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“Retire? I’m not dead yet.”

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for as long as I can.*

*Maybe I’ll start a company
Maybe I need someone to help me
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The Great Divide

PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS IN RED AND BLUE

THE SHARP REGIONAL DIVISIONS OF THE 2000 electoral college map—and the prospect that those lines will hold in 2004—have suffused our political talk. Many pundits see the red/blue division as a culture clash, pitting gun-toting, war-loving, homophobic Sunbelt fundamentalists against latte-drinking, pro-abortion, anti-religious readers of the *New York Review of Books*. Political scientist Morris Fiorina is exasperated by this kind of talk, and in his book *Culture War? The Myth of a Polarized America* he marshals data to show that Americans are not polarized on most issues. Why, then, the stark red/blue divide?

One reason is that the presidential nomination system changed significantly in the late 1960s. Reforms intended to wrest control from cigar-chomping bosses had the unintended effect of handing the process to groups with intense preferences (especially on social issues) who vote in primaries and caucuses, yet make up less than 20 percent of the electorate. The old-style bosses were probably more moderate in their policy preferences—and, as party professionals, could assess the strengths and weaknesses of potential standard bearers. Today's delegates have more extreme preferences, and so do the candidates they nominate. Moderate voters are thus forced to choose between the nominees of two rather polarized delegate groups.

In presidential elections, the electoral college assigns all of a state's electoral votes to the plurality winner, thus exaggerating the territorial effect of preferences. New York conservatives and Mississippi liberals are overwhelmed by the majorities in their states, however narrow those majorities might be. This exaggeration, combined with the changes in the nomination process, produces election results that superimpose sharp territorial and ideological divisions on a moderate population.

Sectionalism is an old pattern in presidential elections, but sharply delineated "red state conservatism" is recent. In 1976, the Democratic candidate, Jimmy Carter, carried both the South (except for Virginia) and most of the Northeast. Likewise, Bill Clinton cut into presumed Republican territory—though Fiorina argues that Clinton, more than any other public figure, spurred

the culture war because his sexual indiscretions and support for feminism, abortion, and gay rights caused a backlash in areas of traditional values.

For most of its history, the Democratic Party was the party of economic liberalism and traditional morality. As late as the 1960s, congressional opponents of abortion were likely to be Democrats, otherwise liberal representatives of urban, working-class (often Catholic) constituencies. But as a result of the new methods for choosing delegates and the Democratic requirement that half of all delegates be women, by the 1990s the Democratic Party appeared to traditional working-class and lower-middle-class voters to be giving more emphasis to opposing any limits on abortion than to economic issues.

Other regionally divisive issues are easier for the party to navigate. For instance, gay marriage can be (and is, by John Kerry) subordinated to support for states' rights and endorsement of civil unions. And Democratic candidates who oppose the Iraq war *could* (if they were more gifted communicators) wrest the banner of terrorism fighters away from the Republicans. But abortion, especially late-term abortion of healthy fetuses, remains a divisive issue, and one on which younger voters appear more open to conservative moral arguments than were their counterparts twenty or thirty years ago.

By assuming abortion is the issue that most agitates women and appearing less strongly committed to positions more likely to be endorsed by female voters across the country—such as peace, jobs, pollution, education, health care, and child care—Kerry may have lost critical support among women and in rural areas of the critical Midwestern swing states. In doing so, he may have unwittingly collaborated with George W. Bush in perpetuating the red/blue divide in American politics.

— Elizabeth Sanders



Elizabeth Sanders, PhD '78, is a professor in the Department of Government. This piece was adapted from a presentation she made at an election forum in September.

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Fair and Balanced?

MORE THOUGHTS ON WOLFOWITZ

I WAS QUITE IMPRESSED BY THE range and intensity of the letters about David Dudley's article on Paul Wolfowitz '65 (Correspondence, September/October 2004). It's a compliment to CAM that the letters about a substantive article can be as intriguing as the article itself. The letters from the Korean War veterans, William Phillips '51 and George Miller '50, were poignant in their assessments, and their words had the impact that is the special province of those who have experienced war firsthand.

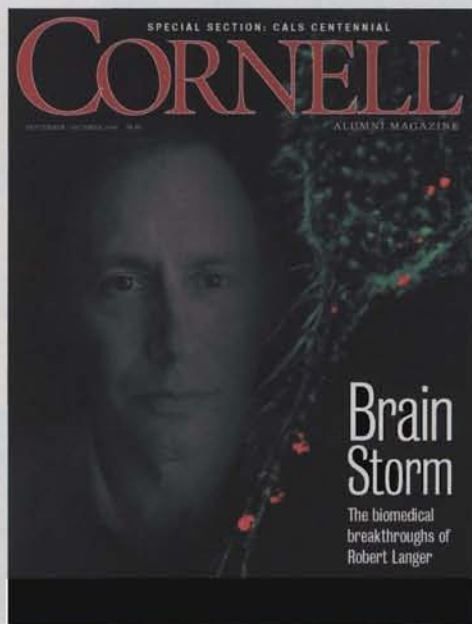
I thought Dudley did an excellent job, particularly in illuminating the dangers posed by the influence of a charismatic and often brilliant professor such as Allan Bloom. I took two courses from him, and it was rather apparent that, philosophically speaking, Professor Bloom would have preferred to live as a member of the Athenian aristocracy in the days of Sophocles and Aristophanes. Professor Wolfowitz had good reason to be upset when his son decided to study at the University of Chicago.

*David Burak '67, MFA '80
Santa Monica, California*

I HAD JACK WOLFOWITZ FOR TWO semesters of probability and statistics and found him to be an interesting and inspiring teacher. He was absolutely right that his son, Paul, should have gone into mathematics—instead, he has contributed to another terrible quagmire.

*John Woolum, PhD '65
Pasadena, California*

I AM INTERESTED IN FAIR AND BALANCED treatment of issues; therefore, I am curious as to why five extremely derogatory and liberal letters regarding Wolfowitz were answered by only two from another point of view, one of which warranted a smug editor's note correcting "far" vs. "high" in the alma mater. I would



say that the air is so dense with liberal bias far and high above the lake that either is appropriate.

Mr. Post was absolutely correct in his comments about Sandy Berger '67, Janet Reno '60, and "this year's convocation speaker" (a man of such high standards). They would never get this treatment. Princeton is proud of Secretary Rumsfeld as I am of Deputy Secretary Wolfowitz—but I am ashamed of the alumni magazine, the university that I assume it represents, and the graduates thereof.

*Elizabeth Severinghaus Warner '50
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania*

Ed. Note: In keeping with our usual policy in selecting letters for publication, the ones that were printed were representative. We received more letters that were unfavorable to Mr. Wolfowitz than favorable.

Clearing the Air

IN THE JULY/AUGUST 2004 ISSUE, KURT Gottfried responded to my letter in which

I questioned his appraisal of Henry Kendall and the Union of Concerned Scientists. I had said that they were more interested in publicity than the science of nuclear power safety, and that Professor Kendall saw nuclear power as a barrier to "his vision of a solar-powered world." My memory failed me. When I went back to the transcript of our November 1995 interview, I found that Kendall was not talking about solar energy at all—it was wind.

*A. David Rossin '53
University Park, Florida*

Legacy Correction

OUR SON, CHRISTOPHER MINNOCK '07, was listed under "Three Cornell Generations" in Legacies (July/August 2004). He is a third-generation legacy on my side (with my father getting his PhD in 1949 and going on to teach in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for many years), but a fourth-generation legacy on my husband's side: great-grandfather William Francis Minnock '14, grandfather William Francis Minnock Jr. '44, and father William Francis Minnock III '79, MBA '83. In addition, nine other of Chris's relatives (from aunts and uncles to a great-aunt, Joan Minnock '52) earned Cornell degrees over the years.

*Debra Kearl Minnock '81
Potomac, Maryland*

Speak up! We encourage letters from readers and try to publish as many as we can. They must be signed and may be edited for length, clarity, and civility.



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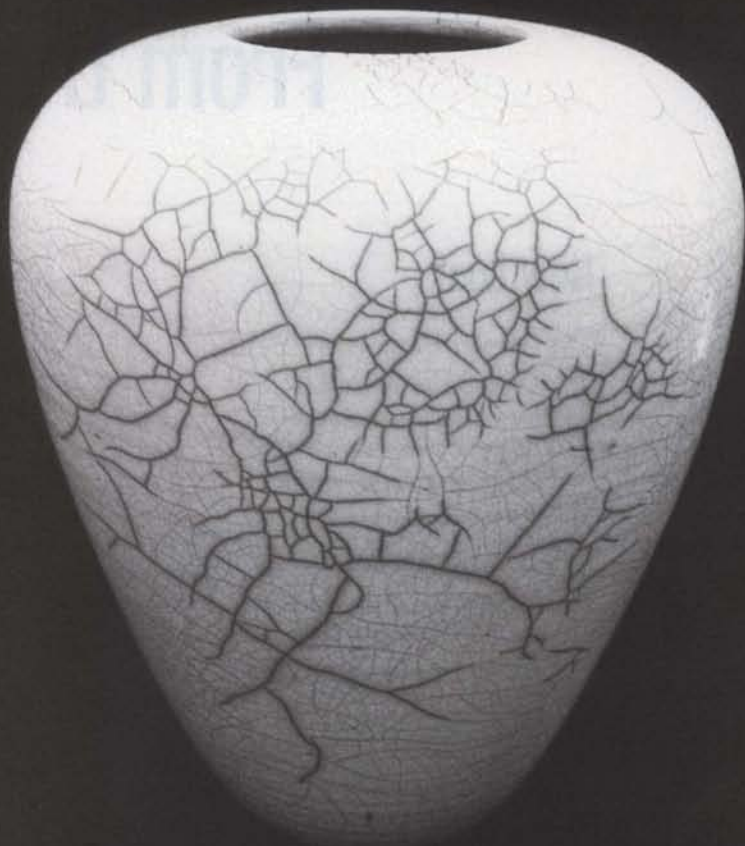
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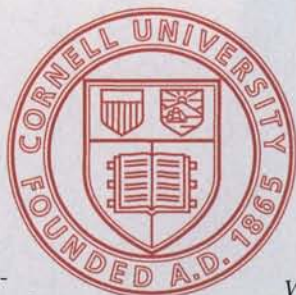


From the Hill

New Look

CU UNVEILS LOGO

IN OCTOBER, THE UNIVERSITY TOOK THE wraps off a new logo that will replace the much-maligned Big Red Box on all official communications. It was designed by a team from Cornell's Communication and Marketing Services led by senior designer Laurie Ray and including Clive Howard and Kathy Seely; they worked with Chermayeff and Geismar Inc. to modernize the traditional Cornell emblem into the version shown here. In some contexts, the logo will be accompanied by "Cornell University" in the Palatino font. A digital version of the new logo is featured on the home page of the revised and expanded Cornell website—www.cornell.edu—which came online in late August and continues to evolve. The new logo and website are the first manifestations of a comprehensive overhaul of Cornell's public image being directed by Tommy Bruce, vice president for communications and media relations.



Stuck

USN&WR RANKING UNCHANGED

FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR, CORNELL was number fourteen in the annual ranking of national universities published by *U.S. News & World Report*. Harvard and Princeton once again shared the top spot, followed by Yale in third and the University of Pennsylvania in fourth. Fifth place was a three-way tie among Duke, MIT, and Stanford. Columbia and Dartmouth tied for ninth, and Brown jumped from seventeenth to thirteenth, making Cornell the lowest-ranked Ivy.

Cornell also placed fourteenth in another USN&WR poll, although this was more welcome news. For the first time, the magazine's ranking of 430 undergraduate business programs included the one offered by the Department of Applied Economics and Management in CALS. Unlike the magazine's overall ranking system, which uses a complex (and controversial) formula to determine each institution's score, the business-school poll is based solely on a "peer survey" of deans and senior faculty at institutions accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

George to Martha: Drop Dead

GOVERNOR VETOES FUNDS FOR MVR

GOVERNOR GEORGE PATAKI'S NEW YORK STATE BUDGET vetoes have derailed plans to replace the north wing of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, condemned and vacant since a 2001 engineering study discovered serious structural flaws in the building. In August, Pataki vetoed \$460 million in capital projects for the State University of New York system, including \$9 million of the \$34 million needed to replace the 1966 College of Human Ecology structure, which is owned by the state. The remaining \$25 million slated for MVR remains in the budget. In all, Cornell could lose more than \$20 million in state funds, including \$1 million to the Geneva Agricultural Experiment Station. A September 20 effort to override the vetoes failed in the Democrat-controlled State Assembly.

Five More Years

CALS DEAN REAPPOINTED

IN SEPTEMBER, PROVOST BIDDY MARTIN ANNOUNCED that Dean Susan Henry of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will be appointed to a second five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2005. In her statement, Martin noted that she had found "strong support and a great deal of enthusiasm for the appointment of Dean Henry to a second term" during the evaluation process. Henry, who holds a PhD in genetics from the University of California, Berkeley, came to Cornell in 2000 from Carnegie Mellon University.



Hotel room: Construction of the Beck Center, a 35,000-square-foot addition to Statler Hall, wrapped up this fall. The \$16.2 million three-story "teaching center" houses a 140-seat lecture hall, classrooms, and a computer center. It was named in honor of former Hotel school dean Robert Beck '42, PhD '54, and his wife, Jan.

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Crime Spree

INCIDENTS RATTLE CU

STAFF AT ITHACA'S ADVOCACY CENTER, a local nonprofit that provides counseling to sex crime victims, had a busy start to the school year. In mid-September, Ithaca Police made the apprehension of a Peeping Tom tabbed the "Collegetown Creeper" a priority. Over the past year, eighteen women—residents of apartments on College Avenue, Linden Avenue, and Catherine Street—have reported waking to find an intruder in their bedroom, watching them sleep. The suspect, a skinny white male who enters through unlocked doors and windows, moved to the top of the IPD roster after a woman reported he had snipped her underwear.

On September 16, the *Daily Sun* reported an alleged rape by a freshman athlete. Ithaca Police took over investigation of the Labor Day incident, which occurred on University property. The allegations and subsequent criticism from a

relative of the victim launched a debate over University policy and the Judicial Administrator's handling of such cases.

On September 9, Delta Phi brothers Michael Pusateri '05 and Kristoffer Kaminski '05 pled guilty to a first-degree misdemeanor charge for filming a couple engaging in sexual intercourse without their knowledge. Each was sentenced to fifty hours of community service for the October 2003 incident, plus a combined fine of \$490. Pusateri is a former president of Delta Phi; the taped couple included another fraternity member and his girlfriend. Charges were reduced from second degree unlawful surveillance, a felony, after negotiations between the parties.

In late August, several student tenants of Ithaca landlord David Church discovered pinhole cameras concealed in their apartments. Church was arrested and charged with ten counts of second-degree unlawful surveillance; if convicted, he faces up to forty years in prison. Students Helping Students provided \$7,400 to

relocate Church's tenants, and the Student Assembly resolved to explore the creation of an online database of off-campus housing records, including complaints against landlords.

Moving Up

ENDOWMENT GAINS

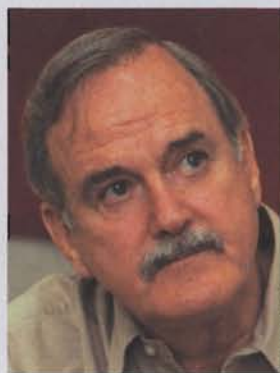
ACCORDING TO A REPORT PUBLISHED in the *New York Times*, Cornell's endowment increased by 16.1 percent in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2004, climbing to \$3.8 billion. Donald Fehrs '77, Cornell's chief investment officer, says that number actually represents "the new amount of the pool of funds we manage in long-term strategies." University CFO Hal Craft '60, PhD '70, says the endowment will be reported officially at \$3.3 billion in the annual financial report, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees shortly after this issue goes to press.

Visiting Hours

NEW A. D. WHITE PROFS NAMED; CLEESE REAPPOINTED

FIVE NEW A. D. WHITE PROFESSORS-AT-LARGE WERE appointed in September, bringing the total complement of visiting scholars in the program to nineteen. Returning for an encore will be actor and humorist John Cleese, whose term was extended two years to 2006. The popular Monty Python alumnus was appointed in 1999. The five new White professors include Berkeley statistician David Aldous; artist and author Lynn Hershman Leeson from the University of California, Davis; NYU mathematician Charles Peskin; ecology professor Osvaldo Sala from the University of Buenos Aires; and Islamic expert Bassam Tibi, director of the Center for International Affairs at Germany's University of Göttingen.

In other visiting professor news, the procedure for selecting the Frank H. T. Rhodes Class of 1956 University Professorships is now being administered by a committee of the West Campus Council co-chaired by vice provost for undergraduate education Isaac Kramnick and assistant vice president for student and academic services Edna Dugan. Future Rhodes profs will be invited to live in the new West Campus residences.



John Cleese

CU NEWS SERVICE

Free at Last

KIDNAPPED JOURNALIST RELEASED

AFTER NINE DAYS IN CAPTIVITY, JOURNALIST/FILM-maker Micah Garen '94 was released by an Iraqi militia group on August 22. The thirty-six-year-old CALS grad had been documenting the looting of archaeological treasures when he and his translator, Amir Doushi, were captured in Nasiriyah. Six days later, kidnappers released a videotape of Garen surrounded by masked gunmen who threatened to kill him if the U.S. assault on Najaf was not ended within forty-eight hours. Garen's sister, Eva, made a satellite television appeal to the kidnappers and Shiite cleric Muqtada al Sadr called for his release.

Garen's company, Four Corners Media, produced a 2002 film on NYPD policies at the World Economic Forum, as well as documentaries of the front-line experiences of soldiers in Iraq and the efforts of a Turkish archaeologist to protect Zeugma, a Roman site being flooded by a nearby dam. "My interest in Iraq and its antiquities is not going to end with my film," Garen told the *New York Times* after his release. "My big concern is that those sites are still being plundered, and I'd like to do whatever I can to help bring that to an end."



Micah Garen

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R&D

A report in *Plant Physiology* by plant biology professor Robert Turgeon and researcher Brian Ayre offers evidence that a protein called CON-STANS may be the source of the elusive signal that causes plants to flower. The discovery holds enormous significance for agriculture because of the potential for controlling or accelerating growing seasons.

A lipid with the unwieldy name PI(4,5)P2 is the key to synaptic transmission, according to researchers at Yale University School of Medicine and Weill Cornell Medical College, who collaborated on a study published in *Nature*. Impaired production of PI(4,5)P2, which is found on the plasma membrane of brain cells, slows neurological function.

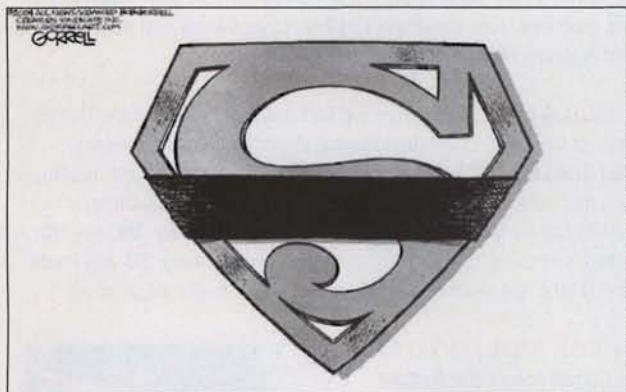
The mysterious memory loss associated with lupus may be caused by an immune system antibody called anti-NR2 that is linked to brain cell death, says Weill Cornell neuroscientist Dr. Bruce Volpe in the journal *Immunity*. Tests performed on mice showed that the antibody, which exists in high blood concentrations in 40 to 60 percent of lupus patients, attacks neurons throughout the cortex and leads to decreased memory function.

By replacing a silicon rod with an even smaller carbon nanotube, a group led by physics professor Paul McEuen has built a tiny electro-mechanical oscillator so sensitive it might be used to weigh a single atom. The device was fabricated at the Cornell Nanoscale Facility and could one day find industrial application in electronic circuitry.

According to a study published in *Fertility and Sterility*, vasectomy reversals are more successful for men who remain with their female partners following surgery compared with men who reverse vasectomies because of divorce or remarriage. Doctors at Weill Cornell Medical Center found that pregnancy and birth rates were significantly higher for couples where the men had stayed with their original partners, possibly because the two parents have a proven "reproductive compatibility," said lead author Dr. Marc Goldstein.

Blocking natural brain hormones called cannabinoids—so named because they resemble the THC found in cannabis plants—can improve memory in birds, according to a study led by psychology professor Timothy DeVoogd. Memory-enhanced chickadees proved more adept at remembering where hidden worms were stored, but they had trouble adapting to change when researchers moved food supplies.

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



Actor and Activist

CHRISTOPHER REEVE, 52

ACTOR-DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER REEVE '74 DIED ON OCTOBER 10. Reeve, who was paralyzed from the neck down when he was thrown from his horse in 1995, was an outspoken advocate of spinal cord research. Before the accident, he had appeared frequently in stage and television productions and made seventeen feature films, including four in which he played the role of Superman. Although confined to a wheelchair and reliant on a ventilator, he continued to work, directing several productions, acting in a remake of *Rear Window*, and writing two autobiographical works, *Still Me* and *Nothing Is Impossible*. In 2000, after extensive activity-based rehabilitation, Reeve recovered some ability to move his extremities and feel sensation. His death was attributed to heart failure brought on by a systemic infection. Reeve is survived by his wife, Dana, and three sons.

Legal Scholar

LEE TEITELBAUM, 63

ON SEPTEMBER 22, LEE TEITELBAUM, who served as dean of the Law school from 1999 to 2003, died of cancer at his home in Salt Lake City. During his tenure as dean, he expanded the International and Comparative Law Program, encouraged cross-disciplinary teaching, enhanced student recruitment, improved the teaching facilities, and made faculty salaries more competitive with those at peer schools. An expert on family law, Teitelbaum left Cornell in 2004 to return to the University of Utah, where he had served as dean of the law school from 1990 to 1998. Teitelbaum is survived by his wife, Herta, and a son, Peter. Memorial donations may be sent to the Lee Teitelbaum Scholarship Fund, Cornell Law School, Myron Taylor Hall, Room 263, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Native Ithacan

CHARLES TREMAN, 96

BANKER, PHILANTHROPIST, AND TRUSTEE CHARLES Tremen Jr. '30, JD '34, former chief executive officer of the Tompkins Trust Company, died at his home in Ithaca on September 16. A descendent of Abner Tremen—the Revolutionary War veteran whose 600-acre post-war land bounty became the town of Trumansburg—Tremen was the last living relative with the famed surname in Tompkins County. He spent forty-five years at the trust company his family founded, retiring in 1978. He also established the Tompkins County Foundation, was president and a director of the Tompkins County United Fund, and served as a Cornell trustee from 1968 to 1978. In 1981, President Frank Rhodes made him a Presidential Councillor for life.

Small Science, Big Party

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF NANO STUDIES

IN EARLY OCTOBER, THE CORNELL NANOSCALE SCIENCE and Technology Facility (CNF) celebrated a quarter-century of interdisciplinary research in physical sciences, life sciences, and engineering. Events included a poster session, research talks, a career fair, and the dedication of Duffield Hall. On hand for the festivities were Palm Pilot creator Jeff Hawkins '79, NASA astronaut Daniel Barry '75, and QUALCOMM founder Irwin Jacobs '54, BEE '56.

Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

ILR professor **Lee Dyer**, founder of Cornell's Center for Advanced Human Resource Studies, awarded a \$50,000 prize and the 2004 Losey Human Resource Research Award by the Society for Human Resource Management.

Barbara Riggs '75, appointed deputy director of the U.S. Secret Service, the first woman in the agency's 139-year history to serve as its second in command.

Texas Instruments researcher **Anuj Batra '92**, named one of the world's 100 Top Young Innovators by MIT's *Technology Review*.

Toni Morrison, MA '55, recipient of the annual Oionana Library Association award for her 2003 novel *Love*.

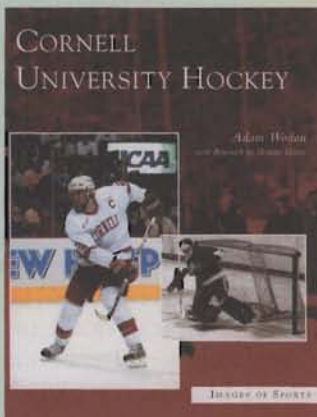
Chemistry and chemical biology professor **Jack Freed**, honored with the July 8 issue of the *Journal of Physical Chemistry B*. The "Jack H. Freed Festschrift" edition covered Freed's contributions to the field of electron spin resonance spectroscopy and marked his sixty-fifth birthday.

Former president of Kraft Foods' North American business **Irene Blecker Rosenfeld '75, PhD '80**, appointed chairman and chief executive officer of Pepsico's Frito-Lay.

James McKeen Cattell Award-winner and human development professor **Stephen Ceci**, honored by the American Psychological Society for "a lifetime of outstanding contributions."

HOCKEY, BY THE BOOK

Former WVBR radio play-by-play man Adam Wodon, with assistance from veteran rink announcer **Arthur Mintz '71**, has penned *Cornell University Hockey*, a 128-page history of the Big Red men's icers. The story—told largely through more than 170 captioned black & white photographs—traces the team's saga from its early days on Beebe Lake through the construction of Lynah Rink, the “golden era” of two NCAA championships under Ned Harkness, and the recent triumphs of the squads coached by **Mike Schafer '86**. It's available at bookstores or directly from the publisher at www.arcadiapublishing.com.



BIG RED OLYMPIANS Cornell was represented by a pair of athletes during the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Sophia Smith '01 was a member of the host Greece team in women's soccer and played all 270 minutes of her team's three matches. Smith is also a member of the Houston Stars in the Women's Professional Soccer League. **Chinedum Osuji '96** competed in taekwondo for Trinidad and Tobago, reaching the quarter-finals of the Under-80 kg class before losing 10-3 to Rashad Ahmadov of Azerbaijan.



Sophia Smith

SPORTS INFO

TRACK IMMORTALS The Niagara Track and Field Hall of Fame recently added four members with Cornell connections. The Class of 2003 included **Frank Kent Foss '17**, who won the pole vault at the 1920 Olympics at a world-record height of 13 feet, 5 inches; **Robert Kane '34**, **BS Ag '36**, longtime Cornell athletic director who also served as president of the United States Olympic Committee from 1976 to 1980; and Jack Warner, who coached the Big Red to four Heps titles while serving as track and field and cross country coach from 1967 to 1990. **Tell Berna '12**

Big Game

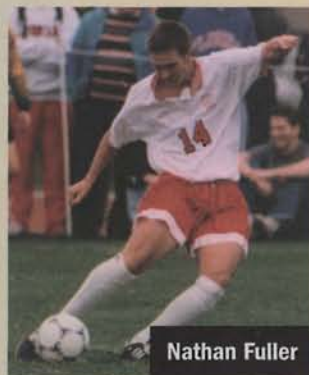
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A Schoellkopf Sellout II crowd of 11,835 cheered a solid performance by the Big Red in their first home game, a convincing 19-7 win over Yale. The Ivy League victory broke a 10-game losing streak and was the first win for new head coach **Jim Knowles '87**. On offense, Cornell showed a balanced attack, with 174 passing yards and 125 yards on the ground. Junior tailback **Joshua Johnston** (right) was the leading runner, gaining 93 yards on 26 carries. The defense limited the Bulldogs to only 181 yards, leading frustrated Yale head coach Jack Siedlecki to characterize the team's offensive effort as “inept” after the game.

was named to the Class of 2004; he won an Olympic gold medal in the three-kilometer team run at the 1912 Summer Games and also set a world record in the two-mile run that year.

SCULL WORK Four former Big Red rowers represented the United States at the 2004 FISA World Rowing Championships in Banyoles, Spain. **Tim Larson '96** was a member of the men's lightweight quadruple sculls that finished fourth overall, only three seconds behind bronze medalist Germany. **Nick Anderson '97** and **Gabe Winkler '99** took fifth in the men's lightweight eight boat while **Rich Montgomery '99** was fourth in the B final and tenth overall in the men's lightweight single sculls.

ON THE SIDELINES Former Cornell soccer star **Nathan Fuller '02** has returned to the Hill as an assistant men's soccer coach. Fuller was a three-time all-Ivy midfielder during his playing days before serving as a graduate assistant coach for the 2000 and 2002 seasons. He replaces **Rob Elliott '97**, who spent six seasons as a Cornell assistant coach before accepting an assistant coaching position at Virginia Commonwealth University.



Nathan Fuller

SPORTS INFO

RED VS. WHITE The USA Women's Hockey Festival in Lake Placid, New York, included two Cornell skaters. **Erica Olson '01** had a team-high three assists for the White team, which went 1-2-1 and handed the champion Red team its only loss in the three-team double round-robin tourney. **Jen Munhofen '06** skated for the Red team, which went 3-1.



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Cultures and Landscapes of the Caucasus: Armenia and Georgia

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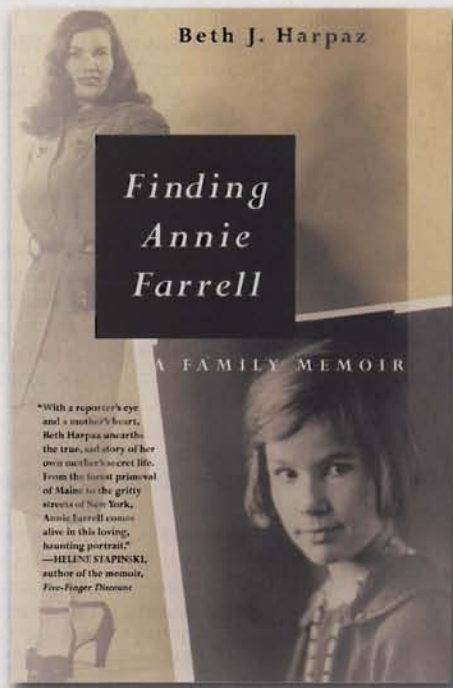
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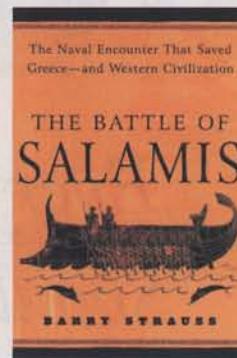
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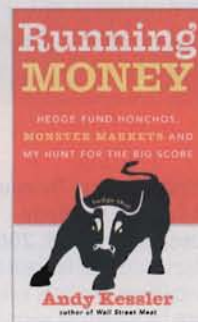
In Brief

FINDING ANNIE FARRELL by Beth J. Harpaz '81 (St. Martin's Press). Harpaz, an editor for the Associated Press and author of *The Girls in the Van*, unearths her mother's secret life in a poignant memoir. The true story begins in rural Maine during the Great Depression when Annie Farrell, one of five daughters from a poor family, moves to New York with dreams of becoming a model. She marries a war hero, and together they raise their own family. But far from her native Maine amid the decay of Manhattan in the Sixties and Seventies, Annie falls into a deep depression. Only summer visits to Maine can revive her spirit. Twenty years after Annie's death, Harpaz begins the search to understand her mother's sorrow and her deep attachment to the Maine woods.

THE BATTLE OF SALAMIS by Barry Strauss '74 (Simon & Schuster). One of the decisive battles of ancient history, the Greek naval victory at Salamis stopped the Persian empire and saved Athenian democracy. Strauss, a professor of history and classics at Cornell (and avid rower), combines erudition and fast-paced storytelling to portray the Athenian commander Themistocles (a blend of charisma and manipulateness), the cruel Persian emperor Xerxes, the admiral-queen Artemisia of Halicarnassus, and the citizen-soldiers who rowed the triremes.



RUNNING MONEY by Andy Kessler '80 (HarperBusiness). A hedge fund manager pulls back the curtain on the world of high finance and shows how the guys who run big money think, talk, and act. Following on the success of *Wall Street Meat*, Kessler's book on the lives of Wall Street stock analysts, he recounts his years as a successful hedge fund manager and what he learned from some fascinating and quirky personalities.



REMEMBERING PINOCHET'S CHILE by Steve J. Stern '73 (Duke University Press). In 1998, General Augusto Pinochet was arrested in London on charges of crimes against humanity. After a six-year legal battle, Chile's Supreme Court stripped Pinochet of his immunity from prosecution on these charges. Stern, the chair of the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, uses the recollections of individual Chileans to provide a portrait of a society that has had to confront the legacy of state-sponsored violence.



A VERY DANGEROUS WOMAN by Sherry H. Penney and James D. Livingston '52 (University of Massachusetts Press). Martha Wright was a pioneer in the women's rights and abolitionist movements. In 1848, she and her sister Lucretia Mott were among the five women who organized the historic Seneca Falls Women's Rights Convention. Penney, professor of leadership at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Livingston, a materials science teacher at MIT and a direct descendant of Martha Wright, reveal Wright's life through her letters.



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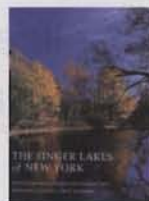
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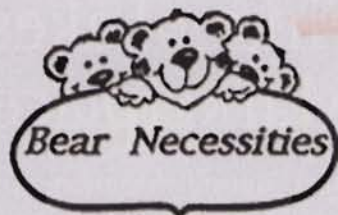
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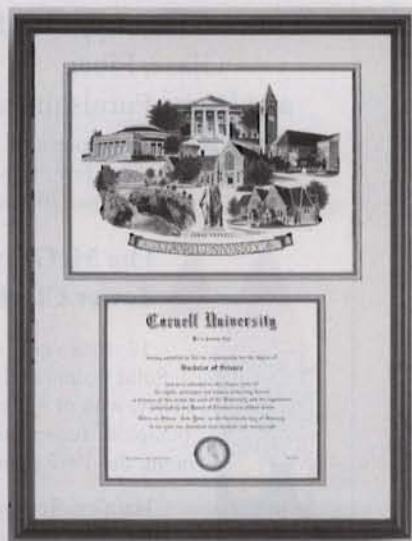
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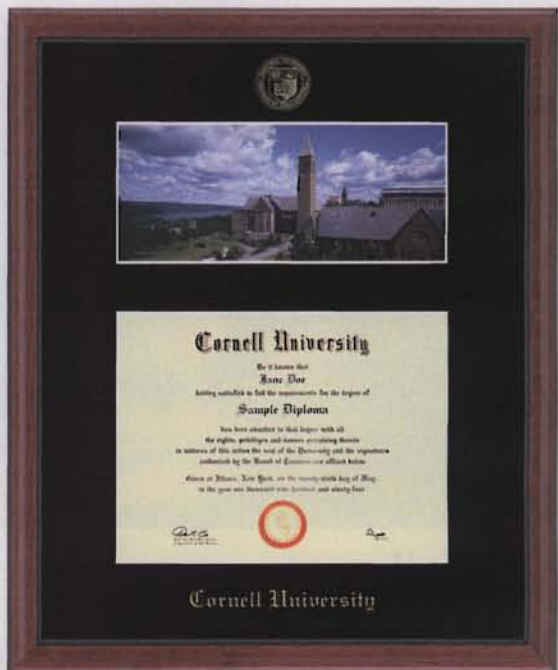
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This sparkler, of which 1,200 cases were produced, is a blend of Pinot Noir (60 percent) and Chardonnay (40 percent); both are highly regarded "Dijon" clones from the Burgundy region of France and were grown at Wiemer's well-respected vine nursery. A visual inspection reveals pinpoint and persistent bubbles, products of the time-honored "Champagne method," whereby the bubble-rendering second fermentation takes place in the same bottle that reaches store shelves. The nose, which offers



up apples and citrus along with a faintly nutty nuance, is delightful, yet it falls short of conveying the impeccable balance one encounters on the palate. Indeed, this is where you are greeted by exceptionally dry (only 0.2 percent residual sugar), medium-bodied, lively, apple-like flavors that—while augmented by snappy acidity—display considerable depth, finesse, and length.

With fifteen sparkling wine releases now under his belt, Wiemer says that the keys to crafting fine sparkling wine include "applying proper Champagne method and yeast cultures, and careful handling of 100 percent estate grown and bottled grapes"—the latter being a defining characteristic of virtually every wine that carries the Wiemer label.

— Dana Malley

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Final Descent?

AIRLINE BANKRUPTCY THREATENS TO FURTHER ISOLATE ITHACA

WITH HIGH PRICES AND LIMITED flight options, air travel to and from Ithaca has been less than ideal for years. The situation went from bad to worse in mid-September, when US Airways—Ithaca-Tompkins Regional Airport's only carrier—entered Chapter 11 protection for the second time in twenty-five months. The news came on the heels of an August announcement that the airline plans to dismantle its Pittsburgh hub and drop four daily flights to

Ithaca. Faced with more than \$8.7 billion in debts, management acknowledged that such efforts might not be enough to turn the airline around. And whether or not US Airways actually goes under, the possibility that Ithaca travelers will be grounded looms large, since the carrier announced that one of its first cost-cutting moves may be to eliminate routes to some of the thirty-four communities that rely solely on the airline.

The decision would be a blow to Cor-

nell, especially as it devotes increasing energy and resources to creating international programs and maximizing integration between the Ithaca campus and the Medical College in Manhattan. "It's a big and complicated problem," says associate vice president for campus and business services Richard McDaniel, MBA '78, a member of the county-appointed Air Service Task Force, a team of University administrators, airport officials, and community leaders created in 1997 to ensure

Wings over Ithaca: If US Airways goes under, things might get even lonelier at Ithaca-Tompkins Regional Airport.

ROBERT BARKER / UP



that competitively priced air service remains in Ithaca. The group has had their work cut out for them since 2000, when Continental, US Airways' sole local competitor, closed its Ithaca operations.

"The urgency of the whole situation has increased," says vice president for administration Hal Craft '60, PhD '70, another task force member. The group is now pushing hard to recruit another airline, which could help to lower fares and distribute airport fees—and be there should US Airways depart. Losing air service "would not be a fatal blow [to Cornell]," Craft adds, "but it certainly would compromise collaboration" between the campuses and heighten the challenge of attracting recruiters to Ithaca.

Like many other small community airports, Ithaca's was designed for the hub-and-spoke system, which provided frequent service to numerous destinations and small markets. That system has slowly eroded with the rise of low-cost carriers that use a more economical point-to-point system or lower-cost hubs. The post-September 11 drop in air travel and high fuel and labor costs have further compounded major carriers' financial woes and forced them to cut expenses.

"The airline industry is sharpening its pencils, and we stick out like a sore thumb," says airport manager Robert Nicholas. Ithaca travelers still have two destinations available—Philadelphia and New York's LaGuardia—and to compensate for the lost Pittsburgh option, US Airways added three more Philadelphia flights, leaving the airport with eleven daily flights, down from twelve.

Until 1994, the Ithaca airport was an "awful cinderblock structure," says Nicholas, the airport manager since 1989. At 8,000 square feet, "it was so rinky-dink that we couldn't get more than one aircraft-full of people in the departure lounge." Air travel peaked in 1991 with 114,154 boardings and was strong throughout the Nineties, with as many as five carriers serving the airport. In 1994, a 33,000-square-foot \$11 million terminal opened to rave reviews: lines are virtually nonexistent, short-term parking is free, and security checks are quick.

The downturn began in 2000, the same year Continental pulled out of



DAVID DUDLEY

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Ithaca and competition from low-cost carriers, including JetBlue and Southwest in Syracuse, began to take effect, says Nicholas. Their flights to New York can cost just \$100, while US Airways often charges twice as much, with ticket prices frequently climbing as high as \$550. By 2003, boardings had fallen by more than 30 percent, to 68,000.

Barbara Silverman, a master's degree candidate in city and regional planning from Nyack, New York, usually gets home the way many students from the Northeast do: she drives. Intercity buses, which typically charge students \$60 one way, are also popular. And when friends and family visit Silverman, they tend to avoid flying into Ithaca. "The fiscally conscious all, without fail, choose Syracuse," she says.

Still, 73 percent of faculty and staff who book flights through the Cornell Travel Office—for University business—use the Ithaca airport, says office manager Anne Keefer.

Many local travelers develop a calculus of sorts to evaluate the merits of ticket price, drive time, and convenience. If a ticket from Syracuse is only \$100 cheaper, human development PhD candidate Yarden Kedar books his flight from Ithaca. Last year he twice flew from Ithaca to California on family trips because he found affordable tickets. While it's usually "much cheaper to fly out of Syracuse," he says, "it's not very convenient, since it takes around

seventy-five minutes to get there in good weather, and if you need to [travel] for a few weeks, parking can be costly." Ithaca, he says, "is much more convenient . . . small and friendly."

Hedging against a possible loss of air service, this fall the University decided to test a new luxury bus service between the Ithaca and New York City campuses. At \$149 round trip, the bus is outfitted with large "business class" seats, desks, and outlets for laptop computers. David Lieb '89, communications manager for Transportation and Mail Services, insists it isn't meant to undermine the airport but to create "another option."

McDaniel declined to say whether Cornell would subsidize air service if US Airways goes under. But, he says, "we are thinking entrepreneurially." Both he and Craft voice a measure of optimism about the likelihood of continuing air service in Ithaca. But take it from an expert, eighty-six-year-old Alfred Kahn, a professor emeritus of economics. As Civil Aeronautics Board chairman during the Carter Administration, he introduced airline deregulation. Now he often catches JetBlue flights to New York from Syracuse, though he uses the Ithaca airport, too. "There's clearly a market in Ithaca for air travel," he says. "It's just a matter of whether a carrier can figure out a way to keep the prices low."

—Tamar Morad

Vox Populi

CBS POLLSTER TRACKS ELECTION RESULTS

THE POWER TO CHOOSE THE President of the United States may lie in the hands of millions of ballot-casting Americans, but on election night—on CBS News, at least—it's Kathleen Frankovic who doles out the electoral college votes.

The longtime head of polling for CBS, Frankovic '68 is in charge of the news organization's Decision Desk. As her team tallies the votes and crunches numbers from exit polls, it's up to her to make the final decision on whether to paint each state blue or red. "There's so much adrenaline that goes with any election night work," Frankovic says. "There's so much happening—the excitement, all these split-second decisions that have to get made."

Frankovic's office, in the CBS headquarters on the far west side of Manhattan, is decorated with political cartoons and an original copy of that most infamous case of bad polling data: the November 3, 1948, *Chicago Daily Tribune* headline proclaiming DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN. Fifty-two years after the paper was printed, Frankovic was involved in another great election snafu, when she and her colleagues declared Al Gore the winner in Florida. They soon realized that the announcement had been premature; it was up to her and the president of the news division to

break the bad news to anchorman Dan Rather. "CBS was the first to take it back," she says. "As soon as you knew it was wrong, you couldn't pussyfoot around it and hope it would look better."

In addition to her election-cycle duties, Frankovic oversees the CBS-*New York Times* Poll, conducted several times a month on topics ranging from the war in Iraq to the value of organic foods. The interviews of about 1,000 randomly selected people are conducted in a phone center on the fifth floor of the CBS tower, by a trained staff that includes students, retirees, and out-of-work actors. "If you're trying to measure public opinion," she says, "it's absolutely critical that every respondent get pretty much the same stimulus, that they be asked the exact same question in the exact same way, without any kind of inflection that suggests what the right answer is."

Only about 35 percent of the numbers dialed result in a completed interview. One reason for the low response rate: telemarketers, whom Frankovic calls "one of the biggest obstacles to good public opinion research." She welcomes the National Do Not Call Registry—which doesn't apply to legitimate news-gathering organizations—because it reduces the number of annoyance calls. "People don't distinguish between the telemarketing call and the survey call," she says.

During Frankovic's tenure at CBS, the country has seen a polling explosion; today, networks compile statistics online and regurgitate them in real time, on topics from the Scott Peterson trial to the latest outcast on "Survivor." She traces the phenomenon both to technological advances and to audience fixation on Nineties newsmakers like Clarence Thomas, O.J. Simpson, and Monica Lewinsky. "It doesn't just happen in news



Poll position: Veteran public opinion chief Kathleen Frankovic heads CBS's Decision Desk.

organizations," says Frankovic, current president of the World Association for Public Opinion Research. "Faculty members realized that there was this device that could be used for teaching, analysis, and research. So all of a sudden you see colleges and local newspapers coming up with opinion polls. It's not easy to do right, but it's easy to do."

Frankovic's office in the CBS tower is a world away from her upbringing in working-class New Jersey. She was raised in a two-family house occupied by her parents, grandparents, and an aunt and uncle; they spoke Slovak at home. Her father, a laborer, never went to high school, while her mother earned a GED and became a school secretary. Frankovic attended Catholic school, coming to Cornell in 1963 as part of the first co-ed Telluride Association Summer Program. She majored in government, sang with the Cornell Savoyards, and covered squash and tennis for the *Daily Sun*—because back then, she says, no women were allowed in Ivy League pressboxes.

After graduation, she earned a PhD in political science from Rutgers, working on the presidential campaign of Edmund Muskie, JD '39, and writing a dissertation on the impact of religion on political participation. In 1977, when she was teaching at the University of Vermont, she was tapped to work in the elections unit of the newly formed CBS-*New York Times* Poll, the first such collaboration between a network and the print media. "It's hugely important for both the government and the citizenry to be able to understand where they are and what they think," she says, "and not be told what public opinion is."

Frankovic and her husband, mystery author and journalist Hal Glatzer, live part of the year in San Francisco and the rest in a converted piano factory in Manhattan's newly fashionable Hell's Kitchen neighborhood. Her favorite poll question, asked in the early 1980s: "Is Elvis Presley still alive?" At one time, she says, the number of "yes" responses hovered around 7 or 8 percent, then dropped. "My favorite finding was that Republicans were more likely than Democrats to think that Elvis might be alive," she says. "Particularly men."

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YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW IT, BUT Charles Walton '43 is probably part of your life. And if he isn't, he will be soon. In the 1970s, Walton was famous enough to appear on the TV quiz show "What's My Line?" but he has since slipped into relative obscurity. He is the unsung inventor behind those key cards that wirelessly unlock your office doors and one of the primary creators of a technology—radio frequency identification, or RFID—that is about to become one of the most ubiquitous man-made creations.

RFID tags are now used in key cards, automated toll-collection devices such as the EZ Pass, and garment theft protection. The concept is simple: the tag—consisting of a microchip and an antenna—is activated when placed in proximity to an RFID reader, which sends out weak elec-

tromagnetic waves to power the tag's circuits and generate a response. In cheap miniaturized form, they're about to be deployed by the billions as a replacement for bar codes in the supply chains of giant companies such as Wal-Mart. Because these tags offer the ability to track merchandise at every step from the factory to the store, they may one day be attached to all manufactured goods.

Walton wasn't the first to come up with RFID: electronics engineer Mario Cardullo pioneered the concept in 1969 and was awarded a patent in January 1973, slightly earlier than Walton. But Walton devised the popular door-lock application that helped the new technology take off. His 1973 patent—one of about fifty he's earned—is referenced by forty-eight later inventions. The irony is that the patent expired after seventeen

Open door policy: Charles Walton with the prototype proximity-card door lock device he built in 1973. With fifty patents under his belt, the eighty-three-year old is still inventing.

years, and the eighty-three-year-old resident of Los Gatos, California, won't be the beneficiary of the coming RFID windfall. But that doesn't seem to bother him.

"I'm glad I could make a contribution," he says, speaking softly during a walk through his quirky home on a two-acre lot overlooking Silicon Valley. The house is a testament to Walton's inventive mind: there's a koi pond with an underwater viewing area, automated window blinds to keep out the sun, and a model train set that rises via a system of ropes and pulleys.

Walton grew up in Cumberland, Maryland, and New York as a ham radio buff. He earned a degree in electrical engineering at Cornell and has fond memories of his days on the Hill. "I remember the beauty of the campus, and the two gorges," he says. "I remember a totally still fresh snow-covered day on the bridge during a junior weekend house party and kissing a totally beautiful friend from home. I remember how beautiful the campus was some mornings when all the trees were covered with ice."

For fun, Walton took flying lessons at the Ithaca airport in his junior and senior years, flying forty- and sixty-horsepower Piper Cubs. He even flew solo over the campus. He returned to Seal and Serpent one day and was told a farmer had complained about him practicing emergency landings in his cow pasture.

After graduation, Walton worked in the electronics industry; from 1949 to 1969, he was at IBM in research and development, designing early mainframe computers. In 1970, he started his own company, Proximity Devices, based on what he called "proximity-type identification cards," the predecessors to today's RFID cards. He couldn't sell General Motors on the invention (auto executives rejected the idea as too "Buck Rogers"), but he did convince lock maker Schlage to license his technology. He still has the thirty-six-square-inch circuit board he used to pitch the idea, and it still works, unlocking a door when a card is passed within six inches. *Business Week* and *Popular Science* wrote about Schlage's innovative door locks in 1973. Ken Cecil, a sixty-five-year-old retiree who worked with Walton in the 1970s and helped

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make the key cards by hand, recalls the inventor was brilliant when it came to thinking up uses for the basic technology. "There was life before Charlie in terms of inventions," he says, "but his got it off the ground."

In 1980, Walton earned a patent for a digital version of RFID that could change the card data, opening up a world of new applications, and he licensed the technology to other companies. Today two of the four different kinds of RFID tags in general use were invented by Walton. As their price has fallen—a tag costs about fifty cents now, and may be only about five cents by 2007—they are expected to become part of the disposable packaging of most consumer items.

Although it appears that the biggest

boom in RFID use will come after the expiration of his patents, Walton earned about \$3 million from his early inventions, enough to finance his later pursuits. In 2001, he donated \$60,000 to help build a new lighthouse in Santa Cruz harbor, dedicating the so-called Walton Lighthouse in honor of his late brother Derek, who served in the Merchant Marine. For seventeen years, Walton has sponsored a contest for high school students to write essays on peace. And he continues to come up with new ideas: one of his latest involves an improved method for trapping gophers. The patent is pending.

"I am still inventing," he says, "but my level of diligence and perspiration is dwindling."

—Dean Takahashi

Captive Audience

KAFKA GOES TO PRISON

Incoming freshmen weren't the only ones who started the school year discussing Franz Kafka's *The Trial*. The University's fourth annual New Student Reading Project boasted participation from the City of Ithaca, more than 20,000 alumni, and a new demographic—a half-dozen maximum security inmates in English professor Pete Wetherbee's weekly literature class at the Auburn Correctional Facility, an hour from campus. When the *Chronicle of Higher Education* inquired, Wetherbee put the genesis of the reading this way: "Somebody who probably didn't have a very good knowledge of the book and had no knowledge at all of what goes on at Auburn . . . said to somebody else, 'Wouldn't it be a cute idea to have real prisoners read this book?'" The professor calls the Kafka discussion a "completely self-contained exercise" in a semester devoted to contemporary politics, with readings about the political economy and Eric Alterman's *What Liberal Media?*

Yet elements of *The Trial* struck a chord. "In a way," says Wetherbee, "the prisoners have a better sense of the surreal aspect of the way the justice system is represented in the book." One of the men, an older inmate sentenced for life, spends his free time writing letters and appeals, mailing them to lawyers and court officials. "Once the letters disappear from the prison," says the professor, "they're in this very unreal space—like what Joseph K. keeps hearing about the judges whom he never sees. Once you get caught in the system, you might as well be Joseph K."

And even though *The Trial*'s legal limbo might have felt familiar, Wetherbee says his students weren't as enthusiastic about the book's hapless protagonist. "At the same time the guys wanted to identify with Joseph K., they resented the fact that he was so passive and seemed incapable of looking inside himself and finding some inner stability. They couldn't really relate to that middle-class conformist anxiety."





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Dead Letters

FILES REVEAL HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED

MR. X HAS AN ANNOYINGLY loud chuckle, which I soon learned to overlook because his proper manner and sense of duty are outstanding," declares one letter writer of a student teacher. "For the rest," concludes a missive from the early Fifties, "although Miss Y is not a pretty woman, she has such an animated, gregarious way that one tends to forget that she is not a pretty woman." Of a "morally sound" taxonomist who researches New York State's crayfishes another explains, "He is very desirous of carrying on his studies of this baffling group of crustaceans when he settles down in a permanent teaching position." These reference letters—among thousands held by the University's defunct Credentials Service—are scheduled for shredding in the summer of 2005.

Established in the 1930s as the Educational Placement Bureau to help students land teaching jobs, the Credentials Service offered alumni a means to compile confidential letters of endorsement and other dossier materials. For \$25, the University created a manila folder for each participant, and for the price of postage distributed the contents to prospective employers and graduate schools. In 1999, a Georgetown student created Interfolio, a for-profit, online version of the service. With its easy-to-access, paper-free files, speed-of-light processing, and low fees, Interfolio quickly eclipsed the University's offerings, and in 2002 Cornell closed the Credentials Service. Now, due to space constraints, some 170 cubic feet of inac-

tive paper files must be destroyed.

Over the last year, assistant director of Career Services Janet Snoyer has been contacting file subjects, encouraging them to establish an Interfolio account to which their letters may be transferred. (Because of their confidential nature, the files may be released to a faculty member or shredded, but may not be given to the people about whom they were written.) Snoyer's primary job responsibility involves overseeing the evaluation process for Cornellians preparing for health careers, so she's relished the opportunity to sift through the old files. "In the earlier letters, it was really important to establish 'this is a good research man, a first-rate scholar—a person of good morals, reserve, manners,'" she says. "Now they talk about creativity. They want to show how a student's work has pushed the canon beyond the edge."

The files comprise a social historian's treasure trove, but despite their location in the University Archives, only Career Services staff may access them. Each contains a fold-over cover sheet documenting the subject's height, weight, and previous schools attended. A box at the bottom of the first page details the subject's target field and salary. The inside-front cover lists on-campus activities and coursework. And then there are the letters, typed on a form that requests "a frank statement in respect to the qualifications . . . as revealed in training, scholarship, personal characteristics, and experience."

Each discloses as much about the writer and the era in which it was drafted

as the student it describes. An English professor calls his 5-foot, 10-inch, 175-pound junior colleague (a woman) "big of frame and of mind." The graduate advisor of an English Renaissance scholar, PhD '51, writes that the twenty-eight-year-old is "attractive, dignified, and friendly." Another declares, "I should much rather trust a son of my own to his care than to that of many of the younger doctors of philosophy whom we graduate."

While earlier letters contain bold references to appearance, grooming, and marital status, contemporary letter writers are more reserved. Even so, Snoyer has been intrigued by what's revealed between the lines. "One describes a student whose research focused on sexuality, and calls him 'not flamboyant.' I doubt you'd see that kind of detail in a letter about someone who doesn't do queer theory." Letters have also gotten longer, a trend Snoyer attributes to intense competition for tenure-track jobs. "They used to write a one- to three-paragraph letter right on the form," she says. "Now it's 'see attached letter,' with up to four single-spaced pages."

And in today's more litigious environment, many advisors avoid voicing concerns about a student's potential. "Medical schools are eager for advisors to communicate even negative material because it makes for a truer letter," says Snoyer. "They want to know the whole story, but the advisor is worried about personal liability." In response, many schools have developed an internal code. "If you have further questions do not hesitate to contact me," is common, as are constructions that flatter the reader without substantively addressing the student's qualifications.

While Cornell avoids such codes, Snoyer says she occasionally hears from admissions committees trying to interpret a letter by applying the codes used by other schools. As a result, Snoyer excises the "do not hesitate to contact me" phrase, and also keeps an eye out for hyperbole and the passive voice ("It sounds like you're holding back," she explains). "We look at the letter as a narrative about a person's journey," says Snoyer. "Some turns accelerate them on their journey and some set them back. The question is what they do with all of those twists and turns in the path."

— Sharon Tregaskis

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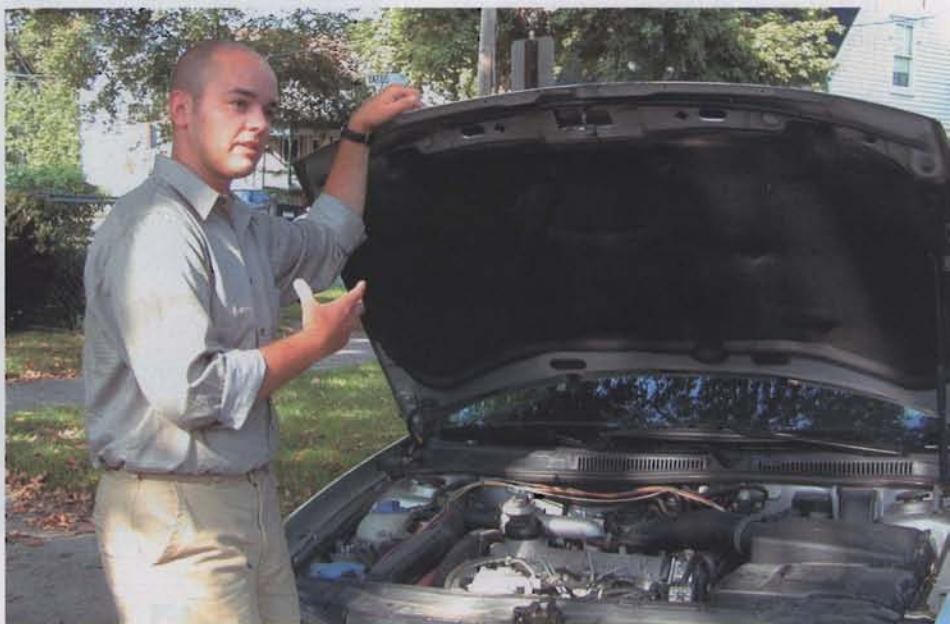
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MEAD TURNS VEGGIE OIL INTO AUTO FUEL



SHARON TREGASKIS

THIS SUMMER, WHILE UNLEADED gas prices hovered at \$2 a gallon in central New York, Seth Mead kept his Ford F250 pickup and Volkswagen Passat running for just \$.75 a gallon. Instead of using petroleum products, the twenty-eight-year-old earth science teacher relies on vegetable oil discarded by local restaurants to fuel his fleet. "Even if it smells like fries or chicken," says Mead '00, MAT '01, "it's still better than diesel. The emissions are a lot cleaner."

A native Ithacan, Mead encountered his first veggie-oil-powered car soon after graduation, in the form of a friend's early Eighties VW Rabbit diesel. "It was so simple, I thought there was no reason why I couldn't do it," says the former natural resources major. Since he was in the market for a new truck anyway, Mead narrowed his search to diesels and picked up a copy of biodiesel advocate Joshua Tick-

ell's *From the Fryer to the Fuel Tank*. "Biodiesel is different from what we do. They take vegetable oil and chemically alter it, making it much more like regular diesel fuel," says Mead, who ultimately decided to go with a conversion system marketed by Massachusetts-based Greasecar. "What we have is just plain vegetable oil in a car that has a second fuel system."

That means Mead's vehicles can run on either conventional, petro-based diesel or vegetable oil, filtered to remove food chunks that might gum up an engine. It also means that while his fuel is free, the engine has been altered in a way that many manufacturers consider a violation of a new vehicle's warranty. A Y-shaped connector links the engine to both diesel and veggie fuel tanks, and a switch in the passenger compartment makes selecting between the two simple. Since fryer grease solidifies during cooler months, Mead

Greased lightning: Seth Mead with a Volkswagen hatchback he converted to run on vegetable oil. "Even if it smells like fries," he says, "it's still better than diesel."

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Cheap fuel: Mead's VW runs on discarded cooking oil from Ithaca restaurants.

starts and ends each drive with diesel to clear out the engine. Fuel lines running to and from the veggie oil reservoir—a fifteen-gallon canister installed in the well intended for a spare wheel—are bundled with lines carrying hot engine coolant, to maintain the oil at ideal temperature and viscosity. Mileage is similar with both fuels, and even during the warmest part of the year in Ithaca, the oil can last up to six months before it turns rancid.

Installing the auxiliary system in his truck took weeks, but once he'd finished, Mead created a website (liquidsolar.org) and posted the URL on his trunk lid so fellow drivers could learn more. "I didn't want people pulling me over to get information," he says. "Then all of a sudden everyone wanted help doing it or doing some part of it. Based on their enthusiasm, I decided to incorporate." Since then, Liquid Solar has become an authorized Greasear installer, converting about two dozen vehicles and establishing a local distribution system for filtered oil (\$1 per gallon, delivered in thirty-gallon barrels). Mead says conversions usually take about two days and cost \$500 to \$600. Recent customers include a North Carolina-based veterinarian's traveling clinic and a handful of Cornell students and researchers.

Liquid Solar has also made its way into the classroom. "Most people think of earth science as rocks and weather," says Mead. "The bigger picture I try to give is that the whole system of the world is just a big cycle. I talk about this as an example of how we can take part in that cycle."

In 2003, Mead connected with Rachel Davidson, a neighbor who teaches CEE 492: Engineers for a Sustainable World. Since then, Davidson's students have tackled fuel availability and filtering sys-

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tems. "From an educational perspective, it offers challenges the students don't face if they're just doing a made-up homework assignment," says the professor. "It's everything from the difficulties of managing a project and communicating with different interests to the social, political, and economic issues that affect a topic." The first fall, Davidson's students tried to convince Ithaca City School District and Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit administrators to convert their fleets to veggie oil. "The students realized it wasn't a technical challenge," says Davidson, "but it was the regulatory and political issues that were difficult. When they convert a bus or car, the warranty is often no longer effective. The school system wasn't willing to give that up. It's the things that have nothing to do with technical aspects that can kill a project."

This fall, while classmates collaborated with a Honduran organization that builds water supplies and designed solar ovens for a women's group in Ecuador, James Smithmeyer '05 and his team have been devising new filtering systems. Last fall, Smithmeyer surveyed restaurants to determine how much oil would be available for local pickup as part of the course. The same semester, Onimisi Ojeba, a master's in engineering student, designed a circuit that optimizes switching between diesel and veggie oil. Last spring, there were two teams on the project. "Half of us worked on technology for filtering, and the other half worked on infrastructure, economics, and logistics of collection and distribution," says Smithmeyer, who focused on the business side. "We looked at how we could collect it, whether to work with a gas station, how to sell it."

Such questions top the list of considerations to be addressed as Liquid Solar grows. "The real conundrum of it is not only do we have to build demand for the service but we also have to build infrastructure," says Mead, who hired a business manager and plans to phase out of the firm's day-to-day operations. "I want to make a big enough splash that companies like Volkswagen and Toyota will take an interest. I'd be perfectly happy to be put out of business by them if it meant the technology were more accessible."

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Beating the House

CORNELL GRAD LEADS MIT TEAM TO BLACKJACK MILLIONS

IT WAS LIKE A SCENE FROM A movie: on his final trip to Vegas, the career blackjack player had \$60,000 on the table. Needing the winnings so he could invest in a business and cash out of the gambling life, he held his breath as the dealer turned over the last card.

He lost.

Devastated, he left the casino and got something to eat. Then he gathered his courage, went back to the tables—and won \$100,000.

It happened to Wes, a 1989 electrical engineering grad who spent five years playing with a group of professional card counters. (Because he still plays for fun—and doesn't want to make it any easier for casinos to ban him—Wes asked that his last name be withheld.) These weren't just any card sharks, but the now-infamous team of MIT students whose exploits were chronicled in the 2002 bestseller *Bringing Down the House*, soon to be made into the movie *Breaking Vegas*, starring Kevin Spacey. "What we were doing was completely mathematics," says Wes, now the owner of a food production company in the Boston area. "We never looked at it as gambling at all."

Wes's first brush with blackjack came during a college trip to Las Vegas, when his brother parlayed a \$200 stake into \$15,000. A few years after graduation, he was recruited by a Cornell classmate who'd joined the MIT group. Carefully organized, well-funded by investors, and in operation for more than a decade, the team had developed a strategy that would win millions from casinos around the world. They met twice a week to practice in a Cambridge classroom. "We'd throw a lot of cards around," he says. "We'd learn the technique, the basic strategy, the theories of card counting."

As author Ben Mezrich details in *Bringing Down the House*, the team succeeded not only because of its card-counting techniques—where players rely

on mathematical probabilities to guide their moves—but because of the tricks it used to keep casinos from catching on. To explain their big bankrolls in the days before the dot-com boom, most of the players posed as trust-fund kids or the children of foreign billionaires. Wes, then in his mid-twenties, pretended to be a European businessman. "I was always an Italian guy," he says, "and I always had a mysterious edge about me."

Although counting cards is not illegal, casinos can ban whomever they want from their premises and charge repeat offenders with trespassing. By pooling their money and working together—though not necessarily playing at the same table at the same time—the team managed to beat the casinos at their own game. Certain members were assigned to bet low stakes while keeping an eye on the six-deck shoes, the boxes from which cards are dealt; when the count turned in the bettors' favor, they'd signal a teammate to join the game and make large wagers, disclosing the count with an elaborate system of code words. "What gives away card counters is that they bet small amounts when they don't have the advantage, and large amounts when they do," Wes says. "But with the team play, there was no bet

fluctuation from a single individual, so it was harder for the casinos to see what we were doing."

After about six months with the team, Wes and several MIT undergrads—the main characters from *Bringing Down the House*—split off to form their own squad, working with an affiliate group based at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. ("They were literally rocket scientists," he notes, "which was kind of hilarious.") In its heyday, the team enjoyed the perks of Vegas high-rollers—complimentary rooms, free tickets to big shows, wild nights throwing around \$100 bills at strip clubs. "In the early days, the comps were fun," Wes recalls. "We had the fancy suites, crazy \$2,000 dinners, bottles of Cristal. But we were also very focused on making money. If we had free fight tickets, we'd sell them for \$1,000 apiece. We never really drank until the weekend was over. It was a business—it was a job."

Team members were careful to stay in separate rooms and avoid socializing with one another while on the gaming floor, but eventually the casinos caught on. As part of their training, the players learned how to behave if confronted by casino staff: keep your cool, and under no circumstances let yourself be taken to a back



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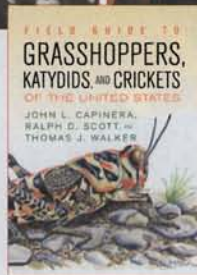
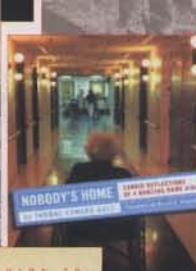
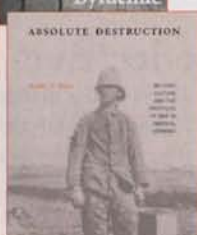
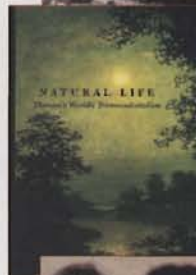
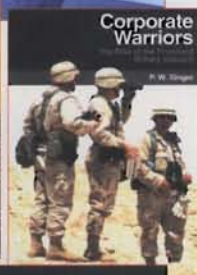
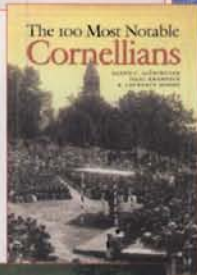
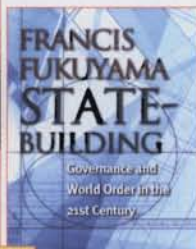
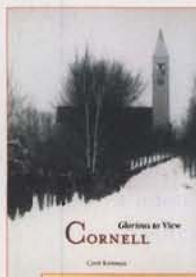
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room. "There's not a lot the casinos can do," he says. "They can intimidate you, they can threaten you—and I certainly had my share of that. I had security guards grabbing me physically. But if you know a little bit of legalese, they wise up pretty quickly."

Wes, who'd become the team's leader and one of its major investors, cashed out for good in 1996, converting the winnings from his final game into a clean slate with the team and start-up funding for his own business. In five years he'd logged more than \$1 million in winnings, played in casinos across the U.S. and abroad, enjoyed the cat-and-mouse thrill of the chase. Mezrich's book, which uses pseudonyms and composite characters, includes a scene in which casino security catches a player hiding in a hotel room bathtub, clutching a duffel bag full of cash; that was Wes. And while the book plays up the MIT connection—the appeal of the nerds-go-to-Vegas angle is undeniable—Wes notes that during his tenure with the group, none of the three players who topped \$1 million actually attended the university. "The lion's share of the MIT people couldn't take the theory and really apply it," he says. "Everybody was very smart, but stick them in a situation where they're supposed to have millions of dollars—and the social skills that go along with it—and most of the players couldn't do it. You need the right clothing and jewelry, but more than anything you need the right presence. It's the whole aura that you're trying to pull off."

As they were banned from more and more casinos, Wes and his teammates relied on wigs, glasses, and hats to change their appearance. He even consulted with Hollywood make-up artists about more elaborate disguises to foil the image-recognition software, but decided it wasn't practical. He was, in his own words, "washed up." It was time to retire. "By the time you get so good that you can walk into any casino and take it for tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars, you're really at the end of your life—your face is thoroughly recognized. But if you could come in with a whole new face," he says with a wistful smile, "you could clean house like never before."

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The Way We Live now

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From designer décor to fire-trap funk, when it comes to housing, today's students have it all.



Home, sweet home (left to right): Super-senior Nate Abbott lives on Cayuga Lake; Joydeep Chatterjee '06 hangs his hat in Alice Cook House; Whitney Schwab '05 shares a Linden Ave. house; freshmen Nick Flanders and Becky Wolozin reside in Mews Hall; and senior Leti McNeill rooms in a six-member co-op on University Ave.





Collegetown Bachelor Pad

Since he started his undergraduate career, Whitney Schwab has lived in dorms at Cornell and Oxford, and in an apartment at the top of Gun Hill. This year, he calls 127 Linden St. home. For \$575/month he gets a basement room in a house with three bathrooms, three kitchens, a great porch, and fourteen Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers. The guys don't do much cooking—most are on the fraternity's meal plan—and Schwab usually eats out. And with its industrial-grade carpeting and spare furnishings, the aluminum-siding-clad house isn't much to look at. But that's not the point, says the philosophy major. "It's closer to what's going on. When you're a senior, you're supposed to live in Collegetown."



Early each fall, Cornellians add one more task to their daily planners: find a place to live for the next school year. While University administrators encourage students to wait until spring to sign off-campus leases so they have more time to consider their options, students aren't convinced. "You can't find good places if you start after September," says a senior who landed a four-bedroom rental in Collegetown. The pronouncement may not be quite accurate, but it reflects a pervasive sentiment: when you're an undergrad, where you live reflects more than your housing budget or which quad you have to walk to each morning. It's all about image. Whether you prefer a University-owned dorm or take your chances with the local slumlords, the quest for the perfect pad is a quintessential part of the undergraduate experience.



As a junior studying in England, Whitney Schwab deputized a buddy to find housing for their senior year. The resultant basement room Schwab occupies has some moisture problems, so he bought a dehumidifier ("Leave it on and it's like a heater," he says. "Off and it's like a jungle."). For a while some of the guys had trouble paying their rent on time, so they figure they won't see their security deposits again. But a bigger disappointment has been the dearth of beer blasts. Recent changes in local laws authorized Ithaca Police to serve as complainants in noise violations and New York State has stiffened penalties on underage drinking. "No one gets kegs anymore," Schwab says.



Going for the Green

Twenty-four-year-old Leti McNeill lived in Dickson Hall and at Kappa Kappa Gamma before she took a break from Cornell. Now she's back, studying international and public affairs and rooming in a co-ed, off-campus co-op. "I could have rented a room in a house, but I wanted to live *with* people," says the New Jersey native of her search for a low-cost lifestyle. Monthly bills, including rent, average about \$500 each for the six members, who share vegetarian meals, household expenses, and weekly chores. Between avid composting and commitment to buying local, organic foods, McNeill calls the ethos "crunchy."





A Matched Pair

Ithaca native Nick Flanders and roommate Jason Burger from Paramus, New Jersey, have two things in common—they're night owls and they can tolerate a bit of a mess. "The best part about Mews is that we have air-conditioning," says the freshman, of the North Campus double he calls "surprisingly neat." "In the rare times it's hot, we stay cool. The other great thing is there's only five people per bathroom." Over the summer, the pair negotiated what each would bring to campus. "He brought the fridge, I brought the fan and the hot water pot." In the interior decorating department, they let the walls reflect their differences. Flanders hung a *Rocky* poster and a "Simpson's" T-shirt while Burger sleeps with Jimi Hendrix above his bed.



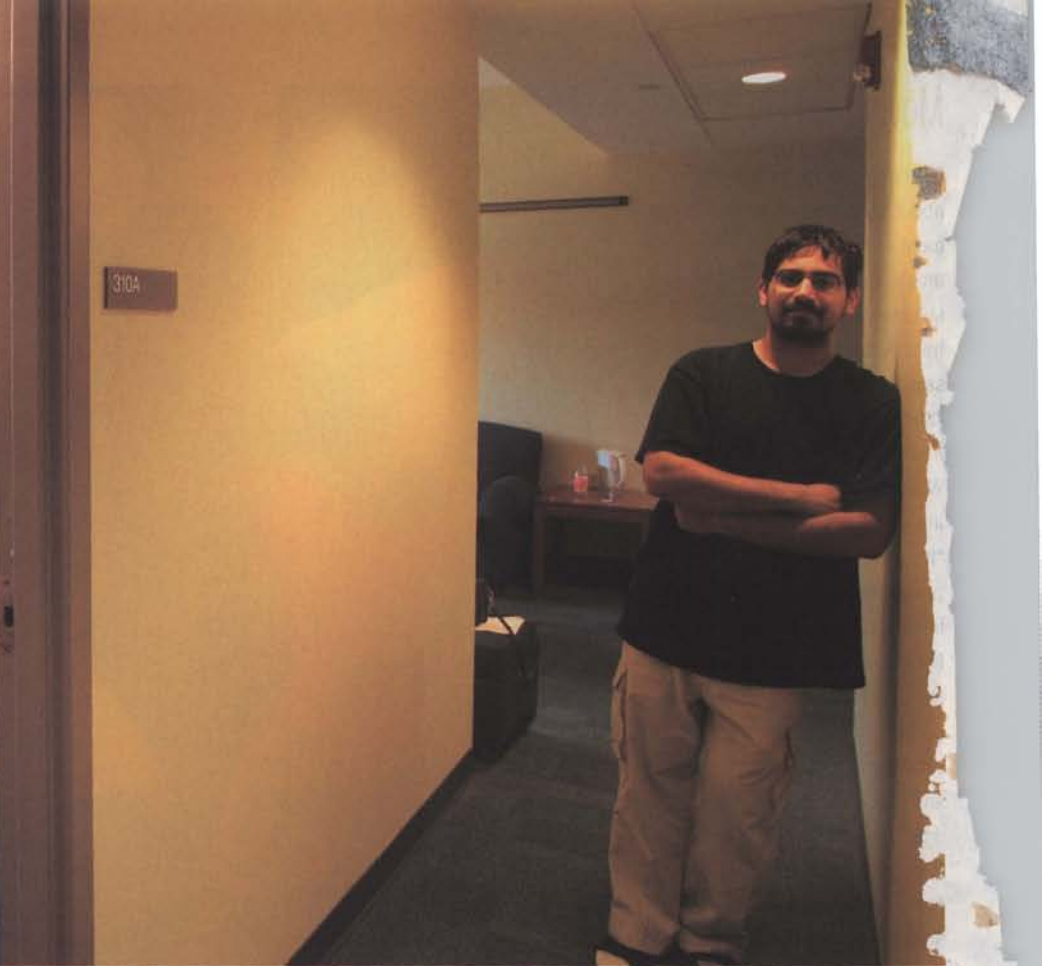
Survey says: "On the housing application there really weren't any personal questions," says Nick Flanders of the freshman rooming lottery. Two check-boxes ask incoming students to note whether they stay up late or rise early and how tidy they are. The University pairs those who respond similarly. Sometimes the desire to turn over a new leaf can create complications: Becky Wolozin checked the "neat" box because, she confesses, "that was my goal."

Moving on Up

Freshman Becky Wolozin pays about \$600/month for the double room in Mews Hall she shares with an architecture student. "I clean my side every day, but compared to her I'm still really, really messy," says the Massachusetts native.

She says as long as I know I have a problem, it's OK." By mid-October, Wolozin hopes to have signed a lease in Collegetown for next year. "It's a great location," says the prospective English major of her intended residence. She and seven friends will each pay \$450/month or a Linden Ave. house with free parking, laundry, and "a great yard with a huge porch." Wolozin says she got an early start for good reason. "The sooner you go, the more likely you are to get a better deal than the dorms. Later in the season, it'll probably be equal."





Go West, Young Man

As a freshman, Joydeep Chatterjee roomed in Clara Dickson Hall on North Campus. Last year the South Jersey native lived in Class of '22, and now he calls the West Campus Alice Cook House home. "This is definitely an improvement," says Chatterjee of his third-floor single and shared sitting room. Residents have complained about the baffling building layout, excessive security, and limited dining options, but the civil engineering major says there's a bright side. "Alice Cook House shines in its ability to adapt to the needs of residents," he says. "It's exciting to be part of this experiment."





On the Waterfront

Nate Abbott, a fifth-year senior from Geneva, New York, spent a year in a fraternity house and another in its Collegetown annex, but he wanted a change. "You can only do that thing for so long before you go insane," he says of his group living days. "I wanted to shower without having to wear sandals." Abbott found the answer in a one-bedroom house on the east shore of Cayuga Lake. The place boasts spectacular sunsets and a dock where he hosts cookouts and moonlit swims. "It's tucked away so neatly," he says, "I feel like I live in secluded woods." 🍷



Price is right: "Everything about this place just slid itself into position," says Abbott, who pays \$540/month plus utilities. His second-hand living room set cost \$50, less than the price of a rental truck to deliver the retro rocker, love seat, and bench.

The Writing on the Wall

Artist James De La Vega is painting his name all over Spanish Harlem and beyond.

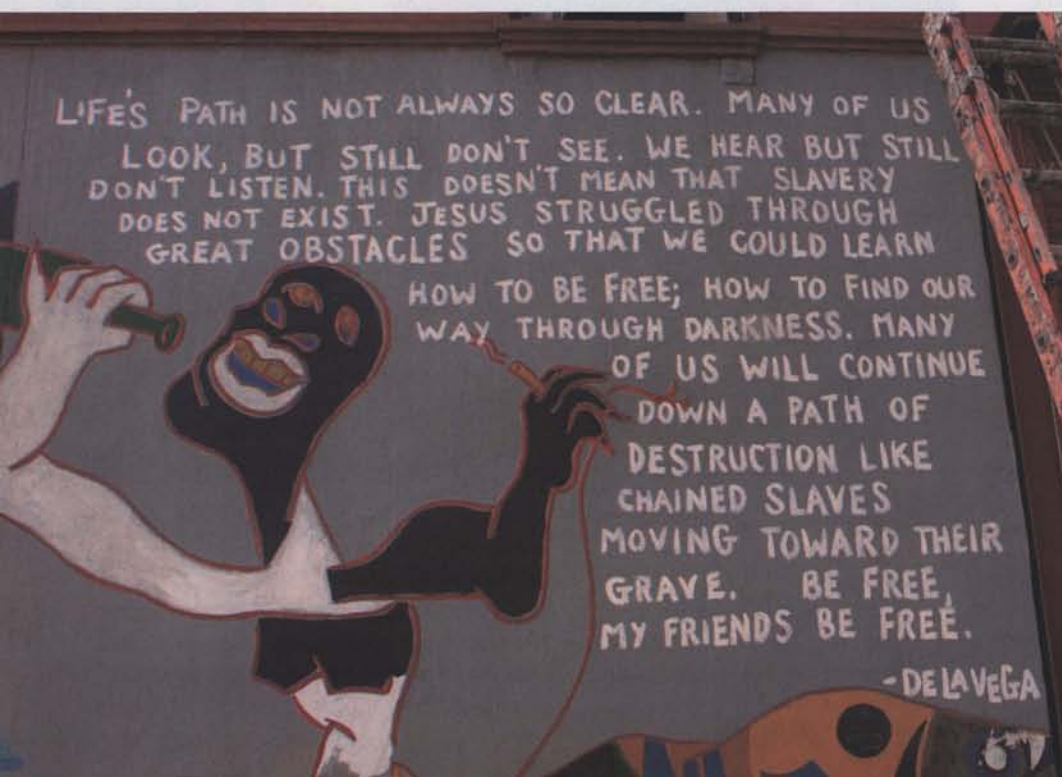
Just don't call it graffiti.

By David Dudley

■ Photographs by John Abbott

James De La Vega—muralist, ex-boxer, and street philosopher—has decided to become a politician. It hasn't been easy. When he puts up his hand-stenciled posters, people steal them. Sometimes they bring them back and ask him to sign them. They know he's going to be famous, one way or another.

"Look at this guy," says De La Vega, MFA '94. He nods at an older man on Lexington Avenue wearing a black T-shirt printed with "Become Your Dream." The phrase is De La Vega's unofficial motto, the most persistent of the proverbs that he chalks on city sidewalks. "He doesn't even know me." He springs up from the stoop of his storefront gallery and introduces himself. "¿Quieres una blanca?" he asks, handing the man a white shirt stenciled with *De La Vega for State Senate*. The

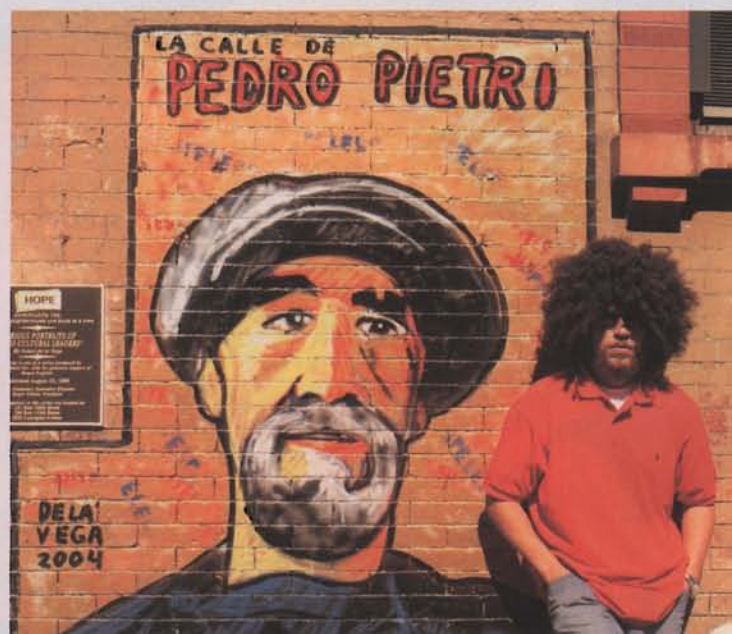


The medium and the message: James De La Vega's East Harlem murals—many painted on abandoned buildings or temporary construction barriers—blend art and politics.

Left: Detail of "Slaves of Our Past and Present" at 124th St. and Lexington Avenue.

Right: A bewigged De La Vega in character in his studio. "The art can only function if it's provocative," he says. "If it was just pictures of pretty flowers, it wouldn't work for me."





Taking it to the streets: Addressing the war at 106th St. and Lexington Avenue (top). De La Vega (above) poses with his portrait of the late Puerto-Rican-born poet Pedro Pietri, painted on the walls of the Hope Community Center, an East Harlem advocacy group. "Sometimes the King is a Woman" (left), one of De La Vega's many portraits of his mother, graces a neighborhood door. Facing page: Paying homage to Picasso's "Guernica" at 111th St.

shirts are a key part of his new project, a write-in run for New York's 28th district. "Now that I'm in political campaign mode," De La Vega says, "I've given out 700 shirts in the Bronx alone."

The thirty-two-year-old artist may be famous here in Spanish Harlem, where his murals cover the walls above 96th Street, but he's sanguine about his political odds—since 1978 the 28th has been held by state senator Olga Méndez, now running as a Republican. Complicating his senatorial aspirations, there's also a chance that De La Vega will be in jail by election day. In June, he was convicted on three counts of Class B misdemeanors for painting on the wall of a Bronx warehouse back in July 2003. It's his second graffiti conviction—in 1999, police arrested him for painting on a grocery, though the owner later came forward and said he had given permission—and De La Vega faces ninety days of jail time. The DA offered probation in return for pleading guilty to a graffiti charge, but De La Vega refused. "My art isn't about vandalism," he says. "It's about bringing beauty to the streets."

The legal drama stirred a windfall of publicity: two hundred people rallied outside his studio in April, and supporters in "Free De La Vega" T-shirts packed the courtroom for his two-day bench trial in June. The *Washington Post* and *New York Times* (which dubbed De La Vega "a hybrid between a street kid and an Ivy League-educated guerrilla performance artist") covered the story. A few months after his arrest, Christie's auctioned a De La Vega for \$5,000. "As bad as it's been," he admits, "it's been one of the best things that's happened to me in my career."

De La Vega appreciates life's contradictions. Before his legal woes, he was known as a Spanish Harlem success story: the kid who earned a ticket to Cornell and came back to teach in local schools and forge his own uncompromising career. "James feels he has to be a model for his community, and he takes that very seriously," says Cornell's executive director of minority educational affairs, Ray Dalton, who helped recruit De La Vega in 1990. Art was a ticket out of the poverty and gangs of El Barrio. His father, Jaimito, died of AIDS in 1989, and his mother, Elsie Matos, relied on public assistance. But she also signed him up for art classes, and De La Vega was promising enough to get a scholarship at a Manhattan private school, York Prep, where he was valedictorian.

At Cornell, De La Vega threw himself into art history. "Being up there was like a training ground," he says. "Cornell opened my whole thing up." He also became active in the Latino students' association and played a supporting role in the Day Hall takeover of November 1993, which led to the establishment of the Latino Living Center. The incident was triggered by an installation by artist Daniel Martinez, a monumental series of eight-foot high walls on the Arts Quad called "The Castle is Burning." After it was repeatedly vandalized, students organized a human blockade around the work before marching to Day Hall and eventually occupying the building. For De La Vega, who later con-

tributed a mural to the Latino Living Center, the experience proved deeply influential. "You can create art that invades and changes people's space," he says. "It doesn't have to just be a canvas hanging on a wall in a gallery somewhere. It can redirect you, make you change your way of thinking. Art is powerful shit."

de La Vega favors sunglasses, a cigar, and a huge Afro wig; the larger-than-life effect, which resembles some sort of Nuyorican superhero, helps him draw a crowd. "When I put on the weird gear, I can get five hundred people to gather and wonder what I'm going to say next."

This is one side of his persona, the self-proclaimed "street messiah" whose cryptic affirmations ("This moment is more precious than you think") and political proverbs ("The game of capitalism breeds dishonest men") appear across the city on sidewalks or construction site barriers, bringing a brief pause to the urban masses: "I just bought a piece of real estate in your mind," declares one oft-repeated phrase. But beneath the wig the real De La Vega is quiet, short-haired, and disarmingly earnest. He works every day on the sidewalk outside his studio while his mother tends to the bills and keeps shop. "My mom is the one who keeps it together and focused," he says. She's also his favorite subject: one series of drawings renders her in a variety of unlikely guises—as Tupac Shakur, as Castro, as Zorro, as Hitler.

De La Vega's work spans a kaleidoscope of styles, from playful pop cartoons to intense, densely layered acrylic self-portraits. He often quotes past masterpieces, rendering a pointed

Last Supper attended by skeletons in "No Había Cena" ("There Was No Supper") or reimagining Picasso's "Guernica" as a New York streetscape ravaged by poverty and pit bulls. Often tagged as a "graffiti artist," he's rankled by his image as self-taught barrio savant. "I hate the 'folk artist' thing," he says. "I'm a street artist, but that doesn't mean I'm not a serious artist. I don't think they get any more serious than me."

As the afternoon deepens, De La Vega chats with passersby, flirts with girls ("I meet some gorgeous women here"), sells some shirts, and watches the streetlife roll on. "For a lot of people in Spanish Harlem, this is it," he says. "This is the world. People live and die here." He talks about growing up in the 1970s, and the real-estate boom that is driving out longtime residents. That's why he's always here, he says. "By staying, you add a constant to people's lives. At the end of the day, all we have is each other."

Once, when he was frustrated by his career and his legal troubles, De La Vega told his mother that he was going to give it up. "You think Picasso would have said some shit like that?" she snapped back. He dutifully picked up his brushes again.

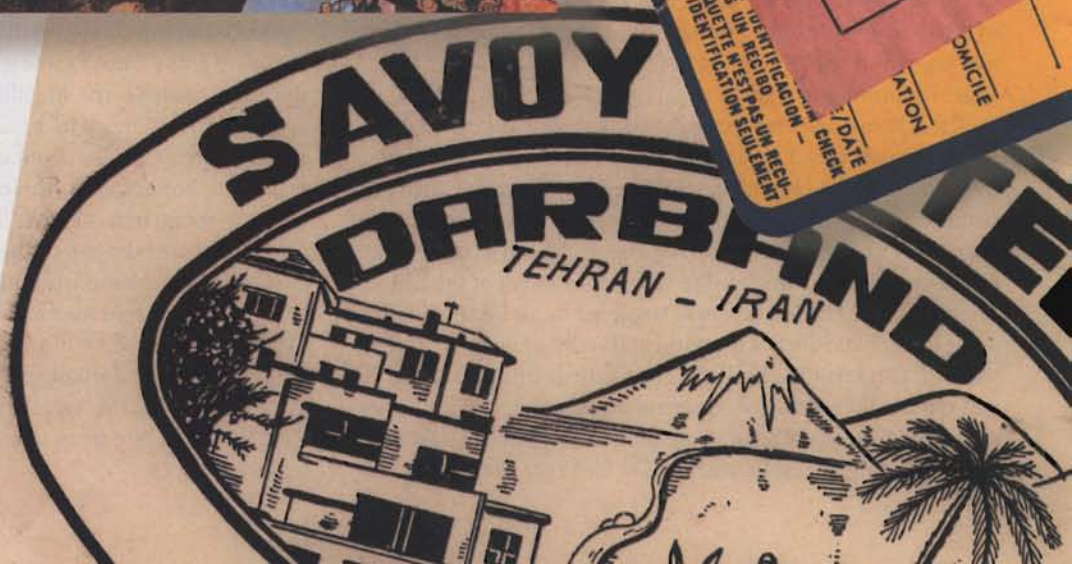
"It's part of who I am and what I do," he says. "I don't always get pleasure from this. This is my artillery—my way of making war." ●



Why did the CIA send twenty-two unsuspecting Cornellians to Iran in 1956? Almost fifty years later, the veterans of the 'Iranian Project' still wonder.



Greetings from sunny Iran: The Cornell group survives a hard landing at Isfahan (top). Detail from a Persian miniature, c. 1550 (above). Right: Souvenirs from the trip—a Pan Am baggage tag and brochure from Tehran's Savoy Hotel.



Swimming with the Shah

By Peter Norlander

On July 12, 1956, George Pazianos '56 sat with a group of fellow Cornellians in an Iranian Air Force DC-3 making its approach to Isfahan, an ancient city 250 miles south of Tehran. It was a hot day, and the pilot was having a hard time getting the aircraft down on the baking tarmac. The plane overshot the runway, hitting the ground hard and bouncing into the air several times. The pilot gunned one engine, spinning the plane around 180 degrees, and the landing gear collapsed. With one wing scraping the ground, the DC-3 finally crashed to a halt. A lone soldier raced toward the aircraft with a fire extinguisher as the crew and passengers scrambled away; the American consul, waiting with an official delegation, looked on in horror. "He was mightily relieved," Pazianos says, "that he didn't have twenty-two bodies to transport back to the United States."

Pazianos and his friends walked away from their rough landing with a few bruises and rattled nerves; the other effects of their month-long trip to Iran that summer lasted longer. The Cornell group—twenty-one graduates and rising seniors, plus Roland Delattre, an assistant director of Cornell United Religious Work (CURW)—were travelling on an invitation from the thirty-seven-

year-old Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlevi, who had been reinstalled on the Peacock Throne by a U.S. and British-backed counter-coup in 1953. The invitation arrived via a group called the American Friends of the Middle East (AFME), which contacted CURW with word that the Shah wished to sponsor a group of Cornell students to attend a conference of students from across the Middle East at Ramsar, on the Caspian Sea, in the summer of 1956.

According to Curtis Reis '56, JD '61, who wrote about the trip for his hometown New Jersey newspaper, the *Ridgewood Herald*, the Cold War context for the trip was clear: "Bring the United States and Iran closer together, thereby stifling the communist Tudeh party's vigorous campaign to convert Iran's young intelligentsia." But what the Cornell students didn't know was that AFME was a front organization, and the goodwill mission was actually part of a larger CIA-sponsored effort to win hearts and minds. AFME was funded by the CIA's International Organizations Division, which oversaw a network of groups around the world engaged in a cultural struggle for influence over student and labor movements. "[AFME's] purpose was to give the U.S. a good name worldwide," says Mark Gasiorowski of Louisiana State University, author of *U.S. Foreign Policy and the Shah*.

For the Cornellians—a collection of the University's best and brightest with no particular background in foreign affairs—the trip was less an exercise in international gamesmanship than an adventure, a final fling before beginning their careers. But they got more than they bargained for—a meeting with a notorious dictator and a crash course in the complexities that haunt U.S. relations in the Middle East to this day. "I was just a naïve, typical American student with respect to foreign cultures," says Don Greenberg '55, PhD '68, now a Cornell computer graphics professor. "Having the opportunity to see what I saw drastically changed my way of thinking."

The University was officially uninvolved in what became known as the “Iranian Project,” although not for lack of trying, according to Pazianos. The senior government major, now a lawyer in Washington, D.C., was president of Quill and Dagger and a member of the CURW student board when the Shah’s invitation arrived. Pazianos quickly found twenty students among friends in Quill and Dagger and Sphinx Head, but President Deane Malott objected. “He was rather insistent that the membership of the group be opened up to the campus,” Pazianos says. After conferring with CURW director Glenn Olds, Pazianos arranged a CURW sponsorship deal that gave him almost total control of the project, along with a quasi-independent umbrella to shield the trip from University interference.

The young men Pazianos gathered had little in common beyond their senior honorary memberships. Architecture student Greenberg was a varsity tennis and soccer player. Ernie Stern ’56 studied agricultural economics and was manager of Willard Straight Hall. Ed Berkowitz ’56, co-editor of the *Cornell Widow* humor magazine, had nearly been expelled for publishing a sorority satire. The youngest member was Andrew Kopkind ’57, just named editor of the *Daily Sun*. Most of them were friends, but the relationships were hardly profound. “When we were at Cornell, there was a certain amount of standoffishness that was the vogue in those days,” says Berkowitz. “Everybody had sort of a ‘man’s man’ kind of thing.”

Throughout the spring of 1956, the students met weekly in Lyon Hall to coordinate planning and fund-raising. AFME would cover the costs for the group inside Iran, but transportation there and back was another matter. “We decided that the logical place to go would be the oil companies that did business in Iran,” says Pazianos. Joseph Pew of Sun Oil contributed, as did Esso and Mobil. (Kopkind, whose father was active in Republican circles, called on Senator Prescott Bush to inquire about federal funding, but the answer was no.) The students also began teaching themselves about Iran, breaking into groups to research customs, traditions, political structure, religion, and architecture. Each week they presented their findings, and by the end of the year they had written a forty-page briefing book. The Iranian embassy in Washington contributed a copy of poet Omar Khayyám’s *Rubáiyát*. Pazianos also contacted Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who had met the Shah and written about his travels in the region. “He even went so far as to call the State Department to make sure that the passage would be safe for us,” Pazianos says. The best advice Douglas offered, he says, was about *mast*, a yogurt and cucumber dish. “It’s a very quick stomach pacifier,” Douglas advised. “Eat lots of it.”



At first, it was like a vacation. The students flew from New York to Amsterdam and did a quick “grand tour” of Europe, visiting Paris, Venice, and Budapest during stops on the Orient Express to Istanbul. But the final leg involved a slow train to the Turkey/Iran border; for ninety-six hours they went hungry and thirsty, eating only what station vendors could offer. It proved an arduous

bonding experience. “After four days in a Turkish train,” says Berkowitz, “there are no secrets.”

They disembarked at the border town of Erzurum. After a lengthy disagreement with Turkish officials—Tom Merryweather ’56 had lost his passport—they were met by an Iranian delegation, including the foreign minister and cultural minister, who loaded the Cornell group into an air-conditioned Mercedes bus for the ride into Iran. After midnight, the governor of the province paraded the group into the town of Maku, through streets strung with generator-powered light bulbs; the 1,500-year-old city had received electricity just the previous week. Schoolchildren greeted them with songs, and they were served a late-night feast of chicken, lamb, rice, yogurt, and a special shipment of Pepsi from Tehran. “I think that’s when two or three of us started coming down with the ‘Tehran tummy’ and began gobbling down as much *mast* as we could find,” recalls Pazianos.

For the next two weeks, the Cornellians would travel around the country by bus and airplane—to Tehran, where Caspian caviar was available for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and then via the Shah’s private railway car to sweltering Abadan, site of what was then the world’s largest oil refinery, where temperatures soared above 120 degrees. They ventured to Shiraz and the ancient city of Persepolis, burial site of Darius and Xerxes. And, day after day, they ate lamb: lamb and rice, lamb and chicken, lamb and sweet cherries. “Even ice cream tasted like lamb after a while,” Stern says.

Occasionally, the group would get a glimpse into the workings of Iranian society—the economic hardships, the massive shows of police force that accompanied the Shah’s movements, the children playing in open sewers. “The cultural shock between Iran and Ithaca was dramatic,” says Jerry Tarr ’56, who vividly remembers the sight of a dead body left to collect dust by the side of the road after an auto accident. Classmate Peter Hearn recalls a conversation with their Iranian government guide, who pointed out a pair of clerics walking on the other side of a city street. “Those are the dangerous ones,” the guide said. “If this society ever falls apart, they will have done it.”

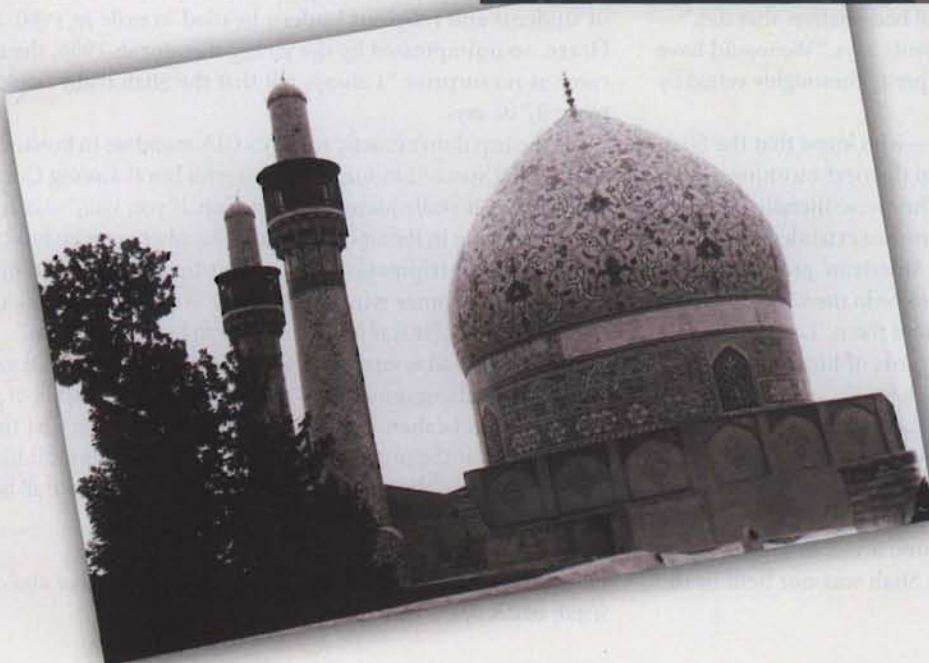


For fifteen days they toured southern Iran—hot days of deserts and poverty and rug shops—before heading to a ten-day retreat on the Caspian Sea in Ramsar, where they would meet the Shah. The camp was organized for 250 university students from across the Middle East. The Iranian students and athletes, including Olympic team members, were paired with the Americans, living in tents of eight students each. The official language was English and the students held organized discussions, had cultural activity nights, and played sports. “It was like a Boy Scout camp,” Greenberg says. To the Americans, the young Iranians, many of whom hoped to eventually go to the United States, seemed friendly—but their political views were surprising.

Iran in 1956 was a stable police state, says LSU’s Gasiorowski. The Shah had been returned to power after the CIA toppled Iranian prime minister Mohammed Mossadeq, who had seized



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The Shah and I: George Pazianos presents Mohammad Reza Pahlevi with a copy of *Cornell in Pictures* (top left). "Our gift to a man who had everything," says trip member Ed Berkowitz. The front page of the government-run *Tehran Journal* (top right) provides the official story. Pazianos lunches with the Shah (above) as an armed guard keeps a close eye on Bob Day '56 walking by in the background. A 1956 postcard (left) shows the monumental Shah Abbas Mosque in Isfahan, built in the early seventeenth century. It is now known as the Imam Mosque.

Iran's oil fields from the British and nationalized them. Mossadeq had also been moving the country toward democracy, weakening the monarchical power of the Shah. By 1956 the feared SAVAK secret police were cracking down hard on nationalists and leftists, a process conducted with the operational support of the CIA. And the Iranian students were well aware of the U.S. role. "Anybody who wasn't blind could see that the United States was playing a crucial role in propping up the Shah," Gasiorowski says.

On July 26, the Shah ate lunch with the Americans and agreed to an hour-long interview, reproduced in Reis's serialized newspaper account. The students asked him for an appraisal of the imprisoned Mossadeq. "That hysterical man has done enough harm," the Shah responded, adding that he had saved Mossadeq's life, and that "foreigners now have respect for our independence and sovereignty." The Cornellians also confronted him about his curbs upon freedom of expression. "[Our newspapers] are critical of the government, sometimes too much so," the Shah said. "The only restrictions on individual freedom are in the cases of traitors, saboteurs, fifth columnists, and Tudeh members, much like you do in America with the House Un-American Activities Committee."

The Cornell students were no hardened cold warriors—Greenberg guesses that they may have been "one of the most liberal groups that [the CIA] sent abroad"—and they were prepared to meet a progressive and staunchly pro-American leader; what they found was the blandest of autocrats. Hearn recalls "a very average man" who had "none of the appeal that you often see in government leaders. He spoke softly. He came across as though he had been obligated by the circumstances to sit there in this very nice grassy area with twenty kids from the United States. I didn't find anything charming at all about him."

It still came as something of a shock to the students, however, when a group of Iranian campmates gathered outside Pazianos's tent one evening and began passionately denouncing the Shah. "They were talking about the secret police and the government's repressive tactics," says Pazianos. "I don't know if any of them had personally suffered, but I think several had relatives that did."

"It was sort of a surprise," Berkowitz says. "We would have thought that [the students] had been pretty thoroughly vetted by the Iranian government."

Even more striking, the Iranians—who knew that the Shah planned on swimming in the Caspian the next morning—were mulling an assassination attempt. "They were literally planning to drown him," Pazianos says. "I got into an extended discussion trying to dissuade them." As the American group's leader, Pazianos was the only one permitted to be in the water when the Shah was taking his morning dip. "I told them, 'Look, there's no way you're going to get within fifty yards of him.' Finally, they decided it was sort of a harebrained scheme."

While "perfectly cordial" to the Cornell crowd, as Hearn remembers, the Iranian students recognized the relationship between the Americans and the regime they so hated. "They were perfectly aware of the CIA activity," Pazianos says. "They were not that happy with our government because it was strongly backing the Shah, and anybody backing the Shah was not held in the highest esteem."



On July 27, the group broke camp at Ramsar and left Iran. Many spent the rest of the summer exploring other parts of the world. Pazianos went on to Greece; Kopkind and Greenberg visited Egypt and the Soviet Union. When the summer was over, they returned to Cornell, began their military service, or started careers. But for many, their view of their nation and the world had fundamentally changed. "I think that the image that was created about the Middle East and politics there may have been a false one," Hearn says. "The image that we got was a benevolent monarch and a country that was very different from what it turned out to be." Ernie Stern, who went on to become CEO of the U.S. subsidiary of a French defense electronics corporation, credits his month in Iran—his first trip overseas—with putting his American lifestyle in perspective. "I got exposed to this concept that there were all these worlds out there that I didn't know about," he says. "The depth of our lack of understanding of these people and these issues was really profound."

Andy Kopkind, who died in 1994, joined the staff of the *Washington Post* after graduation and later became a prominent radical-left journalist and commentator. In *The Thirty Years' Wars*, Kopkind called his Iran trip "a boondoggle," and, writing in the *New Statesmen* in 1967, he had harsh words for the CIA's role in student group activity during the 1950s: "Everyone who went abroad for an American organization was, in one way or another, a witness to the theory that the world was torn between communism and democracy and anything in between was treason. The illusion of dissent was maintained: the CIA supported socialist cold warriors, fascist cold warriors, black and white cold warriors. The catholicity and flexibility of the CIA operations were major advantages. But it was a sham pluralism and it was utterly corrupting."

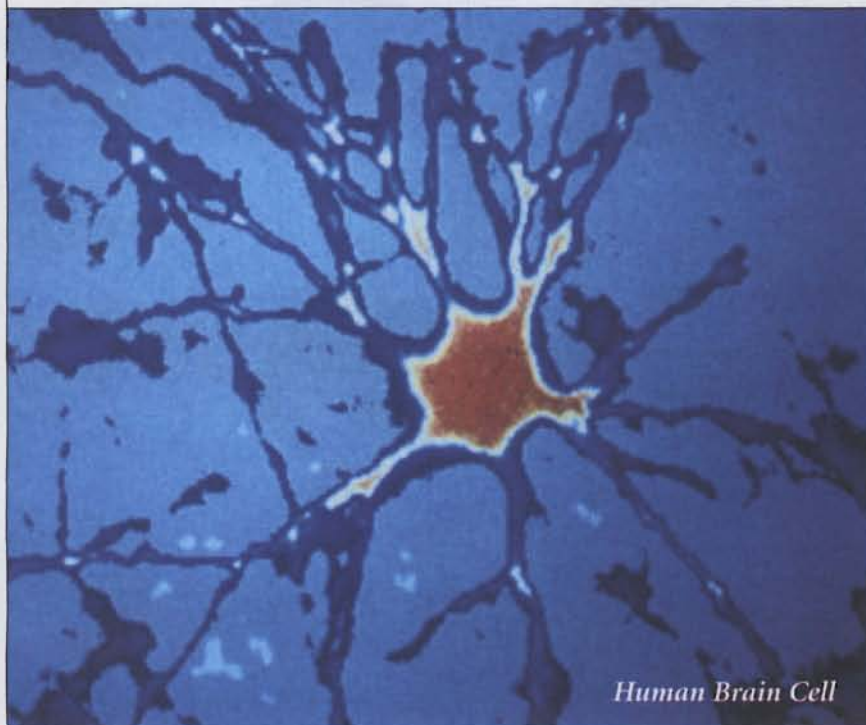
It would take decades before the discontent of another generation of Iranians would finally unseat Reza Pahlevi, who fled the country in 1979 following months of protest by an alliance of students and religious leaders; he died in exile in 1980. For Hearn, so unimpressed by the young dictator in 1956, the end came as no surprise. "I always felt that the Shah really couldn't make it," he says.

If the trip didn't exactly fulfill its CIA mandate to bolster the Shah, it did succeed in forging a powerful bond among Cornell classmates. "It really joined us at the hip, if you will," says Jerry Tarr, now living in Rutland, Vermont. Greenberg says he typically sees his former tripmates three or four times a year, and often stays at their homes when he travels. "These are my lifelong friends," he says. "It was just a privilege to be among them."

They have had several reunions to share old photos and swap stories. Greenberg remembers comparing photographs of the plane crash in Isfahan at one such gathering. For the first time, he noticed that the pictures were blurry. "We talk about it like it was nothing now," he says with a grin. "But we must have all been shaking like mad." ●

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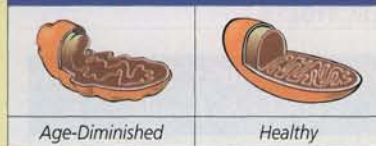
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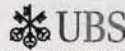
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CACO Celebrates Centennial

January Marks 100 Years of Cornell Leadership

By Diane Lebo Wallace

Shortly after the founding of Cornell University, alumni began coming together for reasons of nostalgia, as well as to have a voice in the future of their university and to lend support to their alma mater. Today, 100 years later, Cornellians have upheld the responsibilities and enjoyed the benefits of staying connected to and influencing a world-renowned university.

"When we enter Cornell we become part of an extended family of Cornellians," says trustee Carolyn Chauncey Neuman '64, a past president of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO). "We become part of that family through our class year, and whether or not we return to Ithaca once we finish our classes here, our genealogy connects us across the regions of this country and across the continents. The connection lasts a lifetime."

In January 2005, CACO celebrates its 100th anniversary. In addition to the Mid-Winter Meeting, its annual leadership training weekend, a gala event has been planned at the Hilton New York. President Jeffrey Lehman '77 will deliver the keynote address. "CACO has a strong history of evolving and growing to meet the changing needs of its members and the University," notes CACO presi-

dent Mary Bowler Jones '78. "Our current focus on enhanced leadership training and recruitment and retention of a more diverse class officer body was developed to ensure CACO's vitality for the future. We hope many Cornell friends will join us for our exciting centennial event in New York in January as we celebrate past successes and look forward to CACO's second century."

CACO has served as an effective umbrella organization, gathering together alumni class leaders and laying the groundwork for campus reunions, lifelong learning, volunteer service, and networking. It has functioned as a gateway to reconnect alumni to the University. It has been a catalyst and an incubator for attracting and training new class officers, and for many it has also served as a springboard to increasing levels of volunteer leadership positions. "The basic premise of CACO is leadership training," explains Otto Schneider '55, CACO vice president and Mid-Winter Meeting chair. "Through CACO, class officers learn the nuts and bolts of their functions and share ideas, and they discuss how to do significant work in the community or how to bring cultural and intellectual pursuits into class activities. But what it comes down to is the people. That's what makes it a



William F. Atkinson 1885, first to lead the Association of Class Secretaries

great organization. The groundswell of enthusiasm keeps it going."

Bill Vanneman '31 has been a class officer every year since graduating, and with very few exceptions has
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CC/Korea, Dec. 3—Annual general meeting. Contact Bong Sung Oum, bsoum@inance.com.

New York/Ontario

CWC/Cortland County, Nov. 16—Prescription drug luncheon with guest speaker. Contact Sanjay Hirani, sdh1@cornell.edu.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Nov. 17—Alumni book club at Barnes & Noble, Pittsford. Contact Kristen Hallagan, 585/242-0199.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Nov. 22—Cornell-Penn luncheon with guest speaker. Contact Sanjay Hirani, snh@rochester.rr.com, 585/340-2751.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Nov. 29—WXXI Phonathon. Contact Karen Bronson Clark, kjbclark@juno.com, 585/425-9469.

CAA/Central New York, Dec. 2—WCNY Phonathon. Pre-phonathon dinner at Santangelo's Restaurant. Contact David Duerr, dduerr@syracusechamber.com, 315/470-1881.

CWC/Syracuse, Dec. 13—Holiday gathering and CAAAN update. Contact Janet Fallon, jbf28@cornell.edu, 315/696-0167.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Dec. 17—Holiday basket project; donations of food or money accepted. Contact Ross Lanzafame, rlanzafame@hselaw.com, 585/654-8595.

CAA/Greater Rochester, Jan. 8—Founder's Day lunch with guest speaker. Contact Larry Dunham, larry.dunham@usa.xerox.com, 585/586-6029.

Metro/New York

CC/Fairfield County, Nov. 20—Cornell vs. Penn football. Contact Claire Ford, claireford@coldwellbanker.com, 203/227-1562.

CC/Fairfield County, Dec. 3—Wine tasting. Contact Venkat Sampath, ventex1@aol.com, 203/221-7663.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Dec. 12—Big Red Bear Hug holiday party and stuffed bear donation. Contact Ginny Panzer-Wiener, ginnypw@aol.com, 973/467-3495.

CAA/Princeton, Jan. 8—Cornell Cares Day for the Crisis Ministry of Princeton. Contact Susan Todes Perl, stperl@comcast.net, 609/275-4774.

CC/Northern New Jersey, Jan. 9—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Christine Tao, Christine@tao23.com, 973/650-1753.

Northeast

CC/New Hampshire, Nov. 20—Cornell vs. Dartmouth men's hockey. Contact Jill Mayo, ljm28@cornell.edu, 978/373-5728.

CC/Cape Cod, Jan. 12—Board meeting. Contact Judith Carr, judith_carr@netzero.com, 508/539-0809.

Mid-Atlantic

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Nov. 17—Happy hour. Contact Brian Ruhl, bjr2@cornell.edu, 215/884-6922.

CC/Greater Philadelphia, Dec. 4—Holiday event at Longwood Gardens. Contact John Vitale, jvital@comcast.net.

CC/Delaware, Dec. 29—CAAAN holiday luncheon with speaker. Contact Leo Sears, sears.sears5@verizon.net, 302/478-3919.

CC/Washington, Jan. 9—Senior women/alumnae brunch. Contact Kathy Barlow, 202/309-1305.

Midwest

CC/Minnesota, Nov. 16—Reading group at Amore Coffee, St. Paul: *Longitudes and Attitudes: The World in the Age of Terrorism* by Thomas Friedman. Contact Judy Morgan, 651/688-6113.

CC/Minnesota, Dec. 21—Reading group at Amore Coffee, St. Paul. Reading *Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books* by Azar Nafisi. Contact Judith Morgan, 651/688-6113.

CC/Northeastern Ohio, Jan. 8—Cleveland Food Bank. Contact Matt Kall, mbk1@cornell.edu.

CC/Minnesota, Jan. 9—CAAAN prospective students' reception at the Ridgedale Library, Minnetonka. Contact Brian Fulmer, brian.fulmer@genmills.com, 612/600-9564.

Southeast

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CAA/Charlotte, Jan. 8—Cornell vs. Harvard men's hockey. Contact Christine Goodell, ceramjobs@aol.com, 803/831-6001.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, Jan. 13—Luncheon with underwater photographer Donald Sutherland at Michael's on East. Contact Bob Cutler, 941/907-0234.

Southwest/Mountain

CAA/North Texas, Nov. 18—CAANT book club at the Barnes & Noble on Northwest Highway: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. Contact Stephanie Fox, ssk20@cornell.edu.

CC/Austin, Nov. 20—Rock climbing at South Austin Rock Gym. Bring the family, exhaust the kids. Contact Abezer Tapia, ast12@cornell.edu, 512/415-1322.

CAA/North Texas, Dec. 2—Beer tasting at the Ginger Man. Contact Amy Hunt, ahunt@fortworthzoo.org.

CAA/North Texas, Dec. 11—Deck the Hall holiday program. Contact Stephanie Fox, ssk20@cornell.edu, 214/696-4453.

CAA/Greater Houston, Dec. 14—Holiday party. Contact Pat Flores, pflores@lockeliddell.com, 713/226-1211.

Western

CAA/Northern California, Nov. 16—Scholarship fund-raising dinner at Indigo. Contact Liz McKersie, emm25@cornell.edu.

CC/Los Angeles, Nov. 17—Phonathon at DBL Realtors, Brentwood. Contact Richard Stearns, stichx@earthlink.net, 310/481-4334.

CC/Southern Arizona, Nov. 18—Happy hour every third Thursday at 5. Contact William Yarnell, williamyarnell@cox.net, 520/664-2283.

CC/Northern California, Dec. 5—Holiday party and book drive. Contact events@cornellnorcal.com.

CC/Southern Arizona, Dec. 12—Holiday party at the Skyline Country Club, Tucson. Contact William Yarnell, williamyarnell@cox.net, 520/664-2283.

CAA/Northern California, Jan. 8—Cornell Cares Day. Contact commsvc@cornellnorcal.com.

CAA/Northern California, Jan. 8—Cornell Glee Club concert in Berkeley. Contact Western Regional Office, 415/438-7980.

CAA/Northern California, Jan. 11—Cornell Glee Club concert in Menlo Park. Contact Western Regional Office, 415/438-7980.

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always attended CACO's annual Mid-Winter Meeting. "I think CACO is an extremely useful organization," he says. "It serves a valuable purpose. Class activities are one of the strongest bases for building alumni loyalty and therefore alumni participation. Vibrant class organizations are what make Cornell shine."

It all began with an unlikely request. In 1904 President Jacob Gould Schurman asked alumni trustee Charles F. Treman 1889 to organize alumni classes to boost attendance at Cornell's commencement ceremony. The following winter, class secretaries met for their first annual Mid-Winter Meeting, and on June 20, 1905, a president—William F. Atkinson 1885—was appointed to lead the Association of Class Secretaries.

Compared with the many opportunities for alumni involvement and leadership roles available today, the duties of CACO's original class secretaries seem staid, but their central purpose has remained unchanged. Henry DeForest 1884 outlined the role of secretaries in 1913. They were to "see that proper and uniform statistics of each class are kept, such that the regular class reunions are organized in a way to secure the greatest attendance from their members; to stimulate the work of Secretaries by proper cooperation; to secure a greater unity of action and feeling in the various classes, and in the alumni body as a whole."

Accomplishments in those early years included the publication of an alumni directory and the establishment of class treasuries. Dues were recommended at \$4 per year. By 1910 Cornellians were providing scholarship support, and in 1934 alumni sponsored the first "Cornell Day" to recruit prospective students. During tough times for the nation, alumni responded with outreach efforts. In 1934 Cornellians established a placement bureau, and in 1942 they held a reunion by radio, thus saving funds to purchase war bonds that would help finance the Allies.

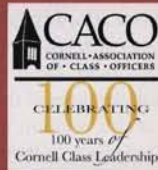
Today CACO unites seventy-four classes and more than 1,600 class officers. Class secretaries have been joined by webmasters, class correspondents,

Cornell Fund representatives, and other new positions. Leadership training programs have been fine-tuned by tapping the expertise of experienced and enthusiastic volunteer leaders. And CACO's original mission of building class leadership for alumni programs in order to connect Cornellians to the University and each other has stayed true over the course of a century. "Once you choose to become a class leader, a whole world opens up to you through other Cornellians," says Neuman. "I believe that staying connected to Cornell is good for you, whatever your connection to Cornell.

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Honorees are selected from candidates proposed by fellow Cornellians. Typically, they have been involved with alumni activities since their

graduation, and this year's recipients are no exception. "This year's Rhodes Award recipients exemplify alumni dedication at its highest level," says Muriel Bertenthal Kuhs '61, president of the Cornell Alumni Federation. "Their extraordinary achievements inspire us all, and help preserve Cornell's place 'far above.'"

The 2004 awardees are: Eleanor Applewhaite '59 (New York, New York), Harry Bovay Jr. '36 (Houston, Texas), Edward '63, MS '65, and Nancy Taylor Butler '64 (Tinton Falls, New Jersey), Emmett '64 and Carol Britton MacCorkle '64 (Menlo Park, California), Sanford '29 and Josephine Mills Reis '29 (Sarasota, Florida), and Ginger H.S. So '61 (Manlius, New York).

31 I look forward to more responses to my latest plea for “News” from all you surviving ’31ders, but at this writing (it’s mid-August right now), the only thing I have received is a great letter from **Tom Kelley** (Thomas D., 11770 NE Yeomalt Dr., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110). He says he is 96, but doesn’t mention how he is doing with the walker he reported he was using to get around his lovely home with its marvelous view across the Sound to Seattle. He says, “I have received a citation from the Washington State Bar Assn. retiring me with honor for 61 years of service.” Like all of us, Tom deplors the passing of **Frank O’Brien**, and sends me a copy of the story that he sent Frank some years ago about one of Frank’s ancestors, a King of Ireland and Lord of Bunratty Castle, which is now a tourist trap that Tom had visited on the River Shannon. Frank had sent the story on to me earlier, and I had just got around to putting it in the May/June 2004 issue.

Tom is also saddened by the death of **Ed Mintz**. He recalls that back in our freshman year he and Ed were “competes” for a place on the *Cornell Sun* staff. The measure of competence for the position was the number and length of the articles each submitted that were accepted for publication. Tom says, “I had a slight edge, because my Dad, **William V. Kelley 1893**, had been a famous Cornell football, lacrosse, and track star, and as an alumnus had been secretary of the Cornell Club of Spokane. He and his friends sent me items for publication.” Tom also had a brother **William V. Kelley Jr. ’26, LLB ’29**, who also probably chipped in with some contributions, but the “edge” that Tom claims was probably even slighter than he knew, because Ed’s father was **Aaron G. Mintz, LLB ’01**, and he had several other close Cornell relatives. If I remember correctly the fierceness of the competition for the *Sun* board, it sounds to me like the Kelley family beat the Mintz family, not just Tom vs. Ed.

As for myself, as this is written I have just returned from a nostalgia trip—the annual end-of-summer reunion of Camp Dudley alumni at Westport-on-Lake Champlain, NY. (I am still able to drive up from the Cape, with a stop each way at my son’s place in Vermont.) This is a boy’s summer camp, to which my father, **C. Reeve Vanneman ’03**, volunteered many hours of civil engineering survey work at the beginning of the Twenties, before I started a ten-year stint at the camp in 1923. My sons **William M. Vanneman Jr. ’65** and **Reeve D. “Ting” Vanneman ’67** and my two grandsons also attended for several years each. (I am already sending literature on camp to the non-Cornellian, non-Dudley parents of my 2-year-old grandson.)

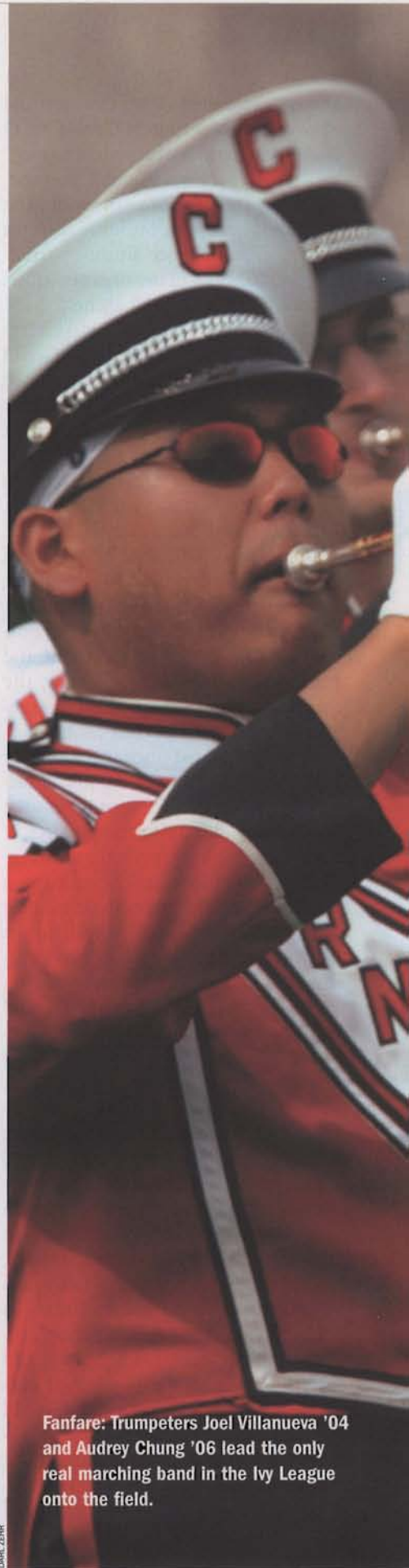
Like all my other friends to whom I mention that I am going to such an event, I have to assure you that I am NOT (yet) in my second childhood nor a victim of Alzheimer’s. Camp Dudley is DIFFERENT! Space does not permit a full defense of my sanity, but the fact that it is the oldest boy’s summer camp in continuous operation (founded 1885) is some indication that it is a solid institution. Fathers send their sons to Camp Dudley because they feel it did more to make them decent human beings than any other influence on their lives. The camp motto is “The Other Fellow First,” and this pervasive emphasis on the consideration of others in daily life accounts for much of the “difference.” Annual giving by alumni for scholarships to help worthy boys attend (who could not otherwise afford such a summer experience) reached \$400,000 last year.

Hundreds of alumni and their families return to Lake Champlain at various times of the year. There were about 300 at this reunion in August 2004. I have been coming back to them with the same regularity, and enthusiasm, that I have come back to my Cornell reunions. (Did I ever mention that because of the class distribution of my Cornell family, I can come back every year, and join one of their reunions? This is a Continuous Reunion Club advertisement!)

In my early days at Camp Dudley reunions, there was participation in sports, hiking, Adirondack mountain climbing, and other camp activities. Later there was a combination of my family joining with other families of our time and our children’s times. And lately it has been mostly observing all the fun that the younger generations are having. Also, as you have doubtless been experiencing at Cornell gatherings, we turn out to be the earliest class represented. At Camp Dudley meetings, I am now usually the one with the lowest Camp Number, and am appropriately acclaimed! (Big Deal! We all have camp numbers assigned at the time we are first accepted. Mine is 3,560. Recent campers are in the high 17,000s.)

Speaking of Cornell gatherings, in July I took the ferry to Martha’s Vineyard to attend a very fine afternoon party, thrown by the Island alumni/ae and hosted by **June Cronig Kapell ’46**, to which Cape Cod Cornellians were also invited. These meetings are fun! Don’t miss one in your neighborhood! ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 No. Main St., #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.

32 Having consulted myself at great length, I have concluded that enough is enough. Many factors have changed my lifestyle, and it is no longer practical for me to try to put together,



Fanfare: Trumpeters Joel Villanueva '04 and Audrey Chung '06 lead the only real marching band in the Ivy League onto the field.

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on a regular schedule, a meaningful set of Class Notes. A recent letter from **Martha Travis** Houck, who is enjoying life at Arbor Glen in Bridgewater, NJ, opened with this sentence: "Thanks for keeping the '32 column going all these years." Martha labored long and hard putting together items dealing with the women classmates, and her "thank you" has special significance for me.

Recently I returned to my home after a stint in a rehab center, where a lot of nice people taught me how to deal with a broken hip. After a decent interval settling into home living, I tackled my e-mail box and opened a five-week supply of offerings from **Ben Falk**. He is a prolific e-mailer and I wonder how he finds the time and energy to maintain the flow of traffic. Other than Ben, my contact with classmates is limited to **Whitey Mullestein** and **Walter Deming**.

Some of you (not many, I think) may wonder how I got to write the notes in what used to be called the *Cornell Alumni News*. **Richard Hayne Sampson** and I, both members of the editorial board of the *Cornell Daily Sun*, kept in touch sporadically after graduation. Both of us were in the real estate business, he in Chicago and I in Buffalo. Dick wrote the class column, commencing I know not when, and one day he called or wrote to say that his partner was ill and asking if I'd fill in until he could get his various activities under control. Dick submitted his last notes for the issue of July 1965, and my first effort appeared in the 1965 September issue. Sadly, Dick died the next year so that my temporary task lasted more than 39 years. As I said at the top, "Enough is enough."

But all is not lost! You may send any items for the '32 column to: Editor, Class Notes, 401 E. State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850-4440. ♦ **Jim Oppenheimer**, 140 Chapin Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14209.

On Aug. 21, 2004, the Local News section of the *Ithaca Journal* quoted your former class secretary, **Rev. Henry Horn**, in a story about the glory days of trolleys in the 1920s and '30s. The article, by former *Alumni News* editor **John Marcham '50**, featured selected sections of the 12-verse song "Street Car Sam," written by Henry's brother Edward, the oldest of the eight Horn children. "We had the schedule of cars and drivers and conductors," wrote Rev. Horn, "and called them by name. 'Street Car Sam' had historical groundings in our memory of eventful accidents where trolleys would lose their brakes or slip backward and off the tracks into trees or homes at State and Eddy streets." The article went on to note that Henry Horn became well known for his rousing renditions of "Street Car Sam" at Cornell reunion performances by the *Savage Club*!

Send your news to: ♦ Class of '33, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

35 When you receive this, you will have read the first class letter concerning plans for the 2005 Reunion in Ithaca, June 9-12, 2005. Please mark the dates when you receive your new calendars and make your plans to attend. **Tevis Goldhaft**, DVM '35, has written that he is looking forward to it and hopes he will see other Vet school graduates.

Dr. Norman '34 and **Meda Young Thetford** (68 South St., Eatontown, NJ 07724) are retired and spend January through April in Mt. Dora, FL 32757. They have four daughters, of whom two are Cornellians, as are a son-in-law and a granddaughter. **Margaret Sturm Conner** (14 E. 18th St., Ocean City, MD 21842) writes that husband **Bill '40**, MS '56, died in 1996 and that

reunion in Nashville, TN. She has two sons, two daughters, three granddaughters, and one grandson with impressive accomplishments, as well as two great-grandchildren.

William Surrey and his wife Beryl live at 200 Kidd Castle Way, #245, Webster, NY 14580. They have a daughter and a son, two granddaughters, and a grandson who is a West Point graduate, now a Captain in the US Army. William arrived at Omaha Beach in Normandy on his 33rd birthday on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and his Landing Craft Tank (LCT) was destroyed; he was severely wounded. He is presently healthy and believes he is the oldest member of the class. He is active in the Rochester Cornell Club and in his church. If you come to reunion in June, William, we can use your piano-playing expertise.

Charlie Bogel (105 Connetquot Rd., Bayport, NY 11705) had his own real estate and insurance firm until 1984. He and his wife Marjorie, who passed away in 1996, had three daughters, eight grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He was a Rotarian for 50 years and is the oldest alumnus of Bayport High School. He has been very active in community affairs.

I hope that you will all enjoy a beautiful fall and that the Big Red team will have a terrific season. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

36 First, we'll start with news about some of our ladies—for good reason, as you will see. **Gladys Godfrey MacKay** has sent me a long letter about her experiences in WWII, notable not only for her contributions as a Navy commissioned communications officer, but for the fact that she was one of the 900 women who were the first ever to be commissioned as officers in the Navy as part of the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). FDR signed a law establishing this branch of the Navy on July 30, 1942, and the first members were sworn in on the following Labor Day. They reported for boot camp on Oct. 6, 1942 (which coincidentally was also my first day in the Navy, except I reported at MIT). Gladys says, "We did everything the men did, except for one thing. We completed their three-month drill in six weeks, and they had to make out a new drill schedule."

She also feels strongly about the contributions that the women in the Armed Services made to the outcome of that war, saying that their entry was "absolutely a turning point in the war. In Berlin after the war we found meticulous German planning showing that if the US entered the war, it would take us so many weeks to do this and so many weeks to do that. Their figures were absolutely accurate in all ways until a point was reached when we began to speed up. This was when women entered the war, a contingency Germany had not counted on. American women were the straw that broke the back of Germany." Gladys also notes that she and her brother **Joseph E. Godfrey '39** and her cousin **Royden F. Allen '40** and her husband and three of his brothers were all in uniform in WWII. A remarkable family and a very interesting story

‘My temporary task lasted more than 39 years.’

JIM OPPENHEIMER '32

33 We were happy to receive news recently from two members of the Class of '33. **Dorothy Katzin** Greenfield wrote from her hometown of Maplewood, NJ, where she was glad to report that she had completed six years in the Winchester Gardens retirement community. "My two sons live nearby with five grandchildren—no 'greats' yet. I'm really sorry to have missed our last reunion, but glad to note that so many classmates did make it." Dorothy must have appreciated receiving the class pocket diary all those years—she sent a plea to continue with them!

Alfred Bennett celebrated a birthday on Sept. 8, which he referred to as "Big 92." "I look forward to next year, which would be 'Big 93.'" He adds, "I would be glad to hear from any of my classmates and would surely respond (25215 Village 25, Camarillo, CA 93012)."

since then, the family has grown by four great-grandchildren. The family includes Cornellians **Lynn Conner Gillen '61**, **Jackie Eaton '82**, and **Caryl Eaton Cardenas '84**. Margaret has sent me a picture of her beautiful family, which I wish I could print. Sorry, Margaret.

Ellison Taylor (143 Orchard Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830) is a retired chemist with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. His wife **Ruth (Young) '34** is deceased. They had two sons, two grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and a great-granddaughter. He has occasional contacts with **Irving Taylor '34**.

Jean Elizabeth Farnsworth Pinson (5480 Marengo Ave., #S-70, La Mesa, CA 91942) lost her husband Ernest of 66 years in December 2003, but stays as active as she can in Grossman Gardens, a retirement community. She has traveled to a wedding in Colorado and to a family

about that significant time in our country's history! Thank you, Gladys. She can be reached at 162 Kendal Drive, Oberlin, OH 44074.

Muriel Kinney Reisner (1801 S. Flagler Dr., Apt. 1203, West Palm Beach, FL 33401) says that she is still traveling and enjoying cruises and visits to NYC in between "my ballroom dancing" in Florida. Her daughter recently moved from Tiburon, CA, to Palm Beach Gardens to be near her. **Margaret Kraemer** Rumble moved to 19716 Greenside Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20886 in September '03 to be with her family and says she "enjoyed the move—lots to do here." **Libby Raynes Adelman** (2377 Harbour Oaks Dr., Longboat Key, FL 34228) tells us that her daughter Naomi received her PhD in public health policy and became a grandma, making Libby a great-grandmother for the first time—"very exciting." And finally, **Evelyn Goetcheus** Beiderbecke (233 Cottage Pl., Charlotte, NC 28207) says that her 18-year-old granddaughter and namesake lives with her while going to Central Piedmont Community College, which is within walking distance. "I have glaucoma but still read and play the piano for Sunday School. One grandson in 10th grade plays the violin in the Sacramento Youth Symphony orchestra, another grandson is a junior at NYU, and another is in Taiwan. My daughter and her husband live in Wilmington and visit me often."

Bob Price (11 Malden Street, Holden, MA 01520) has this to say: "My wife **Ruth (Bentley)** '36 and I continue to be in reasonably good health, which is our important news. She keeps us in touch with our children and six grandchildren, does beautiful enamel work, and enjoys brisk walks with the family. I continue to practice law, serve as the current Price family genealogist, and enjoy hiking in the Swiss Alps. However, as befits my age, I carry a backpack of camera gear instead of an ice axe, crampons, and climbing rope, as in the past." Bob, nice to hear from you; we'll expect to see you in Ithaca in '06. And here's **James K. Thomas** with another sad tale, who says as follows: "My wife Naomi and I are still living the good life, wintering in Arizona (14219 W. Ravenswood Drive, Sun City West, 85375) and spending summers in Hawaii (76-6283 Alii Dr., #A-205, Kailua-Kona, 96740). We manage to slip down to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for a few weeks in between." He continues, "We tallied our 26th ocean cruise not long ago and are busily wrestling with the question of what our next destination should be. It's a rough life." You and your wife have our deepest sympathies, Jim. How about a side trip to Ithaca in a couple of years?

Charles "Gil" Gildersleeve entered Alexian Brothers Retirement Home, Signal Mountain, TN (near Chattanooga) a couple of years ago and says it's a beautiful location, though somewhat isolated. His health is generally good "for his age," with very little arthritis, though writing is a laborious task. "I've never been back to campus since graduation—only an eon ago. I have many fond memories . . . and also dark ones of those Great Depression days." He has been able to return to Europe twice (in 1993 and 1997) at his expense since his "all-expenses-paid trip" in 1944, and noted many welcome changes in the meantime.

You, too, Gil. Plan on coming back to Ithaca. It's still as beautiful as ever, but with lots of changes. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95409; e-mail, subilhoyt@sbcglobal.net.

37 Our annual class News and Dues letter should have arrived recently. Please do pay those class dues and keep us informed of your activities by filling out the News Card and mailing it in. A return envelope is always provided. I hope that your winters will be mild this year, and that you'll let me know all your holiday plans. We hope to hear from many more of you as time goes by.

We got a call in September from the daughter of **James S. Thompson**. She asked that we let his classmates know that he died on Aug. 24, 2004 in Ashland, OR. James had previously lived in La Jolla, CA.

Dorothy McCormack Grady once took a trip up the coast of Labrador in a 62-foot sailboat with four French-Canadians. She writes that although they were strangers at the start, they were good friends at the end. They were heading for Nain, but never got there, as the icepack cut the anchor. Two years later, she took a small freighter/passenger boat up the same coast. This time there was no icepack, so the boat got all the way to Nain. Dorothy is still involved with the Bethel Historical Society and the Red Cross Blood Drive.

Your correspondent **Selma Block** Green was busy traveling over the summer. My family and I spent some time in East Hampton and Montauk, where we visited friends, went antiquing, and relaxed at the beach. My daughter Lori and I also traveled to Newport, RI, where we toured the mansions and historic sights. I keep busy volunteering at the Senior Personnel Employment Council, part of the Family Service of Westchester County. My responsibilities include interviewing and hiring senior citizens for a variety of positions.

Have a happy, healthy holiday. And write us! ♦ **Selma Block** Green, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

39 After an absolutely wonderful Reunion and a cool, wet non-summer, I must try to catch up on further notes about Reunion before the new school year starts. The students are back in town, the number of cars has swelled, and traffic has become a serious problem since Ithaca's South End is suddenly being invaded by "big box" chain stores with resulting new traffic patterns we are finding very confusing. If you remember Ithaca as a sleepy, small town, forget it! We are almost big-time.

A few notes from men I interviewed at Reunion: **Ben Dean** is still writing and publishing his history series on his family and many aspects of Cornell. His latest is about the Cornell crews over the years. (In passing, I would like to know if one of our classmates joined former members of 1954 for the Saturday morning row down at the lake. The '54 men have a picture for him, but never got his name.) **Alexander Yaxis** talked about his life as a dairy farmer in

Amityville, Long Island, and is still a part-timer in his dairy business.

Donald Whiteman of Adams, NY, was a county agent until his retirement, specializing in artificial breeding and "Blue Bird" seed development. **Otto Arthur Poirier** had fascinating things to say about his life as a geologist with Chevron for 37 years. He spent ten years exploring on the Gulf Coast and in Australia, and also lived in Paris, The Hague, and Madagascar. If only I had had time to talk to more of the men! I was pleased to discover they are equally as engaging as our women.

Some comments have already come in from our classmates. **Florence Morgenstern** Dreizen wrote, "Reunion was fine—meeting old friends—but sad because so few of us were there. Being with **Ruth Gold** Goodman, MA '41, and others brought back memories of younger times. My daughter **Alison Dreizen** '74 and 4-year-old granddaughter (wearing a Class of 2022 shirt!) made the weekend complete."

Helen Cooney Bourque on Reunion: "It was an event I looked forward to and it exceeded my expectations. The Statler was very handy, the staff very friendly and gracious. The talks by **Edward Lu** '84, our own astronaut, were very enlightening, and President **Lehman**'s talk was humorous and apropos. All in all, it was a wonderful time and I'm looking forward to my 70th, fate willing."

There's more to tell, but I am writing this column with the aid of eye drops and a magnifying glass, so I shall just say, "To be continued." Have a great autumn and a healthy and happy New Year. Let's hope this winter is better than the last! ♦ **Ruth Gold** Goodman, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-6357; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

Thanks again to my co-correspondent for her excellent coverage of Reunion 2004. Here are some updates that came in over the last few months. **Arnold Allison** (Tamarac, FL) couldn't make reunion, but says that his heart was with his classmates. His wife of many years passed away three years ago. **Robert Crew** (Boise, ID) attended our 55th Reunion ten years ago with his grandson, and was able to show Cornell to him. **Robert Wilson** visits with his sister (and classmate!) **Evelyn Wilson** Monroe, who is confined to a wheelchair, at the Cokesbury Retirement Home in Hockessin, DE. They weren't able to attend the 65th.

John Present still enjoys life on Hilton Head Island, SC, and manages to play nine holes of golf. He works behind the scenes to improve local and county government ordinances. As his emphysema keeps him from traveling, he was not able to attend the 65th. He feels very fortunate to have his oldest daughter and her husband living near them. **Lee Frair** (Portville, NY) was unable to attend reunion because of illness in the family, but sends his regards. **Harry Johns** (Aspen, CO) was recovering from a back operation and didn't want to be one of the walking wounded. He says he is alert and curious, but is again divorced. **Kenneth Holgate** (Dundee, NY) was sorry he couldn't attend, and also sends his best regards. **Peter Kendzior** is listed as living in

Lymington, England, but because of a back failure after visiting his son and daughter in the States, he regrettably had to miss reunion.

Chester Freeman, MS '45, lost his wife **Irene (Schoff)** '40 in 1991. Chet toured six countries via Elderhostel, ending up in Tinian in the Northern Marianas, where during WWII he flew B-29's against Japan until the end of the war. Afterwards, he taught communications for 40 years, and is now a retired professor emeritus. **Lawrence Phil Young** retired in 1979 as an engineer at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., now Southwestern Bell Co. He lives on a rural area in Gravette, AR, with lots of trees and wildlife. He often counts as many as seven deer within 50 feet of his home. **J. Stanley Hall's** note from Attica, NY, was a little difficult to read, but I believe he teaches social studies to adult students. He is also a member of IOOF and has been a member of the Lions Club for 40 years.

Dr. **Sidney Martin** passed way this spring. His family would love to hear from any who knew him (John Martin, 17 Martin Rd., Chateaugay, NY 12920). Sidney retired from veterinary practice in 1980. He was an active member of the Burke Adult Center, devoting time to the Meals On Wheels program and serving on the Board of Directors. He was a member of the local fire department, the school board, and the Franklin County Cooperative Extension board. He inspected animal hospitals around the state for certification in the American Animal Hospital Assoc. More news next time. ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

40 **George Reader**, MD '43, tells of two sons: **Jonathan** '66, PhD '81, a professor at Drew U., and **Peter**, a professor at Seton Hall U. George is still a board member of VNS-NY. **James Cowden** writes from 9315 Glenwood Trail, Brecksville, OH. He is researching the gross inadequacies and disease consequences of US toxic management policy and practices. He is doing his best to publicize data he has acquired. He was invited to present these findings to the Science Advisory Board of the International Joint Commission at their biennial meeting. He continues to accumulate data on chronic diseases such as autism and lymphomas that are associated with environmental toxins such as pesticides and industrial chemicals. His goal is to create public awareness, which is now lacking. He welcomes any comments or questions from his classmates.

Ruth Maughan Russell writes from her new home in a retirement home in Lexington, MA (1010 Waltham St., #427). She writes that there are "wonderful, interesting people . . . 99 percent professionals . . . many authors and painters." She often goes to hear the Boston Symphony, and enjoys opera, ballet, and theaters close by. Her son lives nearby with his two children. She says she is very happy and healthy, and adds, "I'll see you at our 65th Reunion."

In early 2003, **Forrest Griffith** set up a scholarship fund for high school dining services personnel at the retirement home where he lives in Timonium, MD. I hope the fund has grown in

the two years since I first heard from him. At that time, he was still racing his 40-foot sailboat, cruising the Chesapeake Bay. He talks with **Dean Wallace** and **J.J. Donoghue** by phone. They are all well and active. "J.J. claims he is having fun misbehaving, while sailing his boat with help from a female crew." You fellows are too much.

More next time. ♦ **Carol Clark** Petrie, Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

41 We had a rainy, cool summer here in Ithaca, and all that rain made wonderful waterfalls. Thanks for all the news you have sent. **Jean Palmer** Gerlach (Cleveland, OH) now lives in Judson Manor. She's in an independent apartment in a beautiful old building once known as the Wade Manor Hotel. It faces Severance Hall—where the Cleveland Symphony concerts are given—and Case Western U. She is within walking distance of the Art Museum, the Botanical Gardens, and the Frank Girby Bldg., which houses the Weatherhead School of Management. **Shirley Munson** Stiles (Palo Alto, CA) is now living with limited vision and learning how to survive in a motor-driven society without a driver's license. She is grateful for books on tape and wonderful friends.

Allene Cushing Knibloe (Sarasota, FL) says she is winding down. She has given up judging flower shows, with all the meetings, etc., but she still golfs and cooks. Her husband Wells cleans house. She beams over her one grandchild, 11 years old. The Knibloes winter in Florida, and this past February they had the pleasure of dining with visitor Don Rakow, director of the Cornell Plantations. This occurred because Allene represented the Class of '41 when they invested in a planting of pine trees. Summers they are near Buffalo. **Isabelle Richards** McDermid (Centerville, OH) writes that she and husband William enjoy a quiet life in their retirement. Their children are all doing well and they are blessed with six grandchildren and three greats. Two of the grandchildren live in Alaska and the three greats are presently in Hawaii where their father, a member of the Class of 1989, is a Lt. Cmdr. in the US Navy Submarine Corps.

Florence James McCullough (Doylestown, PA) writes, "There have been six more of our family who have received Cornell degrees, so I've felt vicariously in contact with campus life. One grandson, an engineering grad, regularly recruits there for his company, Arup Engineering, which is designing the soon-to-be West Campus. I'll be up-to-date on that development. **Dorothy Newman** Seligman (Somers, NY) and husband Donald are well and happy. They play a lot of tennis (indoor and outdoor) and golf in season. They planned to go to Alaska in June for a 10-day cruise, with stops for a few days in Vancouver and Victoria. Their Cornell children live close by and they see a lot of them and the grandchildren.

Barbara Schnapp Eisen (Gainesville, FL) has been living in a retirement community for almost three years. Though it is not the best time in her life, she will not have to live with her daughters. One of them lives only 20 miles away, so she sees that family often. She still travels to San Francisco to see her other daughter and her

family. Happy Holidays to all! More news in the next issue. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggins, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, flower@localnet.com.

Albert Waite's wife says they are fortunate to be in fairly good health, except that Albert's eyesight is failing. **Gerard Clarke** sends a brief message that describes most of us in our eighth decade: "Still alive, but slowing down." Dr. **Herbert Abrams** travels coast to coast. In the winter he teaches and does research at Stanford. In the summer they enjoy their home in Martha's Vineyard, where their son and daughter also have homes. For vacations he meets his family and skis at Squaw Valley. **Lawrence Kalik** has a new honor. On April 8, 2002, he was appointed Special Master in the Appellate Division of the NYS Supreme Court. "Since then I have learned more law than in all my years in private practice. Amazing how much one can learn by listening to opposing lawyers appearing before you."

Walker Peterson is a traveling man. In January, he went to Australia and New Zealand with two daughters. He then went to Key West and Naples, FL. From there, just for a chuckle, he flew to Bermuda and played 18 holes of golf at Mid-Ocean Club. His plan for October was to follow Lewis and Clark's path up Oregon's Columbia River. **Joseph Hilzer** is still "doddering between Singer Island, FL, and Flemington, NJ." He is making an effort to stay away from doctors' offices. "As we progress into the year, I have two wishes: our men and women in service to get back home, and a new tenant in the White House." **John Borst** and his wife are happy and very busy in their life at a continuing care retirement community in Leesburg, FL. They enjoyed the annual Cornell Picnic with 30 others, including **Don Robinson**, MS '54. They expect a difficult summer trying to sell the log house they enjoyed for 25 years in Hamilton, NY.

Jim Hathorne sent an article about the closing of his electronics store in downtown Canandaigua, NY. For two decades it was an anchor store. This scribe will be glad to send the two-page article to those interested. Dr. **Edward Steinfeldt** owns ten acres in Cortland, NY, including a creek, two ponds, and one house. He does his own maintenance. He winters in Siesta Key, FL, where he plays golf. "I feel fortunate to have lived so long. I quit fishing and sold my boat because of a bad back. I phone **Joe Ferris**." **Julian Smith** lost his wife of 57 years. He now lives in Kendal at Ithaca and is active on various committees. As a member of the Savage Club he has sung at Kendal, the Ithaca Yacht Club, and the 2003 Reunion in Bailey Hall. He completed writing the 7th edition of *Unit Operations of Chemical Engineering* for McGraw-Hill.

Bill Flickinger is also living in a continuing care community, this one in Cary, NC. "We are zoo people and go to see polar bears who live in a cage and look out at us. This all happened at Churchill, Manitoba, on the western coast of Hudson Bay, where the bears wait for the bay to freeze over." **Paul Spiers** belongs to the Geriatric Pilots Association of Rochester, NY, where about 200 WWII pilots enjoy a breakfast once a month.

Cornell members include **Godfrey Malchoff '43**, BS '46, and **Pete Schwarz '47**. ♦ **Ralph Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., #408, Richmond, VA 23225-5233.

42 Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (NYC) has generously complimented the class for its bill-paying proclivities. 209 classmates paid dues promptly, and she adds cheers for all who added a special contribution to make us debt-free. As a thank you, Liz sent everyone a copy of Franz Kafka's *The Trial*, so we can keep in touch with what's happening among students these days. CyberTower Forums, which offer video-streamed conversations with leading members of the faculty, include one on *The Trial*. Log on to <http://cybertower.cornell.edu> to find out more. And send me your comments on the book. Thanks, Liz, for being such a classy Pres.

News of the Coors family in our last column brought a letter from **Firth Perryman '43**, and the news that **Pete Coors '69**, son of the late **Joseph Coors '39** and CEO of the Coors Brewing Company, is running for the Colorado Senate. Firth Perryman writes, "Joe Coors was my first boss when I started working for Sheffield Farms in Manhattan right after my graduation. There is a book about the Coors family, *Citizen Coors*, by Dan Baum." Other good reads are (according to **Ken Stofer '43**) *Scotsman's Dream*, a Cornell inter-woven book by **Warner Bott Berry '62**, LLB '65, and *Window on Congress: A Congressional Biography of Barber B. Conable Jr.* by James S. Fleming, which examines Conable's 20-year career as a US Representative. As ranking Republican on the Ways & Means Committee, he played a critical role in Watergate and led the World Bank as president before he retired.

Glenn and **Margaret Botsford** (Kendal at Ithaca) reminisce about skating and tobogganing on Beebe Lake. They donated to the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art five pieces of pre-Columbian ceramics, and to the College of Human Ecology (Textile and Costume Collection) an antique serape, all from Peru. **John Chesebro** (Springfield, VA) retired from the US Army and now enjoys golf, as well as his three grandchildren.

Will Templeton (Oceanside, CA) wrote about the Memorial Dedication last summer honoring the valiant and remarkable services of the WWII cruiser USS *San Diego* and the men who served aboard it during the years 1941-45. "We had 75 shipmates attend. This was a large number considering all of the factors. They brought with them wives, families, and friends totaling 300. It was a good party, considering they are mostly 80-year-olds, but it was tough on me and Connie, and we are happy it is past and we can return to our life-before-the-Memorial days."

Cornell's recent athletic achievements included four academic All-American selections—more than any other Ivy League school. The girl's softball team, featuring an excellent pitcher, qualified for the NCAA tournament that was shown on ESPN.

Sadly, we tell of the passing of **Mario Cuni-berti** (Columbus, OH). A longtime member of the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers, he

was also a member of many car clubs: Veteran & Vintage, Classic of America, and Franklin. A varsity crew member, he participated in the Greater Columbus Rowing Assn.

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 updates it regularly. ♦ **Carolyn Evans** Finneran, 8815 46th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335; tel., (253) 265-6618; e-mail, ceefinn@juno.com.

43 Sadly we report that good friend and classmate **Roy Unger**, beloved class president both as undergrad and alumnus, died of leukemia at Kendal at Ithaca August 18. Alas. Only the week before, we had collaborated on the 2005 News and Dues letter. For a great Cornell stroll down memory lane, read his entry in the Compendium. Roy, we'll miss you.

One-time Big Red griddier **Dan Nehrer** wrote me from San Diego, CA: "According to the alumni magazine, you seem to have suffered a physical setback. Not to worry: time wounds all heels . . . or something like that. My problem is loss of appetite, so I'm shrinking, which may not

‘Shirley Munson Stiles is learning how to survive in a motor-driven society without a driver's license.’

DOROTHY TALBERT WIGGANS '41

be all bad. Anyway, I look forward to hearing of your complete recovery." Dan, I lost some control of my left arm, left leg, sense of humor. Good progress on the limbs.

I came across a batch of old News Forms. I apologize for letting them get so old, and beg the following good folk—in fact, all who pass this way—to send me an update: **John Casale**, **Mary Alice Dietrich** Evans, PhD '53, **Bob Hutton**, **Howard LaMorte**, **Fuzzy Raffel**, **Dick Rochow**, and **Marjorie Reed** Sheffer.

Here are some short but still timely updates from ancient times. **Josh Hurwitz** (Chestnut Hill, MA) writes: "At the onset of WWII, after two fine years at Cornell, I transferred to Harvard at my parents' request. I still have fond memories of my time in Ithaca. My younger brother is Class of 1951." In late 2002, **Allan Drake** (Lake Placid, NY) was enjoying retirement and keeping in contact with **Joe Hickey**. They usually get together once a year. From **Jeanne Moorman** Kleppinger: "No news. I haven't broken anything. I neither lost my shirt nor made a fortune in the crazy market. I have not yet been thrown out of this Quaker retirement home nor been transferred to their Alzheimer's unit. So—no news is good news!"

Ray Ward (Waverly, NY) wrote, "This old bum has been admitted to membership in America's oldest and most respected writers organization, The Authors Guild. I've also joined forces

with a retired publisher of military histories to launch Weldon Publications Inc. The major publishers have shut their doors to all but the big-bucks fiction producers and celebrity bios. We're attempting to do the impossible: open the door to a few worthy authors. Foundation and corporate support may enable us to go one step further: to provide free texts to the service academies and to universities with military training programs."

Daniel Woolfe lives in Boynton Beach, FL, in the winter, and the Berkshires in the summer. "Music is my biggest interest, attending many concerts in both places, plus a music appreciation course at Peabody Institute in Baltimore. Still see some Vet school friends, **Morris Povar '41**, DVM 44, and **Norman Simon**, DVM '50." "We are now bi-coastal," writes **Jack Cole** of Ashland, OR. Two years ago, he and Lynn purchased a second home in Basking Ridge, NJ, and now split time between their two locations.

From **Betsy Small Schrader**: "How did any of us find time to work with all we do in retirement? Still running the Language Bank of Cleveland, going strong for 29 years [and that was in 2003]! I garden and play bridge, and the three-times-weekly workout at a great fitness center keeps the back from going completely out of

whack. Daughter **Connie '75** (Asheville, NC) and son **Allan '76** (Portland, OR) are doing well, and non-Cornell son has now accounted for two Cornell grandkids: **Robbins Schrader '03** and a new NROTC Ensign, and **Corbin Schrader '04**, doing well and loving women's varsity crew. Gus and I continue travels, most recently Cuba. An upcoming cruise to Alaska will be a family reunion—not all, but ten of us. The years have sure been good, haven't they!"

Bon vivant and all-round athlete (crew, wrestling, football—all at 150 pounds) **Tom Nobis** lost his long bout with cancer in February. This scribe got to play end only when Tom was hurt, which, as we joked at every reunion, was too often for him, not often enough for me. **Ted Zimmerman**, DVM '43, wrote a note after reading of the death of **Hugh Brown**. "I played 150-pound football with him and **Bill Buxbaum**, now both gone. Bill was the toughest blocker I ever met. He could have played on the Cornell Varsity." Ted says he's still going strong with tennis and golf. "Lost my Mrs. to breast cancer in 2000. My significant other is a Cornellian, **Sylvia Margolis Kaufman '41**. Regards to all."

More from **Ann Morgenstern** Cohen (Mt. Vernon, NY; cohenannm@aol.com): "My roommate **Helen Abeloff** Weinberg wants all her friends to know that her grandson Douglas was chosen by early admission to be a member of

the Class of 2008. He's from Arlington, VA. By the time this gets printed, he will be happily attending classes in the College of Arts and Sciences." Here's what Ann added to her recent raves about our 60th: "I succeeded in my dream of walking the Arts Quad with my trusty walker (the Nova Clipper) and I took pictures of Ezra and Andrew to prove it to the folks back home. Did the women of that class 50 years ago also get the blue jackets?" Answer: No, Ann. Let me tell you the story (forgive me, Roy) of the blue jackets. Jack Slater . . . zzzzzz . . . ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

44 Intrepid Art Kesten, in his inimitable style, has thoroughly described reunion in print to all, as well as on the website. But no mention was made of the presentation of 12 honorary class members, a ceremony that took place in Barton Hall. Each was escorted by selected individuals, then introduced by **Andi Capi**, MD '46, just before the group photo was taken. The honorees included President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes and the directors of Alumni Affairs, Athletics, etc., who have assisted the Class of '44 with its Memorial Room, reunions, etc., through the years. Eight other honorees, some non-Cornellians, were able to attend. Responses to the bright green News and Dues requests have been many and speedy. First and most far-flung is **Bill Felver**, MA '50, whose

home is on the Isle of Bute in Scotland. A year ago he retired from 11 years as organist and choirmaster at his church on the mainland. He still plays at the small Episcopal church in Rothesay, Bute, "to which I officially belong. But no choir, no proper organ, and no salary—and no more Sunday ferry rides." **Cushing Phillips** of Magnolia Springs, AL, said they've been focusing on the stock market with little pleasure. Barry "gets quiet satisfaction from running the Altar Guild of St. Paul's Chapel." The **Milton Stolaroffs** of Los Angeles again visited Germany and Austria. A highlight was a gondola ride to a permanent glacier 10,000 feet high. They also enjoyed a ten-day visit to Vienna guided by native friends.

Alan Kaplan is happily watching nine grandchildren grow older—from one in diapers to adulthood. He lives in Chapel Hill, NC. **Robert F. Miller**, MNS '49, PhD '51, of DeBary, FL, plays golf and does yard work while caring for an ill wife. **Wayne Faulkner** plays golf every day "in this beautiful place we call Carolina Trace, Sanford, NC." He also is caretaker of an ill wife. Dr. **Louis Shor**, BA '47, DVM '53, thanks the Kestens and enjoys '44 news in the magazine. **Jo Cook** Bertelsen Wilson says, "Grandchildren, their parents, and their grandparents all grow older." They still commute between Wayland, MA, and Cayman Brac. **Alice Gallup** Stout of Springfield, VA, went to Colorado for her older son's 50th birthday. **Maryellen Severinghaus** Bowers wrote of an ice storm that caused a five-day power outage (house temperature 49°) in Chapel Hill, NC. **Joe Hofheimer**, BA '46, retired from Richard Bauer & Co. Inc. after 56 years. "It was a good run."

Bill Brown, BS '47, wrote from Charlottesville, VA, "Grandchildren now getting married, so we must be getting old." **Marvin Huyck**, MD '47, of Walton, NY, is a hockey fan. They winter in Naples, FL. **Philip McGinnis** of Newark, DE, traveled to Ithaca to watch his grandson play hockey against Union. **Lou Donkle** wrote from Michigan City, IN, "After 25 years of saying 'next year' we are finally getting some home improvements done." **Dan Morris** claims three grandsons. The **Charles De Bares**, JD '49, of NYC had six married children and ten grands spending the summer with them on the Jersey Shore. They also had a "fabulous trip to Vancouver and Alaska."

Lois Serby Rubaii of Clearwater, FL, is active in her church and has been a social worker at the YMCA for 30 years. She has six professionally successful children and eight grands. **Zelda Guttman** Damashek of Scarsdale, NY, always feels good when she encounters someone from Cornell, young or old. "It is a never-ending bond." She keeps in touch with **Carol Goldfarb** Schreiber and **Amy Hall** Bronstein. **George Elliott** of Cortland, NY, spends March in Palm Coast, FL, and sees **Kay Smith Mancini** '46 often. (Ed. Note: Thank you for your note re the Women in Military Service Memorial—I am registered.) **Rose Matt** of Saratoga Springs, NY, has "pesky health problems," but does get around. She thanks the Kestens for all they do.

Marjory Underwood Marker of Penny Farms, FL, had a serious neck injury. Daughters

from Jordan and Niger came to help her recover. **William S. Wheeler** and Jo divide their time between Sedona, AZ, and Nantucket, MA. **Hindy** and **Phillip Lewin**, PhD '69, of Denver, CO, belong to an athletic club and two book clubs, and have a daughter and family nearby. Their oldest grandchild is now married. **Howard**, B Chem E '47, and **Marian Graham Blose**, BS '46, "have a wonderful marriage—three married children and four grands. They all love each other and love us. We are in great shape." **Eleanor Johnson** Morse of Marietta, GA, has three children and four grands living nearby. Two more grands live in Connecticut. She and her husband are healthy and "just enjoying life."

Raymond and **Martha Edson Baxter**, after 23 years in Florida, have moved to Genesee, PA, where Ray was building a cottage on their pond property. **Virginia MacArthur** Clagett wrote from Altantic Highlands, NJ, about watching Princeton defeat Cornell at football. She and her son and two grandsons enjoyed "the beautiful, warm, sunny day." **Don Crandall**, BS '47, of Medina, NY, has three sons and nine grands. He visited his son in Redwood City, CA, who works for OCE, an international conglomerate based in the Netherlands. This visit prompted Don to send many words philosophizing about Silicon Valley and California politics.

Merry Holidays and a healthy, happy 2005 to all. P.S. Note classmates' addresses and find your neighbors. ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

45 Thanks to all who have furnished news for this column by sending in the latest class news form. This form also asked for an indication of plans to attend our big 60th Reunion, only six months away. So far, over 60 classmates, many with spouses, have signed on, including Dr. **Isaac Levine** (Cincinnati, OH), **June Maughan** Maclure (Clearwater, FL), **Bruce Weir** (Cocoa Beach, FL), who is still doing some engineering consulting when not flying or sailing, and **Nancy Nixdorf** Rose (Albuquerque, NM), who is busy with bridge, birdwatching, gardening, volunteering at a V.A. hospital and a museum, and traveling all over the country. If these New Mexicans and Floridians can attend, so can you! Make your plans now. A couple of classmates offer weak excuses for not coming, such as **Faye Seelbach** Schmitt (Homosassa, FL), who is opting for the Outer Banks of North Carolina (I'll take Ithaca any time), and **Reuben Pannor** (Palisades, CA), who is busy with California peace movements (no comment).

I had my own traveling mini-reunion in July. After my wife of 53 years died in June, my old Beta roomie and close friend over the years, **Mark Pendleton** (Islesboro, ME), invited me to visit him and his wife Joanne, for whom our daughter is named, for a few days, watch the grass grow, eat lobster, and clean cobwebs from the head. I did so and had a most enjoyable time on the island. On the way, I lunched with co-president **Maxine Katz** Morse at a waterfront restaurant in Portsmouth, NH, and on the

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return trip spent a night in Annapolis, MD, with **William and Mary Lib Mershon Hoffmann**, including a delicious dinner at their new home, joined by our other co-president **Tod Knowles**, MBA '49, and his delightful wife Marion, who live around the corner in a most attractive retirement community.

George Nichols (Allentown, PA) sent special regards to Tod, which I did not receive in time to deliver in person, and also reports that he and wife Suzanne are pleased that their son lives nearby with two granddaughters and that their daughter has produced true Cornellians: **Suzanne** is at Cornell Medical College and **Drew** was a June graduate. George did not indicate his reunion plans, but he'd best come to visit with Tod and the rest of us and also to tell us the last name of his daughter's Cornellians. He may even tell us some sea stories, since his e-mail address is pbnavav@webtv.net. Another noncommittal classmate is **Meta Flamberg** Cooper, who lives not too far from George, in Willow Grove, PA. These Pennsylvanians don't have that long a trip to Ithaca, so they ought to get with the program! Meta can even discuss medical schooling with George, as her grandson is now interning in Denver; her granddaughter Melinda was a May graduate from Arizona State. Meta planned to attend, but we have no update on that.

From Davis, CA, **M. Patricia Moore** Williams is happy that her daughter has moved nearby, since husband Bill died in May 2003. Before that, Pat and Bill started two homes for mentally ill adults, with which daughter Kathy now helps. They still conduct weekly singalongs. Pat hopes to attend reunion, as does **Doris Klein** Lelchook (Newton, MA), who, in May, visited her granddaughter in Seville, Spain, where she is studying as part of the junior year program at George Washington U. Last Thanksgiving, son **David Lelchook '78** trekked from San Diego, CA, to be with Doris and her Israeli granddaughter. Doris keeps busy with the League of Women Voters and numerous volunteer programs. Binghamtonian **Carolyn Hendrickson** Cummings also reports being busy in retirement, especially with the Cornell Club of the Southern Tier. She also keeps in touch with their Cornellians, son **John Jr. '71**, whom she visited in Florida, and daughter **Carolyn '78**, who came all the way from her home in Kenya to say hello. **Richard H. Allen**, BS '47 (Cincinnati, OH) is happy with his excellent health, as well as that of his wife. He's recently taken three western downhill skiing trips, the last with two sons in Alta, UT, where they had 36 inches of fresh snow dumped on them, which he considered a blessing, an opinion to which he's entitled but with which some of us might differ. For the last dozen years, he has volunteered helping repair houses for the poor and is also secretary of the Cincinnati Chamber Music Society. Daughter Emily is "chairman" (these days a politically incorrect term) of the chemical and materials engineering departments at San Jose State U. A bit far for reuniting is Hamburg, Germany, where **Sidney Bludman**, despite retiring as a professor emeritus of U. of Pennsylvania, is doing full-time research in theoretical astrophysics and cosmology. He and wife Ellen Schaffer find time

to travel all over Europe. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnect.com.

46 Dr. Newton and **Dotty Sells** Miller (Floral Park, NY; summer, Westhampton Beach) wrote about their three granddaughters: "**Miriam Post '99** is graduating from Jefferson Medical College followed by a residency at Massachusetts General Hospital; **Arielle Kurzweil '05** is completing her junior year in a Cornell program in Seville, Spain; and her sister **Melissa '07** is completing her freshman year in Human Ecology." What a busy June 2004 you've had, Dotty.

On Aug. 14, Sal and **Pat Kinne** Paoletta are moving to a retirement community in Lakewood, NJ. Guess we encouraged many friends to move or at least clean out their attics and basements. Hope they enjoy the new arrangement as much as we do. We don't even have to leave the apartment for our blood tests; we can sit at the dining room table in our robe—but at 6AM! **Muriel Sheerr** Kaplan (Palm Beach, FL) wrote, "I'm continuing to do well in my sculpture career. Currently I have an exhibit at the Cornell Museum (no relation to the university) in Delray Beach, and at the Rose Museum in Boca Raton. I would happily make busts of any alumni living in the neighborhood. I've gotten several commissions since completing the bust of President Emeritus Frank Rhodes." Muriel has four children; the youngest is 50 years old.

Elwin and **Priscilla Axtell** Van Valkenburg (Sydney, NY) took a trip to Alaska in June 2003. Unfortunately, she had to have open-heart surgery for an aortic aneurysm in Feb. 2004. Hope this finds her well on the road to recovery. **Gloria Phyllis Clyne** (Syracuse, NY), who received her MA from Syracuse, was a job counselor/professor at the Borough of Manhattan Community College of CUNY. She retired in 1992 and returned to Syracuse to live in 1993. **Ruth Wood** Green reported disturbing news. Her house was broken into while she was enjoying a respite from the frozen north (a four-month southern vacation). Hope you didn't lose too much. In the meantime, **Gabrielle Landt** Baumgartner (Worcester, PA) wrote, "This is the year the house fell apart and I kept it company. Squirrels invaded the attic and you wouldn't believe how good they are at chewing large chunks of insulation."

I apologize for not getting more of the 26 letters in this calendar year, but I only have room for a limited number of names each issue. I'll try to finish in the next edition. In the meantime, if you need to update, you can send your news to me direct. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565.

Sam Miller (3100 Adams Way, Ambler, PA 19002; trimil1@aol.com), long our guiding hand as class president, is gradually relearning to walk after two years in a wheelchair. He was felled by strokes in July 2002 and 2003. He writes, "The Lord has been pretty good to me since then. This is the first letter I have written and I hope you can read it." (Sam's letter is a gem next to some I've deciphered over the years. Also, I'm sure Sam and

Pat would love to hear from classmates at the postal or e-mail address above.) Sam thanks **Lloyd Slaughter** for taking over as class president and **Ruth Critchlow** Blackman, **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, and the other class officers for continued devoted service. Sam and Pat "managed to get to Florida for most of last winter." They have attended nearby family celebrations together, such as their eldest granddaughter's high school graduation. But Pat solos to such distant events as their eldest grandson's graduation from the U. of Washington. However, Sam and Pat recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their daughter's home in Connecticut with the whole family. They plan to winter in Florida again.

Arthur Samuels, BA '48, MA '49 (New Orleans; stresstc@yahoo.com) reports a new publisher, two new books, and a new wife while still maintaining his psychiatric practice of more than 40 years. ThorsonsElement/Harper Collins UK published his *The Art of Saying Goodbye* in 2003 and *Zen and the Art of Intimacy* in 2004. The former shows "how to love yourself through the excruciating pain of losing a loved one." The latter teaches "the art of staying intimate with your spouse or life partner." In 2001 Art married Kari Borg, a well-known Norwegian film actress who had been a confidante of Tennessee Williams. She hosts "Kari's New Orleans," a television series that airs on networks domestically as well as in Europe. Art's Cornell connections are with **Marty Myles '48** and **Dick Swartz**. He'd like to connect again with **Mimi Grimes**, an honorary class member since the death of her husband **Paul**, BA '48. Art plans on returning for our 60th Reunion in 2006.

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47 82-year-old J.C. (Joseph) **Leeds** lives in a high-rise in Fort Lee, NJ, with a view of Manhattan and a 21st-floor terrace garden. He's been in the flower business for close to 50 years, running an East Side Manhattan flower shop for 43 years and still working two days a week as a floral designer. **Sawyer Thompson Jr.** also has a love of plants. His family (including lots of Cornellians) just dedicated their New Hampshire home as a tree farm.

Serena Ginsberg Hoffman, MA '48, has taken to cruising since her retirement from textbook publishing in 2001. Her travels have taken her through the Tahitian Islands and just recently on a cruise from Rome to Barcelona with traveling companion and classmate **Arlene Winard** Lungen, who lives in Israel. **Elizabeth Brown**, MS '53, left her home at Kendal in Ithaca to take a canal trip from Troy, NY, to Whitehall. **Donald Sperling** traveled from home in Chappaqua, NY, to the Bahamas for fly-rod and bone fishing. **Seymour Rock** has traveled through Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Thailand.

Class president **Pete Schwarz** and his wife

Elaine (Drobner) spent half the summer in Australia. They report: "We traveled from Rochester to San Francisco to Sydney, where we had the pleasure of attending *The Mikado* in their spectacular Opera House. From there we flew to Brisbane, where we visited friends for a week, sailing with them on Moreton Bay. Leaving Brisbane for Cairns, we rendezvoused with our granddaughter who was an AFS exchange student at Cairns High School. A highlight was snorkeling at the Barrier Reef with her and listening to the Australian accent she had acquired in just six months. We flew on to Darwin, where we met up with friends from New Zealand who had mapped out an ambitious trip that included cars, trains, planes, and a bit of walking for good measure. We bird-watched in the Kakadu National Park on the Yellow Water at dawn, saw the sunset at Ayers Rock, and took the overnight train from Alice Springs to Adelaide. We toured the wine country and drove the Great Ocean Road, stopping along the way to visit friends and pan for gold at the recreated 1890s mining town of Sovereign Hill at Ballarat. We ended our trip with a day in Melbourne. We stayed in hotels, campsites, friends' homes, and cattle stations. We saw koalas, kangaroos, crocodiles, wallabies, and even a Tasmanian devil."

Other classmates are being creative. **Robert Horton**, PhD '51, of Bound Brook, NJ, has written an autobiographical novel called *As We Look Back*. **Marjorie Montrose** Ault has retired from her work as an artist and is taking classes at the U. of New Mexico. **Janet Matez** Duncan continues to work as a teaching assistant and teacher in a middle school in Briarcliff Manor, NY. In addition, she plays the clarinet with the Hudson Valley Wind Symphony. Janet's daughter Dorothy is a professional clarinetist, and son James is an emergency room MD and a trumpeter with the Vermont Symphony. **Joseph Barclay** is also musical, singing with the Sweet Adelines in North Fort Myers, FL. **Dick Leonard** creates stained glass while his wife Bobbie is a woodcarver in Naples, FL. **Jean Kuttler** Schreiber paints in Lexington, MA, and **Elaine Baker** Temkin is doing watercolors in Pawtucket, RI.

Lifetime Honorary Rotary District Governor. In fact, he is the only person in the world to hold this title. **Muriel "Mike" Welch** Brown's late husband, and friend of the Class of '47, has also been honored. The **Richard W. Brown '49** first-floor case study room in the new Hotel school building was dedicated in October.

Lots of our classmates are keeping up their Cornell connections. **Jane Johnson McCombs** lives in Lehigh, PA, with husband **Robert '51** and has a granddaughter who applied to Cornell last spring. Jane, let us know if she landed in Ithaca. **Herbert Berman** wrote from Madison, NJ, that his granddaughter **Cheryl Berman '07** is now at Cornell. **Shirley "Sy" Yenoff** Kingsly and her husband Sanford have been seeing lots of Cornellians, including President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** and his wife Kathy Okun, as well as **Glenn '58** and **Maddie McAdams Dallas '58** at a CU luncheon. They attended another event for President Frank Rhodes and his wife Rosa in Sarasota, FL, and Sy plays tennis with **Edie Newman** Weinberger '43. **Robert Loeper** has 13 grandchildren, one of whom is about to marry a man who has just earned a PhD at Cornell. "I'll finally have another Cornellian in the family," writes Robert. He and his grandson-in-law-to-be had a nice visit on campus, where Robert was much impressed with the new athletic facilities compared to those he remembers from his days playing soccer and managing the basketball team.

I give many thanks to my daughter **Beth Anderson '80**, who has been home giving enormous help and wrote this whole column for us. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season! Send news to ♦ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

48 **Bob Persons**, Port Washington: "Catherine Connolly Griffin and I entered into holy matrimony on June 26. See you all at 60th Reunion." Received photos of **Harriet Morel** Oxman, Sarasota, FL, rappelling down the wall of a building as part of her training at the Sheriff's Citizens Law Enforcement Academy, from which

kids, and whirlwind of garage sales, thrift shops, local activities, and spoiling grandkids. Son-in-law retired from 20 years in the Navy. Oldest grandchild is 21. How is this possible when you and I know our entire class is only 39? Problem: lack of knowledge of motivation of nations and individuals; religion, greed, bad leadership, apathy, misuse of power, hating differences, and being intolerant of them. Solution: better education and living conditions for all."

John Wheeler, Webster, NY: "Hired as pastoral visitor in July '03 by Downtown United Presbyterian Church, Rochester (part-time job). Visit people in healthcare facilities and at home, and develop websites for nonprofit organizations." **Vincent Greci**, Olympia Fields, IL: "Professional retired person. Golf, non-fiction reading, talking to my children and helping them 'ruin' their businesses—whenever they ask! I was general chairman of the 2003 US Open held at Olympia Fields Country Club (outside Chicago). I exercise, play golf, and think what I can do for someone else. Thinking about oneself is not healthy. The US Open conflicted with the 55th Reunion—I'll be at 60th. We're great-grandparents now. Have come to recognize the beauty, innocence, and love that children can instill in our lives."

Julia Marzec Cacavas, Buffalo, NY: "Employment counselor/SSI program coordinator, Comprehensive Employment Division, Erie County Dept. of Social Services. Husband George is deceased. Tomorrow and onward, will embrace each day with the wonder of a child. Prior commitments kept me from the 55th. Daughter Elena is a judge in NYC. Daughter Selene has just completed a book that I am sure will be a bestseller. Son Martin is in the Karate Hall of Fame in Canada and the US. Problem: dissension among nations. Solution: identifying common values; conflict resolution. The spirit never dies; determination gets you everywhere. The meaning of life: release the past and embrace the future."

Roger Amorosi, ME '50, Locust Grove, VA: "Was honored by the ASTM committee on Sports Equipment and Facilities with the William F. Hulse Memorial Award for work enhancing the safety of organized and individual sports. This took place in the great metropolis of West Conshohocken, PA." **Lynn Ellis**, Clearwater, FL: "Received Illuminated Diploma of Honour for outstanding achievements in International Communications from the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England." **Vivian Hoffman** Miller (a/k/a Vivian Grey), Haverford, PA: "Most recently completed teaching fall semester at U. of Pennsylvania, was chair of 'one-on-one writer's conference' at Rutgers U., and won a tennis tournament. Elected to New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame. Active in widow/widower support groups and in tennis, hiking, rowing, bridge, and theater. Recently learned advance doubles strategy in tennis and how to play a better bridge hand."

Shelly Joblin, BA '47, MBA '48, New York City, NY: "Residential real estate broker in Manhattan with Stribling & Associates Ltd." **Lila Smith** Lightfoot, Madison, WI: "Active on boards—music, symphony, opera, theater business, concert hand bells—and volunteer in retirement home." **Mary Holland** Freeman, Albany,

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DICK RODGERS '48

Dick Jones sent me a nice note to set the record straight. Some gremlins in a recent column must have mixed up his wife's name (Mary not Mary Ellen) and his hobbies (he skis but doesn't do snowshoeing), and he has ten grandchildren (not six). Apologies also to **Joyce McClusky** Zweibel, whose name also got confused. (Did we all have these gremlins when we were younger?)

It seems as if no column is complete without an update from **Barlow Ware**. Congratulations are in order again, as he has been named a

she has graduated (three-month program). She departs soon for Mongolia and Siberia via Beijing. **Dick Rodgers**, Rutland, VT: "My son **Richard L.** is Class of '78, and his son **Richard M.** is Class of '08. All three Richard Rodgers will celebrate their reunions together every five years."

Jeanne "Chammy" Chamoulaud Kimmell, Kennett Square, PA: "Behaving to stay alive. How dull! Tried to learn computer. Gardening last fall was impossible with floating, flooding, tornado, and hurricane. Tomorrow is Donation Day—clothes, books, and glassware onward to my

NY: "We were on Rhine River cruise from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam." **Gerald Starr**, Old Westbury, NY: "Enjoying our Hamptons Beach house and 30-day around-the-world adventure, a three-week tour of India. Was protecting my fig tree from frost as I wrote this. The 55th Reunion was great and I'll be at the 60th."

William Jeffreys, MD '51, Danville, PA: "Neurologist. Don't have time or energy to do what I want to get done. World's problem is lack of love and denial that we are all one community. Solution is to realize the gift we have been given and that we can only repay this debt by service to others and, no matter how much we give, we will always be in debt." **Hyla Brodtkin** Garlen, Summit, NJ: "Retired school psychologist. I wrote a book! Find my name on Google and there it is, *Another Time, Another Place*. The most pressing problem is the President's chums. Don't know solution. Read my book!" **Dr. Joan Rothchild**, New York City, NY: "They stopped paying me, so I'm retired. Just finished my fifth book, *Engineering Birth*, to be published by Indiana University Press. Received my MA '66 and PhD '70 from NYU. Taught political science, technology studies, and women's studies at U. of Massachusetts, Lowell. Love being back in New York City. Affiliated with Graduate Center at CUNY." **Bill Gibson**, Danville, CA: "Went to oldest grandson's wedding. I didn't get married until I was 26. He waited to 28. What a coward! Had a great time at 55th Reunion. Met many friends in addition to **R. Steve Hawley** '43, whom I had not seen since '43." ♦ **Robert W. Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel. and fax, (516) 767-1776.

49 Someone said: "I've always wanted to be somebody, but I can see now that I should have been more specific." Agreed. Thank you, **Mary Heisler** Allison, for your wonderful columns!

Here we are again. We are looking at unsorted news and in a panic because we are in the post-op phase of eye surgery. We are taking ten eyedrops a day on a killer schedule. We slosh like the day after a night at Jim's Place. After this position turnover took place at reunion—which Nominations Chair **Jerry Alpern**, MBA '50, claims was an election—I received a fair-sized envelope of news responses from Ithaca. I did not see the deadline schedule neatly tucked in between everything. Of course I was far too late. One would think that I would understand this position after all these years. Guess not—so this is a quickie.

Paul Gillette (Punta Gorda, FL) became our Class Secretary in our senior year and talked me into writing our first class newsletter with artwork "borrowed" from *The Widow*. Paul writes about being in Dr. Day's office when he and **Bobby Jacobson**, MBA '50, were told to "clean up Spring Day Weekend or it goes!" Their response was the Float Parade, outdoor Carnival, fireworks, and visits from the New York Cartoonist Society. Paul remembers watching a "bombed" Terry and the Pirates cartoonist painting a rather sexy "Dragon Lady" on the walls of the Lambda Chi bar. Soon,

all the cartoonists joined in and covered the walls with one-time-only murals.

There are two things Paul should know. First, I set up his meeting in Day Hall. Someone else had to share the heat of my weekly meetings with Dr. Day. The Ivy Room was calling! Secondly, years later, I found all the murals had been torn down and were in a junk heap behind Lambda Chi. I asked my son **Steve** '80 (and now a member) about it. He calmly explained that the "brothers" did not want them any more and they were on their way to the dump. Unable to make anyone understand their value, wife **Joan (Noden)** '50 and I put them in our wagon and brought them home to Greenwich. After a time in our garage, I took them to Port Chester, NY, to the Cartoonist Hall of Fame. They were gleefully accepted.

Another Spring Day innovation was the Syracuse-to-Ithaca Bike Race of Hotel Ezra Cornell, which was recorded in the *New York Times*—to the unhappiness of Dean Howard Meek—and, of course, the Apollo contest, which Day Hall did not view as "cleaning up." I must report that **Robert "Bucky" Lewis** was back on the Hill and could run for Apollo again!

We will get back to the other news when we get organized. Possibly, we will return to "Obtuse Observations." You claim you miss them. Well, some of you! Stay well. Stay happy. Be proud to be a '49er. ♦ **Dick Keegan**, 179 N. Maple Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 661-8584; e-mail, rjk27@cornell.edu.

50 We are in our 55th Reunion year and you should mark your calendars for June 9-12, 2005. Refer to President **Cooly Williams**'s recent reunion invitation and solicitation for our Student Aid class project being chaired by **Pat Fritz** Bowers and **Jim Brandt**. Please respond when they contact you. **Cooly**, MD '54 (or "Cools"), Sante Fe, NM, still does his medical stuff in Albuquerque and Los Alamos and continues his avocation of watercolor painting. He reports that wife **Mary "Patch" (Adams)** prohibits nudes in his studio, but it is not a problem because his memory is failing. They have a new grandson with red hair, a rare event, but for Cools it's priceless because "at least he has hair." Music fills their free time, frequently with piano duets. **Cooly**'s most pressing problem is letting go of his medical practice. Giving up will deprive him of significant enjoyment and may throw him into the pains of withdrawal.

Congratulations to **Walt Bruska**, Shelburne, VT, who received the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame's Distinguished American Award of 2004 for the Vermont Chapter. **Walt** was the leading receiver on Cornell's nationally ranked football team of 1947-49 and served Cornell as assistant football coach, assistant to the President, and VP for Development. He went on to serve in VP capacities at Kent State, Springfield College, the U. of Vermont, and Alaska Pacific U. After his academic career, **Walt** served as VP or executive director of several institutes, then returned to Vermont where he remains active in the Boy Scouts, Meals on Wheels, boards of trustees to prevent

child abuse, and corporate secretary to the Champlain Valley Exposition.

Ernst Albrecht, Bendorf, Germany, serves as personal adviser to the President of Kyrgyzstan. **Lawrence Lodico**, Bonita Springs, FL, is retired but active in the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts Chorale. He also tutors for the Literacy Council. Prof. Maria Cristina Garcia's CAU course, From Columbus to Castro, rekindled his love affair with Cuba, so last summer he joined her and others for a visit to Cuba. **Miriam McClosky** Jaso, Sarasota, FL, "enjoys the good life" and is "truly full of lunch" working for a real estate firm and engaging in the activities of her sorority club, the Cornell Club, Ivy League Club, Women's Cornell Club, and Council of Residential Specialists.

Mary Helen Sears, Washington, DC, is still employed as an attorney and is dealing with "too many boxes" brought from her ten-room home of 30 years to her new four-room apartment. The film *Passion of the Christ* gave her "a lot to think about." **Mary Ellen** spent Christmas with her sister in Syracuse, followed by a family retreat at Skytop Lodge in Pennsylvania. Day jobs for **David Smith**, Newtonville, MA, are "dealing with his stock portfolio and caring for a 100-pound German shepherd." **Howard Stevenson Jr.**, Tampa, FL, is retired but has stamps, travel, and exercise as his after-hours activities. Grandson **Casey** '05 will graduate next June, and will be the fourth Cornellian and the third civil engineer in his family.

Inga Brauner Vatet, Bradenton, FL, claims that "Florida is the place to be when one has come to prefer vacuuming sand from the car to raking leaves and shoveling snow." She enjoys the rewards of volunteering with the Art League of Manatee County and the DeSoto National Monument. **Inga** celebrated her 75th birthday with her son (CDR-USN) and wife Ann in Lake Tahoe. **Jack Richard**, MD '53, New York, NY, is retired from medical practice, but teaches at Cornell's medical college and also works half-time in the area of professional conduct for the NYS Dept. of Health. He and wife Elaine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April. **Jack**, a "Triple Red" (BS, MD, and post-doc at the medical college), has "got into golf and digital photography." **Charles Pedrotty**, Cheshire, CT, sings in his church and community choruses, is active in church activities, bikes and walks, and does summer golf and winter tennis "both to excess." He and wife Helen celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with all four children, their spouses, and ten grandchildren. Most pressing problem? "Breaking 90!"

Carl Strub, Willow Street, PA (near Lancaster) reports on the enjoyment of living in one of the largest and most progressive retirement communities in the country. **Carl** directs a men's chorus, serves on his church administrative board, and assists in a program to help those with hearing loss. He has seven grandchildren, five of whom are in college at Columbia, UMass, Michigan, Boston U., and Puget Sound. On the most pressing problem today he says, "I worry about the lives of these grandchildren living in a culture whose priorities are money, sex, and violence, and

with only half a chance to have a permanent marriage. I'm not smart enough for solutions." **James Preston**, Ed D '68, Hector, NY, Cornell emeritus professor of Sociology, and wife Gretta enjoy living on Seneca Lake. With 200 guests they celebrated 50 years of marriage with a party given by daughter **Cynthia Preston Hagin '79** and her sisters Joan and Barbara.

Mort Berger, Briarcliff Manor, NY, celebrated his 75th birthday with wife **Margo (Canton) '57** and three sons and their families. Like many of our classmates who report in to us, he stays physically active with boating, fishing, golfing, skiing, travel—and cross-country? **Schuyler Stebbins**, Kilmarnock, VA, works half days as a foreman for a fledgling vineyard/winery. Last year he worked part-time for a stone, statuary, and paving block company. He and wife Shirley also operate a warehouse that receives donated furniture, home appliances, and other household goods, and then distributes them to the needy. Their fifth son has served in Iraq. **Rita Rutstein Kaplan**, Camarillo, CA, still works as a secretary and aide in a medical clinic. The most pressing problem is "what's for dinner," for which she has found the ideal solution: "Eat out!" Until recently, Rita was "blissfully unaware of certain body parts until they began to disintegrate and ache." Her after-hours activities are Tetris and bridge. Rita's husband **Gerry '47** has combined rose growing and photography into award-winning status.

George Cammann, Darien, CT, is a volunteer recruiter for the International Executive Service Corps, and in his spare time fishes, plays tennis, and paints watercolors. **James Tregurtha**, San Diego, CA, USN Retired, remains active in the Navy League, Naval Submarine League, and Surface Navy Association. His day job is conducting management studies for the City of San Diego. Jim's two daughters live nearby, and he and wife Gloria enjoy the activities of their five grandsons. **John MacNeill Jr.**, Homer, NY, is semi-retired as a consulting civil engineer. He stays engaged in his community by chairing the student exchange program for the Cortland Rotary Club and working with the Cortland College Development Fund. Under the new knowledge/recent discovery category he reports an intense interest in genealogy and being able to trace his ancestry back to 1345.

have enjoyed. Our reunion will be a good opportunity to do this. ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu; or **Ruth "Midge" Downey Kreitz**, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail rdk12@cornell.edu.

51 **Joan Falconer**, Iowa City, writes that she has done a lot of traveling since she retired from the U. of Iowa Libraries in 2000. A trip to Iceland included a stopover in Boston to visit her goddaughter Ann, daughter of **Joanne (Muenscher) '53** and the late **Garret Droppers, MA '53**. **Marc Ginzberg**, Rye, NY, reports that the Johnson Museum of Art will be exhibiting his collection of African art, African Forms, in September. **Betty Goldsmith** Stacey, McLean, VA, volunteers at the National Cathedral and at church as head gardener. She gardens at home, keeping 1-1/2 acres under control. She is researching her Goldsmith tribe back to 1650 in the US, and says she has no time to travel.

David Werdegar, MA '53, Ross, CA, emeritus professor of family and community medicine at UC San Francisco, has taken a position as President/CEO of a community-based, nonprofit organization serving seniors in the Bay Area, the Institute on Aging. He says his wife Kathryn is the celebrity in the family. She is now completing ten years as a Justice of the California Supreme Court. David and Kathryn have two sons and three grandchildren. **John and Rose Carpenter Gernon '53**, Glendora, CA, have found John's experience building 11 houses in eight years for Habitat for Humanity very useful in overseeing reconstruction of their own house that burned in August 2003. Back home after eight months of construction, the house is better than ever.

James D. Livingston, Braintree, MA, has co-authored with wife Sherry Penney a historical biography entitled *A Very Dangerous Woman: Martha Wright and Women's Rights*. They have co-authored several related articles on American history that have appeared in *New York History* and *Journal of Women's History* and a Web project, womhist.binghamton.edu/mcw/intro.htm. James retired from GE in 1989, and for 12 years taught undergraduate physics and chemistry of solids in

of Women Voters and a local offshoot aimed at reducing domestic violence and aiding victims. She lives too far from their eight grandchildren to do much babysitting, and spends her spare time looking for things misplaced. **Alfred**, PhD '60, and **Dolores Blumstein**, Pittsburgh, PA, have four grandchildren (one girl, three boys) rapidly moving into their teens. INFORMS selected Al as their Morse Lecturer (Operations Research) for 2004-05, with the first lecture at York in the United Kingdom.

Mary Osborn Galloway, PhD '58, moved to a new neighborhood (Madrona) in Seattle about two years ago and admires a neighborhood activity called Homeless Cooking. "Once a month a nearby restaurant opens its kitchen to volunteers who arrive with donations of food (or money used to pay for preordered meats or fish from the restaurant's supplier), bringing with them knives, peelers, cutting boards, etc. The chef-owner improvises a menu and we all set to work preparing, cooking, packaging, and labeling the food, which is then stored in the fridge to be reheated when the restaurant staff arrives in the late afternoon. In four hours we prepare the evening meal for four homeless shelters: one for men, one for women, and two for families—about 150 people in all. Other volunteers take the sumptuous dinners to the shelter and serve them. The dinners are wonderful! The second owner does all those dishes while we sanitize the tables, sweep and mop, and set the tables for the evening's customers." With help from neighbors (including **Nikola Davidson '93**), Mary designed and planted a small garden in a nearby public park. She plans a summer trip to the Kansai region of Japan with two teenage grandsons.

David G. and **Sarah Fielder**, Akron, OH, celebrated their tenth grandchild in March, traveling to Bellingham, WA, to assist—"before and after, not during." David says he's the new treasurer of Friends of the Library, thanks to Quicken and his wife. They still live on Turkeyfoot Island (south of Akron), an area David wrote a book about several years ago. It is about 15 acres, with 24 homes and a Club building (built in about 1906). Property other than individual lots belongs to the Turkeyfoot Trust (held for all residents), which includes over 40 acres of a woodland road connecting to the mainland. Turkeyfoot Lake was part of the water supply required to operate the Ohio & Erie Canal that connected Cleveland to Portsmouth on the Ohio River in the 1800s. **Phyllis Fein** Bobrow, Stamford, CT, reports granddaughters ages 17 and 15 from daughter **Joanne Bobrow Schoelkopf '76** in Winter Park, FL, and grandchildren ages 14, 11, and 7 (twins), from son **Richard Bobrow '79** in Westport, CT. Phyllis and husband **Henry, JD '52**, still enjoy theatre and dance in NYC.

We've lost touch with some of our classmates and hope that readers of this column can help us find a current address for **Burton Besner**, **Virginia Riddell** Black, **Mary Flynn** Bokman, **Christopher Booth**, and **Lewis Bradley** (for a third try). **Barry Nolin's '51** Web page is <http://classof51.alumni.cornell.edu>. Please send your news to ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond@ee.net.

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BRAD BOND '51

The news that comes in for our column is mostly positive and upbeat, reporting good health and active lifestyles. However, we need to think of those of our colleagues and friends in failing health for whom a happy phone call, an upbeat letter, or a personal visit would be most sincerely welcomed. Our ranks are thinning and it is important for us to remember and revere those who have contributed to the good lives we

MIT's Department of Materials Science and Engineering. His two other recent books are a textbook, *Electronic Properties of Engineering Materials*, and a popular-science book, *Driving Force*.

Tim and **Carol Buckley** Swiss, Shrewsbury, MA, visited Spain again recently, this time the Bilbao Guggenheim. Carol volunteers for hospice and as a docent at the Worcester Art Museum. She maintains a longtime interest in the League

52 As I write, Hurricane Charley rages through Florida. So many classmates seem to live or winter there that I can only hope you and yours come through it in good shape. The news that follows is from the old mailbag—news pre-Charley.

First, a recent, cautionary note from **Janet McKim Ross**: "To all grandparents who might want to take their grandchildren to Mexico, you must have a notarized letter signed by the parents permitting you to take their child out of the US. **Rick** and I were taking Julia, 15, to Cancun for a family wedding. We had attended another family wedding in San Diego and had a great trip up the coast to San Francisco. When we attempted to go to Cancun for the second family wedding, American Airlines refused to board us because we did not have the proper letter. Much disappointed, we returned to Dallas, PA. Don't know about other countries, but it would be wise to check." Any of the rest of you out there have similar concrete tips for us? I'd be happy to print them here. Age says the things we don't know are as important as those we do.

Donald Collins (Ft. Lauderdale, FL; ibdrc@aol.com) is still sailing at both Coral Ridge and Lauderdale. Yet he writes that he has installed a fuel polishing system, necessary because his Viking motor yacht sits too long at the dock. Why? Because as of March he'd taken a car trip through Maine and Nova Scotia and was planning a cruise on the *Crystal Serenity*, then one up the Amazon, then another Baltic Sea cruise. He lunches often with **Bill McCurdy '48** and exchanges jokes with **Richard Bosshardt**, who is in Switzerland. Don looks forward to some new material from anyone in the Class of '52. **Don Parmet**, JD '55, also in Florida, reports that daughter **Nancy Parmet Cook '85** has a son Jack, born March 20, 2003. The Parmets continue to travel here and abroad and hope to return to Southeast Asia in the future. They spend a half-year in Melville, NY, and from Dec 1 to April 15 in Palm Beach. Some time is unaccounted for there.

Polly Prine Herman had a hip replacement in June and reports coming along fine: "I've been reading all the books I hadn't time for—and enjoying myself!" Polly, with husband **Paul**, maintains our Web page, on which they are happy to feature your photos. Some are already up. Check them out at <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>. **Kirkwood Personius**, MS '56, Rochester, NY, writes that he is nursing hip and knee replacements but coping with less pain. Polly Herman and I can certainly sympathize with that. Kirk enjoys his 11 grandchildren in New York, Virginia, and California, and relaxes at the family cottage on Pine Creek in Pennsylvania. How many others of you are bearing parts new and improved over those with which you were born? Write. I won't tell, if you don't want me to.

David Plant, LLB '57, New London, NH, is now "enjoying God's country—all day, every day—on the backside of Little Lake Sunapee." He continues to be "overworked as an arbitrator, mediator, and occasional teacher, but all is fun and sometimes helpful to others." Also in New England, **Pat Dexter** Clark reports from Fal-

mouth, MA, that the Clarks had a tough health year in 2003, but were hoping for better in 2004. They had a nice visit from **Al '51**, DVM '59, and **Pat Peck Beck '51**. Pat says, "Old friends are good for the psyche." True. Pat was depressed, as were many people, by the 2003 Cornell-Harvard football game.

Good note from **Jim Ling** in Fort Collins, CO. "In August of this year (2003), my wife Shelly, daughter Jessie, age 8, and I took an Elderhostel intergenerational trip down the lower Columbia River in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark. We traveled in a 51-foot replica of a Chinook war canoe and camped out one night on our way to Astoria, OR, our final destination. Everyone, from grandparents to kids, had a great time. I highly recommend it if it's offered again. All you need is to be able to get in and out of the canoe. Paddling was optional since the canoe had a motor." **Richard Rosa**, PhD '56, Polson, MT, writes, "Every spring, for many years, my wife Mickey and I have spent a weekend doing volunteer work (where we chop wood, peel logs, build fences, pick up rocks, dig ditches, clear brush, and eat voraciously) at the Nature Conservancy Guest Ranch near Choteau, MT. Therefore, it was interesting to read in the July/August '03 alumni magazine about the volunteer work that Baltimore attorneys Abby and **Jim Gordon '72** do there and in Choteau. Small world."

Barbara Schlang Sonnenfeldt, Port Washington, NY, was in Germany, where her husband was on a speaking tour attended by four of their 15 grandchildren. Busy with volunteer work, bridge, and various cultural treats in New York City, Barbara still tap dances once a week. She had a good time at the 2003 AEPi luncheon at the Cornell Club. Present were **Phyllis Berger** Corwin, **Judy Winter** Burger, **Jackie Klarnett** Freedman '53, and **Peggy Binenkorb** Scherr '53, **Elaine Sneider** Savin '53, **Helen Teschner** Greene '53, and many other "wonderful classmates." **Jean Thompson** Cooper, Southold, NY, reports that her Long Island Rug School continues to thrive, maxed out with four on the faculty. Jean teaches hooking and dyeing on both coasts, Oregon in June and Massachusetts in August. As of February 2004, she was on her way to St. Thomas and invited anyone in that part of the Caribbean to give her a call. She's in the phone book. Don't hold her to it, but I suspect the offer is equally good for 2005.

Patricia and Robert S. Lamb II, Terre Haute, IN, moved from their country home of 13-plus acres and 27 years two years back, which was why Robert couldn't attend the 50th Reunion. Since then, he has used the background acquired as Preservation and Conservation Librarian at Indiana State, now retired, and some additional training to set up his bookbinding business. He suffered some illness in 2003, but at this writing he was "OK," and rebinding lots of Bibles for local grandmothers.

And to wind up: **Helen Icken** Safa, Gainesville, FL, continues to travel extensively with husband John Dumoulin, and to write, give talks, and teach occasionally, despite her 1997 retirement. The **Bruce Warners**, Charlotte, NC, celebrated their 50th in 2002 with an open house at their

church with most of their family and 125 guests. Bruce, Eugenia, and daughter Elaine continue to sing weekly at a local nursing center and at retirement homes. Bruce manages to fit in a round or two of golf every week. **Nancy Barner** Reynolds, Madison, WI, when not traveling, is "either swimming or weight training or engaged in the adult education program at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church—body and soul, I guess you'd say."

Now, if you haven't seen your name in this column in the last year, it's because you haven't sent news. It's no real effort, and I'd like to hear from you. Maybe your classmates would, too. Try it. Send news. If the stamped, addressed postcard is lost on your desk, try to find it. Otherwise, seriously consider springing for a stamp, or try e-mail. I/we want to hear from you. And mark your calendars for the Class of '52 dinner, Cornell Club, January 22, 2005, in New York. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

53 It may not take a nuclear physicist to prefer the Berkshires to Florida in mid-July, but it was good to have one, **Dave Rossin**. He was lettering nametags and making himself otherwise useful right after polishing off the sale of his Florida digs—by cell phone from under a mighty oak in a vast Massachusetts field July 11. Dave had responded to **Roz Zalutsky** Baron's summons to Western MA for an encore of her inspired picnic with classical music, '53 Goes to Tanglewood, a class event set in mountain greenery.

Many came from afar for the Boston Symphony's outdoor concert, lugging lawn chairs and coolers for the chance to debate old friends on 21st-century conflict and presidential prospects. Dave reported on the progress of the nuke book he's writing. Ken Jennings, the "Jeopardy" marathon millionaire, got a mention or two. Since we were in Nathaniel Hawthorne country, it seemed suitable to pass along twice-or-more-told tales. But the main thing was the magic of Mozart and Shostakovich.

Mort, JD '55, and **Anita Brown Bunis '54**, the **Ned Nolans**, **Bill Huehn**, **Dave Gluck**, MD '57, the **Jack Parkers**, the **Dave Berkes**, **Dick '52** and **Joan Dinkel Crews '54**, the **Jim Blackwoods**, the **Bob Manns**, BArch '57, **John** and **Carolyn Anderson Twiname '54**, Phil Baron, and Harriett S. "Hat" Hanchett and moi shared varied views of things. But when the music began, all listened. Imaginary batons were set in motion as pianist Emanuel Ax caressed Wolfgang Amadeus's magnificent melodies and haunting harmonies. There was hardly any nodding off.

The party proceeded to the Barons' nearby hillside home for more mixing and a super supper. The house was looking magnifique after a trying time that resulted from winter-frozen water pipes. The vittles we et were good, you bet. The company was the same. What can we say after we say bravissima, Roz? Well . . .

She doesn't talk about it much and not many of us realize that she walked down 29 unlit flights of stairs from her Wall Street area brokerage office, and then, covered in the ashes of Sept. 11, 2001, over the Brooklyn Bridge to her Brooklyn

Heights home after the attacks. Roz had seen the second plane fly past her window and some fellow workers saw what they thought might be a third plane coming their way. That's just one thing we maybe didn't all know about her. There is much more in *The View from 70: Women's Recollections and Reflection* by **Ina Loewenberg '52**. It came out this year. If you want to find out what our Roz was like as a little kid in Schenectady, this is the place to look.

A week after Reunion '04, **Jack, JD '58**, and **Joan Mannix** gathered a band of Phi Sigma Kappa brothers and others to the new Fort William Henry Hotel for a Lake George boating outing, leisurely moments far above those waves of blue, and a steak-grilling party at their Queensbury, NY, home on a "Cornell North" weekend. Skipper Jack plied those historic Adirondack waters in a pontoon boat with a relaxed crew. Mark present **Cliff Evans, Rick and Lois Patterson Noyes '56, Harvey and Margy Horsfall Schadler, Ernie, PhD '69, and Jane Little Hardy, Henry "Chick" Ver Valen '52, Bob '52 and Jeanne Irish Lewis '52, Dick Davenport '54, and Bill and Jane Wight Bailey '54**. Jack maintains that he remains the world's seventh greatest magician, but doesn't practice it so much since his hip replacement.

Not everyone has a dream come true in these golden years, but that's what **Tom Tweedale** reports from Vienna. He says, "I decided that if I really want to follow my dream I better get it." So he sold the house in Virginia, "put everything but clothes in storage," and has been in Wien since April. "There is a smorgasbord of world-class concerts, museums, art, tours, theater, and other events" and "a day's train trip takes you to Munich and beyond." He says, "My very rusty German is starting to come back." The neighbors on both sides of his apartment are friendly. "I've fallen in with a group of longtime expats who have retired from various musical pursuits." He tells of a fortnight-or-so trip to Venice and Slovenia with a friend, "winding up in The Hague at a wedding with two grooms, one a cousin of hers." He claims he has no clue what is to come after a year of Austrian idyll, "but I hope it will be as much fun as this is."

In the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, **Naomi Leith Smith** is a part-time travel counselor at the visitor center of historic Lexington, onetime home of Rebel Gen. Stonewall Jackson. But her real job is breeding Finnsheep, a robust animal first imported from Scandinavia in 1966. At last report her flock numbered 150 registered ewes, bred for size (up to 200 lbs.), multiple births, mothering ability, and structural correctness. Naomi is prez of the Finnsheep Breeders Association.

The goal of digitizing the *Daily Suns* of our senior year has been attained and you'll be able check out "Pogo," ca. Dec. '52, on the Net any day now. And we hope to see a cast of thousands at our traditional annual dinner with other classes of the '50s on Saturday night, Jan. 23, 2005, of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) Mid-Winter Meeting in NYC. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 1st Ave., Apt. 8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 Our 50th Reunion has come and gone, but the joy of seeing many classmates for the first time in years and meeting those not met before will long remain. The lasting joy for your correspondent is the number of notes that the reunion brought forth, some from those not heard from in many years and some for the first time. One such first-time note arrived from **Maureen "Moni" Moynihan Schmitt, M Ed '55**, a corridor-mate from freshman year. Moni now lives in Ithaca, but since graduation she has lived in Colorado, California, and Arizona. Along the way she taught at the elementary school level and then graduated to working with the elderly. Her daughter Lorraine, a lawyer, also lives Ithaca. Moni, please do not wait another 50 years to write. **Tricia Palmer Shope**, widowed in 2002, is presently directing and teaching at Hopmeadow Nursery School in Simsbury, CT. She recently toured southern India, studying the art and architecture of the area. As a weaver, spinner, and designer of wallhangings and bedspreads, it must have been fertile ground for the eyes of an artist.

Estelle Weinman Laschever, whose magnificent art pieces were on display at our 45th Reunion, will be exhibiting her "Improvisations" at Artworks Galley in Hartford, CT, November 6-27. We are all invited to attend the opening on the 6th. Estelle has also been asked to exhibit her work at the Stevens Gallery, U. of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, from January 18 to March 4, 2005. The Laschevers took time off to travel with a Cornell group to Italy, where they headquartered in Orvieto and took side trips to Florence, Rome, Sienna, and Perugia. **Gerald "Jerry" Ackerman** presently lives in Nova Scotia, but plans to return to his roots in Eastern Ontario to live by the lake he fished growing up. Now, that's a unique retirement location. Jerry obviously enjoys the snow and frigid temperatures. **Sally Guthrie** Whitman made a long-distance move in 2003, two blocks inland from their seaside home in Manasquan, NJ, to a one-story Florida-style abode. During the process, they had fun going through all the lost or forgotten things that jiggle memories. Sally missed reunion, but sends greetings to all.

Fred Heinzelman and his wife spent a lovely month traveling to Egypt and Greece last year. They found Egypt really hurting for lack of visiting tourists, and they were the first Americans many places had seen in five months. Greece and its islands were delightfully free of the multitudes that were expected for the Olympics. **Rod Glover** is one of the rare Floridians who prefers sailing to driving a small white ball around a golf course. He and wife **Nina (French) '56** spend winters on their Tartan 3700 moored at the St. Petersburg YC when not cruising the Florida Keys and Bahamian waters. Summers are spent at their home in Bradenton, FL. **Walter, PhD '58**, and **Patricia Eike Saidak**, of Ottawa, have lived in Canada since 1958. Both retired, they take refuge somewhere in the Caribbean every winter to escape the long Canadian winters.

Beverly Billinger Deane Shaver, MD '58, and her husband, both retired from the practice of medicine in Paradise Valley, AZ, keep more than busy with traveling to visit their far-flung family:

a lawyer in Chicago, an investment banker in London, and a *Washington Post* reporter in DC. **Henry Rosenberg** has been VP of R&D for Haber Inc. for the past seven years, and states he has little to no intention of retiring in the foreseeable future. **Inger Abrahamsen** Elliott spent much of her career as a photojournalist, working mostly in Southeast Asia on assignment for magazines such as *Life*, *Newsweek*, the *NYTimes* magazine, and *Esquire*. Shifting gears, she built a design and textile company, China Seas Inc., with showrooms worldwide. Along the way Inger wrote two children's books, *Batik—Fabled Cloth of Java* (being reissued for its fifth printing this year) and *Exteriors*, a photographic color voyage. She is presently editing her vast photography collection for exhibit. I shall endeavor to get a date for the exhibit. Inger and husband Osborn live in Stonington, CT.

Edward Pollack of Ames, IA, is now a professor emeritus of the Dept. of Statistics at Iowa State U. **Tish Holloway** Brown and her husband are living in Baltimore and enjoying the opportunities a large city provides for learning, the arts, and community service. **Michael Lehrman**, with his lovely wife Margaret, was at reunion, appearing after 50 years beneath the surface. Michael started out as pre-med, but his love of the air took him along an alternate path. For several years his career centered on aviation, including a stint as part of the cockpit crew of the Concorde when the FAA certificated the aircraft as safe to operate into US airspace. Recently his interests returned to medicine and he started a company that specializes in medical devices. I hope to keep up on some of Michael's devices as they address the inherent problems of seniors living alone with serious medical risks. The **Stephen Krausses** have taken another wonderful trip. This time it was a self-guided walking tour of Cornwall, England, for a week. They walked along the coastal path by stages, spending each night at a different hotel or B&B. "Cornish mist," friendly people, rugged cliffs, the sea, and some striking art at the Tate-St. Ives Gallery, plus hearty (though not "heart smart") breakfasts made for a great time.

Remember to mark January 22, 2005 on your calendars for our class dinner in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of CACO in New York City. To view Reunion pictures, just click on Reunion News at the class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/>. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Cornell Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

55 Happy Holidays to all! And as 2005 approaches, you know what that means: our amazing, never-to-be-forgotten, never-to-be-repeated 50th Reunion. The dates are Thursday, June 9, to Sunday, June 12, so start making your plans, marking your calendar, calling your friends, and getting ready to join your classmates in celebrating all that Cornell has meant to us. Once we send out the initial mailing about reunion, which should reach you soon, then our list of attendees will be available for viewing at our class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu/>. **Janet Scanlan**

Lawrence has volunteered to be our contact person, and she'll forward the names to the website. Janet's address is 229 Marlton Road, Pilesgrove, NJ 08098-2725; tel., (856) 769-3497; fax, (856) 769-8494; e-mail, louisdixneuf@aol.com.

Erik Svenson, BArch '56, MRP '60, reports, "After eight years of sailing in the Caribbean on our Bristol 41 sloop, my wife Lesley and I have returned to Florida permanently." The Svensons have also traveled to South America and Europe, and plan to be in Ithaca next June. ("We're very much looking forward to reunion.") **Howard Fink** retired from Ohio State's College of Law in 1999 and since then has taught at several different colleges, including Emory, Santa Clara, Stetson, and St. Petersburg, where he and his wife Sondra now own a condo. **Allen Brezinsky** organized the first-ever reunion of Class 57-I of the Air Force Pilot Training Class, held in Colorado Springs last fall. Over 100 pilots, plus their spouses had signed on, including the following old pals from '55: **Arne Foss**, **Dave Levin**, and **Dick Fisher**; and from '54: **Bob Holtzapple**, BArch '55, and **Bill Peters**. Of that group, Dave Levin just wrote that he retired as chairman of the Department of Radiology at Thomas Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia. He's continuing to work part-time, but "I only do work that I enjoy," a better choice, he says, than being a chairman in an academic medical center. Arne Foss notes that he has acquired a step-grandson, "but I can't find the guts to call my daughter a grandmother!"

Don Jacobs and his wife **Fran (Walden)** '56 split their time between Wynnewood, PA, and Kiawah Island, SC—"Cornell friends are welcome!"—and were planning a long Mediterranean cruise. **Malcolm Whyte**, who founded the Cartoon Art Museum in San Francisco 20 years ago, says that the museum is settled now in its best locale, near the Museum of Modern Art and the Convention Center, and "continues to flourish." Mal spends several days a week there, either exhibition consulting or fulfilling his chairman of the board duties. The Whytes and four of their friends saw Africa by Land Rover, and were thrilled to discover that "there are such places where these marvelous birds and beasts can roam widely, undisturbed by civilization."

Dick Kurtz says he's planning on being at reunion, and he's back in touch with many fraternity brothers he hadn't seen for almost 50 years. Now that he's downsized his business, Dick volunteers once a week at the San Diego Automotive Museum, which he enjoys, but he'd rather be "touring the country in a classic car like a Packard, Dusenberg, or Pierce Arrow, and singing '50s songs!" **Amy Devorsetz** Eliezer, who's recently moved to Sarasota, has been keeping busy: tutoring in the local elementary school, leading the local celiac support group, playing bridge and golf, and swimming. "I take Pilates to keep fit," Amy adds. **Ron Milner** and his wife Lucy enjoyed a wonderful trip to Ithaca for Homecoming in 2003. They stayed at the Statler, in a room overlooking the campus and Cayuga Lake, and the experience was "melancholy and great." The Milners will definitely be at reunion.

Alan Kaye was one of those present at **Joel** and **Sherry Vogel Mallin's** pre-reunion art exhibit,

and was glad to see **Otto Schneider** and **Mike Sena** after many years. The Senas are retiring from New York City to Asheville, NC. Alan retired from law practice in 2002 after 44 years as a management labor attorney, and is finding time for golf, bridge, piano, and aerobic walking. He was widowed in 1998, but happily has recently become engaged. **Donald Demske** attended the pre-reunion gathering at **Jay Hyman**, DVM '57's house in Delray Beach, where he was pleased to reconnect with **Bill Doerler**. The Demskes are in Delray four months of the year, and in Silver Spring, MD, the rest of the time. Don's been building sets for a little theater group, as well as doing some landscape painting, and regrets that he "can't get down in a three-point stance" any more. Time's catching up with all of us, Don, one way or another! ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nsm55@juno.com.

56 **Dan Silverberg's** 70th birthday celebration in March in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, was described by one observer as the "mother of all parties." For the entertainment, **Steve Cohen** '93 performed his Chamber Magic Show. We understand that Steve performs every Friday night at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. **Peter Hearn** sent a wonderful archive. He found a picture of Dan and himself at breakfast in their hotel in Shiraz, Iran, in July 1956, when they were 22 years old with the famous (or infamous) Group of 20.

Here's a report from our occasional guest columnist, **Ed Berkowitz**: "After years of ignoring brochures touting Cornell Adult University's summer offerings, I finally decided to give CAU a try. This year's programs included something called 'Normandy Revisited,' which was not a travel guide to northern France but a very interesting perspective on World War II. The class members were at least as interesting as the faculty. There were a number of us who lived through the early 1940s and who had a good deal of personal experiences to offer, including one gentleman who was a World War II combat vet.

failure, compounded by the dropping of the A-bomb before he could be sent out again. Needless to say, her view from the other side of the war was fascinating.

"It should be noted that CAU was generated by our beloved current Class President for Life, **Ernie Stern**, and our beloved former Class President for Life, **Curtis Reis**. The bottom line of all this is that CAU proved to be a great way to spend a week on campus meeting a few old friends and finding a bunch of new ones, all while discovering that, even though at our age we may not be able to remember where we left the car keys, we can still learn about a lot of other things."

In other news, **Larry Brown** (Highwood, IL) is director of Nuveen Mutual Funds. **Michael Cornman** continues to practice intellectual property law in NYC as a senior partner at Schwetter Cornman Gross and Blondell. He returned to Ithaca in November 2003 for an alumni basketball game, along with '56ers **Chuck Rolles**, **Marty Wilens**, and **Bill Greenawalt**. Michael reports that he lived up to the "Chucker" nickname: he took four shots and never hit the rim—one "swish" and three "airballs." Go Big Red!

Tom Dawson (Pacific Palisades, CA) completed his 19th year as organizer of the Pacific Palisades Annual Toys-for-Tots Drive, in which 14,000 toys were distributed to kids through the local fire station. A real hands-on project. In addition, Tom and wife Barbara held a Cornell scholarship dinner at their home and raised \$1,200 for scholarships. **Foster Kinney** (Fullerton, CA) reports that he has developed a niche in investment real estate working with redevelopment agencies to create or rehab affordable housing. "Each project takes an excruciatingly long time, but I feel that I am contributing to reducing low income housing problems."

For all you hungry classmates vacationing in Paradise, **R.J. Longhi** (Lahaina, HI) has three restaurants in Hawaii. Lakeuna on Maui opened in 1976, Wachea on Maui opened in 2000, and Ala Moana opened in Honolulu in 2003. **Paul Shane** (Philadelphia, PA) is a professor at Rutgers U. in social work and welfare, and co-director of

‘Dick Kurtz would rather be “touring the country in a classic car and singing ‘50s songs!”’

NANCY SAVAGE PETRIE '55

"Most interesting for me was my next-seat neighbor, a young Japanese woman whose family had been very involved in the central government of Japan during the war. Her grandfather was actually prosecuted as a minor war criminal for his pre-war role, although he never served his jail sentence due to his advanced age and bad health. In addition, her father served in the Imperial Army, and another relative was an unsuccessful kamikaze pilot who was unable to complete his assigned mission because of engine

the Prisoners and their Families Project. **Dixie Davis** Curtice (Washington Crossing, PA) is a broker/sales associate at Weidel Commercial Real Estate in Pennington, NJ (near Princeton).

Leland Mote is still working as a senior auditor. **Robert Chernaik** (Brookhaven, NY) practices internal medicine and is director of a nursing home at Brookhaven Health Care Facility. Dr. **James Yates** (Lemoine, PA) is in his 35th year as a plastic surgeon.

Clarence "Neil" Burgher, DVM '58 (Linden,

Life Saver

FRANK RUSSELL '58, MBA '60

I'm not a couch potato who sits around and watches television," says Frank Russell. So at an age when many consider retirement, the sixty-six-year-old became an Emergency Medical Technician. "My son said to me, 'Dad, I want to go to EMT school. Will you go with me?'" he recalls. "Well, why not?"

Both father and son Jeffery, eighteen, completed the 135 hours of training, together becoming certified in 2002. Russell, also a full-time administrative law judge in Syracuse, New York, volunteers about twenty-five hours per week, usually weekends and holidays. "It's made me think how precious life is," says Russell. "I have a greater appreciation for the tough times some people live in." Although he says he never had medical aspirations, Russell sees similarities between life as a



COURTESY OF FRANK RUSSELL

judge and as an EMT. "You get all the facts you can, and you make a decision," he says. "In both cases, you hope to make the right one."

— Carolyn Bonilha '06

PA) has retired from veterinary practice. Neil attended the "white coat" ceremony in December 2003 at the Vet college, which celebrates the third-year class entering into the clinical years. **Robert Winship** (Topsfield, MA) retired in 1998 from managing a small company that developed small hydropower projects. He is currently chairman of Topsfield's Finance Committee, which recommends the annual budget to the Town Meeting.

Matthias "Ty" Frank (Washington, UT) has moved from Quincy, IL. He says, "No more snow to shovel." **Thomas Witschi** (Wading River, NY) retired from private practice, but is involved with the Mt. Sinai Orthopedic Residency Training Program at Elmhurst Hospital Center. **Morton Landau** (Lawrence, NY) is semi-retired as a project manager for a steel fabricator for high-rise office buildings. **W. Eugene Sanders Jr., MD '60** (Englewood, FL) is retired, and has been buying and selling antiques part-time. With his wife Christine, he has published three books on antiques: 1) *Pocket Matchsafes: Reflections of Life and Art 1840-1920*; 2) *Striker Lighters*; and 3) *Figural Perfume Lamps*. They also publish the occasional article in trade journals.

And from our 2006 Reunion Chair, **Percy Browning** . . . SAVE THE DATE: June 8-11, 2006—our 50th Reunion in Ithaca, NY. ♦ **Phyllis**

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57 When the cupboard is bare it's not to Wegmans, Kroger, Harris-Teeter, or Publix I go, but to the Internet and e-mail. And a plea for news got results. **Jane Wedell Pyle** read my e-mail request at a motel in South Carolina, the first stop on a six-week car trip with **David '56** and their retired racing greyhound. The Pyles visited Seattle before returning to their Sarasota, FL, home, where they are active in the Cornell Club. June and July were busy times too—a trip to the North Cape of Norway and visits by children and grandkids.

Barbara Kaufman Smith, she of "Ace is the Place," has converted the Smith's hardware store in Georgetown, KY, to Do It Best co-op. Good help gives the Smiths a chance to get away, as they did in June, taking their Aline pop-up camper out to see Mt. Rushmore, the Corn Palace, the Badlands, and Custer State Park. Barb has a 2-year-old granddaughter who was diagnosed with diabetes, but takes her daily "pokes" like a trooper. They are enjoying their only grandchild immensely, although Barbara admits to "spoiling Amelia rotten."

Judy Tischler Rogers has started practicing piano again on a regular basis for her own enjoyment, continues with yoga, and plays tennis with her husband Jim in Crestline, CA. In the fall she was off to visit two sons and families in Colorado and Florida. Also spending time with grandchildren, travel, and leisure are Al and **Mona Reidenberg** Sutnick. Cuba, Spain, and St. Lucia were stops in the past year, as well as Salt Lake City for a meeting of the Society for Nutrition Education, in which Mona just finished a four-year stint as secretary. She still does work in nutrition education, mostly writing and developing her own recipes for her nutrition column.

Earlier this summer **Jerry '54** and **Sue Shelby Schurmeier** toured the Inside Passage of Alaska aboard the *Yorktown Clipper*, stopping for whale and puffin watching. July and August were spent at their lake home in Wisconsin with the family. **Don, PhD '60**, and **Barbara Ress Rotenberg** joined Harry and **Barbara Rovner** Flaxman for a trip to St. Petersburg and Scandinavia last May. Bobbi and Don have three grandchildren all living in Massachusetts, so they try to visit as often as possible.

Marilyn "Mimi" Ridgley was in Santa Fe, NM, for most of the summer, but headed to Lake Placid in August to attend the wedding of **Betty Ann Rice** Keane's daughter. Last spring Mimi and **Bob '56** had a wonderful trip to Umbria and Tuscany, where they hiked and learned about the wines of the region. They've also been enjoying their four grandchildren, taking them to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and the Santa Fe Opera for a bit of culture.

Please fill my cupboard. Send news! ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 5401 Westbard Ave., #813, Bethesda, MD 20816; e-mail, JCRauss@aol.com.

Steve and **Marilyn Miles** hosted a reception at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston in honor of President **Jeffrey Lehman '77** and his wife Kathy Okun this past February. The event drew 225 Cornellians from the Houston area (with a smattering from Austin), and served as both a Texas welcome and probably the largest gathering ever of Texas Cornellians. A small dinner party followed the reception, and among those dining were **Ned '55**, MBA '57, and **Paula Bussmann Arps '56** and Southwest/Mountain Regional Director Susan Hennessee and husband Dewey. Steve is a lifelong member of the Cornell Council.

Allan Dunn, a noted orthopaedic surgeon, specializes in something we all need or will need soon, namely, the regrowing of cartilage in arthritic joints. He discovered Intra-Articular Growth Hormone (IAGH.com) injections. Allan, you might want to bring a truckload to our 50th in less than three short years.

John Maclay very gently called to my attention that I goofed in my April column in reporting his marine exploits involving submarines. It should have been submarine cables. He also recounted how he needed a new roommate after his two roommates of the fall semester of his fifth year finished after that term. And that, your honor, is how he convinced Marilyn that they should get married. I'll reserve judgment on that

until I hear her side of the story.

For those of you tired of light reading, **Mordy Blaustein** has published his first textbook (with two other authors) entitled *Cellular Physiology*. It might not be a page-turner in the Grisham fashion, but you'll be able to wow your buddies on bowling night. In a tangential situation, **Sam Thier** is a newly elected member of the American Philosophical Society, which bills itself as the "nation's oldest learned society." I believe it, because Frank Rhodes is currently that organization's president.

Our class president (note the flow) **Bob Watts** had a most memorable Father's Day weekend. With his two sons, and grandson, age 9, he spent four days hiking in the northern Presidential Range in New Hampshire's White Mountains, at one point climbing 3,700 feet in five hours and on to a 5,300-foot summit the next day. They endured 30-degree temperatures and 50 mph winds on the trek. This was a homecoming of sorts for Bob. He spent Cornell summers working for the Appalachian Mountain Club trail crew in the White Mountains.

Last spring, my son, grandson, and I visited Ithaca for an NCAA lacrosse tournament game. We visited the Uris Library (grandson Ben rang the noon chimes in the tower—at age 4 he needed very little help to count to 12), and climbed to the Class of '57 Kinkeldey Room, where we were pleased to find the room full of students studying for finals. Ben and I had our picture taken in front of the plaque designating our class's participation, following which I was asked if I was a member of the class. When I responded positively, several "thumbs-ups" appeared, and I was the recipient of a number of high-fives, administered quietly—quite a kick. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

58 We have only five News notes in hand, and on those we'll report; where we go from here for future columns is up to you, my fellow classmates. **Roberta** "Bobbie" **Erde** Epstein and husband Mark find themselves driving to Tucson frequently to visit their daughter Cynthia, a real estate agent, and her family. Bobbie continues to say that they're "on the road approximately four months a year and it's definitely too much" (yet they hoped to take a family trip this year celebrating their 40th anniversary—we'll watch for news on that). Bobbie and Mark have become very active working for their favorite charities, particularly in supporting the local (Las Vegas) ballet theater and Toys for Tots, yet they still find time for winning special bridge-playing events in the region.

Bob and **Linda Dunn** took an Alaska cruise last year and also went to the US Grand Prix in Indianapolis. Bob's now been in every state except North Dakota and he hoped to cover that soon. Meanwhile, his new book, *Winning with Expert Witnesses in Commercial Litigation*, came out last fall; he says that if every classmate buys just one copy, the publisher will break even. **Alan Goldman** and his wife Joanne traveled to India last November, where they visited cousins

in Calcutta (US Consul General), trekked, and saw some of the area. When here, Alan continues his merger and acquisition advisory work and business consulting, but gets in time for lots of tennis (ranking up to number 2 in Eastern Tennis Association in 65-plus doubles). Alan is also chair of his local American Red Cross chapter and is now on the executive committee of the School of Public Health at Columbia U.

Gail Glueck Bernstein and husband **Ralph '57** write that "daughter Alison and her partner Judy Appel were among the thousands who got married in February at San Francisco City Hall—attended by their two kids and loving friends. Meanwhile, we were in London with our two older grandkids (Rex, 11, and Olive, 9), where we rented a gorgeous flat off Kings Rd. and had a great time." Gail adds that a highlight for all was a sunny day at Stonehenge. **Nach Waxman** writes that his wife Maron has recently retired from the American Museum of Natural History and that "he hopes to catch up with her on the leisure front soon." Their son Joshua is a rabbi with an interesting commute: from Philadelphia, where he and his family live, to a congregation in Minneapolis (this writer hasn't figured out how that works). Daughter Sarah is an immigration specialist working with Mexicans in Chicago. Nach's bookstore, Kitchen Aids and Letters, specializing in food and wine, just marked its 20th year. He judged a number of food competitions at the Iowa State Fair last year, and survived. Nach is trying (unsuccessfully thus far, he says) to free up a little more time for him and Maron.

And that's all there is, 'Mates. As I've written before (in fact, exactly a year ago): we are absolutely out of News—zero, zilch. If you want to see more here, send it in. Your Dues will help the class coffers, too. Cheers to all, and, while not believing how another year could have rolled by so quickly, I wish you all Happy Holidays at year's end! ♦ **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, rhaggard@voicenet.com. Class website, <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>.

59 Happy memories of our 45th Reunion remain in the minds and hearts of those fortunate enough to have attended. As **Sidney Wolfe** wrote to **Ron Demer**, "I was excited to see all of you and to hear the very interesting talks by our classmates, as well as the impressive 'my first year' talk by President **Jeffrey Lehman '77**. What a wonderful place we were lucky enough to spend four years at!" Since 1972, Sid has been the director of the Public Citizen's Health Research Group in Washington, DC. He has written numerous books and articles—and testified before Congressional subcommittees and the Food and Drug Administration—about drugs and drug safety, and the impact of lowering standards for drug approval by the FDA. In June, in the medical journal *Lancet*, he continued to raise concerns about the safety of Crestor, a cholesterol-lowering drug approved by the FDA in August 2003, citing cases of severe muscle deterioration and other illness tied to the drug.

Dale and **Rita Burrell** of Holley, NY, enjoyed

reunion, especially since they missed our 40th because they were traveling in Alaska. (Excuses, excuses!) In their RV travels—usually accompanied by their cat—Dale and Rita have attended fairs from Fairbanks, AK, to Plant City, FL, and Freyburg, ME. "The oxen-pulling contests in Freyburg have been the highlight so far," Dale says. He continues to be active in the Genesee-Oreans Cornell Club, and in 2002 received the club's Spirit of Cornell Award.

Presenting a documentary at a Chicago meeting of the American Medical Association kept **W. Jeanne McKibben** of Oberlin, OH, from reunion. Jeanne officially retired in April after 25 years as an internist-geriatrician. "The medical liability crisis hitting many states was the reason," she said. "I now have more time for my granddaughter, who is 6, my garden, traveling, video editing, and historical preservation." Jeanne would love to see any classmates in or traveling through the greater Cleveland area; she can be reached at wjmckibben@aol.com. **Gail Oglee** Hathaway of Yarmouth Port, MA, is on the board of the Cornell Club of Cape Cod. She, too, welcomes visitors.

Ann Marie Behling has left her townhouse high above downtown Asheville, NC, for a new house not too far away on a 5.77-acre lot on Big Flats Mountain in Fairview, NC. **Margaret Anne Frueh Rogers**, whose husband **Joe '58** died in December 2001, has moved to Fairfax Station, VA. She retired last year as professor of mathematics from Shoreline College in Seattle. "I love Seattle and I will miss my good friends there," she writes, "but I have an urge to be close to my family. My new home is only a six-minute drive from my daughter **Linda Rogers '91** and my two young grandsons."

Following her retirement from Wheaton College, where she served as president for 12 years, **Dale Rogers Marshall** and husband **Don '58** headed west, returning to their house in Piedmont, CA. The American Political Science Association honored Dale last year with the Frank Goodnow award for her contributions to the political science profession. **Patricia Hughes** Dayton and her husband Richard have moved from Freeville, NY, to Ocala, FL. "My husband has always wanted his home, his workshop, his airplane (which he built himself), and everything else all under one roof," writes Patricia. "We just taxi down the road to the airport and take off!"

Although her nursing days are over, **Anne Carpenter** Robertson still uses PDR to look up new drugs. A resident of Redwood City, CA, she has four children, three stepchildren, and three grandchildren. "My retirement efforts go into new language learning," she says. She speaks French, Spanish, and Portuguese, and has been studying Russian. **Susan Saul** Spencer of Frankford, DE, writes that she and husband Rick enjoy golf, duplicate bridge, painting, kayaking, and visits with family and friends. "We never tire of our life of aimless ease. We are fortunate to spend winter on Oahu's North Shore and the rest of the year on the Delaware beach."

Bob Furno of New York City recently became a grandfather for the first time. The proud parents are his son **Erik '86**, BArch '87,

and wife **Jill Mastaloni Furno '92**. "They named their daughter Daryl, after my late wife—and Erik's mom—**Daryl (Davis) '61**. Maybe she'll be a third-generation Cornellian!" **Cindy Cavanaugh** Shoemaker of Marbury, MD, writes that after her husband Doug passed away in April 2002, she returned to work at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center as associate director of University Programs. Cindy has four children, each of whom has three children—"so I do a lot of shopping at holidays!"

'We're retired, we travel, we dote on our grandchildren. Life is good.'

BETH HOOVEN MORSMAN '60

As the year ends, your class officers send best wishes to all for a holiday season filled with happiness and joy, a New Year filled with peace and love—and resolutions to send me lots of news! ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

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You'll soon be getting information in the mail about reunion, so be sure to save the dates June 9-12, 2005 and plan a return to Ithaca to celebrate our 45th. Your hard-working Reunion Committee, which includes **Bill Fisher**, PhD '68, **Gale Jackson**, and **Linda Jarshauer Johnson**, MS '63, among others, has been busy these past months firming up details for next June's celebration. Several of them have traveled to campus to meet with staff members and make preliminary decisions about housing, hospitality, and panel presentations. If you want to volunteer to help with reunion, please contact **Sue Phelps Day**, M Ed '62, at spd6@cornell.edu. Take note: All of you who pay your dues by December 1 will receive a free Class Directory.

Someone in Fort Wayne, IN, sent along an online news story about **Willis Clark**, who was honored in July for his long history of community activism on behalf of the arts with the Sagamore of Wabash, the highest civilian award given by the governor of Indiana. His award was obviously well-deserved: Willis has served eight years on the Indiana Arts Commission, including two as chairman, and has also chaired the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, and the Urban League. A founding member of the African/African American Historical Society, Willis has also been on the board of the Indiana Humanities Council. He is married to **Ginny (Buchanan) '61** and has four children, including **Brian '85** and **Allison Clark Levy '84**.

Sydney Clark Menger recently retired after more than three decades as a computer consultant specializing in application development for businesses. She says, "I did love my work, but am now enjoying this 'new age.'" She and **Bob '57**, MBA '59, took their granddaughter to Disney

World and went on a Cornell Alumni Tour to France. When last I heard, they were planning to join the October 2004 Alumni Tour to Greece along with classmates **Ev** and **Judy Wetzel Seyler**. When at home in Concord, MA, Sydney sings in the local chorus, plays tennis several times a week, and does volunteer work at her grandchildren's school. Speaking of our upcoming reunion, Sydney says, "I remember thinking as an undergrad that anyone who came back for a 45th Reunion was really old. Good thing that is no longer so!"

Ron Pereira is still in Virginia, where he runs the Whimsical Galerie in Old Town Manassas and the Mountain Store in Madison. His son Charley is a charter boat captain in Buxton, NC, son Will is a fly-fishing guide in Montana, daughter Michelle recently graduated from Old Dominion U., son Ronny attends the College of Charleston, and daughter Danielle is in high school in Fairfax. Ron and his wife Karin live in Woodbridge. **Bobbie Spelman** Josepher and her husband Tony became grandparents for the first time in October 2003, with the birth of Chelsea Josepher Brea to their daughter Laura and her husband Juan. Bobbie continues to work for the League of Women Voters in Syosset and for the Sierra Club, but says she's "now living for her weekly trips on the Long Island Railroad to see her granddaughter in New York City."

Carol Sue Epstein Hai spent three weeks in Africa in late 2003, on an extended safari in Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe, followed by a trip through South Africa that included Cape Town, Pretoria, and the wine country. C-Sue is still working in Rochester, but says she's "trying to cut back some" in order to spend more time enjoying her family, which now includes a new daughter-in-law Stacy, who married son Paul in September 2003, along with daughter **Jill '85** and son-in-law **Marc Rubenstein '86**, JD '89, and their two children.

Other busy Rochesterites are **Bob** and **Toby Jossem Silverman**. Bob is a volunteer teacher at Senior Net, a national program that offers computer courses for the over-50 contingent, and Toby continues her work as Scholarship Chairman for the Cornell Alumni Association of Greater Rochester. The Silvermans have six grandchildren, three of them the offspring of daughter **Deborah Silverman Shames '89** and husband **Martin '89**, and also enjoy frequent visits from classmate **Myra Rosenzweig Gross** and her husband **Bernie '59** of Quechee, VT.

Priscilla Miles Yarnall writes from New Milford, CT, that she and Kent have "bought an RV and are planning to drive wherever the spirit takes us!" Pummy reports that she stays in touch with **Beth Hooven** Morsman, who lives with her husband Ed in Deephaven, MN. Beth sent along

a brief summary of life at the Morsmans: "We're retired, we travel, we dote on our grandchildren. Life is good." **Marcy Sheehan Freeman** of Sarasota, FL, continues her productive life as a writer; she had four children's books published in 2003 and prepared a schoolwide writing instruction program that has been adopted in several states and is now available in a video format. She and **Mike '59** are still enjoying the Florida weather, she says, "especially after visiting our sons Mike and Dave in New Jersey and New York City." A more recent inhabitant of the Sunshine State is **Bob Samuels**, who moved just a few months ago from Las Vegas to Boca Raton, FL, and now works in the convention sales department of the Boca Raton Resort and Club as Director of National Accounts.

Brian Finger of Damascus, MD, has retired after 20 years as sales manager at Summit Hall Turf Farm. He and Joan became grandparents in February, and are now "seriously considering a move" to be near their son and his wife in Georgia, "to get away from the cold weather and bad traffic" of the Washington, DC, area. Send news! ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail jw275@cornell.edu.

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Bart Winokur was re-elected chairman of Dechert LLP, which advises corporations and financial institutions on regulatory and litigation matters. Bart has built a reputation as a renowned mergers and acquisitions lawyer.

Allan Metcalf's latest book is *Presidential Voices: Speaking Styles from George Washington to George W. Bush*, a study of the speaking style of each of our presidents. Prompted to write this study of the way in which presidential words and phrases have contributed to our language by the verbal mannerisms of our current President, Allan found that George Washington was the first user of "bakery" and "indoors." John Adams first wrote down the word "caucus," and Theodore Roosevelt named the "lunatic fringe" and created a new meaning for "muckraker." George W. Bush, whom Allan calls the "Blunderer in Chief," added "misunderestimate," "subliminal," and "embedment" to our vocabulary.

Newsweek said that much of the book's fun "comes in discovering the best and worst our nation has to offer." A professor of English at MacMurray College and executive secretary of the American Dialect Society, Allan has written a number of books on language.

Reunion co-chair **Ginnie Buchanan Clark** has every reason to be proud of her husband **Will '60**. He was honored for his service to the arts in Indiana with the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest civilian award bestowed by the Governor of Indiana. In addition, the Fort Wayne African/African American Historical Museum bestowed its annual award on Will. A regular attendee at our '61 reunions and other events, Will has served on the Indiana Arts Commission, the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the United Way, and the Fort Wayne Urban League over the past 15 years.

Plans are under way for classmates to once again travel to Carefree, AZ, in October for a

pre-reunion gathering. The last such event, held in 2000, proved to be very popular and successful. This mini-reunion offers a mix of reunion planning meetings, social gatherings, and outdoor venues such as golf, touring, and hiking in the scenic area just north of Scottsdale. We expect to have access to the meeting space, restaurants, and golf facilities at the nearby Boulders Resort.

The program for Carefree, including motel availability and costs, will be announced in the spring. All classmates are invited to participate in this spectacular three-day event. You do not need to be a reunion planner to come; nevertheless, your ideas and talents are certainly welcome should you wish to attend the planning meetings.

We may be getting older and wiser, but we continue to yearn to "tread the Hill again," to recall our wonderful days at Cornell, and to once again enjoy each other's company and *joie de vivre*. So plan to come to the 45th, which will take place June 8-11, 2006. Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all! ♦ **David S. Kessler**, dsk15@cornell.edu.

62 By the time this sees print, you'll be well into midwinter holiday planning. Please consider sending me a copy of any holiday letter you write, either to the new address below or to my e-mail address. Also, you probably have received a copy of this year's freshman class book-to-read, Kafka's *The Trial*. Our class is known in Ithaca as the trailblazers for our efforts to set up a Web-based discussion group for classmates. Details are not firm as of this writing, but check the class website, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu>. Log on and enjoy discussion of the book with other classmates.

Bob '59 and I moved from Portland to Seattle in October. Even after a quarter-century of selling residential real estate, the concept of moving is different when you're the one doing it! We loved our 27 years in Lake Oswego, and suspect we'll be frequent visitors. Bob has been retired for nearly two years and I plan to keep both Oregon and Washington real estate licenses. The big draw for the move, of course, is two sons and their families (five grandchildren), so we're now located halfway in between. Son Larry sells residential real estate and Will is CFO of the Northwest Pella distributorship, so they're ensconced here. Daughter Val is all over the world with the Foreign Service, but considers the Northwest home, and her husband Chip likes it here, too.

Also moving to be closer to those irresistible young family members is **Jane Jaffe Giddan** (jgiddan@mco.edu), who has moved to Carrollton, TX (near Dallas) to be closer to kids and grandkids. After 39 years in Oceanside, NY, Michael and **Judith Lichtman Elkin** (Jelkin@optonline.net) have moved to Hopewell Junction in the Hudson Valley of Dutchess County, "where we hope to enjoy new experiences and a new lifestyle, and be closer to our two grandchildren."

New addresses also for **H. Laurance '60** and **Nancy Lawrence Fuller**, who sold their home in Wheaton, IL, and moved to the western North Carolina mountains. "We love living in a rainforest in summer and a maritime forest in winter."

Larry's activity on the Cornell Board of Trustees and with the Lab of Ornithology take them often to Ithaca. Their three adult children and their families are all in the Boston area.

When your travels next take you to Mumbai, look up **Ramesh Khanna** (8khanna@holidayinnbombay.com). He's the owner/operator of the Holiday Inn there, and also of the Majorda Beach Resort. He and Andree have two adult sons. If you're traveling to London, you can look up **James Greenberg** (jgreenberg@onrglobal.navy.mil), who's at the US Office of Naval Research there. He's on leave from Carnegie Mellon U., where he was head of mathematical sciences from 1995-2002. Check out the website at www.math.cmu.edu/people/fac/greenberg.html for a summary of his research and selected publications. Or, if you're heading to France, **Caroline Simon** summers in a farmhouse there with her husband Louis Gambaccini. Between them, they have eight children and 13 grandchildren ranging in age from 16 to 3. Cal is working on "Cornell letters to Dad, 1958-1962" for our 50th Reunion.

From Fayetteville, NY, **David Tyler**, MS '64, reports that he is chief of surgery and a board member of Community General Hospital there. He and **Sherry (Northrup) '64** have two children, including **Christy '91**. **Otto Doering III**, PhD '73, writes, "I stepped down from my term on Indiana's Commission for Higher Education only to be 'rewarded' with service on the organization revising our public school standards. This is in addition to what a professor normally does—absolutely fascinating and a challenge, but keeps one occupied." Otto and wife **Barbara (Woodward) '65**, MS '69, live in West Lafayette, IN. **Ann Farnsley** lives in a small river town in Indiana (Vevay) as a professional artist. She does portraits and traditional work. "I'm always looking for commissions. I also paint childlike primitive paintings in my own unique style." E-mail her for images at afarnsley@yahoo.com.

Castleton is home to newly retired **Bill and Evelyn Spieske Dufur**. Enny retired five years ago, and they've been on the go ever since, with visits to grandchildren in Baltimore and Charlotte, hiking, boating, etc. "Life is good and we are very fortunate." Recently retired **Burt Davis** (burtd@aol.com) has relocated from Chicago to Henderson, NV. He spent 40 years in the adhesives industry, most recently as VP/business manager at Henkel. Burt and Dianne welcomed their first grandchild in February. **Craig and Debbi Rubin Wolfarth**, both '85, have presented **Bob '60** and **Charlotte Loewy Rubin** with two grandchildren adopted from South Korea. The Wolfarths live in Laurel, MD. Charlotte has edited a full-color manual on "Identifying Options" to assist high school and college students with disabilities to select two-year and associate programs at CUNY. You can view it online at city-tech.cuny.edu/students/student-support, and click on "identifying options."

Bonnie (Woodward) '66 and **Albert Haberle**, DVM '64, are restoring their old brick 1833 house in Westport in the Adirondack Park. They enjoy views of the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain. After stints in the Army and then at the Columbus Zoo, he has built and sold

three veterinary hospitals in Connecticut. He recently hiked with **Peter McAfee '67**, who now lives in Lake Placid and hopes to host a gathering of Delts within the year. From **Stanley Kozareski** (StanleyKozareski@presidency.com): "Just had breakfast in Atlantic City with **Joe Skladanek** and his wife Mazie. Mother Nature has been very kind to them—they haven't aged since their wedding day. Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't give us any luck at the gaming tables." Stanley lives in Goshen.

Chicago has been home to Howard and **Jean Horn Swanson**, MS '64 (jswanson@csc.cps.k12.il.us) for a long time. Howard has retired from chemical engineering and plays the violin in chamber music groups and local orchestras. Their two daughters and five grandchildren live nearby. Jean writes, "At this stage, just surviving another year in the budget to work with parents in the Chicago Public Schools is an accomplishment. I'll know soon if I'm working next year." Jean adds that her father, **Henry Horn**, just signed off as secretary of the Class of '33. "He is 91 and still active. My mother **Catherine (Stainken) '36**, MS '39, at 89 is not as mobile, but knows all the Cornell songs."

Congratulations! We have increased our number of class duespayers to the point of having a slightly longer column than we've had for a while. Now it just needs your news! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE Seventeenth St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 It has been a busy summer and will be a busy fall in the **Icke** household. As of early October, **Warren '62** and I will be moving from Racine, WI, to Tucson, AZ. Please note our new address at the end of the column. Our e-mail address will be changing eventually as well. We decided after many years in Racine to move to a warmer climate and live within a day's drive of our summer home in Telluride, CO. We also have two of our three sons, their wives, and our three grandchildren in the Phoenix area. We are excited about the change. News from classmates starts with a few tidbits from last summer's news.

Judy Branton Wilkins and Paul write that son Brian is involved with Evolution Entertainment in Hollywood, and daughter Cathy is a UCLA grad. Judy teaches piano part-time, and Paul is a part-time arbitrator for the Superior Court. **Ruth Opler** Perry, MA '65, a professor of literature at MIT, has authored a book on eighteenth-century literature and culture and is now studying English and American ballads. She has always been a folksinger and is enjoying putting both her academic interests and folk singing together. Her son **Curtis** and his wife **Jaya Yodh** are both Class of '87 and parents of two.

Up-to-date info: **Larry Le Vine** writes from Poughkeepsie that he and wife Nancy enjoy seeing their first grandson, Gavin, who is the son of **Chris '93** and his wife Erin. They also see daughter **Caren '96** and son **Joe '02**. Caren returned from Dublin, Ireland, last year, where she completed her master's in environmental resource management. She currently works for BKA-Terranex. Joe works for Oxford Lodging in

Tone Colors

PAT LIPSKY '63

As a child, Pat Lipsky realized that painting, not music, was her forte. "The piano teacher told my mother that I wasn't going to amount to much," she says. Still, music hardly takes a back seat in Lipsky's work—the artist draws inspiration from American folk songs and Bach's fugues. Sometimes the carefully proportioned rectangles in her abstract oil paintings even remind viewers of a keyboard. "I was fooling around with the piano at a very young age," says the New York City native. "Maybe this is in my unconscious."

On a whim, Lipsky painted "Keyboard Variations," a piece that was influenced by the instrument she studied in childhood. In October 2003, New York City's Lincoln Center turned the work into a poster and silkscreen edition for its Great Per-



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formers Series, which uses visual art to promote concerts. "When I listen to Bach or Beethoven, I can hear that they're doing things that are similar in space to what I'm doing with colors or repetitions," she says. "There's a lot of similar thinking."

— Sarah Brubaker '06

New York City as an operations analyst. Larry keeps in touch with **Cornell Dawson**, who has trained for and participated in a marathon for the benefit of stroke victims. **Daniel O'Connell** retired last December after 23 years as a senior loan officer at Farm Credit of Western New York. He says he is enjoying life as a "recluse"—not sure what his wife Barbara thinks of that. **Richard Thackaberry** plans to sell his practice and be semi-retired. He just stepped down after six years on the board of the American Animal Hospital Association. He and wife Kathy will spend winters in Grand Cayman. They were looking forward to their son's wedding in July.

This year's update from **Madeleine Leston** Meehan is interesting, as always. Her drawings of young, brilliant musicians from the Perlman Music Program were featured in the commemorative booklet for the Perlman Music Program's 10th anniversary on *Live from Lincoln Center*. The program is Itzak's wife's summer program on Shelter Island. Cruise ship caricaturing will get Madeleine and husband Jim Welker to the Mediterranean to celebrate their fifth anniversary in October. From May 1 to November 1, Madeleine spends time in East Hampton, and a trip to the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, in

late May/early June rounds out her busy year. **John Rasmus** was attending a business meeting in San Diego in April and had dinner with **Dick Altes**, ME '65, and his wife Lyn. Dick and Lyn had just had a set of twins! **Edward** and **Carol Hoerning** vacationed on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in April. They live near their two grandchildren and enjoy their visits.

Sad news from **Jennifer Patai** Schneider: her daughter Jessica Grace Wing (Stanford '92) died of colon cancer last July. Just before her death she completed a modern opera, *Lost*, which opened in August 2003 in New York to excellent reviews. The "Today" show and the *New York Times* ran pieces about her at the time. Jennifer's son Ben is doing graduate work in linguistics. Jennifer is a part-time specialist in chronic pain management using opioids (narcotics). Her latest book, *Living with Chronic Pain*, was published this past summer. **Patricia Sutton** Lipsky has produced a painting that was sold to the Lincoln Center to be reproduced both as a poster for the Great Performers Series and as a signed silkscreen edition. Pat had a solo show in September and has her poster for sale at the Lincoln Center.

Susan Silverstein Sandler is in *Who's Who in America 2003*. Her son Samuel is a master's

candidate in artificial intelligence at Penn's School of Engineering. **John Hudson**, a '63 PhD in Sociology, attended the wedding of his son **Bradford Hudson '93** to Caroline Coco in Boston. **Mardee Sue Greenfield** Jenrette moved for the first time in 33 years from Miami to St. Augustine, FL. She pointed out that one benefit of retired life is that there is "no need to factor in job issues when deciding where to live." **John Nichols**, PhD '69, writes from College Station, TX, that he was sorry to have missed our 40th Reunion last year due to travel. John is leading a faculty committee to create a new Department of Nutrition and Food Science at Texas A&M, which is expected to be approved this fall. He and his wife Carol are looking forward to having their son and his wife back in the US. They are returning to Connecticut from a two-year assignment in Brazil with IBM. Please keep news coming. ♦ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ickle@execpc.com.

64 Reunion recap time! Co-chairs **Susan Mair** Holden, **Barbara Lutz** Brim, and **Don McCarthy** sent the following thank-you to us all: "We had such a wonderful time planning what had to be one of the best 40th Cornell Reunions ever and an even better time being with you and seeing so many of you enjoy the weekend! Thank you to everyone who made the trek to Ithaca, not an easy task with the busy lives we lead. With more of you there than we dared hope—225 classmates (including 36 first-timers) and 356 of us altogether—Reunion was perfect! And the weather was the best we have ever had for a reunion—cool and sunny, the perfect backdrop for our many outdoor venues. If our visualizing this weather for five years produced this result, we'll sign up for that job for our 45th!"

"Our schedule of class events was extraordinary because so many of our classmates had such wonderful ideas and were eager to work to make them happen. You will receive shortly a communiqué from the university with the names of those classmates to whom we are indebted for these activities, or you can check our class website for our post-reunion letter. Truly the hardest part of the weekend was to decide among the wealth of stimulating activities offered by the university, the Ithaca environs, and our class events.

"With so many contacts made among friends over the months before Reunion there was a wonderful spirit of renewal and reconnection in our class headquarters throughout the weekend. We have been delighted to hear from many of you who have let us know what a fabulous weekend it was for you, as it was for us. All three of us very much appreciated this opportunity to work closely with so many of you, and to renew old friendships and make new friends from among our classmates. Thank you! We can't wait for our 45th and hope those of you who missed this one will decide now to try to join us in 2009. See you then!"

Nurse and addictions counselor **Judith Rogan** Dodson, who lives in Orlando, FL, with husband Charlie (and one child still at home of the six she's had by two husbands) keeps busy by

being very active in social work ("Work all the time"). Judy runs a women and children's home for women who are in recovery from addictions and who have their toddlers with them, and also works at the Lisa Merline House main campus in Orlando, counseling and running family programs. She also does experimental work and has a private practice for addicts and their families. She sends regrets for missing reunion, but her youngest grandchild was being christened that weekend. **Richard and Phyllis Norton Coombe**, who live in Grahamsville, NY, report that changing dietary trends and improved marketing have made their custom, all-natural Angus beef a big winner. With that, small wonder Dick was recognized as an outstanding alum by the Ag college. Both are active in Cornell and civic projects, and Phyllis does home tutoring, quilting, and knitting. The Coombes have two grown sons, with whose families they spent their annual extended family vacation on North Carolina's Outer Banks recently. They also visited St. Lucia and plan a trip to Alaska. Attorney **Joseph McEntee** wryly notes that his English major background serves him well trying lawsuits for Texas Instruments. Joe and wife **Carol (Naylon) '66** live in Dallas. They recently spent three weeks touring China ("amazing trip") and were at reunion. **Morris "Monty" Stambler** of Newton Center, MA, sent regrets for not attending reunion due to his daughter's impending wedding.

Jim Reyelt, who lives in Riverside, RI, was at reunion and thrilled us all with his new hobby, sketching and pastels. He did two lovely ones of the '64 banner-draped entrance to Risley, where we all stayed. He most likes to sketch the sea-coasts of New England, Ireland, and Florida, and also does friends' homes, boats, and landscapes. He plans to move into oils soon. Jim is retired from the club business and party catering, and that gave him the time to be at reunion, of which he writes: "It was great! I won't miss another."

Bob, PhD '69, and **Alice Dannett Frieden**, MA '71, of Andover, MA, spent most of last April and May bicycling "down under." Their report, in part: "We biked 400 km around New Zealand's South Island supported by three wonderful Kiwi guides and surrounded by sheep, cattle, rolling hills, glaciers, rainforests, bright flowers, and pristine countryside. We proudly pedaled through torrential rains, gale winds, and mountain roads, enjoying more waterfalls daily than we had seen in a lifetime . . . swimming in rivers, lakes, and the South Ocean." They then went to Australia, where they hiked, swam, and camped in rainforests, the Tasman Sea, Kakadu Nat'l Forest, and the Great Barrier Reef "amidst kangaroos, wallabies, possums, echidna, dolphins, koalas, snakes, spiders, frogs, blue bottle jellyfish, waterfalls, barramundi, crocodiles, flying fox, wallaroos, emus, black swans, cockatoos, parrots, sugar cane, and bananas." Their conclusion: "Friendly people from throughout the world converge in New Zealand and Australia—an incredible adventure for us." Alice is on our Class Council, and Bob is our class webmaster.

That's all for now. Keep the news flowing—and be sure to visit our class website: <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns Lamont**,

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65 Fall semester is well under way and reunion is rapidly approaching. Reunion chair **George Arango**, MD '69, is working on an exciting weekend for us. He welcomes thoughts, suggestions, and volunteers, and can be reached at casarango@aol.com or (610) 285-6919.

Joe Ryan and wife Vera spend three to four months each year in Venice, FL. The rest of the year Joe is involved in some interesting and complicated real estate transactions in Buffalo. His son Sean (Boston College '03) is a rookie tight end for the Dallas Cowboys. Joe is looking forward to reconnecting with classmates, especially **Steve Appel**, at reunion. **Joel Perlman** recently completed a major sculpture commission for ABN AMRO Plaza in Chicago. "Sky Spirit" is a 30-foot aluminum work that was the winner of an international competition in 2003. Joel and wife Nancy are still residents of NYC.

Loren Stephens reconnected with **Phyllis Weiss** Haserot, MRP '67, in NYC at the Cornell Scholarship Fund dinner party. It was great fun and was attended by many recent and older grads. Los Angeles is home for Loren and husband Dana Miyoshi, who is an entertainment industry consultant at LEK Consulting. Loren recently went online with her company (www.writewisdom.com), which specializes in ghost-writing life stories. Her second book, *Life is a Game: Bet on Yourself*, was just published. Son Josh (Princeton '97) is teaching and coaching at Archer School for Girls in Brentwood, CA.

Another Californian is **Ron Greene**. After a 30-year gap, Ron reconnected with **Jim Simpson**, who spent his first two years at Cornell before transferring. Ron is still passionate about fine food and wine—and whitewater rafting, often doing class 5 whitewater. His hobbies include teaching wine-tasting and collecting very old vintages of fine wines and champagnes, cooking, theatre, music, and painting. In his spare time, he is a practicing CPA, focusing on the food and wine industries and forensic accounting. Son Matt does marketing for Universal Pictures, while son Andrew is an abstract artist and poet.

Memphis, TN, is home to **Jeff Kass** and wife Dee. After leaving International Paper in 2002, Jeff formed a consulting company focusing on strategy, capacity building, and marketing for non-profit organizations. His son Mike has completed his first year at Stanford Law School. Watching her son **Joel '03** graduate from ILR reminded **Alice Schaeffer** Nadelman of good friends and good times at Cornell. Her daughter Rachel (Brown '00) is off to Nicaragua to volunteer at a women's and children's health center through the Jewish Volunteer Corps. After a satisfying career as a psychologist specializing in early childhood trauma and attachment disorders, Alice and husband Manny enjoy time at their cabin in the Berkshires and life at a slower pace.

Janet Snyder Rooker began a new career as an educational consultant. She helps prospective clients choose colleges and complete the application process. Daughter Amy has a law clerkship

in Hawaii, married son Tyler is completing his PhD in anthropology, and younger son Griffin, who is getting a master's degree in applied behavioral analysis, works with autistic children. Janet lives in Connecticut and summers in Chatham, MA. **Bob Stover** of Houston, TX, sends news of his sons Rob, married this year in Las Vegas, and **Keith '95**, CPA 2000, who has been in Raleigh, NC, working for Deloitte and Touche.

Carlos Niederhauser resides in West Virginia. His daughter graduated from Georgetown U. this past May and is working in real estate investments in the DC area. His son is a junior at Columbia and is currently in Southeast Asia and New Zealand. The new director of the Master of Accounting program at Lehigh U. is classmate **Jack Paul**. **Jim Walzer**, ME '66, and wife Penny divide their time between a new winter home in New York and their home in Florida. Jim's greatest love, besides grandchildren Jason, Jill, Adam, and Joshua, is golf. **Alvon Macauley** and wife Pam enjoyed the CAU trip to Scotland. The programs, accommodations, and scenery made the trip spectacular. **Donald Sullivan** and wife Kathryn sold their home in Palm Springs, CA, and moved to a townhouse in San Diego, which they share with two new kittens. Following the move, they traveled in Hawaii, California, and Lake Tahoe.

For **Ernie Berger**, "life is good, really good." He relocated to the eastern shore of Mobile Bay in Alabama after retiring from a career in health care with Final Put. Equity Inv. Ernie founded SCIA (Santa Claus Institute of America), supporting 25,000 professional Santas with insurance, background checks, drug testing, costuming, and more. He has found rewarding work volunteering as a children's hospice Santa in the Mobile Bay area. He still kayaks, motorcycles, fly fishes, hunts, and golfs, and has become a born-again organic gardener. **Dyle Henning** and wife Oanh Thu are active in their community in Michigan, where Dyle, retired from MSU extension in '02, is serving as County Commissioner and Oanh is working for the community schools. Daughter Christene is in the US Foreign Service, daughter Joylynn graduated from Central Michigan U., and son Dyle David is in the ninth grade.

Make plans to reconnect with Cornell and Cornellians this June and send news to us at: ♦ **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd.,



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66 Hello, People. This column is intended to share information that has come to me from class members (hint for you in the future). It really is fun to get mail and e-mail from each and every one of you. First, I want you to pull out the April 2004 issue of the *New York Law Journal* magazine and see an article on page 44 written by **Bruce Bergman**. It is entitled "Ah Truth, So Elusive." The beginning of it starts, "These college guys were just looking for dates that snowy 1965 night, but got entangled in a local racket. Was the plaintiff's verdict really wrong?" After enjoying the article, send a note to Bruce at bjb33@cornell.edu. **Grace Helen Kelley Powers** (powers@lisd.net) is still loving her job as an elementary school nurse in Lewisville, TX.

'Ernie Berger founded SCIA (Santa Claus Institute of America).'

JOAN ELSTEIN ROGOW '65

Joe Jaffe writes from Weston, CT (jjaffe@sirmservices.com) that he has started a new group, SirmServicesLtd, after 12 years as Exec VP and General Counsel of Decisions Strategies. He has two children in college. I have a note from **Tom Guise**, MBA '72, in Sedalia, CO. "Changes on the Hill, yet still continuity—alumnus President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 is ten years younger than we are!" **Joanne Pakel Ikeda** (jiked@socrates.berkeley.edu) is living in San Leandro, CA. She and Roy celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary with a trip to China and Hong Kong in March 2004. She is still on the faculty of the Department of Nutritional Sciences of UC Berkeley. Her specialty is pediatric overweight, and she is speaking around the country and on the radio.

Ronni Barrett Lacroute (rlacroute@willakenzie.com) writes that she is living in Yamhill, OR, and is on the Board of Chamber Music Northwest, which brings the musicians from Lincoln Center to Portland, OR. She also does yoga daily and walks in the vineyards. (Personal tours and tastings available! See www.willakenzie.com.) **James Adams** has been married to Susan for over 35 years, with three grown children and two grandchildren, all on the West Coast. He and Susan have just bought a house in San Clemente, CA. **Larry Berger** (lhb6@cornell.edu) now heads up the Transportation Planning Division of the Mason County Planning Commission. He lives in Merrick, NY.

Gary Schoener writes from Minneapolis (grschoener@aol.com) that he and Katherine "have spent two wonderful weeks in Greece."

Gwendolyn Gartland Scalpello (gscalpello@atglobal.net) e-mails from Vail, CO, that she is busy as a volunteer in things such as the Betty Ford Alpine Garden. "I bought a mountain bike last year, but am a long way from getting it up Vail Mountain! But it's great for local transportation in our predominately pedestrian village!" **Richard Turbin** (richturbin@aol.com) is now the president of the Hawaii State Bar Association.

Judith Jayson Sonfield (Oyster Bay, NY) and husband **Matthew '64** were in Washington in 2003—the weekend of Hurricane Isabelle—for the wedding of their oldest son, Brian, along with multiple Cornellians. **Susan Goldberg** Kayman (kayman@gwm.sc.edu) is now in Columbia, SC, and is the deputy director of the Nutrition and Health Disparities Research Center of the Arnold School of Public Health at the U. of South Carolina. **Robert "Pete" Fairchild** writes from Hampton, VA, that he has retired from military service and life is good. He remembers scrubbing pots in Kappa Delta sorority from 1964 to 1966. You can reach **Gerri Sussman Marcus** at gerimarcus@aol.com. She is in speech-language pathology, and

her husband **Averill, MILR '67**, is practicing law in Miami, FL.

Please send YOUR information. Typing and labels are most appreciated. Be sure to look at the Class of '66 Web page, located at <http://classof66.alumni.cornell.edu/>. **Roy Troxel** really does good stuff! ♦ **John Miers**, John_Miers@nih.gov; **Bill Blockton**, rbsfabrics@aol.com; and **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

67 **Ted Hamilton** (Walnut Creek, CA; Tvhami1967@aol.com) is "continuing to build things (concrete and 'relationships') with Harris/Assoc. Wife Charlene is now full-time with Cerus Corp. Son Cameron graduated in criminal justice from U. of Cincinnati, and daughter Courtney started middle school with straight A's, as well as leading her CYO basketball team as MVP to win last year's Thanksgiving tournament." Ted adds that **Bob Holman's** daughter Sara was married last June and is living, as are her parents Bob and Sue, in Olympia, WA; son Tim teaches and coaches in Louisville, KY.

"It's been 36 years since I left the US on a Cornell charter flight," writes **Sue Haskel** James, 13 Preston Close, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Middlesex TW2 5RU, England, who hasn't been back to Cornell since graduation, "but one day... Best wishes for the newly re-launched ILR school." Meanwhile, she works part-time for the Theatregoers Club of Great Britain. Sue's daughter graduated from U. of Cambridge; her son received his BA from U. of Leeds and an MA from U. of Sussex—in English, naturally. Sue's good friends since

her "defection" have been **Steve and Sena Gottlieb Warner**, Mamaroneck, NY, who continue their work as lawyer and social worker, respectively.

Robert Mangi (Garden City, NY; [mangi@aol.com](mailto:mangi@atglobal.net)) reports: "Barbara and I are married 35 years and have three great boys. Chris is a police detective, Rob owns an insurance agency, and Derek, a Golden Gloves fighter, just graduated last year from Hofstra U. I practice family and matrimonial law at my firm in Mineola, NY, and just finished my first book on family law. I continue my involvement in professional boxing, having been appointed deputy commissioner for New York State in 2002." **Linda Angliss Meyers**, MS '69 (Gales Ferry, CT; linda.meyers@eastlymeschools.org): "I have retired from my social work position but continue to work as a middle school guidance counselor in E. Lyme, CT. My husband Bruce and I enjoy hiking, sailing, and skiing." **Linda McMahon** Meskun, Shaftsbury, VT, advises that her daughter graduated from U. of Vermont five years ago, and son Matthew from Maine Maritime Academy four years ago.

Richard Tunick (Scarsdale, NY; rdtoonick@aol.com) writes, "Moved my offices of R.D. Tunick & Co. LLC, an investment advisory firm, to the third floor of my home. While modern communications and equipment have made it all possible, the walls of my life have narrowed. I can go and play golf on five minutes' notice, but still must adjust to the absence of social interface during the average work day. Fortunately, the investment results to date have more than compensated for my compressed space." He adds that daughter **Erica '04** graduated from Cornell and was heading for law school, while son Robert lives in Philadelphia and trades fixed income securities.

Elaine Kamhi Greenwald, Melville, NY, is a psychologist in private practice who worked with many people directly affected by 9/11. Her daughter **Carolyn '94**, JD '98, married **Adam Schaye, JD '99**, at the A.D. White House (reception in the Memorial Room), and lives in Ithaca. Elaine adds that her roommate **Jane Littman** Simon, Dix Hills, NY, came to the wedding on the Hill. **Phil Scheff**, ME '68 (Sherman Oaks, CA; scheff@juno.com) spent last December's holiday season in summery Australia visiting his daughter Stefanie, who's studying veterinary medicine in Sydney. Phil spoke with **Sandy Melloch**, "whose therapy business is doing very well and she loves the work."

Lastly, one intrepid contributor suggests I point out that Caroline Kennedy's husband **Edwin Schlossberg** is a member of our class. According to the Alumni Directory, he is indeed. ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 I hope you are all having a great fall! This column is being written in mid-August, and the day after I complete it, I leave for Ithaca with my daughter **Nicole**, who will be Class of '08 in the Arts college. Planning the trip has brought back many fond memories of my own experience at Cornell, and the many wonderful people I was lucky to meet there. It's hard to believe it was 36 years ago that our class

arrived on the Hill for Orientation!

Turning to some regular class news, **Robert Butkovich** of Lincoln Park, NJ, has had a diverse career in marketing, advertising, sales, production, and distribution with companies such as Esmark and Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. Robert has four children ages 23-30, including a set of twin boys. **Joan Buchsbaum Lindquist** and her husband **Lee '66** live in Coeur d'Alene, ID, on a "perpetual vacation" in the wonderful natural surroundings. Their son **Kevin, MBA '99**, married **Annette Harville, MBA '98**, in February in Santa Barbara, CA.

Dan Wagner is a professor of education and the director of the International Literacy Institute at the U. of Pennsylvania. Dan and wife **Mary Eno** live in Philadelphia. **Mary Lou Janicki** Curivan lives in Shaker Heights, OH. Her daughter **Melissa** graduated from U. of Chicago and is staying there for law school. **Mary Lou** reports seeing **Karen Woysner** Zill in DC, and also **Cynthia Darrow** Curtis, who has moved to Florida. **John Dentes, MBA '69** (Aurora, NY) is very sad to report the death of his wife of 36 years, **Cheryl (McCray) '77**. John would like to hear from any classmates returning to the Ithaca area.

Peter Bellinger and wife **Joyce** live in Clifton Park, NY. Pete has retired as deputy Commissioner for Information Technology for New York State and is now involved in business development for an agency based in Newport, RI. **Sandy Siegel** and his wife **Rita (Gross) '69** have lived in Albuquerque, NM, since 1982. Sandy is a family law attorney and Rita is Director of Labor Relations for the local school system. **Robert Wolf** and wife **Linda** live in Pasadena, MD. **Lynne Buttner** Frazier and husband **Steve** recently finished building a retirement home in Pinehurst, NC. Lynne is "mostly retired" and does occasional consulting.

Julius Gall and his wife **Mary Wisniewski** live in Somers Point, NJ. They are both doctors. *Philadelphia Magazine* recently named Julius as one of the "top docs" in the Delaware Valley. **Joyce Eichenberger Dalessandro** and husband **John, PhD '74**, (Del Mar, CA) have been busy with the weddings of their two daughters in the past year. **Kenneth Miller** lives in Costa Mesa, CA. In 2001, Ken started a multiple-leg voyage in his 45-foot sailboat. Recent travels included the Panama Canal, Colombia, and the San Blas Islands. Last year, Ken sold a major portion of his company, Pegasus Research Corp., and he is now trying other activities.

Nick Long lives in Little Compton, RI, where he was elected moderator of the Financial Town Meeting, which I know is an important job in any New England town. Nick's son **Gabriel** graduated last June from the Moses Brown School and is slated to attend the Arts college, but has deferred enrollment to play junior hockey. Nick and Gabriel had a great time during a trip to Cuba earlier this year. He also reports having seen **Herb Fuller** at Herb's home on Prudence Island, which is off the coast of Rhode Island. **Bill Boles** and his wife **Genne** live in the great town of Telluride, CO. Their daughter **Kristin '06** will be a junior in chemical engineering at Cornell.

Art Kaminsky and wife **Andrea** live in Manhasset, NY. Art was a consultant on the Walt

Disney movie *Miracle*, the story of the legendary US Olympic hockey team. Art does commentary for sports broadcasts for several networks. His daughter **Alexis** teaches in New York City, and son **Tom** attends Manhasset High School and is a medal-winning athlete. I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 20 Rowes Wharf #510, Boston, MA 02110; e-mail, gordon_silver@comcast.net.

69 After 35 years with the USDA's rural development office, **Dale Coats** retired. But only six months later, he re-entered the workforce as a substitute teacher. Next, Dale became a real estate agent, and now he has added manager to his job description, responsible for a 100-unit senior citizens' apartment complex in Gouverneur, NY. Dale says, "Loving it!" He also writes that he and wife **Linda** attended their son **Christopher's** graduation from South Florida U., where he majored in marketing. **Peter Fried** fills us in on his family. Daughter **Lisa '95** (Georgetown, JD '01) joined the law firm of Pillsbury & Winthrop in New York City. His son **David '98, MS '03**, is with IBM in Yorktown Heights, NY, and is completing a PhD in electrical engineering at Cornell. David's wife **Marina (Wencelblat) '98** (Harvard, MS '00) works in the Cornell admissions office. Peter's youngest child **Stephen** (Stanford '02) is currently at the Yale school of drama studying directing. The whole family, including Peter's wife **Wendy (Zisfein) '71**, spent the summer of 2003 sailing to Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket. Peter reports, "Had a ball." During the Christmas holidays, **Ann Agranoff**, husband **Fred Anderes**, and their 13-year-old daughter **April** skied in Switzerland and searched for their Anderes cousins.

Michael Glick is the managing principal at Corridor RF&S Real Estate LLC in Baltimore, MD. Nearby in Washington, DC, **Marsha Gold** is a senior fellow in heart policy research at Mathematic Policy Research Inc. She says, "Life is interesting, tracking the demise of private Medicare plans as Congress works to resurrect them!" On holiday last year, Marsha toured the Amalfi Coast and Sicily followed by a professional trip to Israel. Dr. **Marianne Goodman** has a private psychiatry practice in Manhattan and Westchester, NY. However, Lincoln Center is where she can most often be found, since Marianne is a patron of the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, and the American Ballet Theater. Her husband **William Norden** is head of the trust and estates department at Brown Rayshan LLP. They have daughters **Hillary** and **Samantha** who attend Riverdale Country School, where they are in the twelfth and ninth grades, respectively. Marianne's two adult stepdaughters are **Melissa**, an attorney at ASPCA, and **Stacy Norden Bess**, an events planner for International Legal Consortium. **Knigh Kiplinger** also brings us up to date on his children. **Brigham '03** teaches a fifth grade class at a charter school in Washington, DC, as part of the Teach for America program. And **Daphne '07** is enjoying Cornell and singing with the women's cappella group *Nothing But Treble*.

April Showers is the first novel that **Ann**

LeValley Oehler has published, and its sequel, "Sublime Recline," is already under contract. Ann's son **Michael** is also self-employed. He has opened My Chiropractor in Williamsville, NY. Another author and a visiting scholar at the U. of Rochester, **Jane Plitt** wrote *Martha Matilda Harper and the American Dream*. Through Jane's efforts, Harper was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 2003. Jane and husband **Jim Bruen** are also proud of their son **Brett**, who has entered the Foreign Service as a diplomat. **Toby**, son of **Roger Titone**, is studying aerospace engineering at Iowa State U., and his sister **Nora** writes for **Doris Kerns Goodwin**. Roger is CEO of Titronics R&D and has been working with Dr. **Marc Abren** of Yale on a new way of measuring body temperature by means of the brain temperature tunnel near the eye. Roger's wife **Marvel** has retired from the Titones' business and is presently enjoying quilting and her computer-controlled sewing machine. Additionally, Roger and Marvel have joined the Gideon's. He says, "Really enjoy the fellowship and giving New Testaments to U. of Indiana students."

Jack Liang, MPA '73, has recently joined the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority as an administrator for development and community relations. He is in charge of strategic planning and fund development for 13 parks and golf courses, but, Jack says, "I have yet to see any improvement in my golf game." Jack's wife **Debbie** is a substitute teacher in the local school system, his daughters **Amy** and **Anna** are in the eleventh and eighth grades, respectively, and his son **Michael** attends the U. of Michigan. Jack also writes about visiting with **Greg Vasse**, MBA '77, another Grosse Pointe, MI, resident and a vice president for the American Red Cross blood services group. Dr. **Joshua Freeman** is chair of the department of family medicine at the U. of Kansas School of Medicine. In the spring of 2003, he was a Fulbright scholar at Federal U. of São Paulo, Brazil.

The Alamo Theatre Arts Council presented its Globe Award 2003 to **Carl Rush**, MRP '76. He has been involved in community theater for the past five years, recently moving into directing. Carl's day job is coordinator of the community health program at Northwest Vista College near San Antonio, TX. Carl also tells us that he spent a two-week vacation in Italy with some close friends. Another public administrator, **Doug Yoder** serves on the board of the Florida Green Building Coalition that encourages efficient and sustainable development. During a recent trip to Seattle, he and wife **Margaret** began the process of re-designing the family home, located 20 miles west on Puget Sound. They intend to live there post-retirement. Meanwhile, Margaret continues to work hard in the real estate business. Recently she spent some of her income on a bright red 1977 MGB that magically appeared in their driveway during Doug's birthday party. It duplicates the one he had when they were married. Doug says, "Aging isn't so bad and is not to be confused with maturing!" After retiring from Wall Street, **Michael Smith** decided to build his own car as his first post-retirement project. Michael also tells us that his son **James** is in the

graduate architecture program at MIT, and his daughter Dawn is majoring in aquamarine sciences at New England U. You can contact Michael at smithsiretired@earthlink.net.

George Remien writes that he has been married to Delis for 35 years and is gratified to have three happy children living on their own, Tanya, 34, Jason, 33, and James, 25. Both the older children have families, and George calls grandparenting "the best." George also reminisces about his early marriage: "My wife always refers to our time at Cornell as our own 'Love Story.' We were newly married, no kids, no money, and living off the most beautiful campus in America! We were so lucky!" Delis retired after 32 years in the education business, and George planned to retire last June. They hope to spend more time at their second home on Cape Cod and travel. Since the Remiens have been to South America, Central America, and Europe, they are looking forward to seeing Australia. George also says that his career turned out to be very different from what he expected. After graduating with a BS in animal science, he ended up working as a private practitioner and school social worker for the past 30 years. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031.

70 On July 23, 2004, our beloved **Henry Lee "Hank" Brittingham** died after living with and battling colon cancer for 12 years. He was a dear friend, a special classmate, and an amazing reunion chairman. Hank leaves his wife **Susie (LaBarre) '71** (SmlBritt@aol.com) and their grown children Jennifer, Todd, and Travis. Hank was an interesting and intriguing man, and very involved in life. He loved to talk! He delighted in stories, coincidental connections, and pieces of what he called useless information. He was a basic sort of fellow, and a detail man. Hank loved Cornell. He knew the campus, and he knew the ins and outs of Cornell's many buildings. His favorite place was the Dairy Bar and his ice cream topping was Hershey's chocolate syrup, canned only. He also loved Coke—no Pepsi for Hank—so for reunion, cases of Coke were loaded into the car for the trek to Ithaca.

Hank was in Navy ROTC and a Navy pilot for two years. He and Susie settled in Lewes, DE, when Hank joined his family's business, Lewes Dairy Inc. Later in his career he ran the ice plant division. Hank was a devoted Rotary member, a dedicated volunteer fireman, historian for the Lewes Polar Bears, an enthusiast of Punkin Chunkin, and a constant watchdog of all the activities and events in Lewes and neighboring Rehoboth. Hank would appear when something needed doing and fade away when the task was complete. One friend noted that Hank had his own character, delightfully different and eccentric, while observant, perceptive, and brilliant, with an intellect both uncanny and occasionally scary. In our memories, Hank will remain a robust man with a mane of wavy silver hair, wearing a plaid shirt, navy blue Dickies, a belt AND red suspenders, his signature black wingtips, and, of course, a broad, inviting smile while reaching out for a handshake or a hug. We will miss you, Hank. Reunions won't be the

same. Thank you for sharing your life with us.

Sadly, we have lost many classmates since our graduation. I write about these friends when family members or friends send me notice of their passing. Belatedly, I must report that **Jeffrey Baer** died in January 2003 following his battle with cancer. As their three children were growing older, Jeff and his wife Becky became foster parents and then adopted their fourth child, now 8. Two of the older siblings went to Harvard and the third graduated from the Hotel school. At Cornell, Jeff was the Big Red Bear and the first one to take to the ice at Lynah, though initially he could not skate! Check page 82 in our 1970 yearbook. Jeff enjoyed telling stories and was a practical joker. A committed Christian Scientist, he cared for the grounds of their church in Ithaca. Jeff was an honorable man who sought to be of service to others but could be irreverently funny.

After the Straight takeover in 1969, Jeff joined Stuart Brown's ad hoc committee. When his birthday was number 53 in the draft lottery, he managed to become a general's aide in Washington, DC, and was not sent out to Vietnam. Once out of the Army, he and Becky traveled extensively and founded and published *Family Travel* magazine. During the late '70s, Jeff was president of First Data Corporation, which was founded by his father as Telecheck. In the 1980s Jeff and his brother bought the Famous Amos Cookie Corp. in Denver. Jeff's last job was senior vice president of First Data in charge of global properties, and he was elected assistant secretary in 2002. Jeff was always humble and always funny and is greatly missed.

Ruthanne Kurtyka, JD '73, and husband **Harvey Corn**, JD'73, live in Manhattan with their three daughters. Christie, 9, is a fourth grader and her twin sisters Margaret and Olivia are 7 and in second grade at a NYC public school for gifted and talented children. All the girls are excellent ice skaters and compete frequently. They are looking forward to attending our 35th Reunion next June. Ruthanne continues as a corporate partner at Kaye Scholer LLP (rkurtyka@kayescholer.com), and Harvey continues as an estate litigator at Greenfield Stein & Senior LLP. **Cindy Whiteman Waters** (watersfamilyva@cox.net) lives with husband George and their 12-year-old daughter in Falls Church, VA. In January 2003, she retired from the federal government after 29 years of service. Her last position was on the Commission on the Future of the US Aerospace Industry. Previously she was on the Hart-Rudman Commission on National Security. Really only retired from a paycheck, Cindy's time is spent chauffeuring her daughter to soccer, softball, or drama, and on her many volunteer positions. Cindy is president-elect for two groups and is district representative on the Fairfax County Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee.

As 2004 ends, best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season and 2005. As people come and go in our lives, let's be glad we knew them and thankful they brightened our existence. Mark your new calendars and join us for our 35th Reunion/Party, June 9-12, 2005. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, conimae2@aol.com.

71 Greetings! We hope that all of our classmates are having an enjoyable holiday season. We wish you good luck and good health for the coming New Year.

In this issue many of our classmates are pleased to report that their children are Cornell students. **Duane Tananbaum** (djrw.tananbaums@verizon.net) lives in Mt. Vernon, NY, and has two sons, age 17 and 14. Son **Robert '08** is a freshman in Arts and Sciences. **Jonathan Miller's** children are also Cornellians. **David '04** will be graduating from Human Ecology, and **Allyson '05** graduates this coming June from Arts and Sciences. Jonathan keeps in touch with **Art Nevins**, an attorney in New York, and **Peter Star '72**, who lives in Tokyo and is an editor for Japanese-English medical journals. **Wendy Zisfein Fried** and husband **Peter '69** attended their seventh Cornell graduation last June. The Frieds live in Madison, NJ.

Another proud Cornell parent is **Kathy Menton Flaxman** (kmf11@cornell.edu). Kathy's daughter **Marian '08** is a freshman in the Hotel school. Son Robert graduated this year from Northwestern U. Since 2002, Kathy's husband David has been working at Fannie Mae in Washington, DC, as chief technology officer of their E-business division. Now that they are empty nesters, Kathy and David moved to Maryland and look forward to spending more time with old friends and new neighbors **Elisabeth Kaplan Boas** and **Art Spitzer**. Kathy was recently honored with a "Beloved Community Award" from the South Orange, NJ, civic organization for helping to foster the goals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

David Beale and his wife Tina have children Janna, 22, Josh, 21, and Elana, 18. Elana is in her freshman year at Cornell in the ILR school and is interested in government and international relations. David is an attorney, and Tina works as his office manager and legal assistant. David writes, "My practice in Delray Beach is a mixture of local and national clients. My local clients are individuals and small business clients. I am not getting rich, but I enjoy what I do and like practicing in a small city environment where you get to know a lot of people. In addition to my practice, I am on the board and active in the Jewish Education Commission of South Palm Beach County, vice president of my synagogue, Temple Beth El, and active in local civic associations and nonprofits." David is our co-class president (along with **Jerry Day**, MBA '78) and would love to hear from you to include you in "Cornell Connections," our class newsletter. Contact him at dab38@cornell.edu.

Victor Trodella lives in Freeport, ME, with his wife Rebecca Brown. Victor is a self-employed architect specializing in waterfront homes and healthcare projects. Check out his website at www.mainearchitecture.com. He keeps in touch with **Nick Lembo**, **Ken Margolies**, **Jack McKittrick**, and **Uson Ewart**. In his free time he enjoys saltwater flyfishing, gardening, and cooking for friends. He would love to locate **David Prendergast**, **Charles Wing**, **Richard Perlmutter**, and **Irv Rosenfeld**, DVM '74, so if you are reading this column, get in touch with him at victor@mainearchitecture.com.

Howard and Arlene Rosenfeld Schenker (arschenker@aol.com) write from Rochester, NY, that their son Andrew was married last year to Desi Dimova. Cornellians attending the wedding included **Suzan Rosenfeld Franz '68** (Arlene's sister), and **Jeff '69** and **Sandi Taylor Eisenstein**. The entire family traveled to Bulgaria last summer to celebrate the marriage with Desi's family in Sofia. Andrew is completing a master's degree in Library and Information Sciences at the U. of Pittsburgh; Arlene and Howie's daughter Emily is a senior at Yale. **Jim Adams** (jayjay@infi online.net) lives in Virginia Beach, where he teaches eighth grade pre-algebra. Jim retired from the Navy after 24 years and enjoys teaching. His daughter Martha is in Navy ROTC at the U. of Virginia and a member of the crew team. Jim's son Jeffrey attends Bridgewater College, is a strong tennis player, and became an Eagle Scout in his senior year of high school.

Our apologies to **Norm Reinach**, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the attendees at the wedding of **Leslie Kirpich Brill** and **Les Selbovitz**. We also neglected to say that Norm was present at Leslie's art opening in New York last spring. Les and Norm have maintained a long friendship since Cornell. They were college roommates and also roomed together at the U. of Rochester Medical School. Again, sorry to have skipped your name in a previous column, Norm.

Sadly, we learned that one of our classmates passed away earlier this year. **Peter Deierlein** died on February 10, 2004. He leaves behind wife Loretta and daughters **Andrea '01** and **Valerie**. Two years before his death Peter received his Master of Education from Temple U. in Philadelphia. He became a high school physics teacher. We send our sincerest condolences to his family.

If it seems to you that this column always talks about the same classmates, it is because these are the folks who keep writing to us and supplying us with news. If you would like to share some news, we would love to write about you! Please get in touch with us at: ♦ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; or **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

72 If you are traveling in the vicinity of Warrenville, IL, check out the action at Harding Field, the new baseball diamond named in honor of **David Harding**, BA '71, PhD '83. After 16 years on the board of commissioners of the Warrenville Park District, David decided last year not to run for another term and was surprised to be rewarded for his service by having the field named in his honor. At work, David's most visible activity has been coordinating a major tune-up of superconducting magnets in the Fermilab Tevatron, the world's highest energy particle accelerator. He is in his third season with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN) and hopes that the bright, enthusiastic students he interviews "will have a future even after the Shrub in the White House completes his systematic pillaging of the environment, abridgement of civil liberties, looting of the national treasury, and destruction of all semblance of international order." In fairness,

David notes that "the political opinions expressed herein are not necessarily shared by all members of [his] family, even though they should be."

Nancy Rankin and two colleagues, Sylvia Hewlett and Cornel West, recently edited a book, *Taking Parents Public*, about the need to invest more personally, and as a nation, in the work of parenting. Nancy is a former executive director of the National Parenting Association, and husband Paul is chief economist at the New York Stock Exchange. Their daughter Laura recently graduated from Amherst College, and daughter Rachel is a junior at Oberlin. **Mark Keller**, BArch '73, MArch '75, of Lake Forest, CA, says his architectural firm has doubled in size over the last two years, "which means all work and no play!" Mark and wife Jan have son Michael, 15, who recently participated in a midget hockey tournament. **Dianne Gwynne Berger** of Swarthmore, PA, works on the board of the AWARE Foundation, promoting adolescent wellness and reproductive health. Her husband **Robert '71** is deceased.

Jessica Schwartz is in her fourth year as senior communications officer at The Wallace Foundation, which supports innovative ideas and practices in public education and the arts. Jessica has

in Uganda next year. Their daughter Keara is graduating from Carnegie Mellon U. as an industrial designer. **Steven Seifert's** daughter **Sara '07** is a sophomore at Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, majoring in biology. **William Reinhardt's** son **Seth** is attending the Ag college as a freshman. ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, Alexander.Barna-1@nasa.gov.

73 The Olympics ended last evening; it was a thrill to see Israel win its first gold medal. As you read this, autumn is in full swing, and I have very little classmate news to report. Your annual News and Dues mailing may have arrived already. Please do your part and continue to send news in for your struggling class correspondents. I particularly challenge my sorority sisters from Delta Phi Epsilon—Abby, Amy, Debbie, Ellen, Melanie, and Vicki—to send in their news.

Daniel Sperling has contacted us for the first time. Thanks, Dan! He is director of the Institute for Transportation Studies and professor of engineering and environmental policy at UC Davis, with a joint appointment in civil and environmental engineering and environmental

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two sons, Jacob Brophy, 15, and Eli Brophy, 12. **Maureen Brosnan** Marcklinger is a professor and president of the faculty assembly at Roxbury Community College in Massachusetts. Her son Joseph graduated from Berkeley this year with a BA in philosophy. **Eleanor Laurie** Ochotny of Lansdale, PA, successfully completed the NASD Series 7 and 63 exams and is a fully licensed financial advisor specializing in helping women reach their financial goals through all life cycles, including start of work, middle age, after divorce, death of a spouse, and retirement planning. **Joane Filler-Varty** of Bellevue, WA, is partner and director of hospitality sales and development for the Mighty Leaf Tea Company, and travels extensively as the company develops national and international accounts and expands its product line. Joane and husband Bruce's son Seth has graduated from college and now works for Accenture in Seattle; their son Yale is entering college.

Henry Nestler and wife Emily have a daughter Laurie, who is an associate producer for the National Basketball Association; son **Tim '03** is attending Cornell Law School. **Jerome Goldman** reports that son **Larry '01** is also working at the NBA, and son **Michael '04** works for Teach for America in Philadelphia. Jerry and wife Mary are in touch with **Ed Schechter '73**, MBA '74, and wife Wendi, and **Gary Sesser** and wife Rachel. **Patrice Kasten** Schwartz and husband Elon's son **Jeremy '00** is now a medical student at the U. of Rochester and was awarded the Fogerty fellowship from the National Institutes of Health for research

science and policy. Dan earned his PhD from UC Berkeley and has written eight books on hydrogen energy, electric vehicles, road ecology, sustainable transportation, and such. He is married with a 13-year-old daughter. Dr. **Richard Isaacman** announces that he is officially an empty-nester. Son **Sibren '05** is a senior physics major, while his younger brother Gabriel has followed a non-dynastic approach to college and is flourishing as a sophomore at Wesleyan U. Rich and his family continue to travel extensively, both for business and pleasure, including a scuba trip to Belize, a conference in Hawaii, and a driving tour of Switzerland, northern Italy, and southern France, all within 2003.

Proud Dad **Bill Welker**, MBA '75, writes from London that another Welker has begun to "tread the Hill." Son **Stephen** is now a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, which Bill promises will certainly increase the frequency of his and wife Francey's campus visits over the next four years. Bill is Director, Supply Chain for Nestle Purina Europe.

Since I'm out of news, I must resort to my own family saga. I now volunteer at the Gorman Heritage Farm, a 110-acre working organic farm flourishing in the midst of housing subdivisions in suburban Cincinnati. My husband Gerry Greenberg remains busy as head of the mergers and acquisitions group at his downtown law firm. Our son **David Greenberg '05** is a senior government major and plans to attend law school next fall. We triumphed in the Super 8

Motel graduation lottery and actually have rooms for May 2005! Please e-mail me with your Ithaca restaurant recommendations.

David returned to work this summer at the American Jewish Archives, helping to organize archival material to celebrate the 350th anniversary of Jews in America. He spent the month of July studying Mideast politics at Hebrew U. in Jerusalem. Our daughter Allison Greenberg is a junior molecular biology major at Princeton U. She enjoyed a research fellowship this summer at an allergy and immunology lab at Children's Hospital here in Cincinnati. She is spending her fall semester at King's College in London, working on her British accent. Gerry and I will visit her there in late October, adding our first visits to Brussels, Bruges, and Amsterdam to the end of the trip. ♦ **Pamela S. Meyers**, psmeyers@fuse.net; **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, phyllis.grummon@scup.org or phg3@cornell.edu.

74 A big thank you to **Linda Meyers Geyer** and **Betsy Beach** for a decade of service. They are moving on to new jobs as class officers as we welcome two new class correspondents, **Bill Howard** and **Betsy Moore**. Writing this column is a labor of love for the correspondents, and we love it when you send us copy! You'll find contact info at the end of the column, so please e-mail us with your news.

First, some reunion stats we can all be proud of: we had the most duespayers of any class and record attendance for a 30th Reunion, plus we raised \$5,613,854 from 1,064 classmates, including 114 Tower Club members, breaking the 30th Reunion record for number of donors, number of Tower Club members, and number of Cayuga Society members. AND we had more donors and more Tower Club members than any other 2004 reunion class.

And now to the news. **Scott Gillin** wrote earlier in the year to say he ran into **Walter Howard**, ME '76, and his sons Scott, Brian, and Warren at a Lehigh-Towson football game. Scott's son Bradley is a junior at Lehigh with Wally's son Warren. Scott is a gastroenterologist in the Summit Medical Group, and Wally continues to live and work in Connecticut.

Sandy Present was not able to attend reunion in June because of a family wedding, but sends the following news: he has remarried to Nancy Loeb from Chicago (they've been together for five years). Nancy's brother and sister-in-law are **Michael** and **Barbara Snyder Loeb**, both '69. Sandy has three children from two marriages. Jarrett is a junior at Florida International U., and Danny, 16, and Lauren, 12, are both with Sandy in L.A. Nancy's two daughters, Sara, 12, and Amy, 9, also live with Sandy and Nancy. Sandy left his law practice at Battle Fowler in 2000 to become the national director of real estate tax strategies and opportunity funds at Ernst & Young LLP. He divides his time between New York, L.A., and London, and is a frequent speaker at the leading partnership tax and real estate private equity conferences around the country and in Europe. He is also the co-author of *Tax Aspects of Real Estate Investments*, a two-volume treatise (2004 Ed.).

Sandy sends his regards to his old AEP brothers.

Bill and **Lisa Seegmiller Turner** sent in a note to say that **George Kozak** and his wife Mary Ann watched daughter **Jenny '04** graduate last spring. Bill celebrated his 51st birthday at the luncheon after the bar mitzvah of **Bob Frieden's** third son, Drew. Bill and Lisa invited **Karen Liebhaber** Hoyt to stay with them at reunion. **Marsha Feinman** Byrnes wrote to comment on her 27-year marriage (and still going strong) to Jonathan. Son Dan graduated from Columbia and is living in the city, and son Steve is at Harvard on a big scholarship. Marsha is the administrator of Jon's consulting business, and is also treasurer of her Temple Sisterhood. She keeps in touch with **Janet Sisman** Levy in Chappaqua, and her sister **Sandie Feinman** Antar '71 in Great Neck.

Steve Pickarec touched base from Vienna, VA, that he traveled to Antarctica last winter, and is still working at the AFL-CIO. **Dana Woroniecki** Jurak, ME '75, and husband Scott built a vacation resort home on the Turks and Caicos Island of Providenciales and are renting out the Jimmy Buffet life to interested classmates at a discount. Regular correspondent **Bonni Schulman** Dutcher has been working for Sanofi for over three years and has been involved in setting up clinical trials for their new drugs to combat colorectal cancer. "Lots of travel, and managed to have dinner with **Milton Lorig** in SF, and to Venice with **Devon Bingham '75**." She also sees **Roger Boner**, **Tom Dolan**, and **Glen Strahs**.

Eli Goldblatt directs a writing program at Temple U. and teaches poetry and literacy studies in the English dept. His most recent poetry book is *Without A Trace* (Singing Horse Publishers, 2000). He lives in Philly with wife Wendy, who is a printmaker and fabric artist, and son Les. **Mary Whalen** Bossart couldn't make it to reunion, but did make it to campus for her daughter **Katherine '04's** graduation from Cornell last spring. She and husband **Rob**, MBA '73, have three other children, Robert II (Marist '02), Ann Marie (Duke '07), and Christopher, who is a junior at Holy Trinity Diocesan High School in Rockville Center, NY. Rob has his own law firm, specializing in international tax, and Mary is a co-director for the Respect Life Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Center. She is serving her second term as an elected Village Trustee.

Norman Kirk Birrell is a proud member of a five-generation legacy with daughter **Brittany** attending in the Class of '07. **Laurie Zelon** writes from Pasadena, CA, that she was confirmed last year as a Justice on the Court of Appeals. One son is in New York, and the younger one is a senior at George Washington U. **Margot Biegelson** Ellis writes from Tel Aviv, Israel, where she is posted as a Foreign Service officer. She is currently deputy director of the US government's economic assistance program to the West Bank and Gaza. This program contributes to the foundation for an eventual peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians. Her husband Mervyn is an economist also serving in Tel Aviv. The family previously was posted to Pretoria, South Africa, and Harare, Zimbabwe. This past May, Mervyn and Margot celebrated the joint bar and bat mitzvah of their son Eden and daughter Erin in Israel.

Elizabeth H. Coit joined the Peace Corps and was stationed in Antigua after leaving Cornell. She got a master's in public health at Columbia, and subsequently directed international programs for the Unitarian-Universalist Service Committee in Boston. Fast-forward to 2004 and she is now VP for Membership and Development at The Wilderness Society in Washington, DC, helping to preserve wildlands for future generations. In between, she was with a number of organizations, including the Women's Health Coalition and the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, and was involved in supporting the marketing campaign for Take Our Daughters to Work Day. **Hope Comisky** was elected a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers, a non-profit professional association honoring the leading lawyers and the practice of labor and employment law. She practices in the Philadelphia office of Pepper Hamilton LLP.

From Darien, CT, comes news from **Marleen Pasch**. Writing as Madeleine Parish last summer, she's published her novel *The Geography Lesson*, published by Tyborne Hill. Set in Central Pennsylvania, Vietnam, Madagascar, and, yes, Ithaca, the novel revolves around questions of forgiveness and revenge, courage and fear. **Lila Miller**, DVM '77, touched base to say she's the editor of a new textbook, *Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff*, is an instructor at the Vet college, and is a member of the board of the National Board of Veterinary Examiners, and a former member of the board of the NYS Board for Veterinary Medicine. Also newly elected was **Robert Morgan** to the New Jersey State Assembly.

Phyllis Turner-Williams is living Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, with husband Vernon and their three children. Zandile is at MIT, Zena is boarding at the Harrow School in Bangkok, and Vernon Jr. is in fifth grade at the Saad School in Alkhubar, SA. Phyllis is publishing a children's book this year and keeps herself busy photographing North Africa and the Middle East, as well as doing fundraising for the women of Arabia without financial support. **Wendy Goldberg** is an artist with a long list of exhibitions scheduled from Great Barrington, MA, to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Gilbert Rosenthal checked in to say his eldest daughter is at Wellesley and his youngest is advancing through a Quaker high school, while his wife was recently ordained as an Episcopal priest. He continues to travel around the country using our tax dollars to transform the worst public housing into newly revitalized mixed-income communities. This year he's working in Birmingham, AL, Chattanooga, TN, Stockton, CA, and Pittsburgh, PA. Please send your news to: ♦ **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; **Bill Howard**, billhoward@comcast.net; or **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazcollege.edu.

75 "Dear Colleagues." That's the given salutation for most of my academic memos, but I think it's a suitable greeting for ourselves, as a community of former students. First the international news. **Phil Ionta** is in Saudi Arabia, but took some time last March to bring his son to

Cornell's Engineering Open House. That was Phil's first time back in 25 years. Guess what—it had just snowed! He remarked, though, "at the risk of being declared crazy," that it was beautiful. He also thought it was fantastic that someone had put white toilet paper in the trees on the Arts Quad. **Steve "Cat" Kelleher** writes from Ontario (skelleher@hyundaicanada.com), where he is president and CEO of Hyundai Auto Canada. He coaches two hockey teams, one for 7- and 8-year-old boys and a second for 9- and 10-year-old girls. His work-related travel has taken him overseas to Spain, France, and South Korea, and within the US, to Hawaii and Alabama.

Etienne Latour **Genore Hughes Sheppard** writes from Naples, FL, where he is an artist and a model. His works can be seen at the Cajun Restaurant and at the Meliu Gallery, both in NYC. He also writes poetry and prose. Etienne notes that he truly enjoyed the spiritual and intellectual community at Cornell. Moving to the Southwest, **Steve Bigalow**, who resides in Houston, TX (sbigalow@msn.com), has authored a book, *Profitable Candlestick Trading*. He created and runs a website on how to use candlestick charting. **John Beckert** was appointed CEO of ClubCorp, the world leader in delivering premier golf, private club, and resort experiences. John is the company's first chief executive not a part of the founding Dedman family. Congrats! **Jane Freeman**, MBA '78, is now Senior VP and CFO at Scientific Learning Corp. She lives in El Cerrito, CA. Traveling north to Washington, we received news from **Dane Keehn**. There he directs the City of Seattle's Dispute Resolution Program. He writes, "It was exciting to get paid to work for peace!"

As usual, the East Coast mailbag dominates! From the Washington, DC, area, we hear from **Richard Eichner**, who manages a small law firm in DC that specializes in affordable housing. He keeps in touch with classmates **Bob Lewis**, **John Brooke**, and **Marilyn Gleason** Anthony. His last vacation took him to the Cayman Islands, where, along with his dad **James '48**, he went scuba diving. Richard has three children, ranging in age from 9 to 14. **David Levy** celebrated his 25th anniversary with the law firm Sidley Austin Brown and Wood, right in DC. David specializes in telecom and postal law. **Jerald Pinto** lives in Charlottesville, VA, where he was recently appointed VP in the CFA Program Division of the Association for Investment Management and Research. He just completed co-authoring the second edition of *Quantitative Methods for Investment Analysis*.

Nick Monnet was recently appointed General Manager at the Venice Inn in Hagerstown, MD. He is a newlywed, having recently married Eleanor Pugrad, whom he met at a Professional Development Program. **Joseph Levitt** is retired from the Food and Drug Administration, after 25 years there. Even so, he became a partner in the law firm of Hogan and Hartson. He lives in Montgomery Village, MD, with his wife **Barbara (Shumaker)**, who is retired from the Montgomery County Public Schools. Their older daughter Karen works in Maryland, and their 10-year-old daughter Emma is full of life.

Two pieces of news come to us via Pennsylvania. **Carl Emilius** lives in Ivyland, PA, where he

is "semi-retired." He has developed a robotic pick-and-place spreading conveyor system for Hershey Foods. He volunteers his time on the Masonic Charity Committee for seniors and crippled or orphaned children. Carl is a grandpa eight times over! Is that a record for our class? **Marc** and **Margie Curtis Cohen** write from Abington, PA. Their son **Michael** graduated from Cornell last June and will be attending medical school at the U. of Pennsylvania. Their younger daughter Rachel is a freshman at Washington U. in St. Louis.

Moving to the New England area, **Ann Kavicky Franzen** lives in Southport, CT, where she is a principal of the Southport Marketing Group. Her son **Willy** is an ILRie, Class of '06, and her daughter Katrina is completing high school at the Green Farms Academy. She recently celebrated big birthdays with **Sally Solomon** Cohen, **Eileen Schneider** Kowal, and **Liza Stark** Mirisola. I don't know how she finds the time, but her volunteer work includes service with the Fairfield Historical Society, the Sasuanauq Association for Village Improvement, the Fairfield Garden Club, and the Green Farms Academy Parents' Association, plus she is an alumni interviewer for Cornell. **Jim Ross**, JD '82, has had two short stories published—"Bet Your Wife" in the *Santa Clara Review* and "Tomolini" in *Phantasmagonia*. He resides in Rowagton, CT, where he coaches basketball for his younger son's team. He modestly notes that his team is undefeated! From Newburyport, MA, we hear from **Robert Videyko**, who is a chiropractor. **Parker Shipton** is an associate professor of anthropology at Boston U. Parker is married to **Polly Steele '74**. They are longtime residents of Cambridge, MA, where they live with their 12-year-old daughter Susannah.

Congratulations to **Nicole Weinstock**, daughter of our classmate **Bonnie Siber** Weinstock, who was accepted into the College of Arts and Sciences, Class of '08. Bonnie resides in Melville, NY. **Ruth Kaplan** Treiber, MD '78, practices medicine in Rye, NY, with her husband Eric. Their specialty is dermatology. Son **Jonathan** is a member of the Class of '04. Other son Adam is a sophomore at Syracuse. From nearby New Jersey we have news from **Eric Rosenblum**, an EVP for American Properties Realty in Woodbridge, NJ. Eric just completed a 130-room Marriott Hotel in Mercer County, NJ, and volunteers his time on the Board of Trustees at the Hun School in Princeton. He is also active in the Cornell

Peace Corps in Nicaragua. Prof. **Allen Nicholson** has been appointed acting dean at the College of Science and Technology at Temple U. He lives in nearby Moorestown, NJ.

That's about it. It is so great to hear from you! Keep it up. ♦ **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; and **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com.

76 It's our age, I guess. Lots of us are sending offspring forth to college. From Wayne, NJ, **Ed Julie** writes that Cory, 19, is a sophomore at Brandeis U.; Jackie, 18, is entering Emory U.; and Ben, 14, is entering Solomon Schechter Day School in West Orange. Ed is a cardiologist in private practice in Clifton. He lectures extensively on hypertension and hyperlipidemia—high cholesterol, that is. We have also arrived at the age when those topics acquire an ever-greater fascination.

Kathy Kuhn and **Bob Lefferts** have already sent Rebecca, 20, off to Lawrence U., where she is a sophomore this year; Matthew, 18, is a freshman at the U. of Idaho; and Wesley is a high school sophomore. From Portland, OR, Kathy writes, "I left law 11 years ago, began and ran a pottery business, specializing in pit-fired pottery, and last year decided to return to school to get formal art training and so am attending Oregon College of Art and Craft half-time and love it! Bob's start-up, Accelerant Networks, was acquired at the end of February '04 (with eight days' cash left in the bank!) by Synopsys, based in California. Bob is now director of engineering of his group within Synopsys, working very hard and traveling too much. He got to see **Barb Shenk** (now Keller) and family at their home in Colorado last August. They are doing great, and Barb looks the same as always. Got e-mail pics of **Kathy Scanlon** Catanach's girls, and the youngest looks exactly like she did in college."

Joel Libove lives in Orinda, CA. He and spouse Barbara have daughter Robin, 19, in the pre-med program at UC Davis. Eileen, 13, is in eighth grade and active in many sports. Joel has 16 patents, including two for ultra-high-speed sampling pulse generators that are the fastest in the world at 100 billion electrical pulses per second.

Some of our kids are even following in our Cornell footsteps. **Zed** and **Cheryl Parks Francis** sent **Zed IV '07** off to Cornell last year and report

'It's our age, I guess. Lots of us are sending offspring forth to college.'

PAT RELF HANAVAN '76

Alumni Ambassador program. Eric has sons Tim, 23, at Columbia, Scott, 21, at Roanoke College, and Colin, 15, at the Hun School.

Noel Kemm lives in Salem, NJ, where he hopes to retire soon. He is a nuclear power plant operator and is a member of the Salem County Historical Society. His son **Matt '03** is with the

that he had a terrific experience. The Francis live in Burr Ridge, IL. **Bob**, ME '77, and Ellen **Sender's** daughter **Juliana** is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences. Home for Juliana is Livingston, NJ. **Bryan** and **Janet Gompels Marler '78**, PhD '00, of Delmar, NY, also have a freshman in Ithaca: son **Peter** is a freshman in ILR.

Noah Zable, ME '83, and spouse Robin Kramer have just sent their daughter Stephanie off for her freshman year at Oberlin College. They live in Leawood, KS. Meanwhile, **Bill Hanavan** '76 and I have just sent our younger daughter Emily off to the very same place. Oberlin is small enough that they might actually meet up. **Faith Rosenbluth** Levine and husband Richard have a son in his second year of medical school. Jason, 21, is at U. of Miami in the fourth year of a six-year medical program. Daughter Alison, 18, is a freshman at Emory U., and Julie, 14, is a high school freshman. Faith is a vice president and Metrobank commercial loan officer. The Levines live in Pinecrest, FL.

Sonia B. Richards has great news from the wonderful other end of parenthood. She writes, "I adopted a little boy at birth on February 21, 2003. His name is Dominic Skyler Richards, and he is the joy of my life." Sonia is a physician specializing in infectious diseases in the San Fernando Valley in Southern California. She adds: "**Patricia Samuels** '75, MD '79, has a wonderful son named Julian, and she lives here in L.A. **Adriana Vernon** Taleghani '74 also lives here in L.A. and has a daughter named Leila."

Judith Motzkin was a visiting artist at Harvard last fall and had a solo exhibition at the Zeitgeist Gallery the year before. Her art was featured in the cover article of the November 2001 issue of *Ceramics Monthly* magazine. She has also had a book cover for Lark Press, titled "500 Bowls," and an article for a U. of Maine Press publication. Judith and spouse Richard Mandel live in Cambridge, MA. **Andy O'Neill** writes that he is living and working in Hong Kong for the next three years. **Arun K. Khanna** and spouse Rashmi are living in New Delhi.

As I wrap up this column in August, I'm about to take off for parts west for a fabulous 50th-birthday-year reunion with my old roommates and pals **Ellen Cord** Dember, **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, **Sandy Widener**, and **Karen Polivy**. We're converging from New York, California, Colorado, and Michigan on Park City, UT, for a lovely weekend together. We'll drink a toast to you all. Cheers! ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@aol.com; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@aol.com.

77 I want to start this month's column with a bit of my own news. I am pleased to report that my son Michael's baseball team not only won the county championship, but the state championship (Maryland) as well. Immediately following the states, we went up to Oneonta, NY, to play in the Cooperstown Baseball World Tournament. (I say "we" because I feel my role as chauffeur and laundress qualifies me as a member of the team.) In addition, my husband's softball team won their championship. Needless to say, I spent most of my summer using phrases like "Nice cut!" and "What's the count?" Who knew I liked baseball?

Mike Dohr (c0atf0@aol.com) writes, "This past year has been part 'Hotel California' and part 'On the Road' for my family and me." The Dohr family felt like Hoteliers as several long-term guests came to stay with them. **Veronica Wilkins**

'04, a Cornell intern, spent January with them as she observed Mike's World History classes at Rubidoux High School. They also hosted a French high school student, Anne-Pauline, for three weeks and even had two visitors from Japan who they escorted through the Southern California tourist sites and Las Vegas in six days.

For the "On the Road" portion of their year, their high school-aged daughter Allison accompanied Anne-Pauline on the tourist stops, while their older daughter Karen moved to Irvine, where she works at and attends the U. of California. Mike's wife Mak Nai spent two weeks in the Ukraine promoting better dental care. As for Mike, besides playing chauffeur for all their guests, he traveled on a ten-day tour through Chicago, Memphis, Birmingham, and Atlanta in July with a select group of teachers in the Teaching American History for 21st Century Citizens project. The trip focused on the heritage of the civil rights movement and was both inspirational and informative. Mike says, "In some ways, starting teaching again in September will be a nice vacation from a nice vacation!"

Mike Thompson (MLT42055@aol.com) and his wife and three children live in Burr Ridge, IL. He is President and CEO of Fair Oaks Farms, suppliers of products for McDonald's. Previously, Mike served as VP of McDonald's Corp. North American Supply Chain Management. Mike also serves on the board of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago. **Michael Nolan** is a senior managing director at Bear Stearns in the Private Client Services area. Michael was named a director of the board of the Deafness Research Foundation. **Hawley Wolfe** (bpresby@bellsouth.net) is pastor of the Broadmoor Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, LA. He was named Louisiana Preacher of the Year for 2003 by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. After Cornell, Hawley graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. While at Princeton, he developed a lifelong interest in the Turin Shroud. Hawley also spent a year studying at Cambridge, where he met his wife Anne. Hawley and Anne have three daughters and one son.

Gerard "Gerry" Tango (gtango@i-55.com) lives in Covington, LA, and is a special research consultant for Georgetown U. working on interdisciplinary curriculum development and other special projects. Gerry also is working on an extensive documentary of the musical life and work of his paternal uncle, Maestro Egisto Emilio Tango (1875-1951), who was musical director in Berlin between 1903 and 1909, moved to Hungary and then Romania, and eventually ended up in Denmark. Prior to a disabling accident, Gerry was an applied research geoacoustician/infrasonicist for various oceanographic organizations. **Tina Isaris** Nauman and her husband Joe just celebrated their 25th anniversary. They live in South Dartmouth, MA, with their twin 13-year-old boys Drew and Kyle. Tina is involved in a number of charitable organizations, and Joe is general counsel for the Acushnet Company (Titleist Golf and Footjoy).

I recently came across an old news release that never made it into the column. Although the information may be a bit out of date, I think the subject matter resonates and so I am including

the information here. Note that the information comes from the Arab News and is dated November 10, 2002 and therefore may no longer be current. The Arab News interviewed classmate **Lubna Suliman Olayan** in their series on the growing influence of Saudi women as role models. At the time, Saudi women comprised only five percent of the work force, yet Lubna was chief executive officer of Olayan Financing Company, a Riyadh-based holding company and number eight on the list of Saudi Arabia's Top 100 companies. After Cornell, Lubna earned an MBA from Indiana U. and initially worked for Morgan Guaranty in New York. She joined the Olayan Group, Saudi Arabia in 1983.

When asked by the interviewer if she felt that Saudi women are oppressed and abused, Lubna laughed. She said, "I think that Saudi women are very powerful. And I think that Saudi men are the greatest support to Saudi women. Saudi men have sisters, mothers, and wives, and in my working experience I have had tremendous support from Saudi men. I really don't think that Saudi women are oppressed or abused." She has found Saudi men to be very respectful of women. In fact, the biggest challenges she has experienced on the basis of her being a woman in business have come from European men. The interview covered a broad range of topics. However, the recurring theme was that women in Saudi Arabia face many of the same challenges as their female counterparts around the world, although there is a time lag in Saudi society. (For example, women cannot drive in Saudi Arabia.) Lubna has three daughters and she defines the key elements that contribute to a woman's success in business as hard work, determination, and organization. "I think a woman has to be triply organized. The thing you are short on is time." Those are words that apply across cultures and across nations. ♦ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, lorrie_b_rudin@fanniema.com; and **Howard Eisen**, eisenh@tuhs.temple.edu.

78 **Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld** traveled to Australia this past summer with his family to work with the U. of Sydney around the teaching of negotiations. Joel is going there under a Fulbright grant. **Jeff Kottmyer** (jeffkottmyer@yahoo.com) and his wife Alice live in Laurel, MD. **Steve Cohen** (steve@cbgourmet.com) has been appointed CEO of Chesapeake Bay Gourmet, a manufacturer of specialty seafood items and the number one food vendor on the QVC. Their award-winning crab cakes and lobster cakes can be ordered direct at www.cbgourmet.com. Steve and his wife Dana live in Skillman, NJ. **Amyas Naegele** (Amyas.Naegele@verizon.net) lives in NYC with his wife Eve Glasberg and daughters Saskia, 9, and Tamzen, 5. Eve is a freelance travel editor and writer. Their travels have taken them to Spain, France, Canada, the UK, Yosemite, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and Denali and Wrangell St. Elias in Alaska. A safari in Western Kenya is the next scheduled destination. Amyas runs Amyas Naegele Fine Art Bases in NYC. It is a gallery devoted to traditional African art. He also designs and fabricates custom mounts for art and objects of all sorts.

Elaine Zajac Jackson and her husband **Scott '77** live in Wilmington, DE (Jacksix1@comcast.net). Both of their children attend Cornell. **Meredith '08** is in the Engineering college, and **Aaron '06** is in Materials Science. Elaine is still teaching technology in K-8th grade and is involved with coaching the Science Olympiad at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels. She also does the Junior Solar Spirit and Stock Market Game with her students. **Stuart Cordell** and his wife Kimberly live in Painesville, OH (scordell@warrenyoung.com). Their daughter **Elise '07** attends Cornell and is in Kappa Delta sorority. Stuart is serving as president of the Ohio State Bar Foundation, a public charity. Their website can be found at www.osfb.net for anyone interested in more information. Stuart enjoys doing nonprofit work and is also the president of the Civic Development Corporation of Ashtabula County, which raises money for capital projects.

Amy Grossman Applegate lives in Bloomington, IN, with her husband John (aga@indiana.edu). Amy and John both teach at the Indiana School of Law. John is the associate dean of the law school and teaches environmental law. Amy is a clinical law professor and teaches child advocacy and mediation. Their son Jesse attends Haverford College. Their son Jamey, 15, is in high school, and their daughter Gillian, 9, is in elementary school. Amy keeps busy with her children, their education, music and sports activities, work, and their congregation. **Alexandra "Sasha" Swiecicki** Fairfield, PhD '85, and her husband David Cheney live in Silver Spring, MD (afairfield@msn.com). Their two children have blackbelts in Tae Kwon Do. David has done four annual swims across the Chesapeake Bay—a watery 4.4 miles in 65-degree water. Sasha has retired from the National Institutes of Health and now teaches microbiology at a local college. She says, "Teaching is such a blast after years of government bureaucracy." Sasha stays in touch with classmate **Margie Ferris-Morris**. Sasha and her husband purchased a second home on a mountain lake in Pennsylvania. Their next door neighbors are a family of Cornellians. **Steve Jacobs** and his wife Cathy live in Blacksburg, VA (sjacobs57@adelphia.net). Their oldest daughter Amy studies political communication at Emerson College in Boston. Daughters Molly and Erica are in high school. Cathy is the director of family and work/life resources at Virginia Tech U. Steve contacted classmate **Steve Sullivan** after seeing his e-mail address in the alumni magazine. They had a good talk. **Robert Weissenstein** lives in NYC (ROBTXNY@aol.com). He has children Josh, 18, Ben, 14, and Emily, 12. Josh is attending Cornell this year. Robert does investments and commutes between homes in NYC and Houston. He reports that "life is good."

Gandis Mazeika (lgmazeika@comcast.net) lives in Seattle with Linda, his wife of ten years. Linda's uncle, grandfather, and great-grandfather all graduated from Cornell's veterinary college. The Mazeikas have two boys, Mantas, 7, and Kipras, 4. Gandis went to San Francisco after graduating from Cornell in civil/structural engineering. After working for nine years, he went to medical school at UC Davis. He then did a psychiatry residency at Harvard and a neurology residence

and sleep medicine fellowship at Duke U. Gandis and Linda opened their own sleep medicine clinic and laboratory in July 2002 called "Sleep Medicine Northwest" (www.sleepnw.com). **Martha Rosett Lutz** (Martha.lutz@uky.edu) and her husband Charles live in Lexington, KY. Martha completed a PhD in science education in 2002 and finally got the opportunity to return to her first career choice, entomology. She is working on a second PhD at the U. of Kentucky, where her husband is on the faculty. Their daughter **Claudia '06** attends Cornell. She had a Hughes summer research award to work with Dr. Ron Hoy in Neurobiology and Behavior. Martha and Charles both run masters track; Martha's 4x400 relay team holds a world record for women 40-49 indoors! ♦ **Pepi F. Leids**, PLeids@aol.com; **Eileen Brill** Wagner, brillcon@cox.net.

79 The fabulous reunion of just two months ago now seems like a distant, pleasant memory. It was great to be back on the Hill and see friends that we had not seen in years. It is always comforting to know that with a dear old friend it seems like you can pick up where you left off no matter how much time has passed. Bob and I enjoyed seeing **Dan** and **Joan Baker Scott** and their children Danny and Christie. Dan and Joan still live in Northborough, MA, where Joan has gone from banking to being an elementary school librarian. Dan was about to embark on a new position with a firm in Boston that administers student loans. We also enjoyed visiting with **Steve Durfee** and his wife **Marylou (Vanlieshout) '78**. They continue to run a dairy farm in Chittenango, NY, with some assistance from their five children. Their oldest child, **Nathan '06**, is a rising junior at Cornell in the Ag college and is interested in returning to the family business.

‘Jeff Ganeles was a featured doctor on the ABC reality show "Extreme Makeover."’

KATHY ZAPPIA GOULD '79

Reunion was also great because it gave us the opportunity to meet the amazing classmates that are among our distinguished alumni. It is always incredible to see how much an individual can accomplish with knowledge, drive, and ambition. If you have the opportunity to read the bios of these amazing people on the class website, I really encourage you to do so.

Speaking of accomplishment, the results of the reunion sporting events were quite favorable for the Class of '79. In the golf tournament, **Dan Leonard** achieved first place in low net score, and **Bill Minnock**, MBA '83, had the closest drive to the pin. The Reunion Run saw Cornell offspring faring well, with Nick McCormick, 14, finishing first place overall in the two-mile run. Blake Berg, 14, finished in third place overall, and Jaclyn Mathieson, 14, was second in the women's division. Also in the women's division,

classmate **Christie Gilmartin** Waters finished in second place in the 40-49 category. The five-mile run was equally rewarding. Classmates swept three of the top four spots as follows: **Peter Coy**, first place overall; **Paul Varga**, third place overall; and **Henry Peck**, fourth place overall in the men's division. **Liz Des Cognets** Champagne took first place in the women's division for her age group. Cornell offspring fared well in the five-miler, too. James Waters, 18, placed first in the men under 19; Lowell Berg, 14, placed second; and Kacie Harrington, 17, placed first in the women's under-19 division. Cheers for the athletes in the Class of '79!

In other news, **Scott Schaire** (woodstar0330@aol.com) writes that after being laid off in Georgia, he was lucky enough to be employed by Honeywell as an engineering manager at NASA Wallops. He is now a rocket scientist in support of sub-orbital and orbital missions. He feels that these science missions will lead to a better quality of life for future generations. Scott and his family are adjusting to rural living on the eastern shore of Virginia. **Sharon Flank** (sflank@datastrategyconsulting.com) writes from Washington, DC, that she is running a technology consulting business, DataStrategy, devoted to advising investors and small companies. Her children Nicole, 7, and Rebecca, 6, seem to be developing an interest in language and languages, which is great fun for the family.

Lloyd Goldstein recently left the Mills Corp., a shopping center developer, and is now an independent real estate consultant. His office is in Bethesda, MD, with Brix and Company. He and wife Robin have been married for ten years and have children Hallie, 9, and twins Max and Samantha, 6. All of the children are very active in school and sports. Lloyd is kept busy coaching Hallie's basketball team. The Goldsteins live

in Gaithersburg, MD, and can be reached at lgoldstein@brixandco.com. Celebrating a special graduation in June '03 was **Karen McIntosh Daniels**. Her daughter Michelle graduated from Stanford, with distinction, in her major of music, science, and technology. Karen lives in Bedford, MA, and can be reached at kdaniels@cs.uml.edu.

This June, **Fern Chin Murtagh** (fern@cs.williams.edu) and her husband **Tom, PhD '83**, celebrated two graduations. Their eldest daughter Lindsey graduated from Brown U. and is now working in NYC. Their youngest, Heather, graduated from high school and will enter the school of architecture at Syracuse U. in the fall. Shannon, their middle daughter, starts her junior year at Yale. The Murtaghs may now be empty nesters but will still be busy with kids in their jobs. Fern is an elementary school teacher and Tom is a

professor at Williams College. Bob and I are pleased to report that our son Brandon graduated with high honors from Dallastown High School in June and will be attending the U. of Virginia in a few short days from this writing. After being accepted at Cornell and taking a course there last summer, Brandon decided that the southern climate won out over Ithaca's sometimes less-than-hospitable weather. He is planning on studying political science/history and is really looking forward to returning to Virginia.

'Lori Balton spends Sundays sheep-herding—in Los Angeles!'

BETSY S. SILVERFINE '81

Jeff Ganeles (ganelboca@aol.com) was a featured doctor on the ABC reality show "Extreme Makeover." Jeff has refined a dental implant procedure called Teeth Today. He is nationally recognized as the periodontist who perfected this technique. With this procedure, missing teeth can be immediately and permanently replaced. Prior to Teeth Today, patients waited 3-6 months for healing to occur before teeth were attached to the dental implant supports. Appearing on the show gave Jeff a rare opportunity to let people know about the latest advances in implant dentistry and how positive the results can be. Jeff is a founding member of the Nova Southeastern U. Dental School faculty and teaches this technique to post-doctoral residents. He is in full-time practice at the Florida Inst. for Periodontics & Dental Implants in Boca Raton, FL, and has performed more than 1,000 Teeth Today implants with a 95-plus percent success rate. His pioneering research and development provided some of the clinical data for an implant manufacturer's FDA clearance for this application. Jeff and his wife Lori Berman live in Boca Raton with their daughter Caryn, 15, and son Steven, 13.

Well, that's all of the news that I have for now, but please keep in touch. If you need to find an updated address for a classmate, check out the online Alumni Directory on the www.alumni.cornell.edu website. You can also communicate with your class correspondents about locating long-lost friends and other news. Use the class e-mail address, classof79@cornell.edu, or contact us directly. ♦ **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@sus.com.net; **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Cindy Williams**, cw32@cornell.edu.

80 Greetings, Class of '80. We got an avalanche of news! Let's start with **Carl Motsenbocker**, who has won a Fulbright scholarship to Thailand. At present he is a full professor in the Horticulture department at Louisiana State U. **Bradford Zak**, a former Hotelier, has left the Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group (India, Indonesia, Philippines, China) to start his own management company and boutique luxury resort

concept called New Tourism and the Harmony Project LLC. His first location is near the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. Two more are under development. One is a living museum resort in China and the other is a rainforest beach resort in Costa Rica. **Jeff Ettinger** is also globe-trotting with his family. They have gone on short-term medical mission trips to Honduras and the Dominican Republic. He and wife Barbara have also gone on mission trips to Ecuador and Mexico. Jeff writes that they will

celebrate "25 years of great marriage in January 2005." Professionally, Jeff is in the private practice of internal medicine in Manchester, CT. He is also an associate professor of community medicine at the U. of Connecticut Health Center. He is involved in leadership at his church, and his wife is a part-time associate pastor and proofreader. She also attends seminary. Sons Daniel, 18, and Jonathan, 13, love music and sports. **Roberta Walter** Goodman writes that at the end of 2003 she retired from Wall Street after 15 exciting and rewarding years as a sell-side analyst, the last six of which were at Merrill Lynch. Since then she has been doing strategic and financial consulting to healthcare organizations. She has time now to show husband Lenn's grandsons the local sites of Tennessee.

Gary Stern writes that he was elected as one of the "Leading Lawyers in Illinois" for 2003-04. He is a shareholder-attorney at Chuhak & Tesson PC. His daughter Brittany, 18, will attend Indiana U. as a freshman in the fall, and his daughter Carly is 13. **Stacy West** Clark's law firm marketing consulting firm just turned 12! She is also the founder and head of the Delaware Valley Law Firm Marketing Group. Last year, her daughter was in the same class as the daughter of fellow Cornellian **Ben Frick '82**.

Nanette Cooper-McGuinness lives in Berkeley, CA, and was a semifinalist in the 2003 International Opera Singers Competition. She will be appearing on the San Francisco composers' new CD of songs to be released in 2005. Her husband **David '79** now works at American Express Financial Advisors after leaving the Pacific Exchange. Her son Nick, 15, is in high school and is ranked 15th nationally as a cadet épée fencer.

Craig Tendler writes, "My wife and I have been New Jersey residents for the past 12 years, but spend most of our leisure time in NYC. We also enjoy traveling and skiing with our daughters Helena, 15, and Amanda, 11. I recently left Schering-Plough, where I headed up the oncology drug development group, and joined Johnson & Johnson as Vice President of Clinical Affairs. In this capacity my group is responsible for the implementation and conduct of all oncology and HIV clinical affairs studies within the

J&J family of companies. I have stayed in touch with my three apartment-mates from senior year: **Gregory Gordon** is a family practice physician in Pennsylvania whose son will be starting Cornell in the fall; **Jay L. Cohen** is a dermatologist in Brookline, MA; and **John Levitt**, JD '83, is a financial consultant at A&A Advisors who recently moved back north with his wife and two children." **Timothy Mayopoulos** was appointed executive VP and general council of Bank of America Corporation. He and his family have relocated to Charlotte, NC. He was previously employed in senior legal roles at Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse First Boston, and DLJ. His family includes wife Amy Lefkof, children Philip ("Gus"), 12, and Katherine ("Katie"), 9, and black Lab puppy Bubba.

Bob Pegues is in a group surgical practice in ob/gyn and pelvic reconstructive surgery in Baltimore. He enjoys playing piano and organ with ensembles and church groups and leading a children's chorus. His family includes wife Cheri and son Brenton, 5. **Elizabeth Lennihan** is a social worker in private practice and is in her fifth year of training at the Chicago Institute for Psychoanalysis. Her children are Andrea Tsois, 14, and Jonathan Tsois, 11. **Elizabeth Dwyre**, ME '81, is a regional engineer at Professional Service Industries Inc. (PSI). Her family includes husband **Ian Watson, PhD '85**, and children Colin, 14, and Reid, 12.

Kwong Allen Yeung writes from California that he is involved in the manufacture of rubber tracks for construction equipment and rubber solid tires for forklifts that are sold worldwide. His family includes wife Anna and children Albert and Ann. **Stephen Kohn** notes that his business Health and EAP Resources has developed a new subsidiary—Work and People Solutions. It expands HR consulting into the area of executive coaching and training. He has twin daughters, 17, and a son in eighth grade.

And, hard to believe, but due to space limitations, I will let Jill continue the saga in the next issue. Our apologies if your notes did not appear here, but they should be at the top of the list for the next column. ♦ **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; and **Jill Abrams** Klein, jfa22@cornell.edu.

81 Greetings to the Class of 1981! Can you believe how quickly the time has flown by? We are now almost into winter again (I feel as if I just left it in Toronto). I have been enjoying my new home in Delray Beach, FL. Having lived here for almost a year, I can see that South Florida definitely has sun, surf, and hurricanes! For those of you that were affected by Hurricane Charley, we hope that you are back on your feet and enjoying life again. We were spared on the Southeast coast, but it shows you how fragile life really is. I have embarked on a new career with Adelphia Corporation as their public relations manager for the Southeast Region. For me, it has been quite a switch from working with lawyers all day to working in the cable industry and building a company up during bankruptcy protection. It is extremely challenging and exciting at the same time.

Rhea Floersheimer Kaston joined Barnes & Noble College Booksellers as director of employee relations in Basking Ridge, NJ. She lives in Holdmel with her husband David and sons Jeremy and Brendan. Speaking of new jobs, kudos to **John Hartman**, who has joined Acuity Brands Lighting as a senior VP responsible for managing sell-side activities outside the US and Canada. **Peter VanderWoude** of Cortland, NY, has joined Cortland's Division of Institutional Advancement in the newly created position of Manager of Planned Gifts.

Cindy High-Fischmann is living in Shanghai, China, working for the Greater Asia Region for Kodak as their VP of human resources. She is joined by her husband Rob and sons Corey and Brett—who are learning Mandarin. Wow! Also on the Asian front, **Duncan Scott** is in Hong Kong as VP of footwear sourcing for Adidas-Solomon. He met his wife Asli in Istanbul three years ago and they have one daughter, Lydia. He is looking forward to seeing some classmates at reunion!

Sheryl Weeks went to Ithaca for Reunion Weekend, specifically for the Reunion Row. This is their 25th anniversary as their four boat won at the Eastern Sprints in May 1979! Her boatmates were **Ellen McHugh '79**, **Linda Glaubitz Schymik '79**, and **Laurie Perkins Lubsen '78**. Their coxswain was **Lauren Anthoné '80**.

Rebecca Weems started her own company in product and technology development (Strategic Business Resources Inc.). Wishing her luck! On the flip side, **Daniel Gasteiger** recently stepped back into the corporate world after 15 years as a freelance writer and computer programming consultant. He joined Computer Support Services Inc. (CSSI), a technology and business consulting company headquartered in Lewisburg, PA, where he lives with his wife and children. He is CSSI's business development manager, and is involved in marketing, sales support, and strategic business planning for the 30-year-old company. **Lisa Freeman**, MS '86, has been named to the American Council of Education (ACE) Fellows Program Class of 2004-05. As an ACE Fellow, she will spend one year on a campus away from her home institution (Kansas State U.) observing firsthand how the institution and its leaders address challenges in research administration and technology transfer. Where did you end up, Lisa? Let us know.

Jared Aldern lives in Ranchita, CA, with his wife and daughters. He has had some big events affect his life: in 2002 a wildfire burned 27 of their 30 acres—essentially everything but the house and its contents; they're still dealing with the claims. He left his public school teaching career to start a nonprofit organization called The Land Conversation, working on environmental history research and ecological restoration projects in collaboration with American Indian tribes. His 18-year-old daughter, after considering Cornell, is attending UCLA; his 13-year-old is her school's spelling bee champion; and his two-year-old is—a cutie. Now, there's a lot to digest! On the startup side, **Wayne Citrin** (citrin@jnbridge.com) continues with the software company JNBridge that he and his wife started just after the 20th Reunion. (Gentle reminder: our 25th Reunion is not far away—June 8-11, 2006.)

Here's something a bit different from **Lori Balton**. She rescued an Australian cattle dog and now spends Sundays sheep-herding—in Los Angeles! Escapes from "The Shire" on Oak Ave. can contact her at lbalton@comcast.net regarding an upcoming reunion. Also, in California, **Eduardo Llach** married Teri (UCSD and UC Berkeley) last year and they combined their two families—now raising five kids! Eduardo is continuing his entrepreneurial career with his latest company, SearchRev, helping Yahoo and many other companies in search engine advertising. He's been doing triathlons for 30 years—now in a new age group (45-49). Can you believe it? **Steven Greenapple** has become a partner in the law firm of Steiker, Fischer, Edwards & Greenapple PC, focusing on M&A transactions.

I guess we've begun to retire. **Doreen Orion** and her husband gave up their medical practices and converted a luxury bus to live and travel in for a year. She plans to write a bus memoir, "Leave the Driving to Him." She's also written some manuscripts and signed with a Hollywood manager—you go, girl! Also writing is **Steve McGovern**, PhD '93. As assistant professor in the Poli Sci dept. at Haverford College, he recently published a book titled *Urban Policy Reconsidered: Dialogues on the Problems and Prospects of American Cities*. On the wedding front, **Sally Furness** married David Lee Dawson in San Luis Obispo, CA, with a honeymoon on the Big Island, Aloha!

Please do let us know your news (and include your e-mail address). Thanks! ♦ **Betsy S. Silverfine**, bsilverfine@adelphia.net; **Kathleen Philbin LaShoto**, lashoto@rcn.com; and **Jennifer Read Campbell**, ronjencam@aol.com.

82 Albany, NY, attorney **Philip Rosenberg** was recently elected chairperson of the New York State Bar Association's 1,100-member Health Law Section, which organizes professional and public education programs on healthcare law issues, makes recommendations on healthcare law and policy, publishes the *Health Law Journal*, and provides a forum in which healthcare attorneys meet, exchange ideas, and improve their knowledge and skills. Phil represents healthcare providers in a wide range of transactional, regulatory, and litigation matters, serves as an adjunct professor of health law at Union College Graduate School, and is a frequent author and lecturer on related topics. **James Zahringer** is now managing director for Deutsche Bank's Broker Dealer in Palm Beach, FL; he and his wife Madeleine and five children reside in Palm Beach.

Kenneth Growney (Highland Mills, NY) of the MetLife Pearl River, NY, office completed a comprehensive training program from MetLife's Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids, which provided him the necessary skills and understanding of federal and state benefit laws to help families with children or dependents with special needs to develop customized financial solutions for their particular situations. **Gerard Leape** (Washington, DC) was promoted to vice president of the National Environmental Trust. He and wife Catherine have daughters Charlotte, 8, and Ellie, 5.

Our class is well-represented in the medical profession. Dr. **Steven Horwitz** and wife Samantha are opening a Velocity Sports Performance Center in Rockville, MD, in fall 2004 (www.velocitysp.com/rockville). Dr. **John Pisacane** (San Jose, CA) writes, "High tech and computers have invaded dentistry. Although most dentists use computers in the management side of their practices, a machine called CEREC allows computer designed and fabricated (CAD-CAM) restorations for my patients. Being one of only a few dentists using this machine, I am now teaching other dentists about it." This 5'8" correspondent (Mark), with my 17-year-old 6'4" son Fletcher, can relate to John's news that his teenage boys are all about big grocery bills, choosing colleges, and passing dad in height (Gregory is heading for 6'5"). Dr. **Fred Carter** and his wife Martha live in Mattituck, NY; Fred is chairman of orthopaedic surgery at Eastern Long Island Hospital. Dr. **Roland Pinkney** is chief of anesthesiology at two hospitals in Atlanta, GA, and reports that he frequently operates with Atlanta ob/gyn Dr. **Barbara Simmons** and that Dr. **Terry Jordan** is practicing psychiatry in Mississippi. Roland's son **Roland Jr. '07** is a pre-med student in Arts & Sciences at Cornell, and his son Keith, a senior at Riverside Military Academy, has been busy visiting colleges also.

Several classmates traveled to visit other classmates. Class president **Lorraine Aronowitz** Danzig and her husband Rob of New York City had a quick visit with **Wendy Raymond** at the new home she and her husband David Backus built recently in Williamstown, MA. They look very happy nestled in the woods! Lorraine and Rob also bought matching recumbent touring bicycles. Lorraine's is in Cornell Red, of course. **Sarina Monast Bronfin** and her husband Kenneth of Ridgewood, NJ, "spent five glorious days at Sundance, UT, with **Ann Casaudoumeq** Appert and her husband Peter." **Gregory** and **Julia Martin Langan** (Verona, NJ) ran into **Frederick Foote** (Haslett, MI) at his family's riding academy in Michigan while visiting Julia's sister in East Lansing, who thought the three Langan children would enjoy riding horses. The two families were soon trading Cornell stories. Fred is a banker, and his wife runs the riding academy with help from their six kids.

On the topic of horses, **Brooke Hines** Scherlie, DVM '91 (Beavercreek, OR) writes, "I'm learning to ride horses all over again with my daughter Freya, 10. So far she is doing better than me and suffers much less. I tell her stories of riding lessons and broomstick polo games at the polo arena." She and husband Paul have three other children, Henrik, 8, Astrid, 6, and Annika, 3. **Samuel Ramos** (New York City) and his wife Grissel Rivera report that daughter Ariana Cristina was born on April 6, 2004. ♦ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; and **Nina Kondo**, nmk22@cornell.edu.

83 After months of facing the prospect of an empty mailbag and needing to fill this column with interesting and exciting tidbits from classmates, I am pleased to see that class

news forms are starting to trickle in along with class dues payments. It sure makes my job and that of fellow class correspondent **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin that much easier when we actually have some news to report! And while the greater influx of news at this time of year is part of an annual cycle, please be sure to remember to visit our class website regularly at <http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu> and keep us up-to-date with wedding announcements, births, job promotions, changes of careers, educational travels, get-togethers with fellow Cornellians, or any wry or trenchant observations about life you care to make.

On the class business side, I have the good news to report that our class received a grant from the Cornell Alumni Federation to help fund our photo album DVD fundraising project. For those of you who haven't heard about this from our previous columns, the Class of '83 is planning on putting together a digital slideshow album composed of photos from our days at Cornell, as well as from past reunions and Cornell Club gatherings, and even just "then-and-now" photographs. In addition to photos submitted by classmates, we are collecting supplementary items to include in the DVD album, such as our freshman facebook, our yearbook, old *Daily Suns*, and any other original materials we can gather that would go toward enhancing the value of our album and increasing its content richness and appeal. We will be contacting the Cornell Library and other organizations on campus for assistance with this part of the project. So dig out those old shoeboxes stuffed with photos of classmates, Cornell landmarks, and sporting events, or even recent photos from reunions and get-togethers. If you don't have a way to scan them yourself, please mail them to **Andy Sosa** at 4911 Magdalene Ct., Annandale, VA 22003 (jas247@cornell.edu). Digital files can be sent directly to me at d.pattison2@verizon.net. And now, the news.

John Hansen of Plymouth, NH, is happy to report that the original Hangovers, who started Fall Tonic on Halloween in 1980, have been invited back to the Hill this November 6 to perform at the 25th Anniversary Fall Tonic! John will be there, along with **Rob Walters** and **Phil Miller**, as well as **Mike Polk '82**, **Steve Holmes '82**, **Kenyon Erickson '81**, **Steve Hubbard '80**, **Gene Stromecki '82**, and **Russ Urban '81**. John says to get your tickets now by going to www.hangovers.com. **Eric Gouvin**, Longfellow, MA, informs us that he has been appointed Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the Western New England College School of Law.

Kit Palmer Antinozzi, MBA '87, writes that she and her husband **Steve**, MBA '87, have sons Leo, 9, and Peter, 4, who keep them busy riding bikes, doing puzzles, and snowboarding in picturesque Shelburne, VT. Kit says that she has recently reentered the workforce—taking a part-time position selling advertising for the local paper. "It is fun to be back in a sales job and I love the women I work with," says Kit. From 1992 to 1997, Kit had her own store, Skein Domain, which sold knitting supplies. But that's another yarn.

Also doing well as a self-proprietor is **Mark**

Seiden. After working for Coldwell Banker Realtors for ten years, Mark opened his own agency in May 2003. Now he is the top agent in two school districts and among the top three agents in all of Westchester and Putnam counties. No small feat considering the area encompasses over 6,000 agents! And not content to rest on his laurels, Mark recently opened a second real estate company catering specifically to the Hispanic market called "El Sueño Americano."

From **Stacy Bernard** Davis we learn with tremendous sadness of the passing of our classmate **Gail Dorros** Dorfman. "She died on Monday, June 7, 2004, after a long battle with breast cancer," reports Stacy. "She leaves her husband Arthur, daughter Amy, 9-1/2, her parents, and two brothers and their families. Following her diagnosis in 1995, Gail fought the disease vigorously. During her remission, she trained for and completed a number of Avon Three-Day (60-mile) Walks for Breast Cancer. She was a devoted mother to her daughter—it was so important for her to be there for Amy. Gail was always positive; the grace, dignity and courage she displayed in her fight against cancer will always be remembered by those who loved her." Her husband has created a scholarship fund in Gail's memory at Amy's school: South Area Solomon Schechter Day School, Attention: Jane Cohen, Head of School, 710 Turnpike Street, Stoughton, MA 02072. Those wishing to send condolences to Gail's parents can write to Arthur and Amy Dorfman at 38 Jacob Drive, Mansfield, MA 02048. ♦ **David Pattison**, d.pattison2@verizon.net; and **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, dinahgodwin@msn.com.

84 **Kathy McCullough** taught some seminars at the Los Angeles Screenwriting Expo last year and had some poems published in the kids' magazine *Confetti*. Kathy writes that **Marty Heebner** has started a craft business: www.halfthesky.biz. She sells jewelry and other items, and hosts craft-making parties. Kathy enjoyed a train trip to Portland, OR, for her birthday. **Jose Montes Pagan** is living in San Juan, PR, but has been traveling to the US and other Spanish-speaking countries as a trainer for Botox. Jose went to Barcelona to present Botox Cosmetic as an alternative to cosmetic procedures in Spain. **Peter Nalin** has been elected president of the national Assn. of Family Practice Residency Directors. Peter teaches family medicine at Indiana U. School of Medicine and directs IU Family Practice Residency in Indianapolis. Peter missed our reunion for his med school reunion at UVM.

Kenneth Shields, MS '85, married Claire Gould in South Wales in June 2003. Fellow Cornellians at the wedding were **Jaime Steve**, **Mike Geschwind '85**, and **Walter Lee '83**. Kenneth is living in Maplewood, NJ, and working for the Washington Group (an engineering and construction company) on design-build transportation projects (Hudson-Bergen Light Rail and Seattle Monorail) as Manager Rail Systems. Kenneth is widely traveled: Japan, BVI, Nigeria, Brazil, and Canada, to name a few places. **Marcia Stairman** Wagner (Belmont, MA; www.erisa-lawyers.com) has four wonderful children under the age

of 5! Her law firm specializes in ERISA and continues to grow and prosper.

After five years on the faculty at Princeton U., **Daniel Kammen** and his family moved to Berkeley. His research projects on energy science and policy, global change science, and economic development are based in Mexico, Kenya, Tanzania, India, and Cuba. The California energy crisis, clear scientific evidence of human-induced global warming, Northeast and European blackouts, record high prices, and energy issues are very much on center stage in the current presidential election. As a result, there has been non-stop demand for projects and appearances by Daniel and the researchers in his laboratory.

Fred Weber moved to Northbrook, IL, to be the Director of Administration for the law firm of Chapman and Cutler, a firm of nearly 200 attorneys, headquartered in Chicago. Fred has been active with the local Cornell Chapter and would love for fellow classmates to look him up when in the Chicago area. In other news, **Christine Brothers** just received the 2003 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Two teachers, one math and one science, are recognized from each state. She spent a week in Washington, DC, and met the President, went to a Congressional breakfast, had dinner at the State Department, and attended an awards ceremony at the National Science Foundation and meetings on improving science education.

Laurie Sheffield is enjoying urban life in Cambridge, MA, near the Charles River, MIT, and Harvard. Both children, William, 9, and Winifred, 5, will be in Cambridge public schools as of this fall. Laurie teaches English and world literature (especially war novels and poetry) at Brookline High School and does artwork during the summer. Her husband, Jonathan Austin, is British, so the family gets to travel to the U.K. every few years. Laurie has seen classmates **Erin O'Keefe** and **Chris McCready**. In Greenwich, NY, **Ruth Loree**-Houser, DVM '88, and her family live on a 600-plus cow dairy farm in Washington County. Ruth says, "Our daughters Victoria, 9, and Julia, 4, are the joy of my life!" Ruth supplies relief veterinary services to small animal practices in the area.

Cynthia Schuyler Leavesley moved to Zionsville, IN, with her husband Ian and daughters Sarah, 13, and Felicia, 9, where Ian has taken a job with Eli Lilly. Cindy continues to be active in the art community with a studio at the Pendleton Arts Center in Cincinnati. She also exhibits her work at the Art in Hand Gallery in Zionsville, IN. Meanwhile, **Shereef Girgis** is living in Rome, GA, with his wife Rebecca and 1-year-old son Isaiah. **Mike Fleming** writes that he and his wife Dawn have three daughters ages 14, 11, and 7. He coaches girls lacrosse in town and works with **Ron Pope '83** at Wells Fargo.

Ruth Heller Catan got married in June 2003 and gave birth to identical twin girls on May 21, 2004. She was very disappointed that she couldn't attend reunion this year, but plans on attending our 25th in 2009. Ruth has done a lot of traveling to the ob/gyn this year after honeymooning in beautiful, scenic Bar Harbor, ME, last June. She and Mark got engaged in Paris on

January 1, 2003. In other twin news, **Laura Abramson** Winningham has been living in Hong Kong for three years with her husband Steve and 3-year-old twins. They continue to love being in Asia, most recently traveling to Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Thailand.

Angelina Chueh has been in London for five years and Europe for half of her working life. Her husband is French and she has two French-Chinese-American kids, Antoine and Ariana. "Who would have guessed? Life sounds exotic, still. To me at least. Maybe that's why I'm still on this side of the Atlantic." ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website: <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 People who have three or more kids just impress the heck out of me. This is because the decision to have a second child is often preceded by telling oneself things such as, "It can't possibly hurt as much the second time" (ha!) or, "Now that we know what we're doing, it's bound to be easier" (double ha!). By contrast, once you're deciding on Child Number Three (or more), you're pretty much in Eyes Wide Open territory. And yet several of our classmates bravely go forth and expand their broods by three or more offspring. Here's looking at you, kids:

David and **Kathie Brown Mandel** are parents to Julia, Evie, and Chloe. David is an elementary school principal in Windsor, VT, and the family of five is now "happily ensconced in Woodstock, VT, in a house built in 1830." **Lisa Cohen** may want to reconnect with David and Kathie for matchmaking purposes; she can pair up their three daughters with her three sons, Jacob, Isaiah, and Jeremy. Lisa is president of Cohen Dermatopathology, the "fastest growing skin pathology laboratory in New England," and has traveled with the family to Costa Rica, Belize, London, Grand Cayman, and Brazil. In May, she and her husband will opt for a couple-only trip to Italy with **Jill Kreutzer Orent** and her husband **Eric '80**.

Also Mom to three sons is **Sarita Duchatelier** Escamilla, whose boys Anthony, Joseph, and William are budding soccer stars in West Islip, NY. Sarita is director of the child neurology department at Long Island's Good Samaritan Hospital. **Diana Lands** Nathanson lives in Los Angeles with her three kids Olivia, Nicholas, and Charles, while on the opposite coast, **Sarah Wilens** Kass, an English teacher at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, MD, is mom to Jacob, Elliot, and Valerie. It no doubt helps to keep everyone in line that Sarah has been studying Kung Fu. She says she hasn't "been this fit since dancing five days a week in the Modern Dance program at Cornell!"

Linda Fears says her weekends revolve around sports. Her kids C.J., Susannah, and Nicholas play football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and lacrosse. (I hope Cornell's Athletics Director is reading this. Start scouting those Fears kids now!) When not doing the Sports Mom thing, Linda is working hard as the new Editor in Chief of *YM* magazine, which "forces

[her] to keep up with the latest music and fashion trends." She also keeps in touch with fellow '85er magazine maven **Susan Kittenplan**, who is executive editor of *Allure*, and with **Jill Grossman** Denowitz, BA '84.

'85er fathers of three include **Brian Mangines** and **Michael Delman**. Brian is dad to Austin, Lindsey, and Megan, owns a legal search and staffing company, and was recognized as a "heavy hitter" in the area of legal search by *South Florida Business Journal*. A heavy hitter in his own right, Michael, who started Lease Integrity Inc., a lease auditing cost recovery firm, was recently remarried and is now a father to five children, ages 5-13. Good man!

We also have baby news from classmates who have some way to go before catching up to Michael. **Adam Young** sent word that he and his wife welcomed daughter Annabel Taylor (love that!) on August 17, 2003. **Eileen Bartol** gave birth to daughter Genevieve Paige on July 6, 2003, while in September, **Pam Bliok** Morris, a psychologist at the federal prison in Beaumont, TX, welcomed son Justin. On November 17, 2003, **Linda Messinger** Manos, DVM '90, a veterinary dermatologist and allergist, welcomed daughter Sara Jane.

Erin Layne, HR associate with Campus Crusade for Christ in Denver, announced the arrival of daughter Hartlee on July 22, 2004. Hartlee joins brother Zeke, who was born in January 2003. **Kathleen Dillon** Carroll, MBA '86, a marketing consultant to Avon, Alberto-Culver, Tyson, Campbell's, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond, had a baby boy, Peyton, on October 16, 2003 "at 3:15PM, just as his big brother Dillon was getting out of kindergarten." **Betsy Daniels** Graseck, a large cap bank equities analyst with Morgan Stanley, announced the arrival of daughter Margaret Christie on March 14, 2004. She joins big brother Tsunami (whoa!), whom Betsy reports is very protective of his little sister, "unless, of course, she is carrying cookies!"

Finally, in the "No Pressure" department, **Al Hatfield** and his wife Jill welcomed son Hudson Marshall, on May 19, and they are already "looking forward to his future as a senator, hockey star, or hotel magnate." **John Reed**, founder of John Reed Architecture, "a multi-disciplinary architectural firm specializing in the integration of technology and environmental imperatives to produce humanist values of today" (whew!) says of son Sawyer, who was born on July 9, "He wants to be an artist when he grows up." Okey dokey.

Send us your kiddy or other news, and we'll love you forever (or at least as long as it takes to finish our next column). ♦ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Ed Catto**, edcatto@hotmail.com.

86 Over July 4th weekend, I had a spectacular view of Uris Library and the clock tower from the eighth floor of the Holiday Inn in downtown Ithaca. Jumping on my bed (I hope the Holiday Inn people aren't reading this) with my kids were children belonging to fellow class correspondent **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean and our buddy **Lorraine Miano** Fike. Can life get any better?

It can, and it did! The three of us, who all started out at Cornell as Communication Arts majors (Lorraine dumped us for ILR), met up with **Larry Robiner**, **Mike Beller** and **Neil Goldstein** over that long holiday weekend for a mini-reunion. Accompanied by various kids and/or spouses, we enjoyed a new collective perspective of Ithaca as parents. You think walking up Libe Slope in a snowstorm is a challenge? Try maneuvering ten adults and just as many kids ranging in age from 3 to 11 into Glenwood Pines on a Saturday night, or parading everyone to the top of the bell tower for a noon chimes concert. We also hiked en masse to the base of Taughannock Falls and descended upon The Nines for slices of pizza that were larger than some of the children's heads. Everything was as delicious as I remembered it.

Larry Robiner brought wife Rachael and son Sam, 7 (Alex, 10, was at sleepaway camp). Just so happens, Rachael's brother is an '86er as well, with news of his own: in June, **Larry Frank** married Melissa Mathis in Rhinebeck, NY. Larry is an intellectual property attorney with Kenyon & Kenyon in New York. Mike Beller, with wife Sue and sons Ari, 11, and Noah, 7 (daughter Ilana, 13, was also at camp) traveled from Little Silver, NJ. Mike is chief technology officer of Tradeworx Inc., a hedge fund based in New Jersey. Lorraine Miano Fike loaded up the Durango in Woodstock, MD, with husband Dave and children Andie, 8, and Graham, 3-1/2 ("the half is very important to him," she says) for the long haul. And Neil Goldstein brought wife Jennifer and daughters Olivia, 5, and Sophia, 3, from New York. In August, the Goldstein crowd relocated to Roswell, GA.

In June I was fortunate to hang with another Cornellian, **Dave Immel '83**, MARCH '86, in Santa Barbara, CA. Dave showed me and the kids his beautiful city by car and by inline skates. We dipped our toes in the Pacific, hiked to a mountain peak, and even hit Disneyland together. Thanks, Dave, for taking a few hours off from Instant Effects (www.instanteffects.com), a company he co-founded in 2002 with **Phil Brock '82**, MARCH '86, and others. Also on the Left Coast, **Shera Raisen** reported that in March 2002 she opened a medical office in Santa Monica, CA, Raisen Integrative Medicine (www.doctorraisen.com). "I am enjoying integrating the best of Western and complementary medicine. I also have a nutritionist and massage therapist on staff."

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Back East, **Christine Carr** is associate director of emergency medicine at the Medical U. of South Carolina in Charleston. Christine has daughters Dixon, 9, and Riley, 7. In May, **Stephen Urban**, JD '90, joined the Newark, NJ, office of Duane Morris LLP, one of the nation's 100 largest law firms, focusing on real estate law. **Irene Molnar** Wrenner dived into personal politics for the first time, canvassing and answering e-mail for the Howard Dean Campaign. Now she volunteers for Democracy for America at its Burlington, VT, headquarters and has become a notary so she can register voters anywhere, anytime. Also, her business "Personal Puzzles" (www.personalpuzzles.com) marked its tenth year, during which she created her first "funeral crossword." "A woman whose puzzle-loving dad was terminally ill hired me to create a crossword encapsulating his life-story for his memorial. The woman decided to share this crossword with him while he was still living, and wrote after his death, 'I took great comfort knowing the puzzle project gave him much happiness in the months before his passing and that he and I were able to work on it together!'"

Eric Fryer (Melville, NY) and wife Jennifer have children Andrew, 10, and Madeline, 4. Eric is a dermatologist in private practice with Jennifer, also a dermatologist. In New York City, **David Lopez** and wife Deborah recently had their own first child, Oliver. Says David, "He joins equally wonderful older brother and sister, Daniel and Alexandra. We couldn't be happier, except if we heard from more of our Cornell friends!" And this year, **Brad Feinknopf** purchased a new space for his photo studio at 104 North Third Street, in Columbus, OH. Brad's work was published in the May issue of *Architectural Record*, and he recently shot the new Lab of Ornithology at Cornell for Hillier Architecture. View some of his stunning photographs at www.feinknopf.com. No doubt that Brad takes plenty of portraits of wife Abigail and sons Jackson, 7, and Miles, 2.

Brian Schwinn of Fairfield, CT, wrote that "Aaron Donnan is back ski-racing, as are his kids, competing against **Wade Sarkis '84** in the New York Masters League, while I'm competing again here in Connecticut. Good to see some Cornell ski team alumni still at it." And **Elizabeth Heymann Goldmann** of Nanuet, NY, reports, "After 13 happy years with my congregation, I am stepping down as cantor of Temple Beth Torah in Upper Nyack, NY. My husband **Michael**, DVM '97, is the proud owner of Nanuet Animal Hospital, where he brought his own pets when he was a kid!"

In the past academic year, **Fern Finger** of Troy, NY, joined Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. as assistant professor in the biology department. And **Jim Conway**, MD '90, of Indianapolis, with wife **Katherine Trace-Conway**, is embarking upon a new phase of his career. "I've been involved in teaching and clinical programs at the Indiana U. School of Medicine since 1997, and was recently promoted to associate professor. I'm also associate director of the Pediatric Residence and run the international adoption clinic here. I recently received a four-year grant to help develop a program at IU's sister institution, Moi

U. in Kenya. We will be training health workers in vaccine management aiming to boost infant vaccination rates."

Timothy Son of Pine Brook, NJ, is a tenure-track full-time faculty at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He continues to serve Hope Community Church as a pastor. His daughter Grace is 11 and plays lacrosse. **Sheila Murphy** Nugent of Alexandria, VA, describes herself as "an education activist, unschooling my four sons, ages 12, 10, 8, and 2, and one daughter, 5." What is unschooling? "It is how I approach raising and educating my own kids. It's all communication and awareness. It means I've flown as far as 2,000 miles to go to conferences with names like 'Rethinking Education.' I've been consciously into the homeschooling scene since 1995. That has led me to alternative (free, democratic) schools and gifted education, and in a few other interesting directions."

Last September, **Jolie Kahn** married Nabil Mikhail of Alexandria, Egypt, in Grapevine, TX. "In May our daughter Alexandra was born six weeks early. She was a trouper and was able to come home with me from the hospital." Jolie is general counsel for Energy & Engine Technology Corp. in Plano, TX. And seeing as you've already heard about two of your class correspondents, I will sign off with a wonderful announcement about the last of our trio, **Jackie Byers** Davidson. Her son Scott Patrick arrived "in a big ol' hurry on July 8, 2004." Scott's big sister Jessica, 2, "has been great from day one, and is really enjoying being a big sister. She loves to hold Scott—with help!"

I hope these reunions, no matter how small, and career and family news of the biggest, brightest kind has inspired you to catch up with Cornell friends. Let us know about it! ♦ **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu; **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean, aaf9@cornell.edu; **Jackie Byers** Davidson, jackiekd@sbcglobal.net.

87 Class President **John Gee**, **Melissa Hodes**, and I met for dinner in June to conduct important class business—our networking project that is part of the Cornell Alumni Federation grant that the class received recently. **Stacey Neuhoef**er Silberzweig held an exceptional "39 Again" planning meeting, where members of your Class Council participated in a conference call focusing on the summer on-campus event. Watch for more details on both exciting activities.

The Class of 1987 has a "Jeopardy" champ among us. **Karen Smith** Kratzer was on the game show for several days last year. She also spent time visiting with classmates at the Cornell Club of Washington, DC, picnic and the Cornell Club of Maryland crabfest. **Gary Okamoto** is living in Salt Lake City, UT, enjoying life with his three boys, baby Brandon, Chris, 6, and Andy, 2. **Wendy Crum** Bennet is living in Cos Cob, CT, with her two high-energy kids, a 5-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl. Wendy reports that life is magical and exhausting. Wendy and her husband recently started a Wine-of-the-Month Club featuring small family-run wineries from California. Check it out at www.wineoceros.com.

Some classmates have entered the world of academia. I recently began teaching in the Social

Work department at Concordia College in New York. **Matthew Nagler** made the jump from the business world to academia and is now the assistant professor of economics and business at Lehman College, part of CUNY. He enjoys teaching and research. Matthew is living in New Jersey with his wife and two boys, baby Aaron and 3-year-old Joshua. **Wendy Wagner** now teaches English at Johnson and Wales U. in Providence, RI. She and husband **Ken Zirkel '88** endured "several well-documented years of ups-and-downs in the job market. Ken is currently working at J&W part-time as a graphic designer." Wendy loves her TiVo: "I am watching a bit more TV since I got my TiVo a few weeks ago." She confessed to still being aggrieved that "Buffy" had ended its run on the tube.

Gus Espinosa and wife Vikki welcomed their second child, Claire Ruth, in August 2003, two days shy of their ninth wedding anniversary. Older sister Julia was excited about having a new playmate. The Espinosas make their home in Portland, OR. **Karla Griffin** will be working in Class and Reunion Programs in Ithaca. As many of you may remember, Karla served as the reunion chair for our 10th Reunion. She did such a fabulous job, she will now be responsible for the 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, and 45th Reunion classes, in addition to helping with the overall planning and implementation of Cornell reunions and Homecoming weekends.

Bart Schachter married Charlene Garland at the Mount Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, NH. "(My) venture capital firm, Blueprint Ventures, recently landed its second fund and will be investing in early-stage information technology companies," Bart reported from his home in South San Francisco. **Dan Oliverio** spent the summer directing his translation of Spanish Nobel laureate Jacinto Benavente's classic farce, *The Scheme of Things*, at the El Portal Center for the Arts in North Hollywood. **Diane Dodd** Sell is living in Westlake, OH, with her husband and children Michaela, 6, and J.P., 3. She is a physical therapist in Fairview Park, OH, in a sports medicine clinic treating athletes of all ages. **Elaine McLaughlin** Halliday won the Hillman Scholarship (free tuition, books, uniforms) to pursue her RN at Beth Israel's School of Nursing. She decided to take a leave of absence with the birth of daughter Brigid Claire. Elaine continues her career from home as a medical writer for Pfizer Inc., which allows her to spend time with her family.

As some of you know, classmate and Cornell EE **Paul Rosenthal** died on Feb. 4, 2004. **Darren Wetzel** sends this important news: "Paul was a good friend, who was always optimistic, even in the toughest situations. He loved his family and looked after his friends. In remembrance of his friendship and our time together at Cornell, a memorial bench located on the Engineering Quad is being donated to the school. If you would like to contribute to this donation, please send a check payable to Cornell University, with a note indicating it's for Paul's memorial, to: Marsha Pickens, Ass't Dean for Alumni Affairs and Development, College of Engineering, 251 Carpenter Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853."

Mike Moore recently relocated to Concord, MA. He looks forward to joining fellow Phi Psi's in the Boston area, **Eric Bachman** and **Josh Lesnic**. He recently took a Pinehurst golf trip with **Tim Wern '89** and the crew. All are developing "old man" golf swings well before retirement. Mike sends news that **John Webster** is doing well in Austin, TX, with wife Kris, son Drew, and daughter Riley. Dr. **Mary Boname Fazio** is living in New Jersey. Father **Vincent Curran** lives in Hamden, CT, but made it to Upstate New York in the spring: "I was recently on campus to celebrate Mass for and with the Cornell Catholic community. I was graciously hosted by Fr. Bob Smith and the other Catholic chaplains. It was great to be back on campus. It was my first time since graduation!" Well, Vincent, be sure to join us for our 20th Reunion in 2007.

Send us news! ♦ **Debra Howard Stern**, dstern39@yahoo.com; and **Tom Smith Tseng**, sttseng@stanford.edu.

88 Greetings, Class of '88! What do "Tainted Love," "Like a Virgin," "Everybody Wants to Rule the World," and "Melt with You" have in common? Of course—popular '80s songs during our reign at Cornell. What else do they have in common? They were all played at the recent Ithaca High School 25th Reunion get-together, which read like a 'Who's Who' of Cornellians. Did you know that for the graduating class of IHS 1984, more than 25 percent of the class ended up going to Cornell (that's 120 people!)? Whether it was the professorship-status of their parents, the irresistible weather (um . . . no), or the chance to get into the Cornell parties without having to bend the truth about which dorm we lived in (our parents' house), the University on the Hill lured many Little Red Bear fans to the home of the Big Red Bear. Reminiscing about the past were **Marek Stycos**, **Bonnie Geller Weiner**, MLR '99, **Jane Greenberg**, MPS '96, **David Beer**, **Jean Linscott**, **Amy Seacord** Jogis (one of the event's stellar organizers), **Mary Ricciuti**, and **Andrea Kirchgessner**. Caught dancing up a storm 'til the wee hours were **Josh Nosanchuk**, MD '92, **Scott Francis**, and yours truly. Why can't they make music like that anymore?

"In other news," it was reported from several sources that **Laurie Jennings** Salman joined MSNBC as a news anchor in September 2003. Laurie was previously the main evening anchor at WSVN-TV in Miami, and started her career at WKBN in Youngstown, OH, as an anchor and reporter. Laurie is a two-time Emmy award winner, and has reported from the scenes of some of the biggest stories of the last several years, including John F. Kennedy Jr.'s memorial service in New York City and the first anniversary of the 9/11 attacks at Ground Zero.

Other career advancement news reaches us. In May, **George Dusenbury** was named the executive director of Park Pride in Atlanta, GA. Park Pride is a nonprofit organization dedicated to involving the community in enhancing the quality of life through protection of parks and green space. He comes to the new position from the Atlanta office of Congressman John Lewis, where

he served as district director. **RJ (Ron) Bukovac** lives in Winnetka, IL, with his wife Barbra, and has been promoted to portfolio manager and managing director of Putnam Global Value Equities Group. **Robert Johnson** writes that he was recently promoted at NABI Biopharmaceuticals in Boca Raton, FL, to oversee all quality control testing operations for licensed and clinical therapeutics. Robert is married to Kelly, and first son Kai Dylan was born in May 2003. Congratulations to all on the new opportunities!

Meanwhile, other Cornellians have struck out on their own. **Jill Miller Katz**, JD '91, opened her own law firm concentrating in trusts and estates. Jill also spoke at the American Bar Association May meeting in Washington, DC, on estate planning for non-citizen spouses, her subspecialty. Jill and husband Michael have new daughter Dana Irena Sky, born in August last year. **Diane Little** Sassano writes that she became an independent consultant for Southern Living at HOME. "This fun new adventure is allowing me to use my brain again as well as get out to socialize with other women." Diane and husband Frank have daughters Tori and Natalie. **Susan Nyquist** Houston is beginning a different type of adventure—retirement from the US Air Force in July after 25 years of service. She and husband Greg and daughter Laura, 7, plan to remain in Europe until summer '05, and then will move to Dover, DE. Last but not least, **Paul Tyler** is the owner and operator of John O'Groats, considered to be Los Angeles's "Best Breakfast Spot," and also famed for the "Best Fish and Chips." Paul and wife Lisa have children Mary, 3, and Robert, 6 months, and spend time hosting Cornell scholarship dinners and traveling.

wife Laurie had third child Danny, joining siblings Kaelie and JD. James is a partner in a law firm in Fairfield, CT. **Raoul Choos** and wife Virginia Dean of Newton, MA, have sons Elijah, 3, and new addition Leo. **Cathy Daniels** Cerosaletti and husband Glenn welcomed new daughter Anna Pauline in October 2003. Cathy says that she and her husband both work part-time and share the childcare, and "after years of working hard at our careers, have slowed down to enjoy our family life." And that sentiment brings me full circle to the start of this column: Life's short—enjoy yourself, and dance without embarrassment to "Melt with You." Please write us with your news. We love hearing from you. ♦ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu; and **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

89 As you read this, another cold winter is under way, so let's thaw out with some warm thoughts of classmates as we share a ton of news on jobs, births, weddings, and trips around the world and back . . . **David Lee** and wife **Linda Kow '90** moved to Minneapolis, where David has taken a job at Target Corp. as a buyer. **Christopher Sullivan** has joined Duane Morris LLP in Chicago as a partner in its trial practice. **Melissa Bergin** received her National Board Certification in Teaching and has published her first article in *Knowledge Quest* (journal of the American Association of School Librarians). **Laura Knapp**, MMH '97, is now working in finance at The JBG Companies, a Washington-area real estate development company.

Heather Turner Gange writes to tell us she moved from Amgen Inc. to work for the Dept. of

'Life's short—enjoy yourself, and dance without embarrassment to "Melt with You."'

SUZANNE BORS ANDREWS '88

With such a great Veterinary school on the premises, is it any wonder that so many Cornellians turn to the care of animals for their careers? Dr. **Janet Helms** started a new job at Pfizer Animal Health in Exton, PA, just bought a Swiss chalet-style home, is traveling to Alaska, and is paying a visit to the Delaware Shore to meet **Kim Henry**. Dr. **Karen Gundrum** and husband David live in Ocean Isle Beach, NC, and have opened Ocean Isle Veterinary Hospital. **Elia Colon-Mallah**, DVM '92, writes that she is an assistant professor and program coordinator for Suffolk Community College's Vet Science Technology Program, and is also working this summer at Mid-Island Animal Hospital in Hicksville, NY. Elia and husband Alan have daughter Amy Faye, 3.

Congratulations to **Laurence Rosoff** and wife Shannon on the birth of Ella Madison on June 8. Laurence and family live in Potomac, MD. In other baby news, **Kristen Heath** Cossel and husband Bill welcomed their fourth child, Jeffrey, in September 2003. **James Moran** and

Justice, and husband **Stephen** also moved from Amgen to become a faculty member at Johns Hopkins U. They have children Victoria, 7, and Elizabeth, 4. Also at the Dept. of Justice, as a senior trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division, is **Dana Shoenberg**. She investigates civil rights violations at jails, prisons, and juvenile detention facilities, and works with the jurisdictions to remedy problems. Her son Ian Rackow, 3, loves baseball, hockey, singing, and playing with friends. **Peter Clark** is currently assistant professor of urology at Wake Forest U. School of Medicine, and enjoys his downtime with children Rebecca, 7, and Gavin, 5. **Stacey Chervin** Sigda is VP/Associate General Counsel at Sotheby's, the art auction house, and has a daughter Lauren, 4.

Becki Fadel King is enjoying staying home with Ian, 5, and Lydia, 2, and taking an extended break from the practice of law. **Elana Adleman** Feinsmith is taking time off from work as a personal financial planner to become the fastest diaper changer in the west and excellent maker

of mac and cheese for son Ari, 3, and baby girl Leona Rose, born in February. Elana won a National Leadership Award for her volunteer work with Hadassah. She passes on news that **Deirdre Newman** is living in Newport Beach and is a writer for the local newspaper there. **Barbara Drugan Held** is still enjoying her ob/gyn practice at the Medical Center in Houston, and she and husband **Kenneth '90** had their second son, Matthew, who joins big brother Nicholas.

'We are honeymooning in Ithaca— that's Ithaca, Greece!'

JULIAN HA '90

Richard Forrest and wife **Heather (Atwood) '91** welcomed their first child, Haninah Grace, in July 2003. **Christopher Spahr** has two children: Lucy, 4, and Spencer, 2. **Linda Jenkins** gave birth to Alexandra Marie in August 2003. In September 2003, **Ian Sklaver, MD '92's** first daughter, Madison Ruth, 3, welcomed new baby sister Danica Emma. **Shadi Feiz-Fahid** was wed in Paris in April 2002, and welcomed first child Roxanna Alyssa in April 2004 in London. **Bob Mayer, ME '90**, and wife Jennifer had their third child, Emily Rose, in February, who joins Christopher, 6, and Ashley, 3. Bob has fun in Austin hanging out with **Mike Nedrow** and **John Webster '87**.

Laurie Neustadt was married in April in Manhattan to Steven Gilbertson, a financial manager at Johnson and Johnson. **Melissa Youner Musman** and **Amy McLaughlin** were bridesmaids. Laurie has been at the Queens County (NY) District Attorney's Office for ten years, where she prosecutes violent felony and organized crime cases. She shares the news that **Jennifer Coen Isko** has twin girls, 1, and lives in New York City with husband **Steve '86**, that Melissa Youner Musman has a daughter Rachel, 1, and works as a legal recruiter in NYC, and that Amy McLaughlin moved to San Diego.

Carol Borack Copenhauer and husband Chris moved back East to Lehigh Valley, PA, to go into private practice. They were accompanied by daughter Bryn and Labradors Hobbes and Tiger. They had a weekend reunion in November '03 in Buffalo, NY, where they met up with **Trevor Steer**, **Jill Dombrowski** Winiatowski, **Vaishali Trivedi Bhatt**, **Sherry Peck** Kirsche, and **Lisa Spellman** Porter Davis. **Kim Levine** Graham moved to Silver Spring, MD. Husband Barry got a great job with IBM. Kim is still in touch with Dr. **Melissa Stoloff** Springer '90 and **Leslie Waltzer** Pollack '90, and met some great new neighbors, **Dan Kerchner '94** and **Debra Stahl '94** and their children Yaakov and Rina Esther.

After living abroad for four years, **Dana Post** Adler, husband James, and children Harrison, 7, and Caroline, 4, are living the traditional suburban life in America (New Jersey to be exact). Dana was accepted into the Ruso Berrie Fellowship Program, a two-year young leadership

development program run under the auspices of the UJA that combines Jewish studies with leadership development, and is based on the Wexner program in New York City. Dana and **Andy Poe** sang at Cornell in the 20th Cuttin' Class Concert featuring current Class Notes and Class Notes from the last 20 years. On the other end of the spectrum, **Lisa Patlis** Kantor and husband Michael are taking a year off from professional pursuits to travel around the world. They have a

travel website they would love Cornell alumni to check out at www.ourwildride.com. Let them know if you have any great ideas of places to see or if you want to meet up with them in some exotic locale!

Remember we cannot publish news of weddings or births until after they occur, so be sure to let us know soon after these wonderful events take place, and keep the news pouring in! It has been several months now, but I just want to say again how great it was to see everyone at Reunion, to meet spouses and children, and share in everyone's happiness. If you are in Chicago, drop me a line; I would love to hear any news in person! ♦ **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoefflich@yahoo.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com; and **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, stephanieavidon@optonline.net.

90 Entering our fifth year in the role, your class correspondents sometimes have to really stretch to uniquely repackage the news that is sent our way. Humor us as we do so in today's column. And should the creative urge strike you, please submit your name for consideration for the position. The next five-year term will begin at Reunion 2005.

Nostalgia for Cornell food is a theme in recent '90 news forms. **Michael Karangelen** cracks that he misses the great Ithaca weather, but beneath the sarcasm is a deep longing for Hot Truck. **Andy Alpart** is less discriminating. He misses having a 7-3 meal plan and actually was astonished to learn that life after Cornell does not include such a perk. Andy is also nostalgic for "John Lucia in the morning." When probed, he explains as follows: "He is a 4'3" tall, quadrupedal, malodorous, scale-covered dentist living in Rochester. I can't provide any further information, as John is currently in the Witless Protection Program."

Quite the opposite of witless are the many classmates who have made their mark in the world of academia. **Julia Smith**, DVM '94, PhD '02, defended her dissertation in 2002 and joined the faculty of the Animal Science department at the U. of Vermont as an Extension assistant

professor. **Beth Sara Katzoff** moved to Ithaca in July 2003 with husband Trevor Morrison and daughter Clio, 3, and is head of public services for Asia Collections at Cornell's Kroch Asia Library. **Lisa Lilienfeld** was promoted to associate professor of psychology with tenure at Georgia State U. In a busy 2004, Lisa also gave birth to second daughter Hannah just 16 months after her first, Alana, and moved to a new house in Decatur. She writes, "I am thrilled that my Cascadilla Hall roommate **Erica Lemcke** is relocating to Atlanta this summer."

Bonnie Gould Rothberg entered academia in a different way: as a student once again. She hints that in addition to the pursuit of scholarly ambitions, she is taking advantage of the social opportunities being in school affords, which she may have missed as a North Campus senior: "I've decided, after ten years of being in the workforce, to go back to school. In September 2003, I matriculated into Yale's School of Epidemiology and Public Health for a Master of Public Health with a concentration in epidemiology of chronic diseases. It is totally a hoot trying to keep up with 22-year-olds, and I don't do the bar crawl very well anymore." Look out for that Jägermeister, Bonnie!

They may not have been doing shots, but they certainly broke out the bubbly for **M. Lara Hoke**, who e-mailed us word of her having tied the knot: "On June 5, 2004, I married Emily Ferrara in Worcester, MA, where we also live with Emily's daughter and my stepdaughter Deva. That's right—it's legal now in Massachusetts! Dear friend **Norm Prokup** traveled all the way from Berkeley, CA, to be an usher at the wedding." She vows that she will not be changing her name to "Lara Ferrara," no matter how mellifluous. **Julian Ha** also took the big step, marrying Annett Kuester on June 12, 2004. "Our reception was held in London, England, at Leighton House Museum, which is the former studio of the artist Lord Leighton. A number of Cornellians managed to make it, including my best man, **W. Ming Shao**, **Arno Nash '49**, **Natalie Teich '65** (President of the Cornell Club of the UK), and Liz Simpson (who looked after me when I studied abroad in London in 1988 and who runs the Cornell UK Centre). We are honeymooning in Ithaca—that's Ithaca, Greece! We have been going to that magical Ionian island every summer for the past three years."

Baby arrivals spell another kind of beginning. Just starting a family is **Amy Wang** Manning in Portland, OR: "We welcomed our first child, Anthony, born May 27, 2004." In a similar place are **Debra Helfand** and husband **Jonah Klein**: "We're happy new parents!" Sebastian Walker Klein made his appearance on June 6, 2004. Jonah is the HR manager at Christian Dior, and Debra is managing editor at Farrar, Straus and Giroux. **Dan "Kid" Fried** produced a kid of his own, Walter Burke Fried, born January 19, 2004. Dan, wife DeLaune, and Walter have moved to Irvington, NY, as Dan has joined the photography and videography business his father started 60 years ago, H&H Photographers. Dan also is in post-production on a film he produced called *The Illusion*, starring Kirk Douglas and based on a play by Pierre Corneille.

For the weary and bleary-eyed from such devotion to work at the office and at home, **Kevin**

DiCerbo's new business might help. He has partnered with a plastic surgeon and is serving as the business mind behind *Celibre*, a medical facility aspiring to be the premier brand for non-invasive cosmetic skincare procedures in Southern California. Services include laser procedures for acne and acne scar reduction, wrinkle reduction, pigment removal, and more; hair removal; and injectable treatments such as Botox and Collagen. Of course, we all know that the Class of '90 is immune to the aging process, but this is certainly something to file under "I" for "Interesting." Here's hoping your life is progressing without a wrinkle!
 ♦ **Alisa "Gil" Gilhooley**, AlisaGil@aol.com; **Carole Moran Krus**, ckm42@cornell.edu.

91 First off, I want to thank everyone for getting news to us. The only class activity that is slowing down is marriage announcements, which makes sense since we are all rapidly hurtling toward that magical time known as our 40s. There, I said it. "Face your fears," my doctor says . . .

I always like to start with birth announcements since there is never a shortage of those with our class. For my part, I now have three daughters—the Cornell classes of '18, '20, and '22—as my wife Cindy and I welcomed Peyton Grace into our family on Father's Day, June 20, 2004. I thought I was just going to get a tie or some socks. Oldest daughter Carson is thrilled. Middle sister Quinn is unimpressed. **Ellen Greenberg** Zuniga writes that her family expanded on March 8, 2004 with the birth of Anna Alicia. Ellen remains with Procter and Gamble and recently attended the wedding of **Cristy Boccuti** in Washington, DC. She tells us that Cristy lived in the room above her in U-Hall 3—no matter what Cornell wants us to call them, they will always be U-Halls to us—and would stomp on the floor to call her to dinner at Noyes.

Heather Atwood Forrest and husband **Richard '89** announce the birth of their first child, Haninah Grace. **Cavaryl Berwick** Garrett gave birth on December 21, 2003. She says that second daughter Brynn Brooks is the happiest baby ever. Also, while on her maternity leave, her business unit was sold to Invesco and her family sold their apartment of eight years. She is currently living with in-laws while searching for a new home on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Post-partum, newborn baby, job changes, moving, living with in-laws—no stressors there. Treat yourself to a spa, if you haven't already. You've earned it.

Anna Doyno Tague announces the arrival of baby Nicole on January 5, 2004, joining siblings Caroline, Timothy, and Bridget. Poor Timothy is woefully outnumbered. **Amy Spivak** Itzla has daughter Emma, who is a little over 1 year old now. Amy says that she has a labor arbitration practice in its third year, proving that there are practical applications to an ILR degree. Lastly, **Jennifer Nerissa Davis** writes of the birth of her son Berend Klaus in January 2003. She has also changed careers, starting her own chocolate-making business. Sample her creations through www.samakichocolates.com.

In practical news and notes, **Steve Kalik**, BS '94, PhD '03, finished his PhD in neuroscience.

He was invited to the Neuromorphic Engineering Workshop in Telluride, CO, and is now the senior research scientist at the Toyota Basic Research Group. Honestly, I have no idea what neuromorphic engineering is, but I am glad there are people who do. I think. **Doug Dubiel** is now VP, Wealth Management Advisor, at Merrill Lynch. **Wendy Fuhr** reports that she and husband Eric Allen were married in June 2002. She is in a medical practice, but her true passion is touring with her band, Full Frontal Folk, whenever time allows. The group recently released its second CD, was featured on WVBR's "Bound for Glory," and is under consideration for an appearance on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion." Just for fun, everyone go to your local music store and say, "I want Full Frontal Folk," and see what happens.

Chris Milazzo and his wife just moved to New Zealand, where Chris will be doing research on cartilage repair to complete work on his PhD. **Stephen Schwartz** recently became medical director of the Bascom Palmer Eye Inst. of Naples (FL) and assistant professor of clinical ophthalmology at the U. of Miami. **Rachael Przybyla** tells us that she decided to retire from the rigors of private practice as an ob/gyn when her daughter Sloane turned 2. Before retiring, Rachael says she had the honor of delivering Tara, the daughter of fellow Cornellian **Traci Nagle '88**.

Jeff Lamontagne has moved back to his home state of Colorado after being on the East Coast since his Cornell graduation. He lives in Denver with wife **Suzanne McClung, MS '92**, and their two children. Jeff had been an environmental consultant/attorney for nine years, but decided to found and become the executive director of a new nonprofit teen suicide prevention program. Jeff says there's nothing like taking a massive pay cut and reducing one's job security to re-awaken the senses. Jeff sees **Mindi O'Halloran** Weinstein '92 every now and then, and he expects visits from **Bill Munze** and **Pat Chang** as well. **Christine Anderson** Perkins says she is having fun as the director of a small rural public library in the state of Washington. *The DaVinci Code* keeps flying off the shelves there and she says she would even recommend it to a 70-year-old Irish Catholic nun. She wants any other Cornellians in the NW Washington area to speak up.

In other news and sightings, **Suzanne Schafer** Skalski reports that she and her husband try to get together frequently with **Denise Law** Russell, **Ariane Schrieber** Horn, JD '96, and **Liza Jones** Hards. Suzanne and her husband recently bought a house in Morris Plains, NJ, and are enjoying life there with 1-1/2-year-old daughter Sarah. **Samir Khanjar** and wife **Kathy (Duffy)** recently held their fourth annual Cornell mini-reunion. In attendance were **Mike** and **Joan Kochan Schade**, **Stephanie** and **Russ MacAdam**, ME '92, **Joe Riordan**, ME '92, and his wife **Beth Livolsi '92**, **Lee Hachadoorian** and wife **Kim Keirnan '92**, as well as **Drew Galligan** and **Karen Schmeidler** Sagor and their spouses! Also at the reunion were **Jen Hillman '92**, ME '93, **Gary Wojcik**, and **Paula Burdett** Rusu, MBA '94. With children and pets, the final tally was 29 people and three dogs. Samir says that it brought back memories of cramming 16 people into two

hotel rooms on all those great hockey road trips.

That's all for now. Remind your classmates to pay class dues and subscribe to the magazine so Nina, Corinne, and I can include as much news as possible. Until next time, take care and keep the news coming. ♦ **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccori@hotmail.com; **Nina Rosen** Peek, nsr5@cornell.edu.

92 Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the fall leaves. As I write, my family has just returned from a week of summer vacation and beautiful weather. It's hard to imagine you will be reading this column in the much colder weather! Thanks to everyone who sent in their News and Dues forms this summer.

Jerry Dismukes is enjoying life, living and skiing in Denver, CO, where he is an atmospheric scientist working for a small environmental consulting firm. Jerry is also a certified consulting meteorologist and does air dispersion modeling work. **Pascalie Jean-Baptiste** recently bought her first home in Tobyhanna, PA. **Amy Frome** Saperstein is the executive director of Project Sunshine, a nonprofit serving children with medical challenges (she writes that she has many Cornell alumni as volunteers!). Amy and her husband Lawrence live in NYC. **Bonnie Wolf** Greenwald recently moved from Atlanta to Westchester, where she will be practicing endocrinology in White Plains.

Tracy Corrigan married Lester Fox on June 27, 2003 in the Caribbean on the Turks and Caicos Islands. They were surrounded by family. Their Caribbean wedding was followed by a Caribbean honeymoon at a wonderful resort called Petit St. Vincent. Tracy and Lester live in Colchester, VT, where Tracy is working at IBM managing a software team (CAD Development). **Cynthia Caruso** recently toured Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia, and Montenegro with her brothers **John '93** and **Kenneth '93**. Cynthia lives in NYC and works for Citigroup in investment banking human resources.

Milla Kaminsky Krasnopolsky sent in the following update: she and her husband celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary this year, and they have two wonderful boys, Isaac, 8, and Ned, 3. Milla works as a fixed income portfolio manager at General Motors Asset Management. Her family lives in Fair Lawn, NJ. **Anthony Sapia** writes that his twin boys Giacomo and Firoenzo are getting big fast (he's hoping they'll play hockey or football for Cornell!). Anthony and his wife Karen are starting an artisan bakery called the Gemelli Bakers in State College, PA.

Christopher Mazoue and his wife Krista have also been married ten years this year, and they have three beautiful daughters, Madeline, 7, Megan, 3, and Molly, 3 months. The Mazoue family moved to Columbia, SC, in August 2003, where Christopher accepted a position as an assistant professor in the orthopedic surgery dept. at the U. of South Carolina School of Medicine. Christopher is a part of the university's sports medicine center, where he helps care for the USC athletes as well as other local athletes.

Andrew and **Wendy Croll Halpern '93** recently traveled to Napa Valley, where their

favorite vineyard was Nickel & Nickel. Andrew and Wendy have children Benjamin, 4, and Jill, 1. Andrew is a partner in a radiology private practice in Lehigh Valley, PA, and Wendy is a periodontist in Blue Bell, PA. **Sue Eisenfeld** and her husband **Neil Heinekamp '91** live in Arlington, VA, where Sue is a senior manager with an environmental consulting firm. She is also an editor and a freelance magazine writer, covering environmental, history, travel, and slice-of-life issues.

As always, there's lots of wonderful new baby news. **John Voellmicke** writes that on May 31, 2004, he and wife Catherine welcomed twin sons Ethan John and Maxwell Vincent into the world. **Tony Cabassa** and his wife celebrated the birth of their second son, Tyler, in October 2003. Tony writes that he recently made partner at the law firm of Thompson, Sizemore & Gonzalez in Tampa, FL, where he practices labor and employment law, representing management. On May 1, 2004, Tony attended **Beth Gilmartin's** wedding in NYC. Guests included classmates **Brian Zilla**, **Jim Schliep**, **Ken Potash**, JD '96, and **Marshall Gilinsky**.

John and Christine Hand Overton had a new addition to their family in October 2003 when their second son, Jacob Parker, was born. Jacob joins older brother Joshua, and both boys are doing well. The Overton family lives in Derry, NH. **Marc Paradis** and his wife Sabrina had their first child on April 22, 2004, daughter Cecelia Catherine. **Stacey Welch** and husband Greg Morgan welcomed their first child into the world on May 14, 2004, son Edward Nicolson Welch Morgan. Eliza Shea Salus was born on January 13, 2004 to proud parents **Chris and Samantha Salus**. Eliza joins big brother Max, who turned 2 on April 25, 2004. Chris works the west side of Chicago on Truck 48 for the Chicago Fire Department.

Marina Barry Walsh and her husband Jim announce the birth of their second child, Timothy Patrick, born on March 22, 2004. The Walsh family also includes big sister Grace Marie, born on June 21, 2000. Marina currently works at the Mortgage Bankers Association in Washington, DC, as a director in industry analysis. **Christine Borelli Grout** and husband **Douglas '94** had their third child, Daniel, born on September 16, 2003. Christine writes that big brother Maxwell, 5, and sister Caroline, 3, are thrilled. Christine is a pediatric psychologist in Naples, FL.

Let us know what's new in your life. Enjoy! ♦
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93 Hello, everyone. I hope you will soon be enjoying a wonderful holiday season! We have gotten some good e-mails from classmates recently. **Melissa Carver** Sottile and husband Greg welcomed son Ethan Mario into their lives on February 3, 2003. Melissa writes, "Ethan loves to spend his day scooting across the floor and laughing at our yellow Lab, Barrington. We're still living in Hartland, CT, although the restoration of our old home has taken a back seat to spending time playing with Ethan. I love being a full-time mom, especially with the freedom it gives us to travel and

spend time with our family on the Cape." **Melissa Hart Moss**, JD '97, and husband **David**, JD '96, also wrote to announce the birth of their son. Andrew Stanley Moss was born on January 21, 2004. The Moss family lives in Newton, MA.

Sada Manickam shared some happy news with us via e-mail: he married Soni Sinha on May 25, 2002 in Washington, DC. "As everyone at the wedding will attest, I definitely 'married up,'" he reports. Sada is a federal prosecutor for the Civil Rights Division of the US Department of Justice and served as the lead attorney for the US in Miami-Dade County for the 2000 Florida presidential election investigation. Soni is a tax attorney at Argy, Wiltse & Robinson. The couple lives in Arlington, VA. Sada would love to hear from friends at sadamanickam@yahoo.com. I received an e-mail that **Peter J. Irwin** was made partner at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, an international law firm. Peter is a member of the firm's real estate group. His practice focuses on real estate acquisitions, dispositions, joint ventures, financings, and net lease transactions. He joined Debevoise's New York office in 1999, before which he was an associate with O'Melveny & Myers LLP. Peter received his JD from St. John's U. School of Law.

In July, I was a bridesmaid at a wedding that felt like a mini-Cornell reunion! **Monica Prasad** and **Charles Hayes** tied the knot on July 31 at the beautiful New York Botanical Gardens. The couple lives in New York, where Monica is in her second year of fellowship in gynecologic oncology at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and Charles is the director of interest rate swaps trading at Credit Suisse First Boston. Fellow bridesmaid **Bonnie Zucker** traveled to the wedding with her husband Eric from their home in Los Angeles, where Bonnie just completed her PhD in clinical psychology at UCLA. Groomsman **Matt Bohlin** also flew in for the wedding from the West Coast. Matt and his wife Natalie live in San Diego, where Matt is in the Navy. The rest of the wedding party didn't have quite as far to travel. **Steve Winnert** and his wife **Gabrielle (Danek)** found a babysitter for son Matthew (born in February) and headed over to the wedding from their home in Ridgewood, NJ. Groomsman **Bob Osborne** and his wife Suzy came from their home in New York's West Village. Bob is currently working for his family's consulting group, The Osborne Group, an international firm that does not-for-profit management and advancement consulting. Guest **Rebecca Wilson** is also living in New York. She recently started a new job as an account director at a start-up branding firm. **Sarah Lawrence** traveled to the wedding from Boston, where she just began working as research director for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety. As she explains, "In short, I do policy analysis and program evaluation on crime and criminal justice issues in Massachusetts. The goal is to improve public safety by utilizing 'best practices' and assessing the most effective way to spend public dollars to keep communities safe." Sounds like a great cause! **Roland and Judy Hudock Kays** arrived at the wedding bearing pictures of their adorable son Eli, who was born in October 2002. The Kays family lives in Albany, where Roland is the curator of birds and mammals at the New York State

Museum and Judy is a stay-at-home mom. Finally, guest **Gregg Nelson** is living in New York and managing one of TriBeCa's swankiest new steakhouses, Dylan Prime.

The *New York Times* Sunday Styles section is always a great source for wedding news on our classmates. In May, **Alison Ginsberg** married Philip Shefter at the Ocean Club on Paradise Island. Alison is a producer in New York for *Paula Zahn Now*, a program appearing weeknights on CNN. After graduating from Cornell, Alison received a master's degree in journalism from New York U. Her new husband is a vice president of Goldman, Sachs & Company, where he manages large individual investment portfolios in the private wealth management group. In July, **Joanne Tsung** married **Michael Held '92** in New York City. Joanne went on to Harvard Law School and is now a lawyer at Prudential Financial. Michael is a lawyer at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Please remember to send any and all news you'd like to share to your faithful class correspondents. Thanks! ♦ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com; and **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ymb1@cornell.edu.

94 Hello, fellow '94 alums. Hope you've enjoyed a healthy, happy second half of 2004. By now I hope you've begun, or at least thought about beginning your holiday shopping! Unfortunately, despite having a larger column allowance, there was a significant lack of news forwarded to me for this column. I hope that doesn't mean fewer people are reading it! I know I always look forward to getting my *Cornell Alumni Magazine* to read about not only my classmates but those in the classes ahead and behind me. So if you have friends that you know aren't getting the magazine, bug them to subscribe along with paying their class dues. Okay, public service announcement over. On to the news.

From the News and Dues forms, **James Cocoros** and **Helen Muskus** write to say hello from Brooklyn, NY. James began teaching math and computer science at Stuyvesant High School about five years ago after quitting law, and Helen is a court attorney for Queens County Family Court. The couple was married in July 2002—so many years after meeting in U-Hall 2, second floor! Also writing in is **Laura Sauter** Stein, who recently moved to Edison, NJ, with husband Eric. Laura gave birth to son Scott on August 8, 2003. She works as a senior business analyst at Becton Dickinson. Laura also tells us that **Debby Bushell** Gans and husband Will welcomed son Benjamin on January 6, 2004.

I'm thrilled to announce the marriage of my college roommate **Rachel Gushman** to longtime beau **Sunil Srivastava** on March 27 in Durham, NC, where Sunil is continuing his fellowship at the Duke Eye Center. Rachel works as program assistant for DonorsChoose NC, an innovative non-profit that connects the needs of public school classrooms in North Carolina with donors all over the world. Rachel comes from a two-generation Cornell family, with parents **Henry, LLB '67**, and **Sandy Landman Gushman, MAT '66**, as well as sister **Rebecca '89, DVM '93**, all standing up with

pride. Other Cornellians in attendance included **Marc Gallagher**, **Amy Unckless**, **Tim Van de Water**, MBA '00, **Lisa Chagala**, **Paul Mutolo**, **Robert Lamson**, **Seema Patel**, and **Adrian Landman** '03. In related news, Marc Gallagher recently switched jobs, and now heads the proprietary fixed income trading division for Refco in New York.

In baby news, **Robert Cohen** and wife Amy recently gave birth to their second child. Son Samuel Ty was born June 18 and joins big sister Jaeda in their Ellicott City, MD, home. Rob recently joined the Division of Enforcement of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, DC. Also joining the baby ranks is **Michael Mullarkey**, who along with wife Karen welcomed daughter Meghann Elizabeth in July. Rob and Mike's friend **Hooman Shahidi** joined the married ranks in December 2003, marrying Lynn on Maui, with **Neil Cohen** and **Neil Mlawski** in attendance. Neil Mlawski recently moved to Springfield, NJ, with wife Liz and son Matthew; he also had the privilege of throwing out the first ball at a Newark Bears game this summer! Anna Scheppek Kovac was born on April 21, 2004 to Tom and **Kerri Scheppek Kovac**. She joins big brother Patrick. The Kovac family is living in Plainview, Long Island. Kerri recently left her job with Accenture and is having fun as a stay-at-home mom for the next few months.

As for me, it's hard to believe that six months has gone by since the last time I wrote this column, and now I can finally share my big news with my fellow alums. My husband **Michael Marchant** and I welcomed our daughter Lindsay Kayla way back on March 5. It is such a thrill to have Lindsay in our lives, and hopefully begin the second generation of Cornellians. In other Marchant news, Michael changed jobs in August, joining Prudential Financial as a vice president/corporate counsel. With his office down the street from our West Orange home, it's great to be able to put Lindsay to bed together. So it's been a very productive summer; in fact, I've just gone back to work after a six-month maternity leave, rejoining Kraft as a brand director. But now we can fast-forward to the end of the year, and I can wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season, and a Happy New Year! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin Marchant**, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; and **Dika Lam**, del5@cornell.edu.

95 Welcome to our class's virtual gathering place! For the sixth and final time this year, you have turned to the back of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* to see if a) your name is in print; or b) the names of your friends are in print. As I write this installment of our Class Notes, I have M&M, my pug puppy, sleeping on my lap with a solid snore going. Looking down at M&M, I'm struck by how little she is and how quickly she will grow. It got me thinking about how little we were at the start of our freshman year (even though we all thought otherwise) and how much we've grown to be where we are now. Strange to think all the way back to freshman year! Even stranger to think that our 10th Reunion is just a few months away!

In preparation for our 10th Reunion, a group of classmates who lived in McFadden held a mini-reunion this past August. Three from our year who attended were **Christina "Bean" Braun**, DVM '00, **Jerome Haines**, and **Kathy Omelan** Bouras. Jerome writes, "I hope to see you at the 10th Reunion. We will be attending! Trying to

going out with my friends and being an active member of the Westchester region of the NY Church of Christ." On the other side of the country, living in Springfield, OR, **Shauna Handrahan** is a counselor at two different alternative schools. She enjoys whitewater kayaking, snowboarding, and spending time with her dog.

'James Cocoros and Helen Muskus married in July 2002—so many years after meeting in U-Hall 2, second floor!'

JENNIFER RABIN MARCHANT '94

briefly sum up ten years in a few lines is tough! I moved to San Francisco in 1998 after getting my MA in Ancient Greek from the U. of Colorado, Boulder. I married Nicole Stevens, a Berkeley grad, in '02, and a year later we had a baby, Madeline Olivia Haines. Last fall we moved to Northampton, MA, to live the bucolic good life. I still ride my bike, and read Greek and Latin just for fun now. While working full-time on online products for Merriam-Webster, I've started a bicycle touring company called Smarttouring.com. We do educational self-supported bike tours to places of historical importance. I had to do what I could to combine my loves—so far so good." Kathy also sent an e-mail with an update on her life since May 1995. "After graduation I moved back home to Virginia, where I attended vet school. Immediately after getting my vet degree, I moved to the New Hampshire seacoast. I married an archaeologist/stone worker two years ago and we are in the process of renovating our house. No children yet at this point."

I received an e-mail from **David "Jolt" Anderson** telling me of an auto store near him called Abra Auto Glass. He recently moved to Minneapolis, MN, where he is a professional singer. If you're interested in learning more about his singing career, check out his website at www.fourshadow.com. On how he's enjoying his life in the Twin Cities, he writes, "I'm blond now, so I have more fun!" Another Anderson, this time **Jennifer Anderson**, started her MBA at Cornell's Johnson School this fall. **Lisa Hanney** Tobio sends word that she and husband Constantino had their first child, daughter Morgan Antonia, on June 14, 2004. "Another Cornellian—Class of 2026! No way I'll let her go to my husband's alma mater, Columbia. This girl's Big Red all the way! I am home for the summer with her, but planning to return to work in September. Her pediatrician is **Jamee Goldstein**, who completed her residency in June and is now practicing in Monroe, NY."

Thomas Zimmerman is working as a faculty practice physician in Nassau County, Long Island. He sends word that **TJ Reed** married his residency sweetheart in September 2003. Also in the great state of New York, **Lisa Michelli** is teaching in an after-school program designed to help Latino students. She says, "I am enjoying

Brian Machinist, MBA '04, spent the past year at the Johnson School in the Twelve Month Option program and graduated in May. He is now working for a small biotech company in Cambridge, MA, as a business development manager. Brian's wife **Valerie (Ghibaudi)** did educational outreach for a breast cancer program at Cornell during their time in Ithaca and is now working as the director of client services for Fitcorp, a fitness company in Boston. While in Ithaca, we saw fellow cyclist **Trevor Connor** '94, who recently finished in 12th place at the Canadian Nation Time-trials. For my own update, I graduated from the Johnson School along with Brian Machinist and am now living in Philadelphia. I'm a product marketing manager at IMS Health and am really enjoying myself! And as you already know, I recently bought a pug puppy that I named M&M. I completely underestimated this endeavor!

That wraps up another Class Notes column, as well as all the news for 2004. I hope you all have happy, bright holidays filled with family, friends, and most importantly, other Cornellians! As always, please e-mail updates to either me or Alison. We always need more news! ♦ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torriello French**, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 I rarely have any class notes of my own to contribute. After all, I've lived in the same apartment in the same neighborhood since 1996! So to mix things up a bit, I've moved five blocks down the street next to Prospect Park. (Unfortunately, **Kerry Duffy** '95 wasn't around to help me move this time and it was a nightmare.) There have always been quite a few Cornellians in this neighborhood, although my closest friends from our class have snubbed Park Slope for the East Village, Williamsburg, and Carroll Gardens.

While hunting for an apartment last month (a demoralizing experience in this city), I ran into a lot of other graduates and we shared stories about humid summers in Ithaca, wine-touring in the Finger Lakes, and work-avoidance methods at Uris Library. After working at that fine library for so many years, I found it surprising that anyone could actually concentrate on their assignments these days. In my time, there was only one

girl chatting on her cell phone for several hours at a time. Now there must be at least 50.

I also miss Ithaca every time I have to write out a rent check to my landlord. I can't believe I was only paying around \$300 for an apartment on Stewart Avenue and I got to shop at Wegmans. That's insane and not too far from the cost of utilities—why did I ever move?!

Okay, enough reminiscing. As usual, we've received a lot of news about infants and their ecstatically happy—and undoubtedly exhausted—parents. **Erin Sullivan** Caimano says that she and her husband Jeff "welcomed Ryan into our little family on September 9, 2003. He's in the fun stage now and is sporting his first tooth. We took him to Disney World in March. The 80-degree weather beat the New York St. Patrick's Day 12-inch snowfall! Our first family vacation, even though Ryan won't remember. We have some cute shots with Mickey! I'm working as a Six Sigma project engineer with General Electric Silicones in New York. I actually love my job." Erin, Jeff, and baby Ryan reside in Clifton Park, NJ. Now I'm curious, Erin. What comes after the aforementioned "fun stage"?

Lisa Courchaine Derouin and her husband now have a second child in their family: "Riley Joseph was born on May 31, 2004." From Ithaca, **Veronica Vazquez** reports that her son Malachi Asa Vazquez-Carr was born on July 6. "He weighed only five pounds and two ounces at birth, and was nearly four weeks earlier than anticipated." **Judit Saez-Badillos**, who works as a pediatrician in Boston, had baby girl Judit Maria Laidlaw on June 21, 2004. **Vanessa Gubbins Dodson** and her husband **Thomas '95** welcomed Madeline Parker Dodson into the world on January 20, 2004. **Orin Zwick** and his wife Marni named the newest addition to their family Carly Brooke. And finally, **Erin Fitzpatrick** gave birth to Molly on December 17, 2003.

Over in Seattle, WA, **Erik** and **Catherine Meeks Schwiebert '98** are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Keith, also on December 17, 2003. The proud parents are hoping that Andrew's eyes stay blue like his mother's. Erik also says that he's a development lead in the Macintosh Business Unit at Microsoft, coming up on eight years there. "I work with teammates in Ireland and Japan to produce localized versions of Mac Office." **Heather Mahoney** Schultz, MD '00, and her husband Dan may be moving out to the Pacific Northwest. But for now, Heather is enjoying San Diego and says that her son Max is doing well and will be 2 in July. She is working as a general pediatrician part-time at a community health clinic in San Ysidro, CA, a Mexican border town 20 minutes south of San Diego. "I get to use my Spanish-speaking skills every day I'm in the clinic, which is a great opportunity." **Suzanne Weidberg** Klein and her husband Devon, who moved to Boston from New York City in June, report that **Matt** and **Bonnie Meyer Altman** just had a baby boy, Jake Benjamin. "All are happy and healthy and doing great." Congratulations to all of the new parents!

Thanks to **Quinn O'Sullivan**, I get to mention Kid Rock in my column. If anyone has any class news about Pamela Anderson or Tommy Lee, please send it in immediately. That would be even more unexpected. Quinn recently quit her job with

Guinness and opened up an Irish Pub on Music Row in Nashville. She's had Travis Tritt, Steve Winwood, Peter Wolfe (the J. Geils Band), and Kid Rock play music and eat at her new place! **Jessica Cattellino** also has some exciting announcements. She says that she received her PhD in anthropology this past May from NYU. "I'm now joining the anthropology dept. faculty at the U. of Chicago. My partner, **Noah Zatz '94**, MA '96, is taking a faculty position at the UCLA Law School. We'll be keeping the airlines in business, flying the Chicago-L.A. route. I remain active in Telluride Association and am currently the president, so I enjoy the chance to see Telluriders regularly."

In other news, **Mick Merritt** and his partner Rich just completed a major renovation of their New York City apartment that took four months. Mick was promoted to principal consultant at CSC's Global Health Solutions. **Scott Cohen** and **Erin Witek '98** went with their families to Aruba in November 2003. Scott is a pediatrician and practices in Beverly Hills. Erin was finishing her residency in orthodontics this August from UCLA. Scott attended the U. of Miami for medical school and Erin attended Columbia U. for dental school. Please send all of your news to: ♦ **Allie Cahill**, AlexandraCahill@aol.com; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; or **Sheryl Magzamen**, slm1@cornell.edu. For updated class events, news, and resources, visit <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 The holiday season is nearly upon us again. What better time to reconnect with old friends? I've included some updates here, but we're always on the lookout for more news. Drop Sarah or me an update when you send out your holiday cards! This is our space to fill!

In March 2004, **Brian Gyovai** (bleeg17@aol.com) reported he was flying F-15s for the Air Force in Okinawa, Japan. Brian traveled all over the Pacific, including Tokyo, Guam, South Korea, Thailand, and Singapore. He keeps in touch with **Kevin Maskell '98**, **Scott McAuliffe**, **Joe Kardos**, and **Chris Black**. **Ian Ng** (itn1@cornell.edu) took a job in September 2003 at a downtown Los Angeles law firm and has enjoyed the change. Ian is "simply loving it out here in L.A., surrounded by lots of friends." Ian shared news about **Andrew Warner**, who is teaching school in South Dakota, and **Soo Sun Choe**, who married Henry Lee in April and is attending graduate school in Hawaii. **Rob Unckless**, MS '99, is teaching high school science at Penfield High School and finishing up a master's degree in biology, while **Heather Fiore** is working at Strong Memorial Hospital in pediatric endocrinology, counseling kids with diabetes.

Irene Lee (ireneinhilton@hotmail.com) married Charles Walker at Divinity College at McMaster U. in Hamilton, Ontario, on October 4, 2003. Attending the wedding were **Jon** and **Jennifer Walters Barton**, **Eric Beveridge**, **Ryan Lilien**, **Ben Sugam**, and **Dennis Yang**. **Kathryn Krase** (KatKrase@aol.com) and Bill Cahill tied the knot on May 15, 2004, in Brooklyn, NY. The reception was at the Belmont Park Racetrack. Cornellians attending included **Kristi Snyder**, **John Baust**, and **Alethea Harris '99**.

Jennifer Baskind Sivitz (jensivitz@yahoo.com) and her husband Adam had daughter Chloe Maya on June 2, 2004. David Johannes Rudenstein, the first child of Charlene and **Andrew Rudenstein** (apr3@cornell.edu), arrived on June 10, 2004, after a quick four-hour labor.

You're probably scratching your head in disbelief that you've reached the end of the column already. Well, believe it—that's all the news we've got up our sleeves. Please send us an update when you return your dues this fall, or dash off a quick e-mail to us. Thanks to a strong magazine subscription base among the Class of '97, we have lots of space to use here, but it's your responsibility to help us fill it! ♦ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; and **Sarah Deardorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu.

98 Our apologies to **Jay Billings** and **Raghu Gopalan**, who sent us information about themselves in February. We are now finally able to include their information in the November/December issue. At least we were able to get it into the 2004 edition! The mystery behind the delay is that we write these columns about three months before they are published (i.e., it is the middle of the summer when we write, almost snowing by the time this gets to your hands), so there might be a delay from when you submit to when you get to see your name in print. However, right now we have a special offer of faster turnaround time for those people who submit news to us fast! (Limited offer; submit while offer lasts!)

What's the story, you ask. Well, it could be that we are running out of information to report. Believe it or not, although we received tons of news for the previous issues (marriages, births, graduate schools, slackings), this column is only barely filled as a result of some serious pleading and harassing! To those who sent us updates, thank you. We want to remind everyone that if we don't hear from you, we'll have to subject you to reading about all the movies that we have seen, all the insignificant gossip and drama we've heard about second-hand, and all the petty little things we happen to want to write about... for the next FOUR years! Come on, Jay and Raghu! The information we are now including is almost a year old. Tell us what is new with your lives!

Jay Billings celebrated the arrival of his son Steele Fisher Billings on January 10, 2004. He stated that he was amazed that someone so beautiful could be so small. When he sent in his update, Jay was finishing business school at the U. of Colorado. In his own words he was "avoiding the job search!" He regularly sees **Betsy Hause '97** and **Jessica Gunter '99**. He lives in Boulder, CO, and wonders why everyone doesn't move there.

Raghu Gopalan moved to sunny San Francisco after completing his MBA at Weatherhead School of Management in Cleveland, OH. He made a road trip with his wife Sahana from New Jersey to California, reliving the journey of Lewis and Clark across the New World. **David Polan** was one of 228 graduates who received a doctor of medicine degree on June 4, 2004 at Jefferson

Medical College at Thomas Jefferson U. He also received a Master of Science degree from MCP-Hahnemann U. in 2000.

Congratulations are also in order for **Jason Miller**, who was married on March 20, 2004 to Jessica Schutzbank in New Jersey. There were a whole bunch of Cornellians there including classmates **Gregg Brochin**, **Eric Diamant**, **Adam Fletcher**, **Adam Geller** and **Lauren Cardillo**, **Corey Gutshall**, **Joseph Lyons**, **Lindsay Schwartz Rosenman**, **Jason Schatz** and **Heather Blonstein**, **Byrke Sestok**, **David Silverman**, **Danielle Trichilo**, **Kara Levi Zlotnick**, **Elyse Weidhorn** Everett, and **Lauren Israel Siegal**. Jessica is finishing her residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation and will be working in Houston, where Jason is doing his residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Baylor College of Medicine.

Nathan Green recently left Accenture, where he had become a strategy executive, to help build Geller Services of Geller & Company. Nathan has been tasked with developing their consulting and strategic sourcing practice and is very excited to be in an entrepreneurial environment again. His wife Michelle recently left the William Morris Agency for a similar advancement, to begin the commercial department at The Agency Group. Nathan and Michelle are proud owners of two baby beagle puppies, Dylan and Brooklyn. They are 5 months old and already turning heads. Candice Bergman, from *Murphy Brown*, recently stopped the puppies in Central Park to shower them with love and kisses.

Leslie Kirchner just got candidacy at the U. of Michigan in a dual PhD program of landscape architecture and urban planning. She is working at Montpelier (James Madison's home) for the summer. It turns out that former President Rawlings is on the board of directors there as well. So, hopefully one year left while she writes her dissertation, but at the time she sent us her update, she was off to a Landscape Charette in Prague and Warsaw to close off the summer. **Joseph Cleverdon** reported that he is now living in London, in a mews house in Mayfair just east of Hyde Park. He moved there in November 2003 with his firm, a boutique investment bank, to help in its expansion into the European market. He is having a great time and expects to be in London through at least November 2005. He was on vacation at the end of July, during which he spent some time in New York catching up with various Cornellians, including **Lynne Gadkowski**, who had just moved there a few weeks prior.

So that's it for now. Keep it coming. Life-changing experiences, small incidents, Cornellian run-ins, classmate spottings, etc. Send in the News Form that came in the recent class mailing or write directly to us! ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; or **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu.

99 Upon one of my more recent trips to the "Social Safeway" grocery store in Georgetown, I came to the conclusion that one of the most practical inventions of the 20th century is that plastic divider that differentiates your Fruit Loops from the Dinty Moore beef stew of the unshaven, very-single guy in line behind you.

I'm just saying; it can come in very handy.

I think there's a certain etiquette involved. As an example, when someone starts adding her sundries behind you, you can smile and offer the plastic partition. Everything seems right in the world. Sort of like **Margaux Neiderbach**, who offers a ray of sunshine to Cornell alumni who fit the Metro NY geographic demographic. As Margaux puts it, she "does alumni stuff for the greatest school ever." Cornell made a solid hire. Not only does this former tour guide sport 200-plus Cornell alumni friends on her Friendster page, but Margaux's a jeans model in *Redbook's* April 2003 issue. What a networking PR pro!

This much is also true for **Alex Zalben**, who is in the midst of putting together the second annual Big Red Comedy Festival in NYC at the end of October (bigredcomedy.com). He's also been on the road from L.A. to Atlanta to Edinburgh, Scotland, promoting his improvised video show and his two sketch comedy groups—Madame Funnypants and Elephant Larry—with various alumni, including classmate **Stefan Lawrence**.

Laura Knights has experienced some cross-country travel herself, changing coasts to head up the Seattle office of her company Intellisponse Inc., a strategic marketing and research firm. Laura's loving Seattle—the sites, the people, the sports, and even the weather. When not working, she fits in salsa dance lessons; a volleyball game here and there; charity benefits like the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, in which she raised \$1,000; and, of course, the Mariners. "Go, M's!"

Getting back to my original subject, I don't advise using the plastic divider as a baton. This is especially true if you're caught inebriated on Zinck's Night at Chaucer's Tabard Inn in Philly, trying to recite Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky" from memory, which will, apparently, win you a drink on the house. This helpful piece of knowledge I learned from **Julie Allmayer**—who was disappointed to know that her flawless rendition of "Take on Me" by A-ha didn't fit with the Olde English theme. However, **Dorit Koren** recited the work with precision, dedicating the performance to **Ory Holtzman**, innocent bystander, and **Lisa Lerner**, who used to deliver "declamations" back in high school in Madison, CT. But I digress. Let's turn now to our favorite town—the venue of this summer's 5th Class Reunion.

Ah, Ithaca. Home to Cornell and Wegmans' green grocery dividers, adorned with the signature cursive "W," and also to: **Amrita Basu** and **Sudeep Singh**, who have returned to this most enlightened city for graduate school. This news comes by way of **Mileen Patel**, who spent some time nearby in hometown Horseheads before moving to Chicago this spring. Mileen's pleased to report that his Cornell ID still worked and this year's Slope Day was a fun time, albeit not comparable to the infamous mudslide of our freshman year.

Speaking of great New York cities, **Jessica Strauss**, in the Big Apple, has just been awarded a two-year fellowship (2004-05) by the environmental leadership program for her work in the green building industry. She is a US Green Building Council accredited professional and has completed her architecture licensure in NYS.

Sometimes it's hard to find the plastic divider

when someone discards his unwanted Pop Tarts or Cheese Curls at the foot of the check-out magazine rack. This was the case when I went to stock up on snacks for my roadtrip to NYC with **Sam Goldberg** and **Aaron Tax '98** for **Matt Wexler** and **Becky Orfinger's** wedding at the Fountainhead in New Rochelle. We made it across the George Washington Bridge with snacks in tow. It was a pre-5th Reunion with **Julie Nussman**, **Liz Hill '00**, **Claire Ryan Saxton**, **Dan**, DVM '04, and **Tracy Allaman Atlas**, **Dan Doron**, **Heather Haupt**, **Alan Enos**, ME '00, and **Matt Perrone**. Many other Cornell alumni classes were represented, including new sisters-in-law, **Laura Wexler '02** and **Emily Orfinger '03**.

And, speaking of New Rochelle weddings at the Fountainhead, **Susan Friedfel** wed **Marc Tuckman '97** last August with an equally impressive '99 alumni brigade, including: **Risa Shapiro**, **Jeanne Devine**, **Amanda Bruning**, **Hallie Epstein**, **Darcy Partridge**, **Jack** and **Diana Jensen Berkery**, **Todd '98** and **Taryn Smith Jirousek**, **Matthew Ticknor**, and **Garrett Baird**. The Upper East Side couple had better have wall room ready for some additional Ivy League diplomas—with Susan's 2002 Harvard Law degree and Marc's Columbia Business School degree expected in 2005.

Another wedding to toast is that of fellow Social Safeway shopper **Jen Kantor**, who wed **Michael Gershberg** on Memorial Day '04. The two lawyers-in-love both litigate in DC and had an "absolutely gorgeous" wedding, testifies **Rebecca Harris Mulvaney**, with '99 grads **Rachelle (Loranger)** and **Sean Considine**, **Sarah Berger**, **Brad Schwack**, **Jennifer Mahl**, **Adam Forchheimer**, and **Seth Saideman**, as well as **Andrew Morse '96**, **Casey Morse '00**, **Sabrina Cerretani Patterson '98**, **Brad Zacharia '03**, and **Neal Dunn '97**. Congrats to all of our newly wedded couples!

Before I pass the baton to Melanie and Jen for the next *Cornell Alumni Magazine* column, I recommend that you check out the pictures of our reunion online as soon as you set your magazine down. You'd never know it that we're seasoned with five years of post-college life under our belts: http://classof99.alumni.cornell.edu/albums/2004_reunion/index.html.

That's all from our nation's capital. Continue to share your news with us and the news of others. May you have luck in grocery shopping; and may you not end up with someone else's frozen dinner. ♦ **Jess Smith**, jessiniowa@hotmail.com; **Melanie R. Arzt**, snoopymel@yahoo.com; or **Jennifer Sheldon**, jls22@cornell.edu.

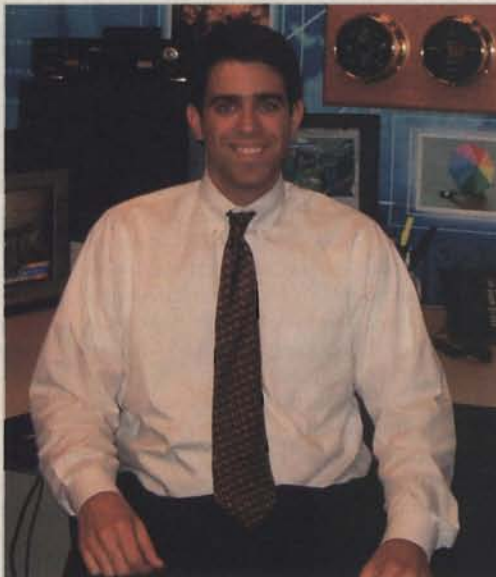
00 Well, ladies and gentlemen of the Class of 2000, Reunion 2005 is just a hop, skip and a stone's throw across Beebe Lake away! Since reunion fever is high, I'd like to introduce your Reunion Planning Committee members. Heading up our 5th Reunion activities are co-chairs **Andrea Wasserman** and **Melissa Bersofsky**. Andrea married **Ezra Marbach '97** on August 8 in New York City. In addition to mother of the groom, **Judy Bondy Marbach '58**, some of the many Cornellians at the wedding included **Margaux Neiderbach '99**, **Carolyn Deckinger '02**, **Michael Schiffer '99**, and **Ryan Sullivan '98**.

Weathering the Challenge

MATTHEW NOYES '00

For the past two summers, meteorologist Matthew Noyes has helped guide the winning team of the world's oldest all-women's airplane challenge, the Air Race Classic. While piloting honors go to seventy-eight-year-old aviatrix Elaine Roehrig, Noyes, a New England Cable News weatherman, assembled the forecasts that steered her into first place.

This year, thirty-three teams took off from Wichita, Kansas, on a four-day circuit over eight Rocky Mountain, Midwest, and Great Lakes states before returning to Wichita. Since race rules prohibit the use of flight instruments, Roehrig relied on forecasts from Noyes, who examined such variables as active weather, wind speed and direction, icing levels, and cloud heights. The two consulted daily by cell phone to determine the best flight plan. "Elaine and I share a mutual respect,"



COURTESY OF MATTHEW NOYES

says Noyes. "I'll amend my recommendations to go along with what she suggests because she's got sixty-one years of flying. And she'll never tell me she doesn't trust the forecast. It really makes the whole thing work."

— Carolyn Bonilha '06

Singing by several Last Call members was included! The couple resides on the Upper West Side of New York City and Andrea is currently the North American Director of Livnot U'Lehibanot ("To Build and To Be Built" in Hebrew).

Melissa writes that she is enjoying her "summer vacation" after earning a master's degree in higher education at Harvard. After a brief stint in the exciting yet stressful world of New York advertising, Melissa reports she has switched gears and looks forward to lending her creative ideas to the professional side of student and alumni affairs at the university level. In her spare time, she lends a hand to the Boston and New York Kappa Delta alumni associations. She says she is thrilled to be co-chairing the reunion committee and looks forward to the first official Class of 2000 gathering on the Hill. She can be reached at mjbersofsky@post.harvard.edu.

Andrea and Melissa will be joined by Registration Chair **Kristen Sweeney**. Currently, Kristen is working at Johnson & Johnson in Skillman, NJ. She writes that she's been there since graduation and is currently doing process development work for various consumer and personal products. She adds that she's "living single in Raritan, NJ, and actually spent the Fourth of July holiday

in Ithaca with **Florence Natter** hiking and wine-touring. It was absolutely beautiful there—the way you love to remember Ithaca."

Other reunion committee members include: **Howie Goldsmith**, **Shanna Hillback**, **Sarit Kessel**, **Jill Lustbader**, **Jeff Ng**, and **Long Tran**. Shanna graduated from Cornell with a double major in Spanish and Anthropology, worked at a PR firm in Boston briefly, and then returned to Cornell as the associate director of the New York/Ontario Regional Office. She writes that she left her position working for Cornell in May and moved to Charlottesville, VA, in July. Shanna started Darden Business School in August. Congratulations are in order as well because she married **Tom Deng '99** on August 7.

Jill has been working in human resources at Morgan Stanley covering their Technology Division as a data analyst since graduation. She lives in Manhattan and reports that she is still in touch with Cornellians from various classes. She volunteers with Project Sunshine and other organizations. Jill also sits on the Cornell Young Alumni BAR committee planning Zinck's Night and Slope Day, and plays volleyball. Jeffrey is now an account supervisor at Ogilvy and Mather Worldwide, working on American Express OPEN. This

portion of American Express specializes in the needs of small businesses. Jeffrey writes that he has had the opportunity to meet some amazing small business owners that are doing incredible initiatives in their industries. He's also on Cornell's Big Apple Red Committee and is training for the NYC Marathon. Howie is currently a third-year rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College in New York City, while Sarit is still working at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Last, but certainly not least, Long is currently a second-year law student at Suffolk U. Law School in Boston, MA. He is actively involved in the planning of the Cornell Club of Boston's young alumni happy hours and other alumni events. When not organizing an alumni event or studying, Long writes that he is usually hanging out with **Patrick Lamey**, **Jessica Rice**, Melissa, and the other cool Boston Cornellians. Long adds, "Boston's the best place to be during the summer, especially if you're a Red Sox fan!"

So that's our Class of 2000 Reunion Planning Committee. It's certainly composed of dynamic individuals who have maintained strong ties to Cornell. They'll be quite busy in the coming months planning a great weekend for us. I know they hope to see as many of you on the Hill as possible next June!

In other news, **Heather Ginter** and **Evan Berk** were married at the Sephardic Temple in Cedarhurst, NY, on July 4, 2004. They are living in New York City while Heather pursues her doctorate in child psychology at Yeshiva U. and Evan pursues his doctorate in nutritional biochemistry at Columbia U. Many Cornell alumni were present for the wedding, including bridesmaid **Gaby Schoenfeld** and groomsmen **Rich Bruckner**, **Jeff Chwast**, ME '01, **Dave Feuerman**, and **Michael Rapkin**. The couple honeymooned at the Four Seasons in Nevis.

Finally, **Matt Noyes** reports that he is now working as a television meteorologist in Boston, MA, and broadcasts on New England Cable News (NECN). He writes that NECN broadcasts to 2.8 million viewers in 890 communities from Maine to Connecticut. Matt adds that he recently forecasted the flight route for a pilot who, at 78 years old, won the national Air Race Classic airplane race. As always, keep those updates coming! ♦ **Sarah Striffler**, sjs34@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 Happy Holidays, Class of 2001! We hope you're all doing well wherever your career paths and travels have taken you! Here's some news from your fellow classmates. On July 9, 2004, **Matt Buchwalder** began a hike across America along the "American Discovery Trail." He started in Delaware, and by August was in West Virginia. He hopes to reach California by 2005. This was a change for Matt after he spent the first three years after graduation teaching science at Smithtown Christian School on Long Island, NY.

Also back in July, while thousands of people crowded the National Mall for Independence Day weekend festivities in Washington, DC, a couple of classmates were making fireworks of their own. On July 3, **Susan Mueller**, ME '02, This

married **Michael Hanson**, MPA '02, in Vienna, VA. Cornellians standing up included **Patrick Kinsella**, **Heather Bernstein**, **Steven Kopleff**, ME '02, **Courtney Berry** '02, **Edward Perez-Cortes**, and **Marcel Mueller** '03, ME '04. After the wedding, Susan and Michael cruised the sunny Caribbean and moved into a home in the DC suburb of Chantilly, VA. Susan is in her second year of doing warfare modeling and simulations for the Department of Defense. Michael just started a new position in computer forensics. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Congratulations also to **Adam Sloyer**, who married Annie Budnick on August 14 at the Essex House in New York City. In attendance from Cornell were Adam's sister **Jamie Sloyer** '05, **Larry Goldman**, **Jen Brown**, **Greg Rubenstein**, **Ben Rubin**, **Ben Brucker**, **Liz Axelrod**, **Eddie** and **Rachel Bogatin** Solarsh, **Scott Valins**, **Jon Bernstein**, **Matt Resnick**, **Brad Becker**, **Dan Ruff**, **Eric Kussin**, **Matt Paget**, **Aaron Shriftman** '04, and Adam's grandfather, **Jesse Silverman Jr.** '44.

During the same weekend there was another wedding celebration on August 13 when **Clinton Festa** married Sanna Ray in Ft. Pierce, FL. The two were set up by Sanna's father, who had taken a real shine to Clinton's good nature. The couple was surrounded by family and friends for their big day, and Clint's former roommate **Alan Noah** was on hand as co-best man (he shared responsibilities with Clint's brother Curtis) and gave an awe-inspiring toast at the reception. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Orlando and are moving to Baltimore, where Clint has a new job as a chief flight instructor.

Congratulations to **Teddie Martis** who completed her master's at Columbia U. in organizational psychology and returned to work as a business consultant. She is now working at Stromberg Consulting in NYC, specializing in change management. Another congrats to **Mike Glasser**, who graduated *cum laude* from the Benjamin N. Cardozo Law School and started working at Wolff & Samson in West Orange, NJ, in the fall. After working the past three years in advertising in NYC, **Andrew Wone** is changing his career path and started law school this past August at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. **Nadine Feinstein** began a graduate program at the Harvard School of Public Health in September. Congratulations to Nadine!

Steve Driver returned to school for his MBA at Yale! Steve had previously been working at Accenture in New York City. In July, **Lauren Wallach** started a part-time MBA program at Duke U. while continuing to work full-time at Tishman Speyer Properties in New York City. She will be traveling to Duke for a week on campus every ten weeks and spending the rest of each term using distance learning. The program has two terms where she will be traveling to Frankfurt, Germany, and Seoul, South Korea.

Nathan Connell is in his second year of medical school and has recently been appointed director of operations for the Florida Keys Health Fairs, now in his 34th year. The students at the U. of Miami School of Medicine travel in January to the Florida Keys to provide free or reduced-cost health care to over 1,000 people in a single day.

Nathan is in charge of the entire project this year and oversees three health fair sites, one each in Marathon, Big Pine Key, and Key West. He traveled a lot this past summer and managed to spend the 4th of July in Boston with **Garreth Biegun**, **Kristi Kull**, **Kyla Biegun** '04, and **Andy Golden** '99. Garreth is in the middle of rotations at the U. of Massachusetts Medical School.

And as for two other med school students, both **Lyle Young** and **Jessica Kulak** started their third-year rotations at the U. of Miami School of Medicine. We also received a shout-out from **Mariana Niell** in Poughkeepsie, NY. The Class of 2001 Class Officers wish all of you a happy, safe, and healthy holiday season. Let us know what you have been doing recently and what the future holds for all of you. E-mail us at classof2001@cornell.edu. All the best and keep the news coming! ♦ **Lauren Wallach**, lew15@cornell.edu; and **Itai Dinour**, id22@cornell.edu.

02 As I write this, Charley is getting stronger and Bonnie is getting weaker. Welcome to hurricane season in New England, a fairly abnormal combination. I just spent the weekend in Ithaca, during which the new freshmen were walking around with all their new Cornell gear. I remember the first night with Duncan Sheik very well, as I'm sure many of you do, too. I wreak havoc upon New York City next week and am looking forward to my first Olsen twins sighting.

It's always reaffirming to learn of the great job opportunities and career paths our classmates take. Some have not gone too far from the Hill. **Marianne Drowne** was promoted to Business Development Coordinator at Audrey Edelman & Assoc. Real Estate in Ithaca, NY. As AE&A's former marketing coordinator, she is combining her marketing, graphic design, networking, and event planning skills for the newly created position. Congratulations, Marianne! **Dan Salas** was happy to escort his younger brother **Fernando Salas** '08 to his freshman year at Cornell in August. I'm sure Dan will be visiting Ithaca often. He still resides in the Washington, DC, area.

As expected, we have several alums beginning or returning to school this fall, continuing on the path of higher education. **Eva Marcotrigiano** is living in Pittsburgh, PA, and is about to start her second year of law school at the U. of Pittsburgh. This year she met another Cornell grad, **Marisa Douglas** '01, who is a dental student at Pitt. The two are now roommates and share a kitten, Maggie, who is 2 months old, and a Beta fish named Sander. Between graduating and starting law school in Pittsburgh, she worked at Cornell for seven months before road-tripping it out West. She lived in San Francisco for two months, and then moved up to Washington State for four months. "I fell in love with the Pacific Northwest and hope to return," she writes.

Also residing in western Pennsylvania, **Greg Frattaroli** is currently in his second year at the U. of Pittsburgh Medical School. Always full of self-deprecation, Greg jokes, "It's good news for me, bad news for the general medical profession." He is thrilled to be doing something he loves,

and he has even gone to a few Pirates games. I ran into **Samantha Jacobs** at Dillon's in Boston and learned that she is in her second year at the U. of Pennsylvania Medical School.

I suppose it is right on schedule that two years since graduation I have a few weddings to announce! What should strike you as even less odd is that they are all between Cornell alumni. The statistics strike again! Here's to our happy newlyweds! On June 26, 2004, **Melissa Hazard** and **Michael Pattison** got married in Utica, NY. They just purchased a house there, too. In other news, on August 8, 2004 I attended the wedding of my Theta big sister **Andrea Wasserman** '00 and **Ezra Marbach** '97 in Long Island City, NY. Ezra, being one of the founding members of Last Call, sang at the ceremony along with his fellow singing mates who were also in attendance that day.

The wedding of **Stephen Terry** to **Alisa Boeve** at Sage Chapel on July 24, 2004 was attended by fellow '02ers **Adam Tope**, **Adam Ryan**, **Matt Goldhirsh**, **Daniel O'Connell**, and **Amy Liesenfeld**. The celebration was held at Wagner's winery, as both Steve and Alisa's families are from the Central New York region. **Alice Tu** is finishing up her final year at Albany Law School. She and **Han Cho** '89 were married over the summer. Word has it that Alice can't wait to rejoin her husband in Ithaca after graduation this May!

By the time you all read this, you'll realize it's about time you sent in an update about what's going on in your life. If you haven't done so yet, send in the News form with your class dues, or write to one of us directly at the addresses below. Let me remind you that you need not have earth-shattering news in order to be included. Your classmates would definitely be interested to hear about a recent post-Cornell revelation, a trip you have taken or wish to take, what you miss most about Ithaca, etc. Send it my way and you'll never look back. I hope everyone had a fun-filled summer and has plans to visit Ithaca again soon. ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu; **Liz Richards**, elizabethlauren_richards@yahoo.com.

03 Happy fall! I hope we'll have a mini-reunion at Homecoming soon! Until then, though, here are a few highlights from our classmates. Congratulations to **Kristin Kimmel**, who married Lieutenant John Murray Dunlap, US Coast Guard, in a small ceremony in Traverse City, MI, on August 20. **Adrienne Kroepsch** wrote at the beginning of the summer, "Since graduating last May, I have been ski-bumming in Colorado. I spent the winter season 'working' as a ski instructor in Winter Park, on the hill every day, and skiing Steamboat, Telluride, Crested Butte, Aspen, etc., on my days off. I'll be living in Park City, UT, this summer with classmate **Aline Speckaert**, enjoying a new set of mountains. Visitors welcome!" Sounds like an ideal life!

Ted Kelleher, meanwhile, completed his Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in June 2004, then packed up everything and moved to Florida to begin flight school. He writes that he is "currently in what is called a 'pool,' which means I report in every morning at 0730 and then go to the gym. Following which

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I go home and proceed to come up with projects to keep me busy. I'm looking to buy some scuba gear, learn how to ride a motorcycle, and complete some woodworking projects." **Jesse Rodriguez** is also in Florida, finishing up his master's at Barry U. Over the summer he has been preparing to run a marathon for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Well that's all for this update! I know that all of you are busy with exciting new careers, adventures, and post-college lives. Don't forget to take the occasional break and keep us posted as well. ♦ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; **Samantha Buckingham**, swb9@cornell.edu.

04 After four years of bitter cold, three of our esteemed classmates are taking Austin, TX, by storm. **Jennifer Olori** is busy doing research in the U. of Texas's paleontology department and plans to begin her graduate degree there next year. Jen sends a shout out to Cornell Rugby. Jen is not a lone star in Texas; she is in good company with **Robert Way** and **Linda White**. Linda is working her magic through the Americorps' Community in Schools Program. Rob is now the Human Resources Program Manager at IBM. He recently found an Ultimate Frisbee team and is continuing to play his favorite Cornell sport.

On the East Coast, **Allison Goldberg** is joining her father's company, Roger G. Goldberg & Assoc. Inc., as Vice President. Now you have someone to visit in Pensacola. **Anthony Keeney** is staying close to the Hill and attending Syracuse Law School, Class of 2007. He spent his summer traveling around the US.

I know many of you were avid readers of the *Daily Sun* and must be dying to know what former managing editor **Marc Zawel** is up to. No worries, you can revel in his writing again soon. Marc writes that he has "completed a 200-page comprehensive college guidebook on the Ivy League that will be published by College Prowler next April, a project that initially began as an independent study at Cornell. More information can be found at www.marczawel.com."

Congratulations to **Edwardo Valero**, who received the prestigious 2004 Samuel Huntington Public Service Award! The award and grant are for his program to prepare underprivileged students for post-secondary education and become actively involved in their communities. Edwardo is establishing La Casa Cultura in Cutler-Orosi, CA. It will have a library and resource facility for researching college information, as well as panels of recent alumni and scheduled college visits. La Casa Cultura will also pair artistic teens with professional artists to create murals.

Lastly, please update your information to ensure that you continue to receive important information and *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. You can do so at "Class of 2004 Address Updates" (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/update.htm>).

On behalf of the 2004 Alumni Class Council, Happy and Healthy Holidays! Thank you to **Veronika Belenkaya** for her collaboration on this column. Keep your news coming! ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, vgm3@cornell.edu.

'20 BA—**Morton P. Woodward** of Cincinnati, OH, January 14, 2004; retired executive, Procter & Gamble; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Pi.

'22 LLB—**Barton Baker** of Brighton, MI, May 2, 1993; attorney.

'23 BA—**Ruby Wheaton** Naeter of Inver Grove Heights, MN, October 23, 2003.

'24 BS—**Edwin R. Harris** of Hamburg, NY, December 13, 2003; worked for Erie County Dept. of Social Services; medical massage therapist. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'26, BS HE '28—**Elizabeth Farnum** Michael of Wyckoff, NJ, April 9, 2002.

'26, BA '27—**Hilma Hohrath** Woodward of Newtown Square, PA, January 20, 2004; crafts teacher; worked for the Women's Service Guild; active in community affairs.

'27 LLB—**Sarah J. Baicker** of Arlington, VA, August 1, 1981; attorney.

'27 BCE—**Irene Moffat** Longwell of Palo Alto, CA, January 17, 2004; worked for Nat'l City Co. and Allied Chemical Corp.; computer programmer, Stanford Research Institute; active in community affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'28 BS Ag—**William O. Lutz** of Canandaigua, NY, January 23, 2004.

'29 BA—**Julia Mehlman** Greenhut of Baltimore, MD, November 30, 2003.

'29, BArch '30—**George T. Lacey** of Binghamton, NY, January 13, 2004; architect; designed many buildings in Binghamton, NY; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Kappa Sigma.

'29 BS HE—**Lillian Myers** Reiner of Delmar, NY, January 30, 2004; retired dietary consultant.

'29 BCE—**John A. Steele** of Tampa, FL, December 11, 2003; vice president and general mgr., Macmillan Book Co.; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'30—Capt. **George O. Gray** of Rochester, NY, June 21, 2003; veteran. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'31 BME—**Henry C. Garretson** of Turin, NY, November 14, 2002; engineer.

'31 BCE—**Robert W. Hillis** of Binghamton, NY, June 10, 2001. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'31, BA '32—**Emerson D. Moran** of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, January 18, 2004; columnist, "A Different Drum"; veteran. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'31 BS HE—**Elizabeth Cheney** Quinn of Annandale, VA, January 1, 1987. Alpha Phi.

'32 BS Ag—Major Gen. **William B. Keese** of San Antonio, TX, December 19, 2003; veteran. Sigma Nu.

'32 BS Ag—Lt. Col. **Lewis M. Nutting** of Orange, CA, January 8, 2004; retired, Hawaiian Board of Health; veteran.

'32, BS Arch '33—Lt. **Sidney F. Scileppi** of New York City, December 6, 2003; civil engineer; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'33 BA—**Gasper W. Monteleone** of Ithaca, NY, April 14, 2004; physician; active in religious and alumni affairs.

'33 BA—**Philip F. Pullen** of Winthrop, MA, March 25, 2004; retired chief examiner of liability claims, Liberty Mutual Insurance; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'34 MS—**Benjamin S. Pomeroy** of St. Paul, MN, January 16, 2004; retired professor of veterinary medicine, U. of Minnesota; poultry disease expert; lobbyist, Minnesota Veterinary Medical Assn.; active in civic and professional affairs.

'34 BS HE—**Dorothea Heintz** Wallace of Hackensack, NJ, January 18, 2004; worked for Madison Travel Bureau; edited *Pan American Cookbook* and *Heath Village Cookbook*; listed in *Who's Who in American Women*; active in community and alumni affairs.

'35 BA, MA '38—**Robert W. Anderson** of Washington, DC, June 17, 1998.

'35—**William A. Buescher** of Scottsdale, AZ, October 3, 2002; hotelier; veteran. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'35 MD—**John Cannon** of Williamsburg, VA, January 31, 2004; physician.

'35 BA—**Ruth Marcus** Coplan of Washington, DC, November 30, 1998. Sigma Delta Tau.

'36—**Philip E. Leon** of Cleveland, OH, March 18, 2001. Zeta Beta Tau.

- '36 MS—**Ray W. Lynch** of Oklahoma City, OK, October 1, 1999.
- '36 BA—**Constance Lebar** Percy (Mrs. Joseph H. '34) of Rockville, MD, March 24, 2004; public health statistician; worked for the American Cancer Society and Nat'l Cancer Institute; founder, Int'l Assn. of Cancer Registries; active in professional and alumni affairs.
- '36, JD '43—**Charles Swan** of Elmira, NY, November 7, 2003; attorney. Chi Phi.
- '36 BS HE—**Catherine Bower** Voegeli of Indianola, OK, April 11, 2002. Husband, Albert H. Voegeli '38.
- '37 BME—**Thomas R. Heyward** of Pittsburgh, PA, December 1, 2003; executive. Delta Phi.
- '37 BS Ag, PhD '43—**William F. Royce** of Seattle, WA, January 26, 2004; fisheries expert; former associate dean, U. of Washington College of Fisheries; former director, Woods Hole Fisheries Laboratory; author; furniture maker; active in professional affairs. Alpha Zeta.
- '37 BA—**Mary Bull** Shaffner of Durham, NC, January 2, 2004; former executive secretary; poet; active in community affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.
- '37—**Nathaleen W. Switzer** of Ithaca, NY, January 24, 2004.
- '38, BA '39—**E. Michael Meyer** of New Hartford, NY, and Boynton Beach, FL, August 19, 2003; president/CEO, Utica Merchandise and Paper Co.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '38 BS EE—**S. Harry Monson** of Coronado, CA, December 11, 2003; owner, Monson Welding Sales; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Theta Xi.
- '38, BS Ag '39—**David N. Russell** of Marion, NY, December 31, 2003.
- '38 BS Hotel—**Gert H.W. Schmidt** of Jacksonville, FL, December 26, 2003; television broadcaster; chairman, Nat'l Assn. of Broadcasters; hotelier; founder, Florida Tractor Co.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.
- '39 BA—**Jane Watt** Lamberton of Keuka Park, NY, November 22, 2003; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.
- '39 BS ME—**Robert Mann** of Pittsburgh, PA, January 22, 2004; part owner, Mann Engineering Co.; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.
- '39 BME—**Ralph McCarty** of Phoenix, AZ, July 21, 2003; retired engineer. Sigma Nu.
- '39 MD—**Equinn W. Munnell** of New York City, January 21, 2004; obstetrician and gynecological surgeon; emeritus professor of clinical obstetrics and gynecology, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center; active in community and professional affairs.
- '39 BA, MD '43—**Frank P. Sainburg** of Bakersfield, CA, December 22, 2003; retired physician.
- '39 BS Ag—**Victor W. Weidman** of Springfield, MA, January 30, 2004; worked in marketing, Merriam-Webster Inc.; veteran; recipient, Bronze Star; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.
- '39 MA, PhD '54—**Charles B. Wheeler** of Columbus, OH, January 29, 2004; English professor, Ohio State U.; poet; author, *The Design of Poetry*; veteran; active in community affairs.
- '40 PhD—**Lester E. Hanson** of St. Paul, MN, February 1, 1985.
- '40 MS—**L. David Hawley** of Clinton, NY, March 1, 1985.
- '40 BS ME—**The-Chang Koo** of Kissimmee, FL, July 9, 1998; mechanical engineer.
- '40 BS Ag—**Ralph S. Lash** of Sarasota, FL, September 12, 2003. Alpha Gamma Rho.
- '40—**Donald C. Riker** of Ithaca, NY, January 30, 2004; retired postman; bus driver, Ithaca City School District; active in community and religious affairs.
- '40-41 GR—**Reuben O. Schlegelmilch** of Springfield, MD, January 22, 2004; engineer; technical director, research & development, US Coast Guard; also worked for IBM; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '42 BA—**Margaret Miller** Manning of Trumbull, CT, January 2, 2004. Husband, George R. Manning '42.
- '42—**Carolyn Cotter** Minugh (Mrs. Louis) of Carle Place, NY, December 14, 1996.
- '42 MD—**William T. Mosenthal** of Norwich, VT, November 26, 2003; clinical professor of anatomy and surgery, Dartmouth Medical School; surgeon; veteran; originated concept of intensive care in the U.S.; active in community and professional affairs.
- '42 MD—**Franklin Robinson** of Woodbridge, CT, August 9, 2003; physician.
- '42 BS Ag—**Charles H. Smith** of Lakeland, FL, October 16, 2003; accountant; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '42 BS Ag, PhD '52—**Robert S. Smith** of Ithaca, NY, January 25, 2004; professor emeritus, agricultural finance, Cornell U.; chairman emeritus, Tompkins County Trust Co.; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Acacia. Wife, Mary (Morgan) '43.
- '43 BEE—**Charles W. Hooper** of Homestead, PA, June 12, 2003; retired engineer and businessman.
- '44, BS Ag '48—**John S. Grim** of Rhinebeck, NY, January 27, 2004; aquatic biologist; owner, Northeastern Biologist Inc.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.
- '46 BA—**Marilyn Mayer** Devine of Malverne, NY, January 21, 2004; high school teacher; active in religious affairs. Kappa Delta.
- '46, BS Ag '47—**Lewis H. Lichtman** of Tampa, FL, October 27, 2003; sales manager.
- '47 DVM—**Cecil D. Cooper** of Lemoore, VA, December 14, 2003; veterinarian. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.
- '47 LLB—**Lawrence E. Lagarenne** of Monticello, NY, January 17, 2004; attorney.
- '47 BS Nurs—**Martha Merrill** Tawse of Sun City Center, FL, January 14, 2004; registered nurse; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Husband, Robert W. Tawse, MD '46.
- '47, BS Ag '49, DVM '53—**Erwin B. Winokur** of White Plains, NY, November 1, 2003; veterinarian. Phi Sigma Delta.
- '48-49 GR—**Mary Flanagan** Coffin of Tucson, AZ, October 14, 2003. Husband, John F. Coffin III '50.
- '48—**Robert E. Latham** of Naples, FL, October 10, 2003. Beta Theta Pi.
- '48 BS Ag, MFS HE '49—**George Reingold** of Fayetteville, NY, January 17, 2004; bacteriologist, Continental Can Co.; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi.
- '48 BME—**S. Robert Simonds** of Atherton, CA, February 3, 2004; retired engineer. Chi Psi.
- '48, BME '49—**Stephen L. Trilling** of Chappaqua, NY, January 17, 2004; vice president of manufacturing, Identification Product Corp.
- '48 LLB—**Frank Vetro** of Slingerlands, NY, October 19, 2002; attorney.
- '49 BS HE—**Elaine Rosenfeld** Cines of Columbus, NJ, February 2, 2004; active in alumni affairs.
- '49 JD—**Ivan E. Hayes** of Albany, NY, October 27, 2003; attorney.
- '49 BS Ag—**Walter G. Hillis** of Delhi, NY, December 21, 2003; pastor, Plymouth Congregational Church. Cayuga Lodge.
- '49 BS ILR—**Ruth Singer** Kobrin (Mrs. Raphael G. '50) of Ojai, CA, October 3, 2000.

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'49 BS HE—**Helen Sorhus Mack** of Port Charlotte, FL, July 2, 2003.

'49 BA—**Samuel A. Minier** of Elmira, NY, February 23, 2002; partner, Minier Brothers. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'49 BS ILR, JD '52—**Jack Sheinkman** of New York City, January 29, 2004; former president, Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union; attorney; veteran; chairman, Americans for Democratic Action; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Watermargin.

'49—**William L. Whitney** of Verona, NY, February 14, 2004; blacksmith; veteran; recipient, Medal of Valor.

'50 BA—**Joan Gleason Barry** of San Francisco, CA, April 17, 2004.

'50 BS ORIE—**Robert R. Eck** of Stephenville, TX, February 4, 2004; retired engineer.

'50 BS Ag, MS Ag '56—**Zlata Demerec Hartman** of Baltimore, MD, September 3, 2003; retired biological research assistant, Johns Hopkins U.

'50 BS Ag—**Wybe Kroontje** of Blacksburg, VA, January 20, 2004; professor emeritus of soils, Virginia Tech U.; founder, Warm Hearth Retirement Community; served with the Dutch Resistance; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'50 BA—**W. Yale Marshall** of St. Paul, MN, December 12, 2003; musical director, Minnesota Singers Theatre; first general manager, Center Opera; composer; author of *Singing Fluent American Vowels* and a three-volume rhyming dictionary; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Theta Xi.

'50 BS Ag—**George F. McCormick** of Alden, NY, January 12, 2004; retired high school agriculture teacher and coach; veteran.

'50 PhD—**S. William Pelletier** of Athens, GA, February 21, 2004; emeritus director, Institute for Natural Products Research, U. of Georgia; art collector; active in professional affairs.

'50 BEE—**Herbert J. Winegar** of Doylestown, PA, October 29, 2003; retired assistant general counsel, AT&T Bell Labs; attorney; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'51 PhD—**Anacleto G. Apodaca** of Reston, VA, November 9, 2001.

'51 BA—**Carmen F. Arcuri** of Utica, NY, February 8, 2004; general mgr., Utica Transit Authority; asst. director, Mohawk Valley Economic Development; deputy director, Utica Anti-Poverty Program; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Phi Delta.

'51-52 GR—**Janet Goldrich Kohn** of Washington, DC, January 19, 2004.

'51 MS—**Charles A. Lewis** of Albuquerque, NM, December 19, 2003; horticulturalist; proponent of therapeutic gardens; worked for Morton Arboretum; director of Sterling Forest Gardens; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'51 MD—**Robert J. McKenna** of Corona Del Mar, CA, January 13, 2004; surgical oncologist; president, American Cancer Society; veteran; taught at the U. of Southern California; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'51 BA, MD '54—**Robert E. Shope** of Galveston, TX, January 19, 2004; expert on viruses; professor of microbiology and immunology, U. of Texas Medical Branch; built the World Reference Center for Emerging Viruses and Arboviruses; emeritus professor, Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health, Yale U.; author; active in community and professional affairs. Chi Psi.

'52—**Augustus T. Evans** of Shuqualak, MS, January 9, 2004. Beta Theta Pi.

'52 BA—**Rosemary Hearn Karplus** of Emeryville, CA, January 6, 2004; educator. Husband, Curtis M. Karplus '52.

'52 BA—**David Kleitman** of Los Altos Hills, CA, February 24, 2004; vice president for R&D, Signetics; radio and TV personality. Alpha Phi Omega.

'52 BS HE—**Doris Albertson Lawrence** of Westbrook, CT, January 5, 2004; retired nurse; active in community affairs.

'52 BA—**Jeanne Fletcher Nugent** of Litchfield, CT, February 9, 2003.

'52 BA—**Malcolm W. Pennington** of New York City, September 28, 2003; instrumental in bringing Kikkoman soy sauce to America; chairman, board of directors, José Limón Dance Foundation; veteran; author; theatrical producer; owner, Grand Prix racing team; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'52 BS Chem E—**Charles A. Spiller** of Liverpool, TX, November 6, 2003; engineer. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'53—**George W. Jaeger** of Naperville, IL, November 19, 2003. Phi Delta Theta.

'53, BS Ch E '54—**Sachiyuki Masumoto** of Hilo, HI, December 31, 2002; active in alumni affairs.

'54 BS Hotel—**Robert S. McCarthy** of Millwood, NY, November 30, 2003; hotelier.

'54 PhD—**Mathias H.J. Weiden** of Chapel Hill, NC, February 28, 2004; research scientist in insecticide chemistry; gardener. Wife, Marie (Foley), GR '53-55.

'54—**Bernard S. Zubkoff** of Chevy Chase, MD, June 1, 1976.

'55 BS Ag—**Dennis J. Murphy** of Phayao, Thailand, formerly of Middletown, RI, November 11, 2003; former State Director of Natural Resources; retired high school teacher; former farmer; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'56 BME—**Robert G. Nagler** of Annandale, VA, February 4, 2004; engineer; worked on national defense for System Planning Corp.; worked for Jet Propulsion Laboratory on Viking, Voyager, Mariner, and other space exploration programs; active in community and professional affairs. Delta Tau Delta. Wife, Carolyn (Haring) '58.

'56-58 GR—**James L. Woods** of Kensington, MD, February 7, 2004; former First Deputy Asst. Secretary of Defense for African Affairs; int'l business consultant; veteran; negotiated peace in Angola and Namibia; active in civic and professional affairs.

'57 BS Hotel—**Capt. D. Steven Kuntz** of Lillian, AL, January 24, 2004; veteran. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'57 PhD—**Charles E. Lenz** of Omaha, NE, May 9, 2003; engineer; worked for General Electric, Rockwell International, and Union Pacific Systems; taught at U. of Hawaii, U. of Nebraska, and U. of California; author; art collector; active in professional affairs.

'57 PhD—**Keith F. Schertz** of Bryan, TX, January 9, 2002; professor, Dept. of Soil and Crop Sciences, Texas A&M.

'58 PhD—**Richard J. Day** of Lakeland, FL, September 3, 2002; research specialist, Monsanto.

'58 BA—**Harry W. Lutrin** of Oakland, CA, December 28, 2003; ob/gyn; director, Public Health Service for Africa; active in community and professional affairs.

'58—**Frederick G. Mugler** of Driggs, ID, February 10, 2003. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'58, BA '59—**Nancy Johnson Stevens** of North Andover, MA, January 11, 2004; taught English and English as a Second Language; choral singer; active in community affairs. Husband, Robert D. Stevens, PhD '59.

'58, BS Nurs '59—**Mary Savage Webber** of Tucson, AZ, formerly of Ithaca, NY, February 26, 2004; former director, Center for Religion, Ethics & Social Policy at Cornell; social activist; anti-racism educator; manager, Civano Homestay; registered nurse; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Delta Gamma. Husband, William B. Webber '54, MD '60.

'59 MS—**Juan B. Santa Maria** of Rodriguez, Rizal, Philippines, June 1, 2003; engineering consultant.

'60 BS Hotel—**Jay P. Okun** of Englishtown, NJ, January 22, 2004; owner, Highway 34 Investment Co.; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'60 MA—**Henry D. Shapiro** of York, PA, January 21, 2004; professor emeritus, U. of Cincinnati; expert on Appalachian history and culture; chair, Cleveland Arts Prize literature committee; author; active in community affairs.

'61 DVM—**George B. Salzmann** of Sunbury, PA, December 23, 2003; veterinarian; partner, Sunbury Animal Hospital. Alpha Psi.

'62 JD—**Stephen F. Owen** of Bethesda, MD, February 27, 2004; attorney; also worked for the Securities and Exchange Commission; active in professional affairs.

'62 LLB—**Leon S. Wilson** of West Caldwell, NJ, June 24, 2001; attorney.

'64—**Patricia Ey Mayhew** (Mrs. Ronald F. '61, DVM '63) of Stockton, CA, January 13, 2004.

'66 MS Ag—**Grace E. Palmer** of Philadelphia, PA, November 12, 2003; education director, Briar Bush Nature Center; science teacher, Springside School; director of education, Philadelphia Academy of Nat'l Sciences; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'68 BA—**Sarah Betsy Fuller** of Brooktondale, NY, April 21, 2004; lead attorney for the case which established right of Native Americans to practice their religion in NY state prisons; active in improving prisoner treatment; faculty member, Cornell U. Law School; attorney, Prisoners Legal Svcs. of New York; director, Syracuse U. public interest law clinic; Fulbright Scholar, Technical U. of El Salvador; part of a Six Nations delegation at a UN inquiry into the status of Native Americans; worked in the civil rights division, US Dept. of Justice; staff attorney for Navajo and Hopi nations; active in the sanctuary movement; author; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'68, BS Ag '69—**Jonathan H. Smith** of Watertown, NY, February 12, 2004; medical transcriptionist. Watermargin.

'69 MD—**Robert G. Donovan** of Harwich, MA, November 16, 1999; physician. Wife, Susan (Kenney) '68.

'70 JD—**Roger F. Stolte** of Rochester, NY, June 14, 2002; attorney.

'70 MS Ag—**Hans-Joachim Wiehler** of New York City, March 17, 2003; botanist; active in religious affairs.

'71, BA '74—**William S. Owen** of Madison, WI, February 27, 2004; theatrical designer, Madison Opera; active in community and professional affairs.

'71 MS—**Richard W. Wepfer** of Clinton, MO, August 18, 2003; Presbyterian pastor; active in religious affairs.

'72 MPA—**Jerry M. Westling** of Winfield, PA,

January 14, 2004; president and CEO, Albright Care Services.

'73 PhD—**Robert W. Johnson** of Uniondale, NY, September 28, 2002; professor, Hofstra U.

'74 BS Ag, MAT '76—**Harry J. Ryan** of Gansevoort, NY, February 18, 2004; BOCES teacher; veteran; active in community affairs.

'75 BS HE—**Susan Gunlogson Holcomb** of Syracuse, NY, January 30, 2004; asst. director of services, Onondaga Co. Dept. of Mental Health; active in religious affairs.

'77 PhD—**Stephen J. Galluzzo** of Bloomington, IN, May 3, 2001; food scientist.

'78 BS Hotel—**Kenneth A. Mogil** of Pleasantville, NY, December 28, 2003; partner, Mogil Organization; active in alumni affairs.

'78 BA—**Kimberly K. Paterson-Lang** of Wallingford, PA, February 23, 2004; physician; medical director, Conneaut Valley Health Center; taught at Temple U. School of Medicine; medical missionary; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'80, BA '82—**Timothy H. Ling** of El Segundo, CA, January 28, 2004; president & COO, Unocal Corp.; former partner, McKinsey and Co.; research geologist; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'85 DVM—**Susan Overmeyer** of Poughkeepsie, NY, February 6, 2004; accountant; veterinarian. Alpha Psi.

'87 ME—**Samuel R. Paniccia** of Clinton, NY, October 10, 2002; engineer.

'87 BEE—**Paul A. Rosenthal** of Harrison, NY, February 4, 2004; CIO, Royce Hosiery Mills; active in community affairs. Chi Phi.

'92 BS Ag—**Leslie G. Bluman** of Jamesville, NY, formerly of Boston, MA, July 10, 2003; clinical research coordinator, Dana Farver Cancer Institute. Alpha Phi.

'95 BA—**Capt. Richard J. Gannon II** of Escondido, CA, April 17, 2004; captain, U.S. Marine Corps; company commander, 3rd Battalion, 7th Regiment; killed in action in Iraq.

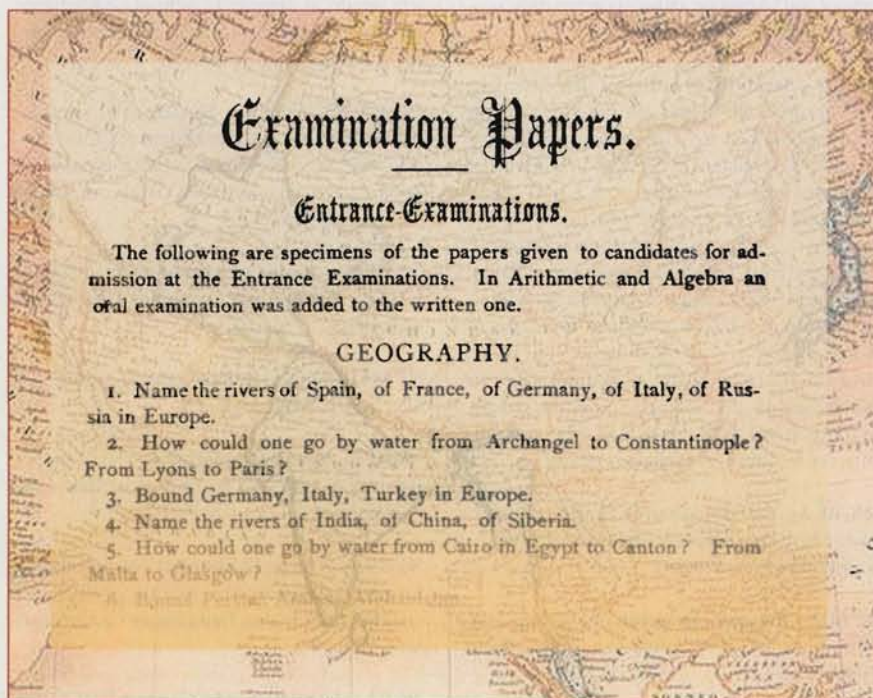
'00 MBA—**Stephen T. Case** of Brooklyn, NY, February 21, 2004; architect; senior editor, architecture at Rizzoli Publications; founded two multimedia and interactive learning companies; co-founder, Duuplex website design services; Fulbright scholar who studied Eero Saarinen's work.

'05 MBA—**Tiffany Quinqueque Burns** of West Point, NY, January 11, 2004; MBA candidate, Cornell U.; captain, U.S. Army; West Point graduate; active in community and professional affairs.



Getting In

THINK ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS ARE
HARD TODAY? TRY IT IN GREEK.



IN THE YEARS BEFORE COMPUTERIZED SAT prep and \$30,000 tuitions, your ticket to Cornell could be punched for \$10 a trimester and a willingness to work on the University farm a few hours a day—assuming you were of the appropriate gender, of course. “At the onset, almost any fifteen-year-old male of good moral character could get into Cornell,” Morris Bishop ’14, PhD ’26, states in his *History of Cornell*. Many early land-grant schools had no entrance requirements at all, and Ezra Cornell, in the spirit

of his motto, often pressured faculty to admit students who couldn’t pass the entrance examination, which was comparable to those at other American universities. Sixty failed the first exam, held in the Cornell Library basement on October 6, 1898. Nevertheless, not everyone was impressed with its rigor. “One can get into Cornell about as easily as the Chicago High School,” sniffed one critic in 1872. “The examinations are much the same.”

Admissions officers were soon under pressure to stiffen requirements. In a flier

distributed to the entering class in 1870, a Board of Trustees resolution warned would-be slackers that “Cornell is not a charity school”—all students must have “knowledge of English branches and equations to the second degree of algebra.” Those who intended to pursue the so-called “Course in Arts” added geometry, plus Greek and Latin, with questions drawn from Cicero’s orations and “the whole of Caesar’s ‘Commentaries on the Gallic War.’”

To modern eyes, these circa-1870 entrance tests—examples of which were published annually in the *Cornell Register*, the handbook distributed to potential students—are a bewilderment of pedagogical anachronisms and geographical arcana. The English grammar section includes long passages of tricky dictation to test one’s spelling and penmanship, along with paralyzingly vague essay questions (“What is English grammar?” “Write your views on the question, ‘What is the best vocation?’”). The geography exam, reflecting the nineteenth-century importance of shipping, seems peculiarly fixated on bodies of water: students were expected to reel off long lists of waterways on various continents, explain the puzzling “Why are there so few rivers in Africa?”, and provide detailed navigational directions for voyages one would be unlikely to undertake today (“How could one go by water from Montevideo to Pittsburgh?”).

It’s difficult to imagine a rawboned 1868 farmboy being able to translate Xenophon or pull out bits of ancient history that might give a classics professor pause (quick—what part did the Allobroges play in the Catilinarian conspiracy?). With their emphasis on rote memorization, dead languages, and the sort of state-capitals mastery that makes “Jeopardy” champions, the exams reveal a bygone sort of scholarship, one that may make the standardized-test-takers of today grateful for their comparatively straightforward multiple-choice analogies and reading comprehension questions.

Unless, of course, you’d rather deal with this mind-bender from 1871: “In going from Suez coastwise and keeping the land on your left till you come to Behring’s Straits, what countries do you pass?”