**,

**MD '01**, and **Lauren Kalter Hass**, **Robyn Levey**, **Sheryl Neufeld**, and **Stephanie Schwarz** Sailor. **Jessica** is an optometrist at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, and **Dan** is a financial consultant for biotech companies.

And finally: **Sondra Iacullo** and **Ken Bogursky** welcomed daughter **Emma Geraldine** on Sept. 28, '03.

A housekeeping note (call this the fine print, but please read it anyway!): Given the number of e-mails about engagements and pregnancies I've had sent to me, it looks like the columns full of weddings and babies are going to be a regular deal. But—and here's the important bit—*Cornell Alumni Magazine* policy forbids printing news of either one (partly to avoid repetition) until rings are safely on your fingers (in the case of weddings) or the babies are born. Call us pessimists or call us practical—just please don't call us and get annoyed that we haven't printed details of your engagement! Definitely do call us—or mail or e-mail us—when you're back from the honeymoon. Cheers. ♦ **Courtney Rubin**, [cbr1@cornell.edu](mailto:cbr1@cornell.edu); **Sheryl Magzamen**, [SLM1@cornell.edu](mailto:SLM1@cornell.edu); and **Allie Cahill**, [AlexandraCahill@aol.com](mailto:AlexandraCahill@aol.com).

**97** I hope this post-holiday season finds all classmates and friends well and off to a great start in the New Year! Thanks to all of those who continue to take the time to send in updates for the Class of '97's own little slice of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, and thanks to those who continue to contribute to the class coffers by paying dues: the space we're allotted here is directly related to the number of dues-paying members we have.

2003 was quite a year for classmates **Jennifer Orendorff** Fitzpatrick, MBA '02 ([jlo2@cornell.edu](mailto:jlo2@cornell.edu)) and husband **Andy**, MBA '03 ([apf2@cornell.edu](mailto:apf2@cornell.edu)). Each has an ILR and MBA degree from Cornell, having graduated in May from the Johnson School of Management together. Just five days after graduation, they welcomed son **Jack Andrew** into the world at the Cayuga Medical Center. The family—including dog **Ezra**—relocated to Belle Meade, NJ. **Jennifer** works at Bristol Myers as a human resources manager, while **Andy** works for Avaya as a finance manager. They're the new co-chairs of the New Jersey ILR Alumni Assn. and look forward to seeing many Cornellians as a result of their involvement. (Did you notice that **Jennifer** has had the "jlo" handle long before **Jenny** from the Block made it an everyday moniker?)

**Michael Perera** ([mwp2@cornell.edu](mailto:mwp2@cornell.edu)) finished his MBA at the U. of North Carolina. Many other classmates have recently embarked on their business school careers. **Colin Cushing** has started work toward an MBA at Georgetown U. Wife **Elizabeth (Soto-Seeling)** continues to work in public relations at Legal Services Corp., a nonprofit legal aid firm in Washington. They celebrated their third wedding anniversary on October 1. **Arunava Biswas** ([arunava.biswas@yale.edu](mailto:arunava.biswas@yale.edu)) checked in from Yale's Tuck School of Management, where he is a member of the class of 2005. Classmates who are now MBA

candidates at U. of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business include **Caryn Feinberg**, **John Cooper**, and **Matt Elias**.

**Jeremiah Grossman** matriculated in a master's degree program in international development in Washington, DC. He's also completing a law degree at Penn. Having completed his law degree at Fordham U. School of Law in 2003, **Akil Roper** became an associate at Morristown, NJ-based Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP. **Kim Messeri**, MMH '97 ([kimmesseri@hotmail.com](mailto:kimmesseri@hotmail.com)) says she's enjoying the cushy telecommuting consulting lifestyle, working as a Web content editor/developer for CEO Consulting Inc. Her husband **Ron** planned to begin graduate school in January 2004; he is pursuing a master's in information management in the AIM Business School at the U. of Texas, Dallas. The couple is building a house in McKinney, TX, and expected to move in during the fall of 2003.

Lots of news in this column from classmates getting advanced degrees in the U. of California system this issue. **David Glickenstein** ([glickenstein@math.arizona.edu](mailto:glickenstein@math.arizona.edu)) earned his PhD in mathematics from UC San Diego, and is now an assistant professor at the U. of Arizona. **Joseph Ziegelbauer** ([jmzcal@mac.com](mailto:jmzcal@mac.com)) received his PhD from the Dept. of Cell and Molecular Biology at UC Berkeley, in December 2002. In the summer of 2003, he married Dr. **Patricia Valdez**. **Joseph** also started a postdoctoral fellowship at UC San Francisco, and noted that although he's a big fan of the Northern California climate and inhabitants, he misses the beautiful fall colors on the hills of Ithaca.

**Elizabeth Fichtner** ([efichtner@worldnet.att.net](mailto:efichtner@worldnet.att.net)) collected her PhD at North Carolina State U. this past year and relocated in October to work at UC Davis. Meanwhile, classmate **Laura Goddard** left UC Davis, where she got her PhD in entomology, and moved to Maryland to work for the National Institutes of Health, where she engineers vaccines for mosquito-borne viruses. **Laura** and **Dan Murray** conquered Half Dome in Yosemite last June. **Dan** moved to Toronto. **Adam Hocherman** ([hock@hock.net](mailto:hock@hock.net)) launched American Innovative LLC ([www.americaninnovative.com](http://www.americaninnovative.com)), a consumer electronics product company specializing in products designed for college students. The company's first offering is slated for launch in late 2004. **Mya Fonarov**, MS ORIE '98 ([mfonarov@hotmail.com](mailto:mfonarov@hotmail.com)) lives in Boston and works as a professional dancer, specializing in African dance and belly dancing. She also expects to teach hip hop in 2004. A shutterbug on campus for Reunion 2002 captured **Jide Bell** and **Victor Borges** enjoying an evening with friends at the tents on the Arts Quad; the picture appeared in the June 13, '02 issue of the *Cornell Chronicle*.

First comes love, then comes marriage . . . **Danielle Grundleger** and **Harrison Rosenberg** got married on Sept. 6, '03, in Lawrence, NY. Among the Cornellians attending were **David Silverstein**, **Jason Bender**, **Jennifer Colasuonno**-Schaffer and husband **Ben**, **Bill Trenchard** and wife **Stephanie**, **Howie '96** and **Staci Harris Frauwirth**, and **Peter Klein '95**. **Joshua Cheron** ([jlc12@cornell.edu](mailto:jlc12@cornell.edu)) wed **Jennifer Wolf-**



son of Syosset, NY, on Sept. 14, '03. The couple purchased a condominium in Ashland, MA, in August. Joshua works for Accenture at Boston Scientific Corp. in Nantick, MA.

**Ariane Oettinger** Purdy got hitched outside Boston on Aug. 23, '03; she's in her second year as a master of architecture student at the U. of Texas, Austin. **Adam Thompson** sent in word of **Brian Niles's** wedding to Meredith Armstrong in Marfa, TX. Both the bride and groom work at Goldman Sachs in London; they honeymooned in Hawaii. **Dan Ury**, a friend of Brian's from high school, was a groomsman; **Tom Yang**, **Keith Campbell**, **Adam Simon**, and **Gary Seronovitz '95** were ushers, as was Adam. **Kelli Clare Stouffer** was a reader. Brian's dad is **Robert Niles '67**. Adam confirmed that the stars at night really are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas, and reported that wedding activities included skeet shooting, a first for many of the classmates attending.

**Erin Cunningham '96**, **MBA '98**, and **Utku Yurday**, **MS EE '98**, got married on Dec. 21, '02 at Willard Straight Hall. Friends spanning several class years at Cornell joined in the festivities. I've only got the basics to share for these two classmates' weddings: **Besheer Mohamed** got married Oct. 6, '01, and **Heidi Dillman Davis** got married on June 21, '03. One final wedding note: **Andy Rudenstein** wrote in to note that in addition to those mentioned in a previous column, **Cornellians Mirella Reznic '97** and **Mariusz Szymoniak**, **MHA '00**, also attended his June 21, '03 wedding to Charlene Hudson in Austria. **Caryn Feinberg** also sent word of **Samantha Youngman's** wedding in August 2003. Classmates attending included **Beth Rothenstein**, **Robin Ebenstein**, **Josh**, **DVM '01**, and **Rebecca Propis Baum**, **Julie** and **Andrew Schultz**, **Yvette Nick Montvelisky**, and **Marc** and **Ellen Goodman Stiefel**; **David** and **Lauren Kalter Hass**, both '96, and **Stacey Block Rubenstein '98** were among the other Cornellians present.

Just one new arrival to report on this time around. Congratulations to **Nicole Cuda Perez** and husband **Rafael**, who are proud parents of Olivia Marisol Perez, born on Aug. 9, '03. Nicole also reported **Joshua Cherry** married Kimberly Seto on Sept. 7, '03 in Westbury Long Island.

Change jobs? Run the Boston Marathon? Start (or finish) grad school? Bump into someone from your bio lab at your local Zinck's night? Get married? Go skydiving with your freshman year roommate? Let us know! Your classmates want to hear about it! ♦ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, [ejb4@cornell.edu](mailto:ejb4@cornell.edu); **Sarah Beardorff** Carter, [sjd5@cornell.edu](mailto:sjd5@cornell.edu). Class website: [www.classof97.cornell.edu](http://www.classof97.cornell.edu).

**98** When this column was submitted, the last remnants of summer were leaving us. No more long vacations or summer shares to go running to—it's back to reality for most of us. At least there is still good news to report. The summer/fall of 2003 marked many a new beginning for our classmates. Wedding bells rang for some, while school bells rang for others. Five

years after leaving the Hill, our cohort appears to have arrived at the "finishing-med-school, starting-business-school, getting-married" phase.

Back in July: Celebrating the US independence and the long weekend is not the only reason that **Yasmin Yanthis** will care about that day. This past July 4 Yasmin was married to Kendall Bailey. Yasmin is an associate in the Atlanta office of Jones Day, the Cleveland law firm. After Cornell she received her law degree from Boston U. Following not too far behind, Dr. **Nathan Kruger** married Dr. Avery Grauer on Sunday, July 6. They were married at the Lyman Homestead, a 19th-century house in Middlefield, CT. They are both doing their residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital with Avery concentrating in psychiatry and Nathan in internal medicine. Nathan received his medical degree from New York Medical College.

In the Midwest: **James Amrine Jr.** ([jamrine@altair.com](mailto:jamrine@altair.com)) is currently completing his fifth year at Altair Engineering Inc. in Dearborn, MI, where he works as a senior design engineer doing work mostly for Ford Motor Company. When he has time he fits in the occasional game of golf, and has taken up playing and building guitars, banjos, fiddles, and other assorted traditional instruments. Most of his free minutes over the past summer were used to plan for his wedding to Constance Colthorp in Ann Arbor, MI, which happened in September. He still keeps in touch regularly with **Sam LaRoque** (his best man), **Wade McLaughlin '99** (another groomsman), **Stephanie Bell**, **Greig O'Brien**, and **Nate Wilmot**, among others. James would love to hear from anyone he has not seen or heard from. Having survived her first year of business school and a summer internship in New York City, **Wendy Horng** started the second year of her MBA at U. of Chicago. She has decided to move back to New York City after school in June 2004 to work at Citigroup.

On the West Coast: On August 30, **Jesse Lefton** was married to Amit Zilberstein in Los Angeles. Cornellians present at the wedding were **Sarah Lefton '95**, **Erik Mulet**, **BFA '97**, **Megan Heller**, and **Adina Saperstein**. Jesse reports that it was a kicking good time!

Off in other countries: After spending the summer at home mowing lawns, **Puneet Agrawal** moved to London in September for his MBA. He is still working on his accent and on safely crossing streets (he keeps looking the wrong way). **Channing Chor** is taking a break from the sun and waves of California to study in Shanghai, China, for a quarter. Channing is an MBA candidate at UCLA and travels frequently to Hong Kong and other parts of Asia.

In good old Ithaca and the State of New York: **Amy Hargrave**, **MILR '02**, was married on Sept. 20 to Steve Wehrspann, Cornell's Safety Engineer. They were married in Ithaca at Sage Chapel, with the reception at Celebrations. Amy recently left Cornell (where she worked in organizational development with the division of Administration, Facilities & Finance) to accept a position in Pittsburgh at PNC Financial Services doing executive leadership development. She moved in August, and Steve and their two

cats will be joining her in October. They are buying a house in the northern suburbs of Pittsburgh. Back in June, **Keri Goldberg** married Lavi S. Ben-Zvi in Bedford Corners, NY, on June 29. Until March, Keri had been working as a consultant at Accenture.

And that brings us back to the fall of 2003. It is rather remarkable when you think about it. In the fall of 1993, most of us were working hard on our college application essays. That was before First Night on the Arts Quad, before our first trek up Libe Slope in the snow, before our collective identity as the Cornell Class of '98, before many of the experiences on which we now look back with fondness, or cringes, or nostalgia. Years later, class correspondents are still working hard on submitting essays—now in the form of class notes—to Cornell and to you. As with those application masterpieces, we hope that these columns will get read. More importantly, we want this space to serve as a forum through which we can continue to build on our identity as a class, and to share our joys and excitement (or qualms and shocks) as we embark on new journeys and get involved in various life experiences. Okay, fine. So maybe the column serves as an excuse for a little indulgence to reminisce as well. Please continue to send news/stories/Cornellian spottings/thoughts and opinions. Happy New Year 2004, and we look forward to hearing from you! ♦ **Gregg Herman**, [gdh5@cornell.edu](mailto:gdh5@cornell.edu); and **Erica Chan**, [hc31@cornell.edu](mailto:hc31@cornell.edu).

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I was surprised to see the statistic that in 2001, there were over 213,000 living Cornell alumni.

To put that in perspective, that's more than the entire population of Des Moines, IA (population 198,076), but falls short of Rochester, NY (population 217,158). The Cornell Facts brochure that I was reading went on to divide the percentages of Cornellians by geographic region. At the top of the list, unsurprisingly, was New York State, home to 28 percent of Cornell grads. **Jessica Delaney** is a member of the New York group. After finishing Albert Einstein Medical School last spring, she's now a first-year resident in internal medicine in the Bronx. From the *New York Times* wedding section we learned that **Laurie Beth Ehrlich** married Keith Emmer on June 22, '03 in New York City. Laurie graduated from NYU law school and is an associate at Schulte, Roth & Zabel.

**Stacey Cintado** works in NYC at Towers Perrin. **James Grady** works as a trading desk assistant manager in NYC and lives with classmates **Biju Philip** and **Binu Thomas**. James and **Palak Shah** visited China where they "went shopping crazy and came home with tons of custom-made suits and shirts from Hong Kong." The pair also went boating down the Li River. **Toby Ruiz** writes, "After traveling through Europe and Asia for almost a year and a half I finally settled back in New York City. I'm now working for Grey Advertising as an account executive." If you ask him where he's been recently, the list looks something like: England, Scotland, Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Philip-



piners, Thailand, China, and Japan. After graduating from Brooklyn Law School, **Ian Kaufman** happily reports that he's passed both the New York and New Jersey Bar exams AND fit in a nice vacation in Palm Springs.

Let's not forget the upstaters. **Suzanne Albanese** teaches biology at Suffern High School and coaches the volleyball team. After a year in Richmond, VA, **Erin Wayne** returned to Ithaca, where this registered dietician works at CBORD.

The second largest piece of the Cornell alumni pie belongs to the Middle Atlantic region, with 17 percent of the Cornell population. Legislative assistant **Amy Sandra Lee** works on Capitol Hill for Congressman Gary Ackerman. This policymaker can be seen frequenting the Adams Morgan hotspot Cashion's and coordinating volunteer activities for DC Cares. Washington, DC, is also home to **Avery Sen**, who's working toward a master's degree in Science, Technology, and Public Policy at George Washington U.'s Elliott School of International Affairs. His focus is on space and energy policy. **Homero Radway**'s been busy since graduation. He worked for Lehman Brothers for about two years, taught in Mexico for four months, attends Georgetown U. Business School, and just returned from an "outstanding" trip to Colombia. Homero recently accepted an offer to work in the investment banking division of CSFB.

Outside the Beltway, **Jessica Colon** Bejarano graduated from law school, got married, and now lives in Potomac, MD. Richmond, VA, is home to **Unicia Buster**. After graduate school in Visual Information Technology, Unicia's a graphic designer for a local newspaper. **Daniela Fernandez Fuentes**, ME '00, is pursuing her PhD in chemical engineering at the U. of Pennsylvania.

The "far West" is home to 13 percent of Cornell grads. After graduating from UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall last May, **Erica Zunkel** works at the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office, east of San Francisco. Next year, she'll be clerking for a federal judge in Santa Fe, NM. After fabulous trips to Thailand and Costa Rica, Ms. Zunkel's enjoying life in the Bay Area and is even taking Spanish lessons. **Elizabeth Hill**, MS '02, finished her master's degree in Soil and Crop Sciences from Cornell and moved across the country to Denver, CO. She works for a company called ESRI, where she instructs people in geographic information systems (aka GIS), "which is basically using maps in the computer." Wonder if Elizabeth ever uses GIS herself, amidst her travels to Texas, California, New Mexico, and Oregon. Elizabeth adventured with a crew of other Cornellians on a summer rafting trip through the Grand Canyon. The group included **Brian Markham**, ME '00, **Brian Glassmeyer**, ME '00, **Jen Librach**, ME EE '00, **Jon Felske**, **Laura Maginnis**, **Adam Nokes**, ME '00, **Ed Kaste**, ME '00, **Kristy Putnam** '01, **Catie Wooten** '01, and **Renee Pulver** '00.

The New England region comes in next with a 12 percent Cornelian share. These suffering Red Sox fans include **Brendan Lippman**, who told me he's found his true calling and is pursuing an acting career, ideally looking to land

a spot on Fox's "The OC." While Brendan has definite heartthrob potential, I'm not sure that I believe this engineering superstar would leave his career with tech start-up Lanthorn Technologies in Boston. Congratulations to **Jens Kullman** on his promotion to manager of finance and accounting at LSG/Skychefs in Boston. After working as a webmaster in Boston

6 percent of the total number of living alums. After stints in NYC and Hong Kong, **Chiann Bao** has resettled in London, where she works for an international arbitrator. This world traveler has already seen more places than the rest of us will in a lifetime; her recent travels have taken her to Belgium, Morocco, and France. Writing from Norway, **Simen Haare** says, "In my

'James Amrine Jr. has taken up playing and building guitars, banjos, fiddles, and other assorted traditional instruments.'

GREGG HERMAN AND ERICA CHAN '98

for two different dot-com companies, **Bree Herne** went back to school at UMass Boston, and recently drove cross country from Los Angeles to Ithaca.

Wedding news! The lovely **Meg Karamitis** was married in a beautiful ceremony to Piko Nikolov in Middletown, NY. The wedding party included fellow Cornellians **Betsy Karamitis '96** and **Greg Karamitis '04**. Members of the class of 1999 in attendance included **Nicole D'Angelo**, **Cristen Viggiano**, **Kevin Cottrell**, **Chiann Bao**, **Mandy MacDonald**, **Amy S. Lee**, **Matt** and **Julie Heim Jackson**, **Dena Savarese**, **Serena Chen**, **Sheri Griffin** Mandirola, **Brendan Lippman**, **Mary Krabbenhoft**, **Heather Hollidge**, and **Jessica Delaney**. Piko and Meg live in Cambridge, where Meg is pursuing her PhD in biostatistics at Harvard's School of Public Health.

The Midwest and Southeastern portions of the US are tied for the fifth largest share of alums, with 9 percent each. **Michael Collins Allers** is the recipient of the Colin and Ailsa Turbayne International Berkeley Essay Prize administered by the U. of Rochester Dept. of Philosophy. Michael's set to begin a doctoral program in philosophy at the U. of Michigan, where **Benjamin Lee** is also still in grad school. St. Louis, MO, is home to **Nicole D'Angelo**, a graduate student at Washington U. This budding family therapist plans to move back East after finishing her master's degree in Social Work.

Dr. **Mark Prasarn** graduated in May from NYU School of Medicine and has begun his orthopedic surgery residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL. Fellow doctor **Justin Nudell** received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He's also in Florida, working at an internship at Northside Hospital and Heart Inst. in St. Petersburg. **Nikki Adame**, ME '00, is a 3L at Tulane Law School. Rising from leasing agent to property manager, **Mike Shanahan** is moving up the ladder at his job in Atlanta, GA. He reports that "Atlanta's economy is slowly recovering from the recession. Layoffs and business losses appear to be slowing."

Where do the smallest percentage of Cornell graduates live? In the Southwestern US and internationally. These two regions each make up

spare time I party, work out, and take helicopter lessons. Hopefully I will be certified by the end of the year." Sounds like life is good for this investment banker who works for Pareto. As of April 2002, **Parviz Parvizi** was still working as a management consultant for McKinsey & Company. He transferred to the firm's Moscow office in the fall of 2001. Parviz has taken trips to Baku (capital city of Azerbaijan), Amsterdam, and the Caucasus Mountains for a ski trip to the town of Dombai.

As a parting note, a reunion update: **Nicole DiSalvo**, **Courtney Benenson**, **Tim Mack**, and **Seth Singerman** are leading a committee of more than 30 classmates for our 5th Reunion Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$60,000 from 700 donors. We also hope to reach 70 Ivy Society members and three Tower Club members. Thank you so much to those who have already supported our efforts by making a gift to Cornell. If you haven't had a chance to make your gift yet, please join us! Gifts can be made online at [www.alumni.cornell.edu/giving/giftcard.ta?function=giftform](http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/giving/giftcard.ta?function=giftform), or call 1-800-279-3099.

Are you located in one of those underrepresented Cornelian regions of the country—or the world? Write and let us know what you're doing! ♦ **Jen Sheldon**, [jsheldon@law.uconn.edu](mailto:jsheldon@law.uconn.edu); **Melanie Arzt**, [snoopymel@yahoo.com](mailto:snoopymel@yahoo.com); **Jess Smith**, [jessiniowa@hotmail.com](mailto:jessiniowa@hotmail.com).

OO What's better than laughing your head off at a comedy show in New York City? Answer: Laughing your head off at a CORNELL comedy show in New York City! The Big Red Comedy Festival was held last October at the Kraine Theater in downtown Manhattan. It was organized by **Alex Zalben '99** and **Monica Hill '01**. The highlight of the show was "Hot Shot City," a group of Whistling Shrimp alumni. The group included: **Linda Nicoll**, who is a fourth-year student at Downstate Medical School; **Wenmouth Williams '01**, who is working for a medical education company; **John McGoey '01**, a Columbia Law School student; **Paul Bomba '01**, who just started an independent film; **Colin Murchie '02**, member of D.C. Wit, a Washington, DC, improv group;



**Kelley Burkett '03**, who is working for AmeriCorps; and **Jen Weinbaum '03**, a current Cornell student. The group hopes to get together more often and perform in the city. I hope so, too! You guys were hysterical!

It was also great to hear from **Judy Seltzer**, who wrote to us all the way from England. She is a fourth-year student at the Royal Veterinary College in London and is only a couple of months away from starting rotations. Unfortunately, the program is five years long, so she still has a year and a half to go before she joins us again. But she tells us that she is still loving it and having a great time in London. You're

## 'Dave Feuerman developed his first functional food—a no carb maple syrup for those on the Atkins diet.'

ANDREA M. CHAN '00

almost there, Judy! We're so proud of you! Although she is overseas, Judy has kept in touch with her friends in the States and has shared their news with us. **Julia Spivack** graduated from Fordham Law School and is now an associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP in NYC. **Kate Dowling** got her master's in education from Boston U. this past May and is now working for The Home for Little Wanderers in Boston. Kate focused on special education and is currently teaching kids with emotional-behavioral disorders. **Sarah Fogelman** graduated from Columbia's Teachers College and is teaching science at Hunter College High School in NYC. Another graduate, **Brad Levang**, finished Santa Clara Law School and is working at a small law firm in California. **Beth Presutti** now works at Wrigley doing product development. **Shanna Green**, JD '03, graduated from Cornell Law School in May and is working for a law firm in NYC. **M. Michael Cole** graduated in May 2003 from Northwestern U. School of Law. He is clerking for the Hon. Kevin Thomas Duffy in the Southern District of New York.

As always, we have many weddings to announce. **Elizabeth Martin** got married on Oct. 25, '03 to Alan Smith, at a beautiful ceremony in Albany, NY. Her maid of honor was **Andrea Ludwig**, and her bridesmaids included **Sarah Fogelman** and **Jenan Abdunnur '02**. Elizabeth and Alan have just purchased a townhouse in Flemington, NJ, to begin their new life together. **Amy Reback** and **Jeffrey Lopatin** held a lavish wedding this past July at The Metropolitan Club in New York City. The wedding party included: **Barbara Zerman Reback '68**, BArch '69 (mother of the bride), **Robert Reback '69**, PhD '72 (father of the bride), **Richard Lopatin**, MD '74 (father of the groom), **Lorin Misita**, **Jacob Hegeman**, **Josh Kulkin**, **Michael Gretczko**, and **Matt Sanders '87**. The couple is currently working in Manhattan. Amy is a design coordinator for David Yurman, a jewelry company, and Jeffrey is a senior invest-

ment analyst for the hedge fund, Americus Capital Management LLC. There were over 20 Cornellians in attendance, including classmates **Dan Goldberg** and **Barbara Demonarco**. What an amazing turnout!

Our very own **Betsy Stein** wed **Brian Kelder '99**. Among the more than 25 Cornellians at the wedding were classmates **Melissa Bersofsky**, **Sarah Sherertz**, **Laura Little**, **Aaron Lustbader**, **Josh Naylor**, **Randy Morse**, and **Clay Reese**. Congratulations, Betsy!

Finally, a big group of friends got together for **Dave Feldstein's** 25th birthday at MOD on the Upper West Side. Classmates **Evan Grossman**,

**Rich Bruckner**, **Jason Pront**, **Becky Orlando**, **Linda Nicoll**, **Waina Cheng**, **Chad Nadler**, **Heather Braunstein**, **Julie Rodriguez**, myself, and many other Cornellians and non-Cornellians were present. Not to mention, Julia Stiles! Yes, the one from *Save the Last Dance* and *10 Things I Hate About You!* **Dave Feuerman** and **Dave Feldstein** were two of the lucky few to hang out with Julia that night. Dave Feuerman has been working at NBTY, a leading manufacturer of dietary supplements. As the company has risen proudly within the nutritional industry, Dave has risen as well, an ascent he owes to the fine preparation at Cornell and the Food Science dept. He is now responsible for the majority of new product formulation of tablets and capsules and has recently developed his first functional food—a no carb maple syrup for those on the Atkins diet. Dave lives in Manhattan and recently broke up with his girlfriend—ladies?

That's all the news for now. We love hearing from you and we love writing for you! ♦ **Andrea M. Chan**, andrea.chan@brooklaw.edu; **Sarah Striffler**, sjs34@cornell.edu.

**01** I hope your holiday season was filled with family, friends, fun, and lots of great food. The rush of squeezing everything into the holidays this year reminds me how wonderful those month-long winter breaks were back at Cornell. Alas, those days are over. We have all grown up (or at least we have to pretend we have) and those breaks are long gone. As we begin the new year, it is high time that we celebrate some long overdue news from our classmates. While many of us have concentrated on starting a career or moving along in graduate school, some of us have already begun families. It's great to see how weddings and babies can bring friends back together.

**Morgan Campbell** ended his pursuit of a career in Hollywood to be with his now-wife

**Emily Gangemi**, who is in her third year of a PhD in classics at Harvard U. Not long after, Morgan enrolled in Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, where he is studying to become a minister. The two wed in Winnetka, IL, in December 2002. The wedding party included **Amira Abuzeid Aycock** and **Aiyin Chen '02**. There were a number of Cornellians in attendance, including **Michelle Tonelli '00**, **Jamie Aycock**, **Christopher Chiambalero '00**, **Brian Elliott '00**, **Nina Lee '00**, **Michael Ikoma '00**, **Monica Stump '03**, and **Betty Sun**. Betty couldn't get enough of Cornell so she returned for a master's in nutrition after working at her dietetic internship in Chicago for a year.

**Elena Shibaeva** works at Towers Perrin as a consultant in NYC. She lives in Hoboken, NJ, with **Kristen Benedetto**, who will graduate from law school at Rutgers this year. **Erica Chatfield** has just moved from Boston to Gaithersburg, MD, along with **Joan Dearden**. "I am now working for the DoD doing DNA analysis in a forensic lab, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab. Joan is a real estate analyst for Costar, doing hotel development."

**Jamie** and **Amira Aycock** have been busy with their already nuclear family. Amira has the rewarding (and exhausting) job of keeping up with their sons **Benjamin Lewis Aycock**, born Sept. 19, and their firstborn son **Noah**, who is just 16 months older. The couple returned to Cambridge, MA, for Jamie's second year at Harvard Law School after taking a year break in Miami, FL. Benjamin's birth gave even greater occasion for **Trina Lee's** second annual fall pilgrimage to Boston. She is now working in Salem, OR, as the executive director of Oregon DECA, an association of high school marketing students.

**Josh Goodman** was recently promoted to a consultant at Accenture, where he has been working since graduation. For nearly two years he has been helping his client, AT&T, grow its local phone service business. He is now managing a group of analysts at the project, and his efforts have enabled AT&T to gain a presence in almost all 50 states. He has spent some time traveling, visiting places such as Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, Brazil, Argentina, and Costa Rica, and wishes to return to London next summer. He is currently living in NYC with fellow alums **Dave Feuerman '00** and **Alan Noah**, and on reading this magazine's previous issue, was humored to learn of his alleged lifestyle. It seems he and Dave have been punk'd by some unidentified prankster who may have been attempting new material for a yet-to-be-realized fulfilling career in entertainment. It should be noted that this hoax has already been pulled; just ask any faithful viewer of "Friends" or "Seinfeld." Apparently, creativity never blessed the author of last issue's comedy . . . not that there's anything wrong with that. Hats off to you, prankster!

Do you have any news to share about yourself or any fellow classmates? Let us know! E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. ♦ **Jamie Aycock**, jaycock@law.harvard.edu; **Itai Dinour**, id22@cornell.edu; **Lauren Wallach**, LEW15@cornell.edu.



02

The holidays bring some brief news from members of the Class of '02. **Annette Grew** was recently back at Cornell with Aramark, recruiting at the career fair, and met up with many of our classmates over the weekend. She writes that it was great to see so many people back at Cornell representing their companies. She has been working with Aramark Uniform Services in Boston since January and recently joined the sales team. She had an active summer with the Wheelworks Triathlon team in Boston, competing in eight triathlons in Maine and Nantucket and all around the Boston area. Last fall she was to be rowing in the Head of the Charles Regatta in the Cornell Alumni boat with **Alex Bisset**, **Cheryl Engelhardt**, and some other older alumni.

**Ruthie Levy** writes that she is back from the Middle East and stationed at Fort Stewart near Savannah, GA. Her return to the States hasn't meant a break in her busy schedule, but she hoped to make it to Homecoming this fall. Finally, **Lisa Dorfman** writes that she is attending Columbia U. School of Law this fall.

We've been lean on notes for the last couple of issues and would love to hear what you're all up to. It's always great to read what interesting things our classmates are doing. If you haven't already done so, please send in News with your class dues. Best wishes for the holidays! ♦ **Elizabeth Richards**, elizabethlauren\_richards@yahoo.com.

03

As we look forward to the coming year, it's easy to forget some of the events of the recent past.

The first day of classes, Columbus Day, Homecoming, Halloween, and Veterans Day have all come and gone. It is strange to think about what we were doing at this time a year ago, and many of us find that the memory of Cornell is still fresh in our minds. Through the correspondence between classmates I have found that our experiences together have laid a great foundation of friendship and camaraderie. Thank you all for writing and sharing your newest adventures!

**Peter Penev** writes happily from sunny California. He is working in San Francisco for Fairmont Hotels and Resorts in the business development and research department. He reports that **Deja Goldstein** is "working hard at a spa" and encourages classmates to come and visit. **Matt Haistings** recently moved west after graduating from a six-month Army Transportation Corps training program at Fort Eustis, VA. His new post is Fort Carson, located adjacent to Colorado Springs, CO. **Zach Conine** has gotten himself far away from Coxsackie, NY, and is living it up as a restaurant manager in Nevada.

Congratulations to **Blair Penske**! She and **Brandon Hall '01** were married in July at the Bountiful Temple in Bountiful, UT. Blair is currently a host at the Deer Valley Resort in Park City, while Brandon works as an account executive in Salt Lake City for My ePHIT. On the East Coast, **Gillian Boyd** is attending medical school at Thomas Jefferson U. in Philadelphia. **Tom Struble** and **Adrian Korduba** continue to work hard down south at the Navy's Charleston, SC,

Nuclear Power School, and I remain captivated by my naval experience aboard the USS *Ross*, where there is so much about my job to learn, and every day is something different. Best wishes to you all. Continue to keep in touch! ♦ **Samantha Buckingham**, sam\_buckingham@hotmail.com; **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu.

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**Francis A. Kallfelz**, James Law Professor of Medicine (Nutrition), was unanimously selected by the NY State Veterinary Medical Society as the 2003 Veterinarian of the Year. Kallfelz, DVM '62, PhD '66 has been a faculty member since 1966, serving eight years as director of the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. A member of the NY State Board of Veterinary Medicine and a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition, Kallfelz also served as the 2001 NYSVMS president and as a member of the AVMA Council on Research. **Alexander DeLahunta**, DVM, '58, PhD '63, the James Law Professor of Veterinary Anatomy, received the NY State Veterinary Medical Society Outstanding Service to Veterinary Medicine Award. In his more than four decades at Cornell, DeLahunta has earned renown as a world-class neuroanatomist, clinical neurologist, and neuropathologist. He has authored four classic veterinary teaching texts, and has identified several novel disease syndromes in companion animals. "Dr. D" is revered as a teacher, with four Norden awards for teaching excellence among his multiple recognitions.

**Robert Hillman**, DVM '55, MS '61, senior clinician emeritus, received recognition for his outstanding service and extensive contributions to the discipline of theriogenology. The David E. Bartlett Award was presented to Hillman, an ACT diplomate, on Sept. 18 in Columbus, OH. Hillman served in the US Army Veterinary Corps and maintained a private practice before he joined Cornell's Vet college as an intern in 1958. He received the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award in 1974. Three of the 20 Bartlett

'I am now working for the DoD doing DNA analysis in a forensic lab, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab.'

ERICA CHATFIELD '01

Award winners have been Cornell alumni: **Steve Roberts '38**, **Bill Wagner '56**, PhD '68, and Hillman. **Martin Fettman '76**, DVM '80, MS '80, who may be best known for being the first veterinarian in space, was named Veterinarian of the Year by the Colorado Veterinary Medical Assn. (CVMA). He is a professor of pathology and associate dean of Colorado State U.'s College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

The inauguration of Cornell's 11th president, **Jeffrey S. Lehman '77**, occurred on two continents and three locales during the week of Octo-

ber 12. As part of the celebration, a gala event was held in Barton Hall on Thursday evening. Students from all colleges and professional schools at the university were asked to participate, representing their respective disciplines. Our students can be seen performing in the webcast at: <http://inauguration.cornell.edu/video/index.cfm?type=archive&video=webcast3>. Advance the site to 01:09 and you'll see our students, following the Johnson Graduate School of Management. An assemblage of photos representing our college's faculty, staff, and students in the inaugural procession is visible at: <http://www.vet.cornell.edu/publicresources/pr-Inauguration.htm>.

For the third year in a row, Vet college alumni and guests represented the largest gathering of all Cornell colleges during the Homecoming Rally/Tailgate on October 25, which preceded the Cornell/Brown football game. The college tables were hosted by Mrs. Doris Smith. Ninety-one alumni and guests from the classes of 1945 through 2003 attended, including current students. Alumni tickets for the event were sponsored in part by the Alumni Assn. and the Office of Alumni Affairs. The New Life Sciences Initiative is one of Cornell's largest investments in scientific research and education in the university's history. The intersection of biology with chemistry, physics, engineering, and computational sciences was discussed at the Homecoming Forum, "BioRevolution: Accelerating Discovery and Improving Lives." Speakers included Richard A. Cerione, Goldwin Smith professor of pharmacology and chemical biology, College of Veterinary Medicine and College of Arts and Sciences.

*In Memoriam:* **T. Richard Houpt**, professor of physiology emeritus and a Vet college faculty member for 30 years, died suddenly at home on October 7, two days short of his 78th birthday. An educator and expert in the physiology of ingestive behavior, particularly the neural and hormonal controls of food and water intake, Houpt maintained an active research program up to the day of his death. Houpt earned his VMD and PhD at the U. of Pennsylvania, where

he remained as a faculty member until 1971, when he came to Cornell. His Cornell research examined the feeding physiology of ruminants and pigs. He identified the animals' time-to-stop-eating signal as osmotic pressure in the gastrointestinal tract. Houpt is survived by his wife of 41 years, Professor of Physiology Katherine Albro Houpt, as well as two sons and a brother. 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.



## Alumni Deaths

'25—**Hilda Wambsganss** Brengel of Annapolis, MD, March 17, 2003; active in community and religious affairs.

'25 BS HE—**Ruth H. Kennedy** of Red Bank, NJ, April 2, 2003; retired teacher, Jersey City; taught for the Turkish-American Assoc.; active in professional and religious affairs.

'27—**Barbara Jacobus** Cook (Mrs. Junius F. Jr. '22) of Montague, MI, March 18, 2003; homemaker. Pi Beta Phi.

'27 BS HE—**Eleanor Wright** Decker (Mrs. Morris T.) of Keene, NH, March 16, 2003; retired director of food services, SUNY Canton; active in community and religious affairs.

'27 ME—**Henry S. Germond III** of Little Silver, NJ, March 16, 2003; mechanical engineer; president, Revolver Co.; active in community and religious affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'27 BA—**Donald E. Huntington** of Spartanburg, SC, March 16, 2003; executive, livestock feed business; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'27—**Orpha Spicer** Zimmer (Mrs. James H. '26) of Palm Harbor, FL, March 1, 2003; officer, League of Women Voters; active in civic and community affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'29—**William H. Kessler** of Clifton, NJ, March 3, 2003; retired plant manager, Armour & Co.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'31-32 GR—**Edna Woolsey** Stanley (Mrs. Ralph J., MA '36) of Chambersburg, PA, March 19, 2003; secondary school teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'31 ME—**Harding Van Schaack** of Eustis, FL, April 3, 2003; retired vice president, MTM Corp.; inventor; active in alumni affairs. Chi Psi.

'32, B Chem '33—**Helmut M. Englemann** of Orlando, FL, April 11, 2003; chemist, Hercules Inc.; active in professional and religious affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'32—**Julia Troy** Galbraith (Mrs. Robert E.) of Ithaca, NY, March 4, 2003; worked for GLF and Agway; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Zeta.

'32 BA—**Milton Simon** of San Diego, CA, April

1, 2003; physician; veteran; active in community affairs.

'33 BA—**C. Clay Aldridge** of Columbus, GA, April 25, 2003.

'34—**Rawson Atwood** of Lake Wales, FL, May 20, 2002; president, Decorated Metal Manufacturing; veteran; active in community affairs. Chi Phi.

'34 BA—**Merrill D. Gross** of Cleveland, OH, March 4, 2003; retired president, J.H. Gross jewelry company; executive director, Temple-Tifereth Israel; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'34—**Martin W. Gruber** of Vero Beach, FL, March 15, 2003; electrical engineer, Revere Copper & Brass; active in community and religious affairs.

'34 BA—**Norman Spitzer** of Valhalla, NY, April 25, 2003; physician; veteran. Alpha Epsilon Pi. Wife, Phyllis (Ettinger) '43.

'35 BA—**Harry F. Fowler** of Port St. Lucie, FL, April 21, 2003; executive director, county government; active in community affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha. Wife, Elsie (Koehler) '37.

'35 BS Ag—**Olmstead Peet** of Port Leyden, NY, March 28, 2003; retired supervisor, patent design, Xerox Corp.; author; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Wife, Hope (Stevenson) '38.

'35 CE—**Robert R. Sheridan** of Seaford, DE, April 11, 2003; engineering supervisor, Eastman Kodak; active in professional affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

'35—**Esther Teich** Stevens of Northport, NY, April 23, 2003; dressmaker; owner, Esther Stevens Fine Clothes; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'35—**Shirley Jacobs** Streicker of Rye, NY, March 13, 2003. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'36-37 SP Ag—**Francis D. Foy** of Lowville, NY, March 31, 2003; founder, Foy Insurance Agency; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'36 MS, PhD '73—**Helen Kallenberg** Hoffman (Mrs. Melvin B., PhD '34) of Ithaca, NY, March 4, 2003; elementary school teacher, Ithaca Public Schools; clinical psychologist; taught child development and nutrition, U. of West Virginia; former social worker in New York City; active in

civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'36—**Arnold T. Jorgensen** of Venice, FL, April 18, 2003; retired exec. vice president, L. C. Lighting Co. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'36 ME, MME '40—**Rocco V. Vittucci** of Washington, DC, April 8, 2003; mechanical engineer, Navy Dept.; developed prototypes of nuclear submarines, hydrofoil craft, and air-cushion vehicles; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'37 MA—**Dirck Benson** of Saranac Lake, NY, April 10, 2003; ornithologist; worked for NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'37 BA—**Elsie Lavine** Brewda of Gloversville, NY, May 27, 2003; social worker; teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'37 SP Hotel—**Frederick Dreier** of Phoenix, AZ, March 17, 2003; president, Dreier Hotels; active in community and professional affairs.

'37 JD—**David A. Fraser** of Syracuse, NY, March 1, 2003; attorney; owner/president, Coulter Fraser Bolton Bird & Ventre; active in professional affairs.

'37 BS Ag, MS Ag '39—**Edward S. Penczek** of Powell, OH, May 22, 2003; chemical engineer; metallurgist; active in religious affairs.

'37 MS, PhD '39—**Orville H. White** of Medaryville, IN, April 17, 2003; retired farmer; agricultural economist; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'38 BS Eng—**Charles S. Davis Jr.** of Orleans, MA, March 16, 2003; retired engineer; founder, Bergen Research Engineering; active in community affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'38 BS HE—**Marie Travis** Mann (Mrs. Malcolm J. '36, MD '39) of Gambrills, MD, March 24, 2003.

'38 BA—**George S. Stothoff** of Columbus, NC, March 13, 2003. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'38 BS Ag—**Alexie N. Stout** of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Syracuse, NY, March 28, 2003; insurance agent, Mass. Mutual; pension group partner; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'38 BS Ag, Ed D '60—**Fred A. Tuthill Jr.** of Elmira, NY, March 10, 2003; retired professor, Niagara U.; former superintendent of schools and high school principal; active in community and alumni affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'38 BS HE—**Barbara Ives** Weeks of Southport, ME, April 22, 2003; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Delta Delta Delta.



'39 B Chem, Chem E '40—**Joseph Coors** of Rancho Santa Fe, CA, March 15, 2003; retired CEO of Adolph Coors Co.; founder of the Heritage Foundation, the conservative think-tank; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha. Wife, Anne (Drotning) '54.

'39 BS AE M—**William P. Flanigan** of Baltimore, MD, April 6, 2003; retired contracting executive; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'39 BS Ag, MS '61—**William F. Fuerst Jr.** of Ithaca, NY, June 28, 2003; taught veterinary physiology, biochemistry, and pharmacology, Cornell U.; veteran; recipient, Frank H.T. Rhodes Exemplary Service Award; member, Cornell Athletics Hall of Fame; managed Cornell's sprint football program; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Beta Sigma Rho.

'39—**Col. George W. Harris Jr.** of Boerne, TX, April 16, 2003. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'39 BS—**Herman E. Hegyi** of Arlington, VA, April 16, 2003; retired CIA officer; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs.

'39 DVM—**James J. McCarthy** of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, March 28, 2003; veterinarian; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'39 MD—**Hugh Mullan** of Washington, DC, March 22, 2003; psychiatrist; taught group therapy at Georgetown U.; veteran; author; taught at Tulane U.; chief of psychiatry, New Orleans Veterans Hospital; active in community and professional affairs.

'40, ME '41—**Charles V. Hayes** of Fort Pierce, FL, April 11, 2003; mechanical engineer; veteran. Sigma Pi.

'40 BA—**Solomon Lasof** of Lancaster, PA, March 18, 2003; retired physicist and engineer, RCA Corp.; also worked for ISC Defense Systems.

'40 BS HE—**Louise Burnett Miller** (Mrs. Gilson) of North Salem, NY, April 1, 2003; high school home economics teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'40 BS AE M—**Sidney L. Scott** of St. Petersburg, FL, April 14, 2003; retired purchasing agent, Union Carbide; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Phi.

'40 BA—**Morgan Sinclair** of Santa Monica, CA, March 17, 2003; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Esther (Jones) '40.

'41—**Mary Jessup McCawley** (Mrs. Thomas G.) of St. Louis, MO, March 25, 2003; retired co-owner, Porter Paint; veteran; active in religious affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'41—**Dorothy Kramer Walzer** (Mrs. William C.) of Reston, VA, March 26, 2003; homemaker.

'41, BA '42—**Phillips Wyman Jr.** of Tubac, AZ, formerly of Salinas, CA, March 22, 2003; owner, Salinas Valley Radio Telephone; manager, Wyman Oaks; bank director; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Zeta Psi.

'42 BA—**Sterling B. Blakeman** of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, March 8, 2003; retired banker. Delta Tau Delta.

'42 BA—**George M. Briggs Jr.** of Scranton, PA, March 16, 2003; worked for US Steel, Nivert Steel, and Triple S Steel; active in religious affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'42 PhD—**William R. Brown** of Lexington, KY, April 21, 2003; retired geology professor, U. of Kentucky; active in professional and religious affairs.

'42—**Milton E. Harris** of Greensboro, NC, April 17, 2003; worked for Agway.

'42 PhD—**Richard B. Hasbrouck** of Lake Forest, IL, April 24, 2003; research chemist, Abbott Laboratories; also worked for DuPont; active in alumni affairs.

'42 Chem E—**L. Vandegrift Lee** of Watch Hill, RI, April 19, 2003; oil industry consultant. Sigma Phi.

'42 SP Ag—**Walter C. Perry** of Hampton, NY, March 3, 2003; farmer; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'42 BS Ag—**F. Arthur Potter** of Washington, CT, March 17, 2003; farmer; veteran; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Wife, Jean (Fenton) '42.

'42—**Charles N. Ritter** of Orlando, FL, March 16, 2003; electrical engineer; worked for Florida Power Co.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'42—**Edward A. Rogers** of Sarasota, FL, March 13, 2003; owner, Ted Rogers Communications; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'42 DVM—**Merwin G. Smith** of Deland, FL, April 16, 2003; veterinarian; supervisor, NY State agriculture dept.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'43 BS HE—**Winona Brower Bugg** of Woodland, NC, March 7, 2003; dietician, Tuomey Regional Med. Ctr.; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'43 JD—**Richard W. Cooney** of Sarasota, FL, March 29, 2003; retired attorney; veteran.

'43 BS HE—**Evelyn Corwith Costick** (Mrs. Alexander) of Columbus, OH, March 23, 2003; home economist; retired manager, Borden Co. test kitchens; active in community and professional affairs.

'43 SP Ag—**John A. De Ronde** of Vacaville, CA,

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April 8, 2003; retired judge; retired military; attorney; active in civic and community affairs.

'43, BS AE '49—**Ralph E. Hopkins Jr.** of Athens, PA, March 22, 2003; foundry superintendent and engineer, Ingersoll Rand; active in civic and community affairs.

'43—**Richard T. Kramer** of New Port Richey, FL, April 26, 2003; county administrator; active in community affairs.

'43 BA—**Mary Treadwell Lawton** (Mrs. William J. Jr.) of Pacific Palisades, CA, March 14, 2003; petroleum geologist; mathematician. Alpha Phi.

'43 BS Ag, MRP '51—**Edmund E. Newhard** of Hopewell Junction, NY, April 15, 2003; regional landscape architect, Federal Highway Admin.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'43—**Frederick E. Parkinson** of Jonesville, WI, April 4, 2003; owner, Comeback Inn and Tavern Grill; veteran. Zeta Psi.

'43—**George W. Sanderson** of Pawcatuck, CT, April 12, 2003; worked for Steam Train; taught alternative energy, Westchester Comm. College; veteran; active in community affairs.

'44-45 SP Arch—**Anne Hudak** Kosikowski (Mrs. Frank V., PhD '44) of Naples, FL, formerly of Ithaca, NY, March 9, 2003; artist; active in community and religious affairs.

'44 PhD—**Julius J. Krauklis** of Morristown, NJ, March 11, 2003; chemical engineer; worked for Foster Wheeler, Allied Chemical, and Standard Oil; active in community affairs.

'44—**John R. Price** of Canandaigua, NY, formerly of Adams, NY, March 6, 2003; family physician; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'45—**Willis C. Andrews** of Machias, NY, March 17, 2003; retired forest ranger; school board president; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'45, BA '44—**Edwin Cohen** of Binghamton, NY, March 2, 2003; retired manager, human factors dept., Singer Co.; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'45—Lt. Col. **George R. Fitzpatrick** of Sterling, VA, April 20, 2003; technical director, CONTEL; former vice president, Cortronics Systems Int'l; veteran; chief engineer for navigational aids for Berlin Airlift; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Tau Delta.

'45, BME '47—**William T. Rice** of Wilmington, DE, March 21, 2003; founder, Yachting Tableware Co.; engineer; inventor; veteran; active in community affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'45-46 GR—**Teresa O'Connor** Salzler (Mrs.

Gordon J.) of Springville, NY, March 28, 2003; taught at Griffith Institute; active in professional and religious affairs. Delta Kappa Gamma.

'46, BA '45—**Mildred Biegeleisen** Bogen (Mrs. Lester H. '48) of Englewood, NJ, March 15, 2003. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'46 BA, MA '47—**Marjorie Walzer** Shprentz of Irvington, NY, April 27, 2003; teacher and high school guidance counselor. Alpha Epsilon Phi. Husband, Herbert '47.

'46 BS HE—**Mildred Lincoln** Steele of Pittsburgh, PA, April 13, 2003; taught the hearing-impaired; special education supervisor; active in community and professional affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'47 PhD—**William P. Swift** of Binghamton, NY, April 19, 2003; psychologist; taught at Ithaca College, Broome Community College, Syracuse U., and Villanova U.; also worked for Broome Co. Mental Health Clinic and NYS Education Dept.; author; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'48 LLB—**Sinon O'Neil** of Binghamton, NY, April 18, 2003; attorney for Link Aviation and the Broome County Dept. of Social Svcs.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'49 LLB—**Max Felsenstein** of Providence, RI, April 7, 2003; attorney; veteran.

'50-52 GR—**Rudolph S. Bottei** of South Bend, IN, April 23, 2003; professor of chemistry and biochemistry, U. of Notre Dame; author; active in professional and religious affairs.

'51 BS Hotel, MBA '55—**Walter S. Ashbaugh** of Toledo, OH, April 3, 2003; financial analyst, DeVilbiss Co.; member, 1952 Olympic track and field team; active in professional affairs. Psi Upsilon.

'51-53 SP Ag—**Frederick F. Bolan** of Clinton, NY, April 21, 2003; owner, Bolan GMC; veteran; pilot; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'51 BA—**Bigelow P. Cushman** of Deer Isle, ME, April 9, 2003; professor emeritus, Western Connecticut State U.; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'51—**Albert R. Ellis Jr.** of Pittsburgh, PA, April 8, 2003; attorney; arbitrator; asst. attorney general, Pennsylvania; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'51 LLB—**Theodore S. Hochstim** of Dallas, TX, April 29, 2003; attorney; active in community and professional affairs.

'51 DVM—**John L. Mara** of Topeka, KS, March 27, 2003; veterinarian; director of veterinary affairs, Hills Pet Nutrition; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'51 BS ILR—**Robert A. Rowan** of Wilmington, NC, April 18, 2003; worked for DuPont; veteran; active in community affairs.

'53 BS Ag, PhD '61—**David J. Allee** of Ithaca, NY, April 17, 2003; professor of resource economics, Cornell U.; veteran; author; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi. Wife, Martha (Ladd), GR '56-57.

'53 PhD—**Ruth J. Dales** of Tallahassee, FL, March 31, 2003; professor emeritus, Florida State U.; author; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'53 BS Ag—**George A. Huegler** of Laureldale, PA, April 8, 2003; worked for Wetterau Inc.; produce buyer, Acme Markets; veteran.

'53, BS Ag '59—**Willard H. Potter** of Truxton, NY, April 29, 2003; owner, Milkland Farms; musician; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'53 SP Ag—**Delbert V. Troxell** of Kennewick, WA, April 15, 2003; pastor; missionary, Disciples of Christ; taught at Kwansei Gakuin U.; active in community and religious affairs.

'54 MS, PhD '55—**Walter H. Hesse** of Monroe, WA, April 6, 2003; taught at Cal Poly Pomona; author; active in community affairs.

'54—**Eleanor Copley** Pattison of West Sand Lake, NY, April 3, 2003; active in civic and community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'54 BS Hotel—**Philip Pistilli** of Kansas City, MO, March 29, 2003; hotelier; chairman, Raphael Hotel; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'54 MS—**Margaret N. White** of Lutherville, MD, April 20, 2003; home extension agent; taught home economics; expert in textiles; active in community and religious affairs.

'54 MS—**Sister Mary Marcia Witchner** of Pepper Pike, OH, May 12, 2003; home economics teacher; Ursuline nun; house manager, Beaumont Convent.

'55 MD—**Robert C. Atkins** of New York City, April 17, 2003; promoted a low-carbohydrate, high-protein diet; best-selling author of *Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution* and *Atkins for Life*; medical researcher; active in community and professional affairs.

'55 BS HE—**Faith Snyder Berry** (Mrs. Douglas C., JD '50) of Elmira, NY, May 11, 2003. Delta Gamma.

'55 M ILR—**Bernard G. Brody** of Tucson, AZ, December 19, 2002; employee benefits administrator; active in community and religious affairs.

'55 BS ILR—**Franchellie Cadwell** of New York City, May 25, 2003; president, Cadwell Davis



advertising agency; a founder of the President's Council of Cornell Women; active in professional and alumni affairs. Alpha Phi.

'55, BME '56—**Robert C. Eckert** of Solon, OH, April 3, 2003; partner, Systems & Technology Inc.; owner, Emerald Design. Alpha Tau Omega.

'55 BA, JD '58—**Curtis McGann** of Woodbury, CT, May 14, 2003; attorney; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon. Wife, Ann (Ryan) '58.

'55 BA—**Peter G. Meili** of New York City, May 18, 2003. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'55—**Ruth Heinzman Schmidt** (Mrs. Gerald A.) of Richmond, VA, May 20, 2003; active in community affairs. Chi Omega.

'55 BA—**John H. Wood** of Akron, NY, April 11, 2003; managing partner, J.B. Wood Realty; active in community affairs.

'56—**Gordon L. Hopps** of San Diego, CA, April 26, 2003. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'57 BA—**Clarissa Dedrick** Carabateas (Mrs. Philip M.) of Nassau, NY, April 27, 2003; chemist, Winthrop Research Inst.; author; active in community affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'58 BA, MNS '61, PhD '67—**Roger L. Garrett** of Alexandria, VA, March 31, 2003; biochemist; founding chief, EPA's industrial chemistry branch; author; president, Adams Laboratories and Diversified Laboratories; veteran; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'59 BS HE—**Jody Nealon** Shachnow of Scarsdale, NY, April 2003; former assoc. director, Cornell Medical College, White Plains. Delta Delta Delta.

'60 MD—**Alexander C. Angelides** of Miami, FL, May 11, 2003; hand surgeon; chief of staff, Palmetto General Hospital; author; painter; photographer; active in community and professional affairs.

'60 BS HE—**Marilyn Miller Roche** of San Mateo, CA, April 5, 2003; board member, San Francisco chapter of Jump Start; former Connecticut state representative; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Delta Gamma.

'61 Ed D—**Raymond E. Fort** of Ulysses, KS, April 30, 2003; agricultural economist for international agencies; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Wife, Joan (Platt), GR '59-60.

'61 BS Ag, DVM '65—**Franklin M. Loew** of Worcester, MA, April 15, 2003; president, Becker College; former president and CEO, Medical Foods; division director, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; former dean of veterinary medicine, Cornell U. and Tufts. U.; active in professional and alumni affairs.

'62, BA '63—**David W. Clayton** of Hauppauge, NY, May 3, 2003; attorney; veteran. Sigma Nu.

'62 BS Ag—**Edward D. Tinker** of Webster, NY, May 5, 2003; administrator, Rochester Products.

'63 BS Ag—**Michael L. Newport** of North Bend, OH, May 26, 2003; director of packaging, Hillshire Farms & Kahn's. Alpha Delta Phi.

'63 BA—**Gael (Mary) Erpenbeck** O'Farrell of London, England, May 20, 2003; self-employed. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'64 PhD—**Herbert H. Bryan** of Homestead, FL, April 11, 2003; horticulturalist, Tropical Research and Education Center, U. of Florida; active in professional affairs.

'64 BS ILR—**Jared H. Jossem** of Honolulu, HI, April 21, 2003; labor lawyer; Republican Party leader in Hawaii; author; law professor, Hawai'i Pacific U.; editor; author; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'64 BS HE—**Neysa Post Moss** of London, England, May 21, 2003; artist; book designer. Sigma Delta Tau.

'64—**Edward F. Sprague** of Northbrook, IL, April 6, 2003; exec. vice president, Sprague Ironworks. Delta Tau Delta.

'65 BS Hotel—**Malcolm Foster Jr.** of New York City, May 29, 2003; investment banker. Sigma Chi.

'66 LLB—**George Milanos** of Tenafly, NJ, April 21, 2003; attorney; active in civic and religious affairs.

'69 BS Ag—**Jeffrey W. Wood** of Syracuse, NY, April 10, 2003; worked for AAA of Western and Central NY; active in community affairs. Acacia.

'70 BS Nurs—**Veronica Campbell Davis** (Mrs. Stanley) of Irvington, NY, April 23, 2003; nurse practitioner; midwife.

'70 PhD—**Joel Feigenbaum** of East Sandwich, MA, April 17, 2003; math professor, Cape Cod Community College; environmental activist; active in community affairs.

'70 BS Ag—**Jeanne Devoe Massey** of Jasper, NY, April 12, 2003; English teacher. Husband, Charles M. Massey '73, MPS Ag '75.

'71 PhD—**Dean T. Hodges Jr.** of Del Mar, CA, April 13, 2003; laser physicist; president, Laser Power Corp.; active in professional affairs.

'72 BS Ag—**John T. Conner Jr.** of Gardiner, NY, May 20, 2003; owner, Sunnysables Farm; active in community and religious affairs.

'73 BS Ag—**John R. Allen Jr.** of Seaford, DE, April 9, 2003; CFO, Allen Family Foods; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Upsilon. Wife, Susan (Sabo) '71.

'73 MS—**Elisabeth E. I. Linusson** of Stockholm, Sweden, April 28, 2003; nutrition expert; worked for the FAO in Rome, Italy; active in professional affairs.

'74 PhD—**Nadine F. George** of Gambier, OH, April 27, 2003; librarian, Kenyon College; taught history of science, Kirkland and Hamilton colleges; active in artistic, community, and religious affairs.

'76 PhD—**Edwin K. Stilwell** of Florence, OR, April 20, 2003; plant pathologist and physiologist; agricultural consultant; active in community and religious affairs.

'78, BA '79—**Elizabeth A. Neuffer** of New York City, May 9, 2003; foreign affairs correspondent and UN bureau chief for the *Boston Globe*; wrote *The Key to My Neighbor's House: Seeking Justice in Bosnia and Rwanda*; recipient of the Novartis Prize and the Courage in Journalism award.

'81 PhD—**John M. Mohan** of Grinnell, IA, April 5, 2003; professor of Russian and co-founder of Russian dept., Grinnell College; active in professional affairs.

'81 BS Eng—**Eric M. Schaufert** of Boiling Springs, PA, April 24, 2003; vice president, Product Group at Corning; veteran; pilot; active in community and religious affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'84 BA, MD '88—**Matthew R. Caleb** of New York City, May 2003; physician, New York Hospital.

'86 MPS HE—**Margaret E. McGinnis** of Cortland, NY, April 4, 2003; worked for TC3, BOCES, and the *Cortland Evening Standard*; active in community and religious affairs.

'88 BS HE—**Jennifer L. Herskowitz** of New York City, May 15, 2003; associate director, Bear, Stearns; banker, Citibank and Bankers Trust; active in alumni affairs.

'88 MA, PhD '96—**Raymond C. Wieboldt** of Winthrop Harbor, IL, April 15, 2003; chemist. Wife, Margaret (Shedd) '89, M ILR '91.

'97 MA—**Mihoko Kajikawa** of Yokohama, Japan, April 25, 2003.

'99 BS Ag—**Binu Perumpallathu Thomas** of New Hyde Park, NY, April 11, 2003.

'01-03 GR—**Vinod Kundnani** of Ulhasnager, India, April 1, 2003; graduate student in chemistry and chemical biology.

'02 MPS ILR—**Jeffrey W. Sharpton** of Philadelphia, PA, April 29, 2003; vice president, global manager of human resources, InterGen Services.

'04—**Kristen M. Osborne** of Bethesda, MD, April 14, 2003; undergraduate Hotel major.





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The endurance of such anachronistic Old Europe pageantry in dress-down America is something of a marvel. Yankee populism, after all, long ago unwigged our lawyers; since JFK, American presidents can't even get away with an inaugural top hat. But even after 700 years, the gowns of the academy continue to thrive, reminding us of the ancient origins of the university.