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## LIVING AND LEARNING AT CORNELL'S FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

**I**N THE FALL OF 1997, THEN-PRESIDENT Hunter Rawlings outlined his vision for the “living-learning” experience at Cornell. Known as the Residential Initiative, this plan called for housing all freshmen on North Campus, transforming West Campus into a residential house system, and fully implementing the strategic plan for the Greek system.

True to its commitment to self-governance, the fraternity and sorority system had begun to develop its strategic plan in 1995, culminating in an endorsement by the Academic Affairs and Campus Life Committee of the Board of Trustees in January 1997. Four years later, a committee reviewed the plan and updated it in light of the Residential Initiative. In keeping with the goal of bringing greater depth, purpose, and value to the Greek experience, the committee launched a two-year pilot program known as “Creating Chapters of Excellence.”

As outlined in this year’s annual report of the Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council, this program involves nine different organizations from the three Greek governing councils (the Interfraternity Council, the Multicultural Greek Letter Council, and the Panhellenic Association). Each chapter is represented on a programming council co-chaired by Professor David Delchamps from the College of Engineering and Associate Dean Suzy Nelson from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. Working closely with Assistant Dean Lisa Blockus, the council aims to promote and fund activities consistent with the goals of the pilot program.

Those goals are: (1) to promote professional and leadership opportunities for students; (2) to create events that cultivate diversity and appreciation of the arts and music; (3) to develop activities to connect students with faculty and enhance their intellectual engagement; (4) to foster community among a “neighborhood” of nine chapters; and (5) to guide chapters in better managing their facilities and finances.

With eighteen months of the pilot program behind us, we have learned a great deal and believe we have a model upon which to build. We hope that we can expand the “Creating Chapters of Excellence” program to all Greek organizations over the next few years. By the time the West Campus house system is completed in 2009, we would expect marked improvement in each chapter’s performance in the areas of alumni, staff, and faculty mentoring; cultural, educational, and intellectual programming; and maintenance of facilities.

While there is still much to be done to achieve these goals, we



STEFANIE GREEN

are working from a strong base. The Fraternity and Sorority Advisory Council, chaired by Anthony Cashen '57, has been invaluable in its guidance and support and in providing a forum for trustees, faculty, staff, and students to discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by the Greek system. The council has already focused on issues of recruitment and education, hoping to expand membership beyond the 28 percent of undergraduates who now join and finding ways to welcome new members into a safe and productive Greek experience. The council has also focused on strengthening alumni involvement, which is vital to the long-term success of the fraternity and sorority system, and it has been active in securing funds for the Greek system overall and in helping individual chapters to develop their long-term financial plans. Finally, the council has actively championed extending the trustees’ mandate for all residences to have sprinklers and fire alarm systems.

Cornell’s fraternity system opened its doors on the day when the University welcomed its first students, and the sorority system was not far behind. Today, our system is one of the largest in the country and is recognized for its leadership in many different areas. We remain committed to supporting and guiding undergraduates and alumni in achieving the values upon which the Greek system was founded—that is, to cultivate the intellectual, social, and ethical development of its members in an environment where they practice “freedom with responsibility.”

— Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94  
Vice President for Student and Academic Services



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# Church and State

MORE COMMENTS ON THE LOGO—  
AND AN OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION

I FEEL IT NECESSARY TO COMMENT on the views expressed by Arthur Spitzer '71 regarding the new Cornell logo (Correspondence, January/February 2005). I agree that that the letters "A.D." are unnecessary for clarity; however, I believe that the logo designers were trying to convey a feeling of longevity, substance, and tradition, and the inclusion of "A.D." reflects back to a time when the use of that form was common. The use of "B.C." and "A.D." is a convention that places significant events on a timeline of important occurrences in the history of the world—thus, the founding of Cornell University is recognizable as one of those significant historic events.

What I find disturbing is that this use of "A.D." prompted such a letter. The most valuable experiences I had at Cornell included those afforded me by exposure to different cultural and religious ideas. My own rather uniform background was immensely broadened by the relationships I had with the diverse student and faculty population. I learned to appreciate and enjoy what makes people different and what makes us the same.

The obvious intolerance of a knee-jerk response like Mr. Spitzer's goes completely against what he purportedly espouses. In addition, it is disproportionate to the supposed offense—we are, after all, discussing a logo here. Nobody believes that Cornell is proposing to be a solely Christian university, nor should it be believed that it ought to be vigorously anti-Christian. It should, in my mind, be open to all cultures and all religions.

Steven Menillo '77  
Rochelle Park, New Jersey

I WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT THE new logo prominently states "Founded



A.D. 1865"—in other words, "in the year of Our Lord 1865." In these days of rampant political correctness and consistent attempts to whitewash our nation's Christian heritage, it is refreshing to see an Ivy League institution stand for tradition in this area.

It may surprise Mr. Spitzer to learn that merely because something is a New York State institution does not mean it is devoid of religious influence. I represent the 127th District in the New York State Assembly, and every day in session we all stand in silence while a chaplain leads us in prayer.

Daniel Hooker '86  
Saugerties, New York

Edward Hershey, director of Cornell's Communications and Marketing Services, offers this explanation for the inclusion of "A.D." in the new insignia: "When it became clear to our team that we had a mandate from all constituencies to produce a logo that reflected Cornell's roots, we borrowed heav-

ily from historic and traditional language and symbolism. The term 'Founded A.D. 1865' was made part of the original Great Seal of Cornell University by formal vote of its trustees in 1868, the year that classes began, and it remains part of the corporate seal (used on legal documents) to this day.

The insignia in the new logo includes elements that evoke the University's founding principles and its status as New York's land-grant university. The allusion to the [religious] origin of 'A.D.' is obviously accurate, but it is our judgment that the term has evolved into a secular reference point used throughout the world."

## Up in the Air

REGARDING "FINAL DESCENT?" (Currents, November/December 2004): Decades ago, it was fun to fly—and people who couldn't afford it took a bus. Then came airline deregulation, championed by Jimmy Carter's "deregulation czar," Cornell professor Alfred Kahn. The result? More people fly but almost everyone hates it. Pioneering airlines like Pan Am and TWA have disappeared, and many of those remaining are teetering at the edge of bankruptcy. Airline employees face slashed salaries, vanished pensions, and devastated morale. Customer service and amenities are at an all-time low.

Professor Kahn, you reported, often drives to Syracuse to catch a flight—and Ithaca is now in danger of losing scheduled service altogether. It seems that the proverbial chickens have come home to roost. Though deregulation isn't entirely to blame, the downhill slide started with that ill-advised policy. The final irony: today's buses are usually much more

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*Robert E. Davidson '63  
New York, New York*

*Ed. Note: In February, local officials announced that Northwest Airlines had agreed to begin service to Ithaca in May. Northwest will operate two commuter flights a day in each direction between the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport and Detroit. US Airways, while still struggling financially, has so far maintained its daily service to and from Ithaca.*

### Odds Are . . .

IN YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT THE FAD OF Rock, Paper, Scissors tournaments, Ken Bromberg '00 was quoted as saying, "To beat eight random people is absurdly unlikely. I haven't done the math, but that's like one in a million" ("Rock Stars," *Currents*, January/February 2005). Well, it is apparent to me and, I am sure, many other Cornell engineers that Mr. Bromberg has not done the math. If you assume that each player has a 50 percent chance of winning a match, then the odds that a player will win eight matches in a row are simply 0.5 to the eighth power—this is equal to 1 out of 256, or a 255-to-1 shot. Furthermore, if we assume that ties come into play and a player has only a 33 percent chance to win on the first throw, the odds of winning eight matches in a row are 0.33 to the eighth power, or 1 out of 6,561. Certainly not easy to do, but still not one in a million.

*Doug Seidenberg '94  
Las Vegas, Nevada*

### Equal Opportunity

REGARDING "OUT ON WALL STREET" (*Currents*, January/February 2005): In my business career, I never paid attention to race, religion, or sexual orientation. I regret that society has apparently not changed enough so that an article about gays in business is still necessary more than fifty years after I graduated.

*Fred Yarrington '47  
Naples, Florida*

### Correction

—January/February 2005  
From the Hill, page 13: We wrote that President George W. Bush had "appointed . . . Samuel Bodman '61 as his new energy secretary"; Bodman is actually Class of '60, B Chem E '61.



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## From the Hill



### Incoming!

#### JUMP IN ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

THE STAFF IN THE UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE has been working overtime trying to keep up with a flood of applications. As of February 8, Cornell had received more than 24,000 applications, a 16 percent increase over the previous year and the largest number in the University's history. Applications from all regions of the U.S. were up, and there was an 18.5 percent increase in forms submitted by international students.

"There are many reasons for the increase," says Doris Davis, associate provost for admissions and enrollment, "but we believe that the three major reasons are our joining the Common Application Group, the redesign of our view book, and the results of

our ongoing efforts to develop a university-admissions communications plan." The Common Application Group is a consortium of colleges and universities, including five of the Ivy League schools, that have agreed to accept the same application form, thus making it easier for students to apply to more schools. Used for the first time this year, the new view book replaces the old Big Red Book and is, Davis says, a "major improvement in quality, message, and design." The communication plan she refers to involves increased outreach to prospective students by e-mail and direct mail, as well as the hosting of more admissions programs.

All in all, Davis says, the quality of the applicant pool has remained high, with SAT numbers at the same level as last year, and the jump in applications means that the University is better able to "truly extend Ezra Cornell's vision of 'any person, any study.'"

## Transnational Text

### FRESHMEN TO READ NOVEL BY NIGERIAN WRITER

IN JANUARY, VICE PROVOST ISAAC KRAMNICK announced that the selection for this year's New Student Reading Project will be *Things Fall Apart* by Nigerian author Chinua Achebe. "For several years we've wanted to use a non-Western text," said Kramnick. "Achebe's piece is a classic of world literature." Written in 1958, *Things Fall Apart* depicts village life in Nigeria during the imposition of British colonial rule in the late nineteenth century. In addition to incoming students, alumni, and members of the Ithaca community, 4,000 advanced-placement high school students across New York State will be reading and discussing the book, thanks to a pilot project organized by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

## Celebrating Diversity

### ALUMNI, STUDENTS TO NETWORK AT CONFERENCE

ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 29 TO MAY 1, alumni and students will gather on campus for "Cornell Mosaic: Celebrating Diversity and Advancing Inclusion," a conference sponsored by Cornell University and the Minority Alumni Initiatives Implementation Committee of the Board of Trustees. A lineup of workshops and speakers will address such topics as admissions, faculty diversity, student life, academic programs, and employment, with an emphasis on engaging African-American, Asian, Latino, and Native-American alumni in volunteer leadership roles. President Jeffrey Lehman '77 will deliver the keynote address. In conjunction with the conference, the renovated and expanded Africana Studies and Research Center will be dedicated during a ceremony on the afternoon of Friday, April 29. Other related events on Friday include the presentation of the Perkins Prize for Interracial Harmony and Understanding at Willard Straight Hall and the tenth anniversary banquet for the Latino Living Center. For more information, contact the Office of Minority Alumni programs at (607) 255-4173, [cornellmosaic@cornell.edu](mailto:cornellmosaic@cornell.edu).



## Justice Delayed

### NEW ARREST IN CIVIL RIGHTS MURDERS

SEVENTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD EDGAR RAY KILLEN OF PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI, was arrested on January 6 for the 1964 slayings of civil rights workers Michael Schwerner '61, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney. The famous case, dramatized in the 1988 film *Mississippi Burning*, was reopened by a grand jury last year after additional evidence, including interviews with several Ku Klux Klan members, was uncovered by the Jackson, Mississippi *Clarion-Ledger*. Killen, a part-time preacher and former Klan leader, had originally been tried by the U.S. Justice Department with eighteen other men in 1967 for his role in planning and carrying out the murders, but was released when his all-white jury failed to convict him. His arrest comes as authorities in Mississippi and Alabama renew efforts to prosecute those involved in the church bombings and other crimes of the civil rights era. Schwerner, a rural sociology major at Cornell, was twenty-four and working as a CORE field organizer during the "Freedom Summer" of 1964, helping to register African-American voters in the rural south. He was killed, along with fellow CORE members Goodman and Chaney, while investigating the firebombing of a local church.

## Return to Sender

### CIT WAGES WAR ON SPAM

ALUMNI WITH CORNELL.EDU E-MAIL ACCOUNTS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO fewer Nigerian banking opportunities this year, thanks to new virus- and spam-blocking technology that went into effect on February 1. Cornell Information Technologies (CIT), which operates the University's electronic mail, is now running an anti-spam system called Sophos PureMessage, which rates inbound mail for probable spam (junk mail) content and bounces the message back to the sender. False-positive ratings are rare, says CIT e-mail messaging manager Jim Howell, and senders of blocked legitimate mail will be informed of why their message was not received. Some 250,000 pieces of junk e-mail go through the Cornell system on an average day; so much spam was flowing through the e-mail forwarding program that the Hotmail and MSN Internet services have blocked all mail from [cornell.edu](http://cornell.edu) addresses since summer 2004.

## Polo Player & Coach

### DOC ROBERTS, 89

STEPHEN "DOC" ROBERTS, DVM '38, WHO LED CORNELL to national polo championships as both a player and coach, died in Bath, New York, on January 21. As an undergraduate, Roberts was captain of Cornell's first national championship polo team in 1937. He went on to coach the team from 1947 to 1972, participating in fourteen national title matches and winning eight. Named a full professor in the Department of Large Animal Medicine, Obstetrics, and Surgery in 1946, he twice served as the department's chair before retiring from the faculty in 1972 to enter private practice in Vermont. He was the son of James Roberts, DVM '12, and is survived by his wife, Ruth Shipman Roberts, two children, and two step-children. Memorial donations may be made to the Doc Roberts Fund for Polo, Cornell University Athletics, Teagle Hall, Campus Road, Ithaca, NY 14853.

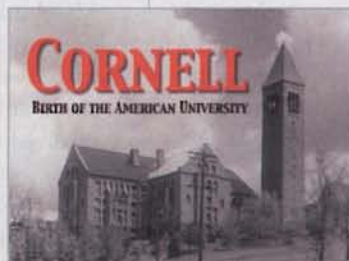


Doc Roberts

## Founding on Film

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IN DECEMBER 2004, WSKG-TV, THE PBS affiliate in Binghamton, aired a one-hour documentary entitled "Cornell: Birth of the American University." The film, produced by Brian Frey, depicts the efforts of Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White to establish a new kind of higher-education institution where "any person can find instruction in any study." It is being sold to support the station's fund-raising effort; copies are available in VHS (\$65 membership donation) or DVD (\$95 membership donation). Contact Carol Young at (607) 729-0100 ext. 322 or go to [www.wskg.com/cornell.htm](http://www.wskg.com/cornell.htm).



## Tuition Rising

ACROSS-THE-BOARD INCREASES ANNOUNCED

IN JANUARY, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED TUITION INCREASES FOR the 2005–06 academic year. Tuition in the endowed colleges will rise 4.3 percent, moving up from \$30,000 to \$31,300. Undergraduates in the contract colleges face steeper increases: New York State residents will pay 8.4 percent more, \$17,200, while out-of-state students will pay between 6.3 percent and 6.7 percent more, depending on their year of graduation. First- and second-year students will pay \$30,200, while third- and fourth-year students will pay \$29,000.

Professional school tuitions rose as well. Business students at the Johnson School will pay 5.7 percent more, \$36,350, while Law School students face a 7 percent increase to \$37,750. In-state students studying veterinary medicine will pay 7.3 percent more, \$22,000, while out-of-staters were hit with an 8.6 percent increase to \$31,500.

Provost Biddu Martin cited "declining state appropriations, rising labor and utilities costs, and the increasing costs of ensuring academic excellence in a competitive environment" as the main reasons for the increases.

## R&D

A new method of synthesizing plastics from citrus fruits has been developed by chemistry and chemical biology professor Geoffrey Coates and graduate students Chris Byrne and Scott Allen. The team developed a chemical catalyst that they combined with carbon dioxide and limonene oxide—which makes up about 95 percent of orange-peel oil—to create the new polymer, polylimonene carbonate.

The U.S. government should limit the civil liberties of Muslim Americans, according to 44 percent of respondents to a national telephone poll commissioned by James Shanahan, a professor in the Department of Communication, and Erik Nisbet, senior research associate with the ILR Survey Research Institute. The study, which was designed to measure the public's fear of terrorism, highlights the need for continued dialogue about civil liberties in time of war.

The College of Veterinary Medicine recently began operating North America's first open-magnet magnetic resonance image (MRI) system specifically designed for dogs, cats, and other small pets.

Working conditions in the U.S. meat and poultry industry are so hazardous and the tactics employers use to prevent workers from organizing are so threatening that the industry consistently violates international human rights standards, says ILR researcher Lance Compa in a recent Human Rights Watch report. "Blood, Sweat, and Fear: Workers' Rights in U.S. Meat and Poultry Plants" calls for large-scale changes to regulations covering workers' health, safety, compensation, and right to organize.

In a discovery that could lead to vaccines offering protection against all influenza viruses, assistant virology professor Gary Whittaker and graduate student Victor Chu have uncovered a new step in the pathway that a virus takes to infect a cell. Their research shows that an unknown protein co-receptor must be present for the virus to enter the cell. They have published their findings in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

A recent experiment using gene transfer technology shows promise in the development of a fast-acting anthrax vaccine. A team of researchers led by Dr. Ronald Crystal, department chair of genetic medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College, successfully immunized mice against the disease twelve hours after administering the vaccine, far quicker than possible with current techniques.

New York State's fast-growing Hispanic, and largely Mexican, immigrant population can potentially contribute to community development in the upstate region, where population loss and economic stagnation or decline have been pervasive for decades. Max Pfeffer, professor of development sociology, and Pilar Parra, a research associate in the Division of Nutritional Sciences, reported these findings in a study called "Immigrants and the Community," sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fund for Rural America.

Professor of plant biology Karl Niklas and physicist Hans-Christof Spatz of the University of Freiburg, Germany, have created a mathematical model that accurately predicts the mass of root systems in plants, from herbs to trees, and by extension how much carbon dioxide the root systems contain. The predictions can then be introduced into other models estimating global climate change.

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

## Every Bit Helps

### UNDERGRADS AWARDED MILSTEIN SCHOLARSHIPS

NINETEEN UNDERGRADUATES HAVE BEEN AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP of up to \$4,000 each year for the next four years, based on their academic accomplishment and financial need. The 2004 Howard Milstein Scholarship in Arts and Sciences includes up to \$14,000 in loan-replacement funds, or up to \$3,500 per year, plus \$500 per year for books. Milstein scholars are also eligible to apply for up to \$2,000 in support of a summer research, scholarship, or other creative proposal following their sophomore or junior years.

The scholarship is funded by a gift from Howard Milstein '73, president and CEO of Emigrant Savings Bank and managing partner of Milstein Properties, a major real estate developer in New York. This year's Milstein scholars are: Emily Adelman '05, Clair Anderson '07, Matthew Bordegaray '06, Young Chang '07, Bryan Cody '07, Aaron Herzog '06, Jin Young Hwang '07, Russell Jones '07, David Lavender '08, Hannah Maxson '07, Rosemary Paddock '07, Jason Ramsey '07, Adam Schnabel '07, Benjamin Stiglitz '06, Alexandra Wiktorek '07, Lindsay Wilczynski '06, Leo Wong '07, Xiaomeng Yang '05, and Audrey Yiadom '05.

## Appointments

### EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, VICE PROVOST NAMED

AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 1, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Stephen Golding as executive vice president for finance and administration. He will assume the post on April 1. Golding, who holds a bachelor's degree from Washington College and a master's in political science from the University of Delaware, comes to Cornell from the University of Colorado System, where he has been vice president for budget and finance since June 2003. He succeeds Harold "Hal" Craft '60, PhD '70, who has served as Cornell's vice president for administration and CFO since 2000. Golding's position has been endowed by the Bodman Foundation to honor Samuel Bodman '60, B Chem E '61, who was confirmed as U.S. secretary of energy in January; it is believed to be the first such endowed senior financial position in American higher education.

Earlier, President Jeffrey Lehman '77 announced that he has named law professor David Wippman as vice provost for international relations. "The creation of the vice provost position," said Lehman, "combined with our growing presence internationally, will ensure that Cornell can fulfill its mission of teaching, research, service, and outreach in a transnational world." Wippman, who accompanied Lehman to Asia last November, is an expert in international human rights and was director of multilateral and humanitarian affairs at the National Security Council in 1998-99.



Stephen Golding

## Give My Regards To . . .

### These Cornellians in the News

**Steven Tanksley**, the Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor of Plant Breeding and Genetics, awarded the 2005 Kumho Science International Award in Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology by the International Society for Plant Molecular Biology for his pioneering work in genome mapping, comparative genomics, and marker-assisted breeding of crop plants.

Clinical professor of medicine **Dr. Louis Aronne**, named president of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity, the leading scientific society dedicated to the subject.

**Bob Drbul, MBA '97; John Faucher '92, MBA '93; Mary Meeker, MBA '86; and Rick Sherlund '77, MBA '78**, named to *Institutional Investor* magazine's 2004 Institutional Investor All-America Research Team.

**Dr. Francis Barany**, professor of microbiology and immunology at Weill Cornell Medical College, named to the "Scientific American 50," the magazine's annual list of leaders in science and technology, for his role in developing a universal-array genomic chip that allows for rapid and accurate detection of breast and colon cancers.

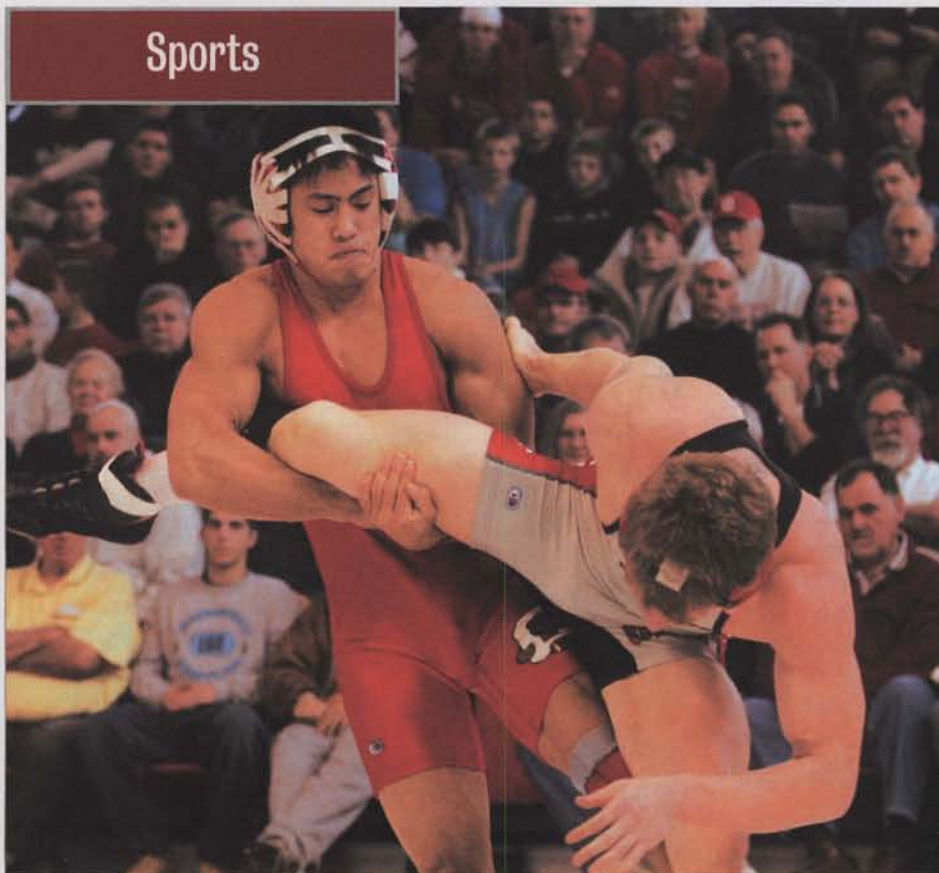
Professor of mathematics **William Thurston**, winner of the 2005 American Mathematical Society Book Prize for his recently published *Three-dimensional Geometry and Topology*.

**Dr. Oheneba Boachie**, associate professor of clinical surgery and chief of the scoliosis service at Hospital for Special Surgery at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, given the Humanitarian Award by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons for creating the Foundation of Orthopaedics and Complex Spine, a nonprofit organization that provides care to thousands of under-served patients in Ghana and Barbados.

**M. Paul Friedberg '53, BS Ag '54**, awarded the American Society of Landscape Architects Design Medal, the society's highest honor, for a body of exceptional design work, including the definitive landscape model for low-income housing and the concept of the park plaza.

**Dr. Pablo Rodríguez del Pozo**, assistant professor of public health at Weill Cornell Medical College, Qatar, co-recipient of the 2004 Fulvio Pagani Award in recognition of his paper on the Argentine health-care system. The award recognizes research and policy papers in applied economics.

**Lisa Stalano-Colco, PhD '81**, dean of the College of Human Ecology, appointed a member of the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council, a subdivision of the National Institutes of Health.



PATRICK SHANAHAN

# No Holds Barred

TRAVIS LEE MIGHT BE THE BEST CORNELL WRESTLER EVER

**O**N THE MAT HE IS RELENTLESS, pressing the advantage and using his wiry limbs to probe for the slightest sign of weakness while moving his opponent around the circle. It's the only way Travis Lee knows how to compete, and it has paid big dividends for the senior wrestler.

Lee entered this season with a record of 106-12, and it was only a matter of when, not if, he would become the all-time leader in wins for the Cornell wrestling program, topping the 134-19 career mark set by Mark Ferguson '93. (At press time, Lee's record was 132-13.)

Lee's lengthy list of accomplishments already includes an impeccable 34-0 slate and a national title in 2002-03, three All-American awards, and an Ivy League Wrestler of the Year honor in 2003. It's all the more impressive given that Lee was

largely unrecruited by the major wrestling powers and is balancing his rigorous training schedule with the academic demands of an engineering major.

For Lee, it was the combination of top-notch academics and a wrestling program on the upswing that tilted the scales in favor of Cornell. "I wanted Division I competition, and I sent a tape of some high school matches to about thirty schools, including some of the top wrestling programs in the country," he says. "When I won junior nationals after my senior year more schools noticed me, but by then I had decided on Cornell. I wanted to study engineering, and I also knew that the wrestling program here is among the best in the country."

Lee will graduate in May with a degree in biological and environmental engineering. It hasn't been easy—and he's only

been able to return to his hometown in Hawaii for ten days in the past two years. "The biggest challenge is staying focused on athletics and academics, and finding a happy medium between attending practice and doing the school work," he says. "It takes focus and discipline."

His coach, Rob Koll, says that such dedication, combined with superior physical abilities, is a rare commodity. "He's a complete wrestler; he's good on his feet, on the top or on the bottom. And I have never met a more mentally tough individual," says Koll. "Travis mentally wears down his opponents. He has the ability to block out the fatigue and pain. It just doesn't affect him." Koll speaks with authority, having won a national crown himself at the University of North Carolina and finishing his career as the school's first four-time All-American. During his twelve-year tenure as head coach, the Big Red has compiled a record of 132-49-4, and the team has sent eight wrestlers to the NCAA tournament for each of the last two seasons.

Lee acknowledges that winning the national title his sophomore year was a special moment, but he also understands that he now brings out the best in every opponent. "They are all gunning for me, so I have to work even harder to remain at the top," he says. As a junior, Lee moved up one weight class, from 125 pounds to 133, and finished fifth at the NCAA tournament. "He could have won at 133, but he had a bad tournament, which happens sometimes," says Koll. "This year he's bigger and stronger, and he should compete for another title."

Lee knows he's already earned a special place in the annals of Cornell wrestling. Some might argue that Dave Auble '60, MBA '62, a two-time Olympian and the only Cornellian to win two national titles, is the best ever, while others will make the case for Frank Bettucci '53, MBA '58, who earned a national championship as a senior. Koll, though, believes that Lee stands alone at the pinnacle. "It means a lot to be considered Cornell's best wrestler," says Lee, "and I feel good about the fact that our team has done very well at the national level during my time here."

— Jay Wrolstad

A leg up on the competition: Grappler Lee makes his move.

# Big Game

FEBRUARY 5, 2005



SPORTS INFO

The men's basketball team ran its Ivy League record to 4-2 (9-10 overall) with a thrilling double-overtime victory over Yale before 1,021 fans at Newman Arena. In a seesaw contest that featured 15 lead changes and 11 ties, Cornell finally prevailed by outscoring the Bulldogs 13-8 in the second overtime period to win by a final score of 87-82. Two junior forwards led the way for the Big Red, with **Ryan Rourke** (left) pouring in 22 points and **Lenny Collins** adding 21, including 11 in overtime. Rourke also pulled down a dozen rebounds. The Saturday night win came on the heels of another cliffhanger, a 76-75 triumph over Brown on Friday.

## Sports Shorts

**ALL-IVY GRIDDERS** **Kevin Boothe '05** capped off his Cornell football career as the Big Red's only first-team All-Ivy League selection for 2004. He was the only unanimous first-team selection on the offensive line. Boothe was also a first-team All-Ivy pick in 2003. A 6-foot-5, 300-pound tackle, he has been ranked among the top 25 linemen in the country by ESPN NFL draft expert Mel Kiper Jr. Defensive lineman **Ryan Lempa '05** and safety **Kevin Rix '06** were named to the All-Ivy second team, while wide receiver **Brian Romney '06** and defensive back **Sean Nassoy '05** received honorable mentions.



Kevin Boothe

DARL ZEHR

**TOPSPIN** The future of squash in the U.S. will be guided by former Big Red squash player **Kevin Klipstein '91**, who has been named chief executive officer of the United States Squash Racquets Association (USSRA). As CEO, he is responsible for overseeing all of the association's

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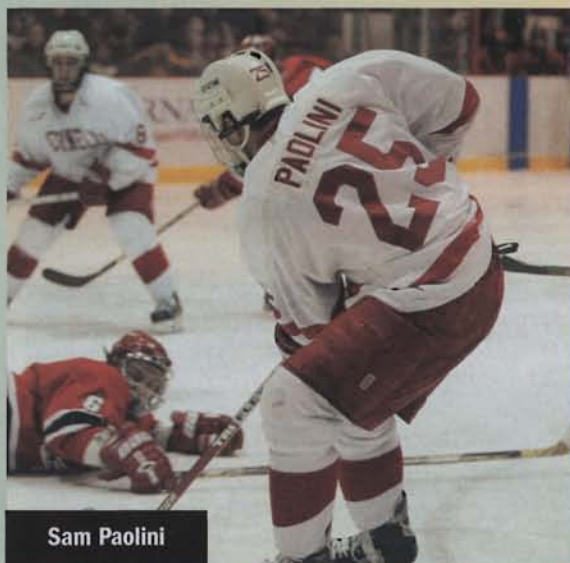
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activities, including national championships, player rankings, marketing, and sponsorships. Before taking the reins of the USSRA, Klipstein spent five years at Sun Microsystems, where he helped to negotiate sales and marketing deals with MLB.com and the National Hockey League. Klipstein lettered four times in squash at Cornell; as a senior, he served as co-captain and earned second team All-America honors.

### WEARING THE "C"

**Sam Paolini '03** was named captain of the East Coast Hockey League's Toledo Storm in December. Paolini, an ECHL all-star for the 2003-04 season, has been one of the Storm's leading scorers this year, notching eight goals and 21 assists in the team's first 33 games. Paolini, who was college hockey's 2003 Humanitarian Award winner, also played one game with the Utah Grizzlies of the American Hockey League, where he was briefly reunited with former teammate **David LeNeveu '05**.



Sam Paolini

PATRICK SHANAHAN



Dana Antal

SPORTS INFO

**BIG SHOT Dana Antal '99** scored only one goal in the Four Nations Cup women's hockey tournament—but her third-period tally provided the winning margin in Canada's 2-1 title game victory over the United States on November 14 in Lake Placid, New York. The Canadian team, which was 2-0-1 in preliminary games, was guided by Cornell women's hockey coach Melody Davidson. Overall, the Canadian women have won seven Four Nations Cup titles in nine tries.

**TOP MAT MEN** Before settling into the dual-meet portion of its schedule, the Cornell wrestling team enjoyed considerable success at a pair of national tournaments. **Travis Lee '05** (133 pounds) and **Dustin Manotti '06** (149 pounds) both won individual titles at the Las Vegas Invitational, while Manotti and **Joel Mazzurco '05** (174 pounds) took top honors at the Southern Scuffle, helping Cornell to a runner-up finish in the team competition. At the Las Vegas tournament, where he beat Purdue's Chris Fleegeer in the finals, Lee was named the most outstanding wrestler.

**SCHOLAR-ATHLETE** Big Red volleyball player **Elizabeth Bishop '07** was named to the All-Northeast Region team selected by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Bishop, who received honorable mention, was the only Cornell player to earn regional honors. She set five school records during the 2004 season, including a 33-kill performance in an Ivy League playoff loss to Yale. Bishop was a first-team All-Ivy selection and also an All-Ivy academic pick.

**HOCKEY HEADGEAR** Big Red hockey fans can now keep their heads warm with special hand-knit hats offered by Vermont Originals, which was founded some 30 years ago by a Cornell professor, the late Wendell Earle. An avid hockey fan, Earle established the company to demonstrate that cottage industries were still viable, and it provided jobs for many unemployed textile workers in New England. **Michael Riley '78**, one of Earle's former students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, came up with the idea of selling the "Official Hat of Cornell Hockey" to honor Earle's memory and support the hockey program. The hats are available at the Cornell Store or directly from Vermont Originals at (800) 770-9533 or [www.vermontoriginals.com](http://www.vermontoriginals.com).



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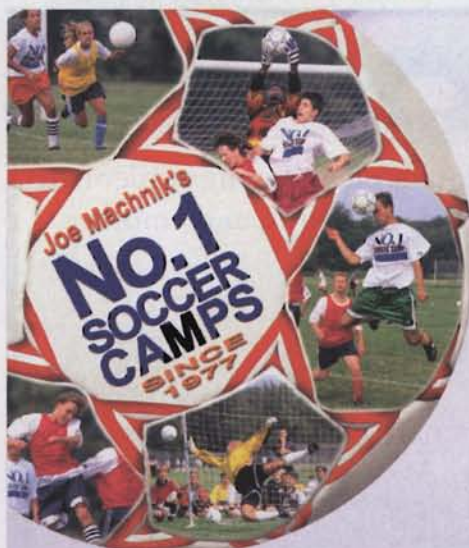
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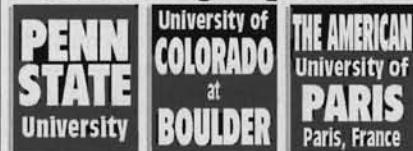
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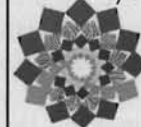
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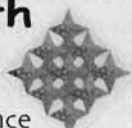
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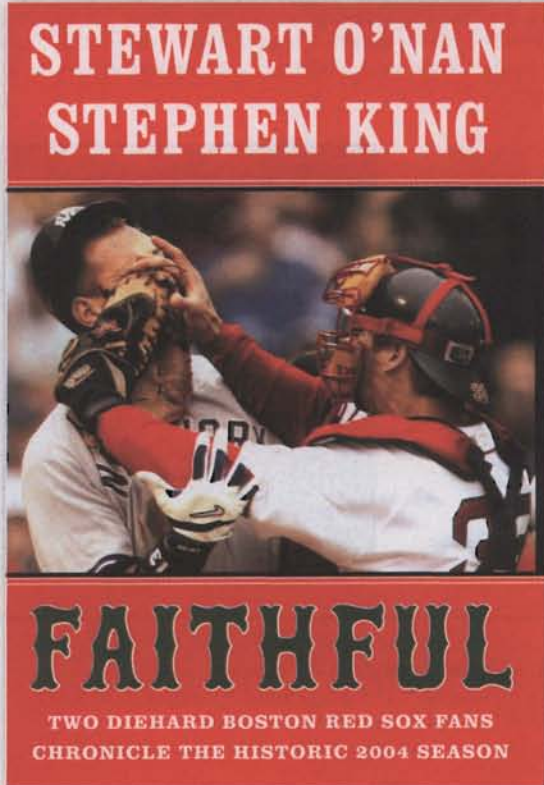
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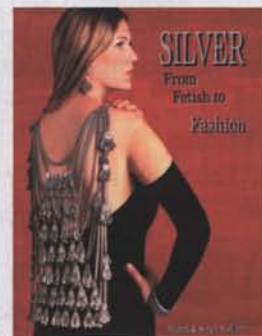
**FAITHFUL** by Stewart O’Nan, MFA ’92, and Stephen King (Scribner). “Steve and I were going to a lot of games together,” says novelist Stewart O’Nan, “and my editor—a Yankees fan—wanted me to do a book about the Red Sox. I said I’d do it only if Steve would do it.”

O’Nan and King—no strangers to suspense—proceeded to chronicle the season that reversed Boston’s eighty-six-year-old curse. “It was the weirdest thing. I came in with the idea that we were going to have a typical Red Sox season . . . [but] we ended up writing a book that’s non-representational of what the Red Sox usually do.” O’Nan, author of *A Prayer for the Dying*, *The Night Country*, *The Circus Fire*, and *The Speed Queen*, began life as a Pirates fan in his native Pittsburgh. He acquired his allegiance to the Sox as an undergraduate at Boston University. “Sox fans are like any anxious sports fans,” O’Nan writes, “except we have good reason to be paranoid. And like hardcore followers of any sport, Sox fans are expert at taking a game apart and examining its most intricate components, especially when the worst happens.” O’Nan’s new novel, *The Good Wife*, will appear on April 4—opening day of the 2005 baseball season.

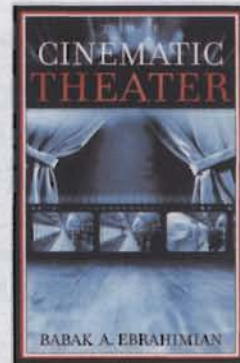
**THE LETTERS OF ABIGAIL LEVY FRANKS, 1733-1748**, edited by Edith B. Gelles ’58 (Yale University Press). These earliest known letters by a Jewish woman in prerevolutionary America describe colonial family life and discuss the Jewish immigrant experience in New York City. Her observations, all written to her son Naphtali, tell the story of one Jewish family’s assimilation in eighteenth-century America.



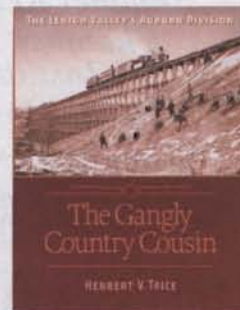
**SILVER: FROM FETISH TO FASHION** by Daniel ’54 and Serga Nadler (PDN Publishing). The Nadlers have collected silver jewelry from North Africa, the Middle East, Greece, Russia and Central Asia, India, Southeast Asia, and American Indians from the Southwest, and modern jewelry from Taxco, Mexico. Their book explores how these pieces of wearable art have a place in today’s fashion. Part of the Nadlers’ collection is scheduled to be exhibited at the Johnson Museum from April 9 through June 19, 2005.



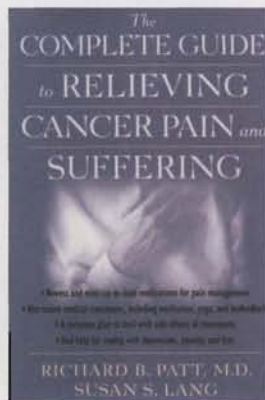
**THE CINEMATIC THEATER** by Babak A. Ebrahimian ’89 (Scarecrow Press). Ebrahimian, a director and professor who has taught theater, film, and literature at Columbia and Stanford universities, examines the influence of cinema on theater. In defining the “cinematic theater,” he analyzes the work of such film directors as Eisenstein, Fellini, Scorsese, and Welles, while drawing on the perspectives of contemporary theater directors and writers, including Richard Foreman, Robert Wilson, and Heiner Müller.



**THE GANGLY COUNTRY COUSIN** by Herbert V. Trice (Dewitt Historical Society). Trice, a noted railroad historian, tells how the Lehigh Valley Railroad merged several short-line routes to create its Auburn Division, a network of 315 miles of track running through Central New York. Business was mostly local, except for some Pennsylvania coal trains, and passenger service was crude. Despite its shortcomings, the Auburn Division was a serviceable railroad through World War II. John Marcham ’50, former editor of the *Cornell Alumni News*, edited the book; he has overseen a dozen other historical volumes.



**THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO RELIEVING CANCER PAIN AND SUFFERING** by Richard B. Patt and Susan S. Lang '72 (Oxford University Press). Patt, chief medical officer of the Patt Center for Cancer Pain and Wellness, and Lang, senior science writer at the Cornell News Service, identify the reasons why patients are so often under-medicated. They argue that properly medicated patients are better able to fight their disease, while those in chronic pain not only suffer but also jeopardize their recovery.



## Recently Published

### Fiction

**EMPIRE OF ASHES** by Nicholas Nicastro '85, PhD '04 (New American Library). It is 323 B.C. and Alexander the Great is dead. Machon, the late emperor's friend and ally, is being made the scapegoat for his downfall. An outsider on trial for his life, Machon tells his Greek accusers the truth behind the rise and fall of the military leader who proclaimed himself a god—and lost his humanity.

**BALD** by Russell David Harper '89 (Scala House Press). A touching look into mortality and the meaning of life for a prematurely balding and obese twenty-something copy editor trying to endure what he terms "post-Led Zeppelin America."

### Poetry

**SCARED MONEY NEVER WINS** by Julia Wendell '77 (Finishing Line Press). Wendell, who runs a horse farm in northern Baltimore County and competes as a three-day event rider, attempts to reconcile her midlife return to her first love, horses, with the art of writing poetry.

**SEA OF FAITH** by John Brehm, MFA '81 (University of Wisconsin Press). Winner of the 2004 Brittingham Prize in Poetry.

### Non-fiction

**BEATING THE BLUES** by Michael E. Thase and Susan S. Lang '72 (Oxford University Press). Science writer Lang and Thase, medical director of the Mood Disorders Module at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, show how chronic mild depression can be relieved by learning strategies that help us to recognize negative and distorted thinking patterns that lead to a downward spiral of pessimism.

**PANDORA'S BABY** by Robin Marantz Henig '73 (Houghton Mifflin). Beginning in the controversial early days of *in vitro* fertilization, Henig describes the work of Robert Edwards and Patrick Steptoe, the English doctors responsible for the birth of the first "test tube baby," Louise Brown.

**CONSCIOUSNESS AND CULTURE** by Joel Porte (Yale University Press). The White Professor of American Studies and Humane Letters at Cornell traces the individual achievements of Emerson and Thoreau and their points of intersection. He argues that their belief in the importance of "self-culture" produced works that moved a provincial New England readership into the broader arena of international culture.

**MEASURES OF EQUALITY** by Alejandra Bronfman '94 (University of

North Carolina Press). Bronfman, assistant professor of history at the University of British Columbia, explores the formation of Cuba's multiracial legal and political order in the four decades following independence.

**THE UNITED STATES AND THE RULE OF LAW IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS** by John F. Murphy '59, JD '62 (Cambridge University Press). The United States does not always accept the rule of law in international affairs, even though it has made great contributions to its creation. Murphy, a professor at Villanova University School of Law, analyzes several cases that illustrate the difficulties impeding U.S. adherence to international law.

**THE RENAISSANCE PERFECTED** by Medina Lasansky (Penn State Press). An assistant professor of architecture at Cornell reveals that architects, planners, and administrators within Italy's fascist regime of the 1930s fabricated much of what tourists now admire as authentic. Public squares, town halls, palaces, gardens, and civic rituals (including the *palia* of Siena) were "restored" to suit a vision of the past shaped by fascist notions of virile power, social order, and national achievement in the arts.

**SPEAKING OF DANCE** by Joyce Morgenroth '66 (Routledge). Morgenroth, a faculty member in Cornell's Department of Theatre, Film, and Dance, reveals the ideas, craft, and passion that go into the work of twelve contemporary choreographers, including Merce Cunningham, Meredith Monk, Bill T. Jones, Trisha Brown, and Mark Morris.

**THE TROUT POINT LODGE COOKBOOK** by Daniel Abel, Charles Leary, PhD '94, and Vaughn Perret, JD '89 (Random House). Three chefs who operated the Chicory Farm Café in New Orleans celebrate Creole heritage in their new cookbook.

**PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT** by Gary Cokins '71 (John Wiley & Sons). Cokins examines performance management as not just a set of improvement methodologies but as a discipline intended to understand how an organization works as a whole.

**IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE** by Joel Seidemann '76 (Harper Collins). A compilation of great opening and closing arguments from the last 100 years, including such famous cases as the O.J. Simpson trial, the Oklahoma City bombing, the Scopes monkey trial, and the trial of Adolf Eichmann.

**TAKE BACK THE SKY** by Rae André '67 (Sierra Club Books). Writing from her experience as an activist and flight-path dweller, André details the environmental impact of aviation-related pollution: noise, emissions, and chemicals leaching into water tables.

**JAPANESE ONLY** by Arudou Debito [David Aldwinckle '87] (Akashi Shoten). A first-person account of the author's experiences as a naturalized Japanese citizen dealing with bathhouses that discriminate against foreigners, as well as his quest for equal protection under the law.

**SHOULD WE RISK IT?** By Daniel M. Kammen '84 and David M. Hassenzahl (Princeton University Press). The demand for risk analysis in the areas of health, technology, and the environment has grown in recent years, yet programs to train analysts have not kept pace. Kammen, director of the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory at the University of California, Berkeley, and Hassenzahl, assistant professor of environmental studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, provide an up-to-date set of problems for coursework in assessing risk.

**UNITED APART** by Ilene DeVault (Cornell University Press). Covering the period from the formation of the American Federation of Labor in 1886 to the establishment of the Women's Trade Union League in 1903, DeVault, a professor in ILR at Cornell, analyzes forty strikes in the tobacco, textile, clothing, and shoe industries. She finds that the success of the strikes depended on the cooperation of both sexes.



# Ripple Effect

HOW THE TSUNAMI AFFECTED THE CORNELL COMMUNITY

**I**T WAS THE DAY AFTER Christmas, and Bob Kandiko '76 and his wife and niece were kayaking the calm, teal waters off the island of Rawi in Thailand. They had been looking for a place to have lunch when they came upon the perfect spot—a gorgeous cove with a white-sand beach. But one thing struck Kandiko as strange: the ocean had receded so far that it had exposed the jagged coral seafloor—at high tide.

Kandiko, a middle-school science teacher from Bellingham, Washington, knew that an empty bay at high tide



Bob Kandiko '76

COURTESY OF BOB KANDIKO

meant that a massive force had displaced a large amount of water, and quickly. And he knew that meant a tsunami.

As the kayakers watched, a four-meter-high wave rushed in, parallel to the shore, and filled the entire bay and beach in fifteen seconds. “Half of a football field is what we were looking at,” Kandiko says.

The wave circled back and collided with itself like water in a giant blender, creating a swell that lifted the eighteen-foot kayakers and shoved them away from shore. “Right after that happened,” says his niece, Camille Kandiko '02, “my uncle screamed at us to paddle out to the ocean—fast.”

Kandiko knew that they'd be safest in deep water, where the tsunami would be a massive but navigable ocean swell; it breaks into a wave only as it nears land, he says. “And my comment was, ‘If it's a tsunami, there's going to be more coming.’” Sure enough, fifteen minutes later another wave—twice as big as the first—surged along the coast and crashed into the jungle, ripping up trees and churning the clear water to dark brown. “That's when we started to get creeped out,” Camille says, “because we realized that had

we been in there, we never would have survived.”

They made it to shore several exhausting hours later, but it would be days before they reached the mainland and discovered that the tsunami had left hundreds of thousands missing or dead throughout Southeast Asia.

The devastation literally hit close to home for Saiful Madhi. In the chaotic days following December 26, the thirty-six-year-old graduate student from Aceh Province in Sumatra—the region closest to the undersea earthquakes that spawned the giant waves—was unable to find out if his immediate family was alive. He was determined to return to Aceh to find them, leaving his wife and three children in Ithaca.

Madhi's colleagues and students in the city and regional planning department gave money. Ithaca companies donated supplies such as medicine and two-way radios. Derek Cabrerra, a doctoral candidate in education, and his wife offered airline miles for his plane ticket. An e-mail solicitation circulated, and soon the generosity of a few friends grew into a grassroots outpouring that enabled Madhi to found the Aceh Relief Fund ([www.acehrelief.org](http://www.acehrelief.org)). By the end of January, donations had reached \$68,000, enough to enable Madhi and a handful of volunteers to operate a mobile medical clinic and deliver supplies to remote villages that international humanitarian groups had not reached.



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**Family man: Saiful Madhi (left) returned to Sumatra to find his family; his neighbor and friend Mazalan Kamis (right) helped organize the trip.**

Madhi's neighbor and friend Mazalan Kamis, a postdoctoral fellow in the education department, says that Madhi is uniquely qualified for the task. "As an Indonesian, Saiful can get through the checkpoints that have been turning away Westerners with desperately needed supplies."

In his online journal, Madhi describes his first visit to his family's home, sixteen days after the tsunami destroyed it. "The air smelled terrible—a mix of rotten mud, garbage, and decaying corpses. I felt sorry, in fact guilty somehow, for not being able to do anything about the many corpses we passed." As of January 31, he had found many family members and survivors from his village and was holding out hope that he may yet locate his missing brother and sister and her family. Before returning to Ithaca, he vowed to rebuild a local school. "When you remember your loved ones' last minutes being chased by the ten-meter-high wave, the gloomy IDP [internally displaced persons] camps, the 60 percent destroyed city, the separated kids—no matter how small your contribution," he wrote, "you do not want to stop working for others."

While Madhi has been helping survivors one bag of rice at a time, Lieutenant General Robert Blackman '70 is doing the same on an international scale. As the highest-ranking Marine in Japan, he is coordinating the relief efforts of 18,000 U.S. military personnel with civilian aid organizations and governments in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. Blackman, the former chief of staff for land operations during the U.S. invasion of Iraq, is no stranger to complex logistical scenarios. The biggest challenge of this one, he says, has been to plan, organize, and then execute the relief mission—all at the same time. "I liken it to packing up your entire family for a vacation, throwing all of your luggage into a vehicle, and then planning your entire trip while you are driving down the road," he says.

While Blackman struggles to deal with the devastation left in the tsunami's wake, Philip Liu, a professor of civil and envi-

ronmental engineering, is working to prevent future destruction. In January, Liu led a group of scientists from the National Science Foundation's Tsunami Research Group to Sri Lanka and Thailand to gather data. The researchers studied the height of the waves, the distance they traveled inland, sediment deposits, and structural damage; with this information, they hope to refine predictive mathematical models designed prior to the event. "The more data we have, the more accurate the model will become," Liu says.

The scientists confirmed that three earthquakes over a ten-minute period caused three waves. The highest to hit Sri Lanka rose ten to eighteen feet, which they determined by measuring the height at which water had stripped bark from trees near the shore. They also found that the waves rushed inland as far as a mile and a half over the country's flat coastal plain. Liu contributed some of the data in GPS

form to a Cornell website (<http://polarbear.css.cornell.edu/srilanka/>) that displays a satellite map of Sri Lanka to assist researchers and relief workers. He also created a computer simulation with graduate student Xiaoming Wang that compresses ten-and-a-half hours in the life of the tidal wave into one minute. (It can be seen online at [www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Jan05/tsunamiVid320.html](http://www.news.cornell.edu/releases/Jan05/tsunamiVid320.html).)

The most destructive force, Liu notes, is not the wave but the debris flow. "The boats, the logs, being pushed up on shore—they're like water-borne missiles, these objects." His next step is to help improve tsunami alert systems,



COURTESY OF SAIFUL MADHI

**Aftermath in Sumatra: Rubble surrounds the remains of Saiful Madhi's family home (above, in foreground), where two unidentified bodies were found and tsunami waves reached the second floor's ceiling. A mosque (below, in center) and part of a grade school (below, on right) that Madhi attended were some of the few buildings left standing in his village.**

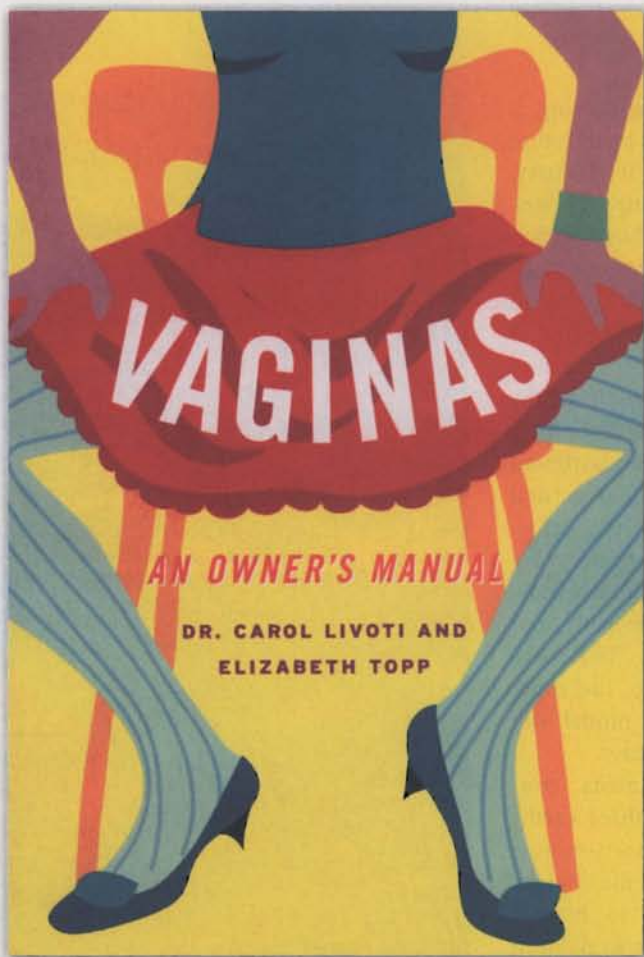
which were largely lacking in the region. And some of the data he's gathered could be used to guide future shoreline development.

For Bob Kandiko, the sight of a strangely empty bay was enough to keep him and his family alive—because he knew what it meant. But luck also played a role. "You can make all of the correct decisions," he says, "but if the cards are stacked against you, there's nothing that you could have done ahead of time to prevent it."

— Susan Kelley



Robert Blackman '70



## Down There

AN OB/GYN AND HER DAUGHTER  
PUT FEMALE PRIVATES IN PRINT

**W**HEN MOTHER-DAUGHTER authors Dr. Carol Livoti and Elizabeth Topp released their first book, the critics raved. *Publisher's Weekly* praised their “empowering, sex-positive guide to womanhood,” *Playgirl* signed the pair for a monthly column, and *Marie Claire* ran an excerpt. Within three days of its October release by Thunder's Mouth Press, *Vaginas: An Owner's Manual* had gone into its second printing. But not without some controversy.

The problem, the authors say, is the V-word. A Planned Parenthood chapter in Southern California said *Vaginas* would be perfect for their sex education curriculum for teen girls, except the book's name was “too racy.” Skittish radio and TV hosts won't invite the authors for guest appear-



Dr. Carol Livoti and Elizabeth Topp

ances. And in Manhattan, a woman complained that a prominent store display of the book's cover was “offensive.” “All you have to do is read a paragraph to find out that it's not what you think,” says Livoti '64, an obstetrician and gynecologist who practices in New York City. “It's a medical health book.”

Prospective publishers suggested a more discreet title, but the authors refused. “What if you said *Gallbladders: An Owner's Manual*,” asks Livoti. “It's an anatomical, clinical term. Morals are being confused with science, anatomy, biology. There's confusion in this country about what's real, legitimate health and what promotes sin—inappropriate behavior.” Furthermore, the pair wanted the book to confront negative associations with female bodies. “That's part of us,” says Livoti. “In some circles, ‘vagina’ has a negative impact we're saying it shouldn't have, and we're trying to overcome that by confronting it. We want it to be something where women can say, ‘Yes, I have one of those.’”

*Vaginas* had its genesis at the family dinner table, where nightly conversations throughout Topp's childhood and adolescence included Livoti's reports from her private practice on Manhattan's Upper East Side. By the time she was fourteen, Topp was convinced that her mother's take on female reproductive health would have broad appeal to readers. “I have a lot to say

and opinions about many things,” says Livoti, “but I'm not very good about transcribing it. My thoughts are so much faster than my ability to type.” Topp, a Harvard grad and aspiring writer, offered to pull the book together—Livoti would only have to show up and talk. The result is a chatty paperback that combines just-the-facts medical information with anecdotes and irreverent asides from the doctor's thirty years in the field. In a section called “Mom's History Corner,” Livoti holds forth on J. Marion Sims, “Father of American Gynecology” and inventor of the specu-



lum: "He wasn't a very nice man, and most historians will back us up on that. He pioneered gynecological surgery by practicing on slaves, without consent and certainly without benefit of anesthesia. His statue is in Central Park, so feel free to go and throw things at it."

Thirteen chapters cover such topics as gynecologist visits, menopause, and common problems of the cervix, uterus, and ovaries. A thorough index reinforces the authors' intent for the book to serve as a reference, while frequent sidebars and quirky illustrations keep the tone light. "The pages move along," says Livoti. "You don't have to go back; you can even skip sections. Anybody who wants to know more about their physiology can read this book." And while Topp had urban "Sex and the City" fans like herself in mind when she put the book together, *Vaginas*

has also appealed to a broader audience. "My friend's eighty-two-year-old mother can't get her copy back," says Livoti. "They're waiting on line to read it at the assisted-living facility. These are women at the twilight of their lives, and there's stuff in there that they didn't know."

Livoti and Topp don't pull punches when it comes to topics like sexually transmitted diseases and abortion, devoting a chapter to each. "This is a book that tells any woman, no matter where she stands, what she needs to know," says Topp. "Even if you're abstinent now, you're going to have sex someday." The abortion chapter mixes clinical descriptions of the procedures with accounts from Livoti's pre-*Roe v. Wade* days as a New York City medical resident—when as many as twenty women per night would arrive in the emergency room after botched back-

room operations—as well as accounts of patients who agonized over the decision. Yet there's no mistaking the pair's stance on the politics involved. "It's imperative for women to have their own choice," says Livoti. "I'm thrilled when you want to have a baby; it's a lot more fun to deliver a baby than do an abortion. But doctors and governments have no business telling women what to do."

In 2005, editions of the *Owner's Manual* will be published in the U.K., France, Russia, Portugal, and the Czech Republic. For their next joint effort, Livoti and Topp are targeting male readers with *Vaginas: A Visitor's Guide*, which Topp calls "the Kinsey Report meets *The Joy of Sex*." The pair began holding focus groups with men this fall. Says Topp: "The things we're learning are already so surprising."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95



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# Not Guilty

## DEFENSE LAWYER WINS CASE OF A LIFETIME

LATE IN 1988, MICHAEL BANKS '78, a young lawyer at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia, was looking for a special pro bono case. In addition to his regular work with business clients, Banks had taken on occasional family court and civil rights cases for which his firm was not compensated—but this time he wanted a client who was facing capital punishment. “I have always been a fervent opponent of the death penalty,” he says, “and I was looking for a case that would give me a chance to challenge a death sentence.”

At about the same time, John Thompson, a New Orleans man who was on death row for a 1984 murder, was writing letters to 200 lawyers across the country. They stated simply: “I didn’t do it.” A defense lawyer active with the Louisiana Death Penalty Project, an advocacy group that seeks to prevent executions, sent Thompson’s case file to Banks and another attorney at his firm, J. Gordon Cooney Jr. Neither Banks nor Cooney had ever tried a criminal case before, but they immediately began working on an appeal to get Thompson off death row. His execution was scheduled for February 22, 1989.

Thompson had been tried and convicted in 1985 on an unrelated armed carjacking charge while he was under indictment for the murder. Because of the felony conviction for the carjacking, New Orleans prosecutors had asked for the death penalty on the murder charge. Banks and Cooney quickly found many problems with the conduct of the prosecutors during the two cases against Thompson—among them that Thompson’s conviction on the carjacking charge had kept him off the witness stand in his own defense during the subsequent murder trial. Banks and Cooney filed appeals, raised questions about tainted testimony and prosecutorial misconduct, and requested a new trial, delaying Thompson’s execution seven times.

The case eventually was heard by the



COURTESY OF MICHAEL BANKS

**Exonerated: Former death row inmate John Thompson (center) with lawyers Michael Banks (left) and J. Gordon Cooney Jr. (right)**

U.S. Supreme Court in 1999, but Thompson’s appeal was rejected. Then, just a few weeks before Thompson was to be executed by lethal injection, Banks and Cooney discovered a memo that referred to blood evidence prosecutors had intentionally withheld from the defense during the carjacking trial. The evidence proved that Thompson could not have been present at the crime scene. Banks and Cooney took this information to the district attorney, who went with them to a judge to seek a stay of execution. The judge agreed, and Thompson was also cleared of the carjacking charge.

Thompson still faced life in prison for murder, though, so Banks and Cooney continued to fight. They realized that their client was innocent of the charge, and that exculpatory evidence had also been hidden from the original defense attorneys in that case. After several more years of determined legal efforts, a Louisiana appellate court ordered a new trial. In May 2003, the murder case was retried—and the jury deliberated for only thirty-five minutes

before finding Thompson not guilty. After eighteen years in prison, he walked out a free man on May 7, 2003.

Banks, who was a Near Eastern studies major at Cornell and earned his JD at Columbia, says the Thompson case offers an extreme example of how the legal system can become unbalanced. “Prosecutors have enormous power,” he says. “In 99 percent of criminal cases, there is an incredible mismatch of resources between the state and the defendant. Safeguards have been set up to deal with that—if the prosecutors play within the rules. If they disclose what they’re supposed to disclose and provide the defendant an opportunity for a fair trial, there can still be justice. But if they conceal evidence, decide who’s guilty and who’s innocent, and use their power and resources to suppress the truth rather than present it, just for the purpose of securing a conviction, then a sad perversion is bound to occur—and that is what happened here.”

Banks says that even though he and Cooney demonstrated that there had been

numerous violations of Thompson's constitutional rights along the way, "the judges seemed too prepared to ignore that—until we were able to establish actual evidence of John's innocence." It's not supposed to work that way, he explains. A criminal defendant can't always muster evidence of his or her innocence, and the constitutional issues alone should be enough for an appellate court to take interest.

Before the Thompson case, most of Banks's pro bono work had involved child custody and support cases for the Support Center for Child Advocates in Philadelphia. He credits his days on the Hill—where he was politically active and helped to found the Cornell Corporate Responsibility Project—for his strong interest in becoming involved with important issues rather than watching from the sidelines. And he says that he always tries to relate to his clients as individuals, a lesson he learned from his father, Barton Banks, an attorney who handled many criminal defense and civil rights cases.

Banks and Cooney have stayed in touch with Thompson since his release. They brought Thompson and his new wife to Philadelphia for a belated honeymoon a few months after they were married, and have visited their former client and his family in New Orleans. Thompson, who earned a GED after his release, now works as a paralegal for the New Orleans-based Center for Equal Justice, helping with the appeals of some of the death-row inmates he knew when he was in prison. Banks says that Thompson is well-equipped to earn the trust of others who believe the system has failed them. "When you're sitting on death row, there's a tremendous sense of futility," he says. "Thompson's views and perspectives are unique."

The Thompson case drew a lot of attention in the legal press, and much praise has been lavished on Banks and Cooney. Paul Braverman, writing in the *American Lawyer*, called their work "high-powered lawyering." Thompson put it more simply. "Them guys have been incredible," he told the *Philadelphia Lawyer*, marveling at his attorneys' fifteen years of persistent work on his behalf. "They didn't leave me."

— Joe Wilensky

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# Life and Death in Tibet

## HONORING A CULTURE AND SAVING LIVES

**L**HAKPA DOLMA IS A YOUNG mother living in the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) of China. She has given birth three times, but only two of her children have survived past infancy—and she is hardly unique. Throughout the rural communities of the Himalayas, from the TAR to northern Nepal, the mortality rate during pregnancy and childbirth is one of the highest in the world—about 500 mothers and babies die for every 100,000 pregnancies.

There are numerous causes, many of them rooted in culture and tradition. Expectant mothers rarely prepare for their delivery date—it is considered inauspicious. They often give birth alone and in

the most unclean part of the house, such as a cowshed, so as not to offend the deities that are thought to protect the home. The mother may cut the umbilical cord with an unsterilized instrument. There are too few skilled attendants, and women turn to hospitals only as a last resort.

“From a biomedical and public health perspective, many of these behaviors are unsafe,” says Sienna Craig, a PhD candidate in cultural and medical anthropology at Cornell, who has spent the better part of the past decade living and working in the Tibetan and Nepali Himalaya. “And

many women are at risk of dying from manageable complications such as preeclampsia, sepsis, and postpartum hemorrhage.”

But rather than dismiss Tibetan cultural perspectives, Craig is working to create medical practices that both honor tradition and prevent women and their children from dying. Maternal health is one of the many aspects of Tibetan medicine on which Craig has focused not only her studies but also her heart. Her goal is to balance the abstractions of research with the creation of hands-on programs that improve the lives of the people she studies. “I have a strong belief that the two shouldn’t be separated, that good research makes for more tenable interventions.”

Tibetan medicine is part science, part art, and part philosophy, and it has been passed down for centuries from master to apprentice. According to its tenets, health

**Culture class: Anthropology PhD candidate Sienna Craig interviews a villager in Tibet’s Lhasa Prefecture. Maternal mortality rates there are among the highest in the world.**

is maintained by achieving equilibrium among physical, psychological, and spiritual elements of existence. Sickness is caused by imbalance, and treatment takes the form of changes in an individual's behavior and diet, including the prescription of traditional herbal remedies.

Craig's dissertation focuses on Tibetan medicine, and how it is evolving in contemporary Tibet. As Western interest in alternative and holistic therapies continues to expand, the herbal remedies used in the Himalayas are now being stocked in natural grocery stores across the United States. The global demand for Tibetan cures has increased the competition for a limited supply of medicinal plants, so fewer are available to their traditional users. "There is a paradox," says Craig. "The fame of the Tibetan medical tradition is growing, while at the same time the people who are the contemporary inheritors of that tradition are less and less able to access it."

Similarly, fewer traditional doctors are being trained—and many of the ones who do complete their training find it difficult to maintain their practices in the face of rising costs. At the same time, healers are in demand in places like New York and

Los Angeles. "The local and the global are connected," says Craig. "How do you deal with the real issues of how a young generation of Tibetan doctors makes a living in a time of transition from a barter economy to a global cash economy?"

It's a challenge that Craig is facing head on. Since she first visited Nepal's Mustang region in 1993 while an undergraduate at Brown, she has felt a strong connection to the area. "Mustang settled in me as a place that somehow felt like home," she says. "This is a region where people have wrested survival out of a difficult landscape. It's worthy not only of study, but of doing what I can to make their lives easier."

Five years later—with a Fulbright grant and a patchwork of research projects, consulting work, and odd jobs behind her—Craig co-founded Drokpa ("nomad" in Tibetan), an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that funds grass-roots development and social entrepreneurship.



**Yak power:** Nepali villagers load donated solar light systems.

Drokpa provides solar cookers, lights, and dryers for medicinal herbs and constructs greenhouses and schools in Himalayan communities. The group reflects Craig's belief in culturally sensitive intervention—and finding local solutions to the region's problems. "We don't want to be the white people who come in trying to fix things," she says. "We rely totally on local commitment. The projects we fund must happen without our presence—and that feels wonderful."

In 2002, Craig lent her expertise to two projects that integrate Tibetan and Western medicine. As an ethnographer with One H.E.A.R.T. (Health Education and Research in Tibet), she worked with a team of Tibetan and Western doctors to study the cultural beliefs and practices surrounding childbirth and delivery in communities of Tibet's Lhasa Prefecture. That project catalyzed another, with the Global Network for Women's and Children's Health Research (funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Gates Foundation); it is the first clinical study to compare Tibetan and Western medicines that prevent postpartum hemorrhage.

"My research and intervention are really connected," Craig says. "For me, anthropology is a means to think about how to structure relations, including relations of intervention, in ways that will not only work but will also do justice to the incredible complexity, resilience, and history of these places and the people who live in them."

— Peter Bronski '01

**First light:** Thanks to the nonprofit organization that Craig co-founded, a remote Himalayan community gets its first look at electricity.



# Set in Stone

CAN JEFF MORGAN SAVE THE WORLD THROUGH ENLIGHTENED TOURISM?

**T**HE GARDEN OF EDEN AND THE hometown of Gilgamesh. The city of Ur, where Sumerian civilization flowered and the Biblical Abraham was born. Babylon, famed for its gardens and the codes of King Hammurabi. The roots of civilization itself lie in the delta of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, the region once called Mesopotamia and home to modern Iraq. In 1923, Iraq established a board of antiquities to protect the country's estimated 100,000 historically significant sites, but decades of political unrest, war, and economic sanctions drove away most scholars and turned the looting of artifacts into a thriving industry. Since the

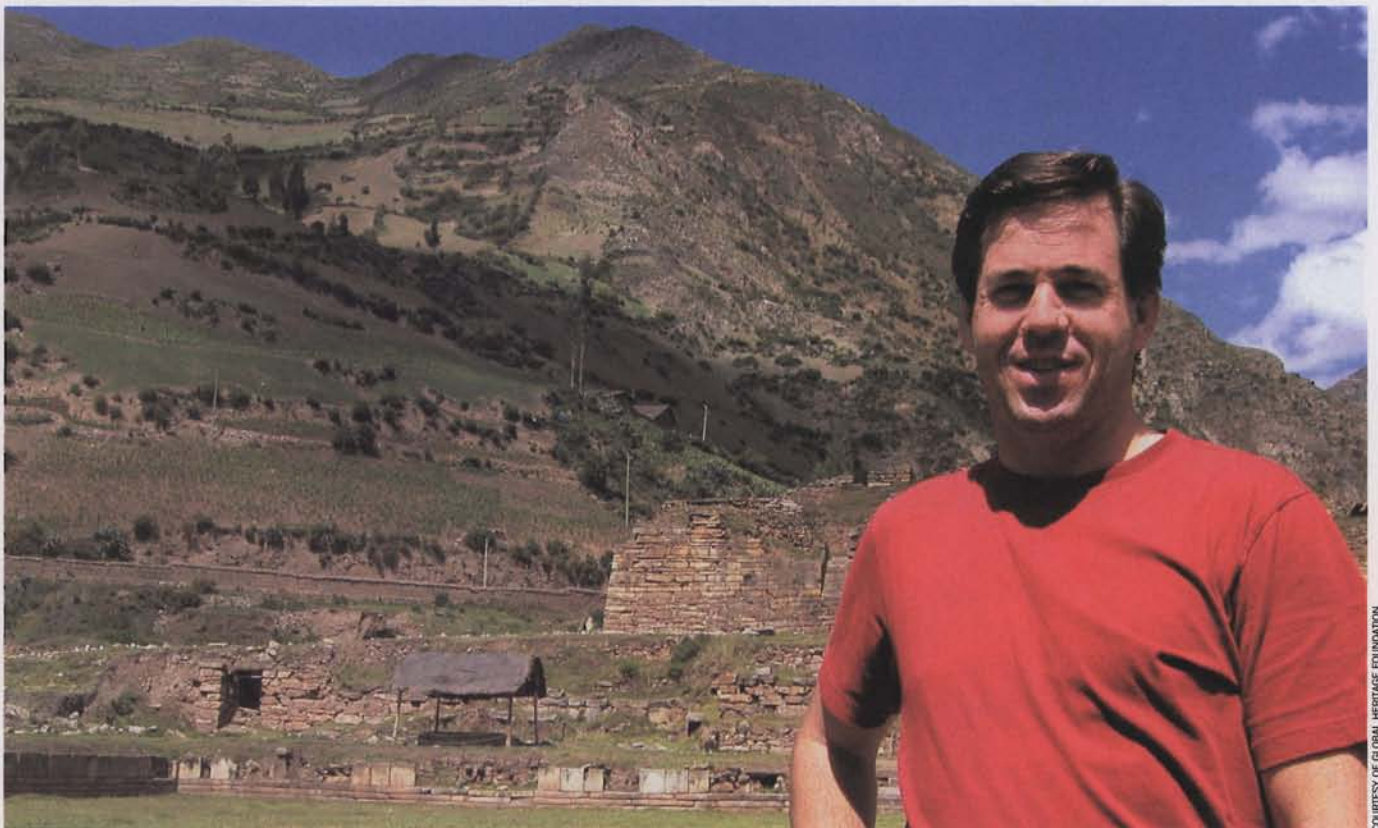
U.S. invasion in 2003, the Cradle of Civilization is better known for car bombings and kidnappings than ancient archaeological wonders.

But Jeff Morgan '84 has another vision for Iraq—tourist destination. Within a decade, the forty-three-year-old former software executive insists, visitor dollars could be second only to oil revenue. As executive director of Global Heritage Fund (GHF), a San Francisco-based nonprofit conservancy, Morgan is employing a strategic combination of archaeological preservation and tourism promotion to transform some of world's most endangered regions. Currently, GHF has ten

projects under way on five continents, from pre-Incan ruins in the highlands of Peru to the ancient city of Lijiang in China's Yunan Province. "We're going to use these sites as a cluster—to save the nature, protect the culture, provide jobs," Morgan says. "If you just go in there and restore the stones, that doesn't do it. You have to train the people, develop the tourism, help their living culture survive and prosper."

Each GHF project shares common features: UNESCO World Heritage Site ranking or nomination, proximity to an airport, and local funding commitments. And, Morgan says, each is fundamentally unique: "The sites where we're working aren't just another Roman amphitheater, Catholic church, or mosque. These sites are one-of-a-kind." Essentially, GHF serves as a broker, bringing together American philanthropists, local and national government officials, industry leaders, and the experts necessary to develop a detailed conservation plan. Once GHF approves

**Road to ruins: Morgan's Global Heritage Fund aims to protect sites such as the pre-Incan temple complex of Chavín de Huántar in Peru.**



the plan, it establishes a financial trust for the site. "We'll basically put in \$250,000, get local donors to match that, then we say to the government, 'You match us.' We're able to leverage a small amount of U.S. funds to generate long-term financial support." Since 2001, Morgan has raised \$2.5 million, plus an additional \$1.8 million in matching grants.

The son of Silicon Valley executive James Morgan '60, MBA '63, and former California state senator Rebecca Quinn Morgan '60, the Palo Alto native studied city planning on the Hill, but followed his father into the high-tech industry after graduation. He spent a few years in Japan with Mitsui, worked for Sun Microsystems, launched a French start-up, married, started a family. Then, in the late 1990s, a friend and former nonprofit director asked him how he planned to make the world a better place.

Morgan's travels had already taken him to some of the world's poorest regions. On a vacation to Tikal, Guatemala, he'd seen first-hand how tourism could bolster a sagging economy. "I'm basically a sales and marketing guy," says Morgan, who wanted to combine his business savvy with the enthusiasm for history he'd discovered in his favorite undergraduate class—Historic American Cities, taught by regional planning professor John Reys, MRP '47. He approached Stanford archaeologist Ian Hodder to develop the idea, and the two launched Global Heritage Fund in March 2001.

Over the next year, Morgan identified some 160 sites that met the GHF criteria, then narrowed the list with help from the nineteen museum directors and archaeologists from around the world who make up GHF's senior advisory board. "We are basically cherry-picking the world," says Morgan. "Absolutely the most spectacular sites and they're sitting out there rotting." In Guatemala's Mirador Basin, where Mayan ruins are threatened by deforestation and looting, GHF spearheaded the creation of a 525,000-acre biopreserve and provided funding for park rangers and guards. For Lijiang Ancient Town, where China's ethnic Naxi minority live in a labyrinthine city largely unchanged since the Ming Dynasty, GHF developed a

matching-grant program to help residents restore their crumbling homes and protect them from encroaching development. "We're doing three things really well," says Morgan. "We're bringing great science to the conservation, we're bringing new financial mechanisms into place, and we're involving the communities around the sites and helping them get up to speed."

The challenges of preservation in the developing world are on vivid display in Hampi, India, once seat of the huge Vijayanagara Empire. The region's largest employer, Jindal Steel, brought an airstrip

and a highway to the once-remote area, and pollution and stone quarrying have already taken their toll on the centuries-old ruins. GHF successfully launched a partnership with Jindal executives, community members, and the local government to create a master plan for land use and monument conservation. "Jeff has a magnetic personality, an infectious enthusiasm that I have yet to see anywhere else on the globe," says GHF academic advisor Michael Tomlan, PhD '47, director of Cornell's historic preservation program. "I can't tell you how impressive he is in a

## Labor of Love

## TIME FOR WORK, THE MAGAZINE

**W**ho wants to read a magazine about work?

Diana Lind '03 did. And she's guessing that other young people do too. "When you graduate from college, it's the thing everyone is talking about," says the former English major. "You become one of those Americans who spend all their time talking about their jobs."

Sensing an unexploited niche at the newsstand, Lind launched a quarterly magazine that explores work culture—called, naturally, *Work*—in fall 2004. With contributions from a half-dozen Cornell classmates, the inaugural issue included a scholarly analysis of workplace fashion, a photo essay on Istanbul street vendors, and a riotous discussion of office washroom habits. Lind reasons that there's room for a serious publication aimed at rookie cubicle-dwellers still fascinated by the novelty of employment. "That's why it's geared toward people in their twenties," she says. "At that age, people are still figuring out what they're doing."

Running her own magazine might seem a tall order for a Columbia grad student whose own job-world experience is limited to an internship at *Architectural Record*. Student loans, unpaid contributors, and free advice from the *Nation's* Victor Navasky, one of Lind's Columbia profs, helped get the slick-looking first issue off the ground; issue two is due in March. "This is trial-by-fire," says the first-time editor/publisher. "I wanted to learn on the job."



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The task in Iraq is particularly daunting. GHF began in June by assembling thirty experts for a ten-day conference, co-sponsored by the World Bank, to identify preservation sites in the north, which has been largely spared the post-war plunder. "All of the looting has been in the southern part of the country, in these tribal nomad's lands," says Morgan. "It's a disaster." In July, Iraq's State Board of Antiquities signed a multi-year partnership with GHF to develop master conservation plans and training programs. Already, the conservancy has hired guards to protect the sites at greatest risk from looters and partnered with University of Chicago archaeologist McGuire Gibson to create detailed maps for further planning.

There's still the matter of the current hostilities, but, as Morgan says, "things can change very quickly." As proof, he cites Peru, terrorized for decades by the Maoist insurgent group Shining Path, now home to a thriving tourism industry anchored by the Incan ruins at Machu Picchu. "Peru, fifteen years ago, was the Shining Path," he says. "They'd taken over half the country; they were killing everybody. Now Shining Path's gone and Machu Picchu brings in one million people a year." With the fall of the Khmer Rouge regime, Cambodia now generates 30 percent of its GNP from visitors to the temple complex of Angkor Wat. In a decade or so, Morgan hopes, Iraq could be hosting busloads of tourists instead of truckloads of soldiers.

But the first priority is developing a sustainable strategy. Of the sixteen historic sites considered by Iraq experts, only five—the fortified Parthian city of Hatra; Samarra, famed for its great mosque; Ctesiphon, home to the tallest free-standing arch in the ancient world; the fortress at Al-Ukhaidir near Baghdad; and the Sumerian capital city of Ur—met all of GHF's criteria. Or, as Morgan calls it, "the Picasso Test."

"If you could save only three Picasso pieces, out of all of his paintings, pottery, everything else, which are you going to save?" he asks. "You lose these sites and you lose a huge piece of mankind."

—Sharon Tregaskis '95



# 'Urbane Rebel'

BIOGRAPHER TELLS THE TALE  
OF HOLLYWOOD'S FRANCHOT TONE

**H**E HAD A VELVET VOICE AND MATINEE IDOL LOOKS. He charmed Bette Davis, married Joan Crawford, and co-starred with Clark Gable and Gary Cooper. But somehow Franchot Tone '27 has become little more than a footnote in film history. Lisa Burks, a writer in Burbank, California, would like to remedy that.

"Tone made a subtle but indelible mark on American culture in theater, film, radio, and television by virtue of his creative choices, business decisions, and lifelong commitment to social justice," explains Burks, a film connoisseur with a journalism degree from Michigan State and a background in entertainment publicity. The forty-three-year-old author became interested in Tone a decade ago, when she saw him in one of her favorite Jean Harlow flicks, *The Girl from Missouri*. "He really caught my attention," she says, "to the point where I thought he stole the show from Harlow."

Burks immediately began looking into the life of this overlooked movie star, whose story is not better known, she says, because "he was not a self-promoter and didn't jockey among his peers for roles and column inches in the press." She is now completing work on what she hopes will be the definitive Franchot Tone biography—working title: *Urbane Rebel*. Tone succumbed to lung cancer in 1968, but Burks says he lived "sixty-three very full years"—and she intends to celebrate them.

Stanislas Pascal Franchot Tone was born into an affluent family in Niagara Falls, New York. He followed his father, Frank (Class of 1894), and brother Jerry '24 to Cornell, but only after being dismissed from the Hill School, a boys' academy in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, for being "a subtle influence for disorder." After earning his GED, Tone breezed through Cornell in three years with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

He was president of the Dramatic Club, acting in fifteen plays under the direction of Professor Alexander Drummond, and he made his first screen test when a traveling studio came to cam-

pus. By all reports, he bombed. ("I wasn't even close," Tone later said.) But the setback was only temporary. Upon graduating, Tone joined a stock theater company in Buffalo, where he earned \$15 a week. By 1929, he had secured his first Broadway role and was well on his way to an actor's life.

Tone's impact on the entertainment business was multifaceted. He was one of the first members of New York City's Group Theatre (later known as the Actors Studio), and when he signed with MGM in 1932, he brought co-founder Lee Strasberg's teachings with him, essentially becoming the movies' first Method actor. A workaholic who slept only a few hours each night, he starred in sixty-six feature films over four decades. He was typecast as a suave playboy, but is perhaps best remembered for his supporting role as Roger Byam in *Mutiny on the Bounty*, for which he was nominated for an Academy Award in 1935. He also had parts in countless stage productions and radio shows, and appeared on such television series as "Bonanza," "Ben Casey," and "The Twilight Zone."

Tone was politically active, taking on a leadership role in the Screen Actors Guild and donating time and money to liberal causes that made him a target of the House Un-American Activities Committee. He was never blacklisted, but as a producer and director he hired many people who were, paying them in cash.

And his private life was certainly tabloid fodder. Tone was married four times, the first being a four-year hitch with mega-star Joan Crawford ("Mr. Joan Crawford," the Hollywood press mockingly called him), who, Burks says, wore Tone's Phi Beta Kappa key on her charm bracelet for the rest of her days. His engagement

to actress Barbara Payton (the marriage would last fifty-three days) embroiled him in a Hollywood love triangle involving boxer-turned-actor Tom Neal. In 1951 it erupted into a notorious brawl between the two men—"Tom Neal Knocks Out Tone in Love Fist Fight" screamed the papers—that left Tone in the hands of a plastic surgeon. His face and career were never quite the same.

"He was a fascinating human being, with strengths and weaknesses, who lived a compelling life that is worthy of full examination," says his biographer. With the blessing of Tone's two sons, Burks has tracked down many of his old acting colleagues, schoolmates, and relatives in her effort to get the whole story. Along the way, she has gathered quite a collection of Tone artifacts, including a 1927 *Cornellian*. Among her 200-plus Tone photographs is an autographed portrait—signed "Best wishes, Franchot Tone"—that sits on her desk. Burks says: "The illusion that he's looking at my computer screen, and smiling subtly, adds to the fun of it all."

—Brad Herzog '90



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# Food Fight

FINE DINING TRANSFORMS LAS VEGAS



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**E**PIUREANS FROM COAST TO coast are mourning the sudden disappearance of their favorite chefs. In Beverly Hills, Wolfgang Puck protégé Eric Klein vanished from Maple Drive in December. In Chicago, Italian food lovers are in the dumps about the departure of Paul Bartolotta from Spiaggia. And French food fanatics are feeling snubbed at the loss of Jimmy Sneed from his Virginia restaurant, the Frog and the Redneck.

They've all packed up and gone to—where?—Las Vegas. The culprit: Elizabeth

Blau, MPS '95, who coaxed them away to open new restaurants at the \$2.4 billion Wynn Las Vegas complex, slated to open in April with 2,700 rooms and nineteen dining outlets.

Wynn Las Vegas is the newest—and most ambitious—venture of casino mogul Steve Wynn. Last year, he hired Blau as executive vice president of restaurant marketing and development, a job that entails the conceptualization of new restaurants and their design, menu planning, marketing, and public relations.

Blau faced little competition: she had

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made her name in restaurant development in the late '90s while working for Wynn's former company, Mirage Resorts. There, she made the restaurants of the swank Bellagio casino the envy of Sin City, in large part by convincing celebrity chefs to open branches of their famous eateries. (She pounced on such superstars as French food master Jean-Georges Vongerichten, celebrated Boston chef Todd English, and seafood guru Michael Mina, among others.) Blau also developed restaurants at Treasure Island and Mirage in Las Vegas and at Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi—where she met her husband, Kim Canteenwalla, its executive chef.

She went on to develop other successful restaurants for Mirage and, beginning in 2002, her own consulting company, Elizabeth Blau and Associates. Blau's strategy of recruiting big-name chefs and investing in top-notch design, management, and technology has become a recipe for success in Las Vegas.

Typical Vegas fare used to consist of ninety-nine-cent shrimp cocktails and budget buffets. The idea was to lure gamblers to the casinos with cheap rooms and food. That notion has been turned on its head—the new emphasis is on high-end non-gambling operations such as condos, upscale supermarkets, and expensive restaurants. The local economy has been transformed, and only half of the city's revenues now come from gambling, down from 70 percent in the 1970s, according to Reneta McCarthy, a casino industry expert at the Hotel school.

That has happened because gambling has become more commonplace in America, so Las Vegas has needed new draws to keep the visitors coming. Real estate prices have also jumped so high that developers realized it would be more profitable to own mini-cities where people live, eat, shop, and gamble, rather than running casinos only. And developers have been spurred on by the city's culture of "one-upmanship," says McCarthy. In this environment, luxury restaurants have proliferated.

"Restaurants in Las Vegas used to be amenities," Blau says. "If you wanted to use the restroom or get a drink at the bar, you had to go into the casino. But restaurants

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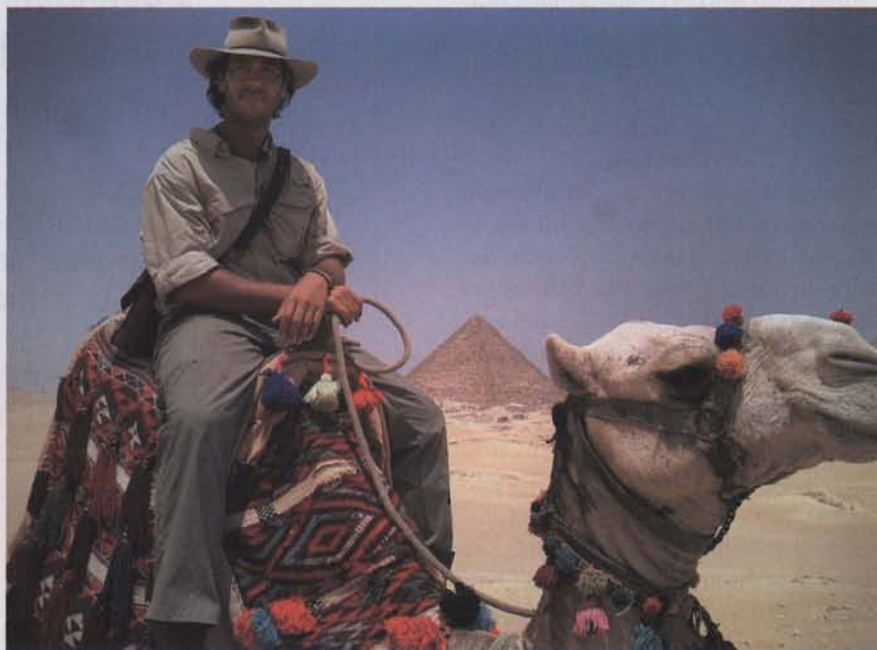
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With Wynn Las Vegas, Blau is about to

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## The Survivor

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**C**limbing an 11,000-foot glacier through the Italian Alps, swimming the shark-infested waters off the coast of Easter Island, and hiking Egypt's sweltering deserts in search of Nefertiti's tomb are all in a day's work for Josh Bernstein '93. As host of "Digging for the Truth," a new "extreme archaeology" show that premiered in January on the History Channel, wilderness survival expert Bernstein explores some of the world's most exotic—and physically challenging—locations in search of answers to centuries-old questions. While investigating puzzles such as who built the pyramids, he consults with archaeological experts and makes his way through a dangerous new site each episode. "We always joke with the cameraman, who says that if there is a chance I will die during an episode, it must be good," says Bernstein.

A double major in psychology and anthropology, Bernstein picked up his survival skills during his college-year summers working as a trail leader at the Boulder Outdoor Survival School (BOSS) in Colorado. After graduation and a five-year stint as BOSS's marketing director, he tripled the company's business and became president and CEO, titles that he still holds. Bernstein then started traveling the globe to speak to the media and public about wilderness survival and quickly became regarded as a leading expert in the field. His reputation proved to be his ticket to TV: History Channel producers, seeking a host who was physically capable of exploring hazardous locales, hired Bernstein after one screen test. Having survived filming the first thirteen-episode season, Josh says he's ready for further adventures. "There is more to the show than just the knowledge," he says. "There's a visceral and hopefully vicarious experience of actually being there."

—Megs DiDario '07

who lived in Las Vegas and oversaw the restaurants on a day-to-day basis, rather than from afar. So Blau convinced top chefs to move to Vegas and manage their restaurants on-site. Hefty pay packages helped, she admits, but "it was mostly about camaraderie"—a valuable perk in the food-and-entertainment business.

"I didn't come here for the money," says Eric Klein, speaking on a cell phone while searching for a new home in Las Vegas. Klein (who met Blau through his wife, fellow Hotelier Tory Rogers Klein, MPS '94) will run the steakhouse at the new Wynn resort. "I came to start a new adventure and work with Elizabeth, who's a visionary," he says. "She made Las Vegas food what it is today."

Blau has always had a passion for food. As a teen in West Hartford, Connecticut, she was a cook at a beer-and-burrito outlet. After college at Georgetown she sold the designer water Clearly Canadian, learned confectionery arts working at a candy shop, and, during a Cornell summer, worked for the James Beard Foundation in New York, where she met dozens of chefs and restaurant owners. Among them was Sirio Maccioni, owner of Le Cirque and Osteria Del Circo. His restaurants intrigued her, and for her master's thesis Blau wrote a strategic marketing plan for Le Cirque. After graduation, she went to work for the Maccioni family. (Son Mario Maccioni '93, who also attended the Hotel school, helps run the restaurants.) When Wynn hired her in 1997, she brought the family's restaurants to Bellagio.

When Wynn sold Mirage Resorts to MGM Grand in 2000, Blau stayed on for a while. She eventually resigned because, she says, "I had been used to working in close relationships with owners. MGM felt like a big, impersonal corporate entity to me." So she started her own consulting firm and found that chefs, developers, and financiers were soon knocking at her door. And then Steve Wynn called again.

"Elizabeth has her finger on the pulse of what people want when they come to Las Vegas," says Max Jacobson, the restaurant editor of *Las Vegas Life* magazine. "She can anticipate that and then deliver."

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White dessert wines pair well with fruit tarts, but Laszlo's suggestion of sipping this Vidal with pumpkin spice cheesecake sounds difficult to improve upon.

— Dana Malley

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Sally Satel wants to save public health from left-wing 'indoctrinologists,' defeat the culture of 'therapism,' and tell self-absorbed Americans to get over it. What kind of psychiatrist is she?

# Her Right Mind

By Sharon Tregaskis

Photographs by Scott Suchman

**P**sychiatrist and conservative commentator Sally Satel spent two years in therapy. Most of it, she says, was a big waste of time. But that's not the reason her latest book, *One Nation Under Therapy: The Rise of the Helping Culture and the Decline of Self-Reliance*, takes such a dim view of the American capacity for emotional navel-gazing. The book, written with Christina Hoff Summers, is a 200-page attack on "therapism," a term the co-authors coined to describe the "valorization of openness, emotional self-absorption, and the sharing of feelings." "In theory," they write, "therapism offers a compassionate and caring philosophy of life; in practice it enfeebles those it seeks to help. By treating them as fragile victims, it badly underestimates their natural strength and courage."

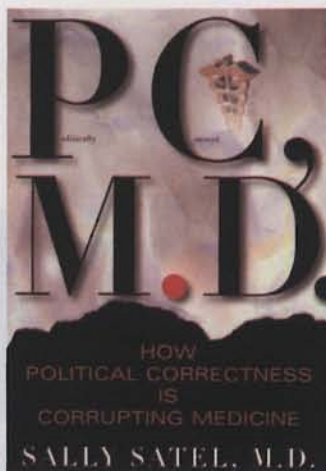
That conclusion, Satel says, is based on empirical evidence, not personal opinion. Still, her assessment of national trends seems to mirror the complaints about her own time on the couch. "My experience was not as valuable as it might have been," she says. "It was far too ruminative. It wasn't forward-looking enough. It wasn't confrontational enough."

Satel '77 seems to thrive on confrontation. Her editorials bear such headlines as "Feminism is Bad for Women's Health Care" and "Drugs: A Decision, Not a Disease." An expert on addiction and post-traumatic stress disorder, she has challenged the value of grief counseling—trauma survivors know their own coping strategies, she insists—and argued that the "brain disease" model of addiction relies too heavily on biochemistry and understates the addict's free will. Satel's emphasis on personal responsibility in public health—and her polarizing pronouncements on such hot-button issues as racial, income, and gender disparities in health care—have made her the *bête noire* of many in the mental health and substance abuse fields. Fellow psychiatrist Ivan Oransky dubbed her "a conservative ideologue in a doctor's white lab coat" in a 2001 book review.

With Republicans at the helm in Washington, Satel's star is rising. Last

pendent panel investigating sexual misconduct at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Since 2000, Satel has pondered the interface between medicine and culture at the American Enterprise Institute, a public policy research group in Washington, D.C. In addition to her *One Nation* co-author Sommers, who also wrote *Who Stole Feminism?* and *The War Against Boys*, Satel's AEI colleagues include Lynne Cheney, former House speaker Newt Gingrich, and Dr. Leon Kass, chairman of the president's commission on bioethics. "People say this is a right-wing think tank," says Satel from behind a vast desk cluttered with stacks of folders and papers in an office crammed to capacity with over-



think of medicine as being affected." She staked her claim to health-care punditry with her 2000 book *P.C., M.D.*, which chronicled the liberal takeover of public health by "indoctrinologists" who, she says, undermine everything from the delivery of services for the mentally ill to compulsory treatment programs for

pregnant addicts. The book may have been written during the Clinton presidency, but the author says not much has changed. "I'm deeply dismayed to tell you it's not at all dated," Satel says. "The people who seem to propel themselves to leadership positions in health organizations often have a very left-of-center mindset, and that's still there."

High on Satel's list of causes hijacked by the left: racial disparities in health and health care. "According to new conventional wisdom," she writes in *P.C., M.D.*, "a mismatch in race between doctor and patient—especially when the doctor is white and the patient is not—may be enough to trigger subtle, or not so subtle, biases that result in second-rate medical treatment and poorer health." The author readily admits these disparities exist, but dismisses the claim that they arise from racism or bias in the medical system. "Personally, I'm just uncomfortable analyzing problems from a group perspective," she says. "I'm less interested in the relative health of minorities compared to whites; I'm more interested in people being as healthy as they can be. You could argue that that's somewhat semantic, but still, my biggest problem with the issue is that it's metamorphosed from a public health problem into a social movement. Now it seems like it's another front in the civil rights agenda."

Pediatrician Winston Price, MD '74, is president of the National Medical Association, the country's oldest association of African-American physicians and an advocacy group for racial equity issues in health care. He calls Satel's characterization "shallow" and cites two studies: a 1999 *Journal of the American Medical Association* article documenting that black

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March, she provided expert testimony before the House Veterans Affairs Committee on post-traumatic stress in soldiers returning from Iraq. She also serves on the national advisory council of the Center for Mental Health Services, an arm of Health and Human Service's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, a post she's held since her 2002 appointment by President George W. Bush. And in 2003, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld nominated her to the seven-member inde-

stuffed bookshelves. "It is right of center, there's no question about that, but people here are serious scholars." In person, the forty-nine-year-old psychiatrist is soft-spoken and reserved; her gentle manner bears little resemblance to the fierce persona that inhabits her writing.

For the most part, says Satel, the issues she tackles aren't exactly at the top of the Bush Administration's to-do list. "The culture wars are big," she says, "but this is a little bit of a detour because people don't

women consistently received less aggressive cardiac care than their white counterparts, and another in which African Americans with bone fractures received lower doses of analgesics in the emergency room. “Those kinds of biased and racist intervention in the treatment of African Americans are resonated in various components of the health-care interaction between majority physicians and their minority patients,” says Price. “That’s not to say that there aren’t differences between populations based on social and environmental factors, but many of those differences—specifically in the incidence of different cancers, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and asthma—are, in large part, due to years of bias and the lack of care that minorities have received.”

Satel disagrees. “The data just aren’t that compelling,” she says. “We have much better explanations that basically have to do with access to care, quality of care, and self-care. The differences are more a function of income and behavior than they are of race.”

Yet Satel has often argued that in at least one respect, race does matter, in that it provides physicians crucial insights into the best treatments for their patients. In “I Am a Racially Profiling Doctor,” a May 2002 feature in the *New York Times Magazine*, Satel highlighted the value of race as a proxy for genetic relatedness and medical history, detailing how African-American metabolism of anti-depressants and hepatitis C treatments informs her work as staff psychiatrist at Oasis, a Washington, D.C., methadone clinic. “Not surprisingly, many human genetic variations tend to cluster by racial groups,” she writes. “Skin color itself is not what is at issue—it’s the evolutionary history indicated by skin color.”

In December, Satel re-visited the topic to comment on BiDil, a heart medication developed by researchers at the University of Minnesota and tested exclusively on African-American patients. The studies were so successful—reducing hospitalization and mortality by half—that researchers cut the experiment short and put control subjects on the drug as well. “The extensive—and predominantly optimistic—coverage of the BiDil story recognizes that diseases and treatments are not colorblind,” writes Satel in *Medical Progress Today*. “So doctors and researchers should not be either.”



**Investigator:** In 2003, Satel (with retired Army general Michael Nardotti, left) served on a panel looking into sexual misconduct at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Many experts on the human genome highlight the overwhelming similarity of all people; Satel calls for greater attention to the 0.1 percent difference in human biology attributed to race. And when it comes to racism itself, she relies on a narrow definition. “I take a purist approach to defining racism, which is a conscious, deliberate effort to disadvantage someone just because of some feature—they’re black, they’re white, whatever,” she says. “Now if you take a disparate impact approach, then wherever you see a difference, it’s going to be, by definition, an example of racism.” Of particular concern, says Satel, is the possibility that activists could use federal civil rights legislation to push inappropriate solutions for health-care disparities. “There are so many socioeconomic and clinical reasons why we see these differences. To invoke a civil rights framework is inefficient and doesn’t

address the true causes of the treatment gap. Instead, we should target improving quality and access for all people who are underserved.”

**S**ally Satel meant to become an evolutionary biologist. At Cornell, she majored in neurobiology and behavior, and as a student in professor Will Provine’s biology course, she regularly took unpopular stances—often to the benefit of classroom discussions. “Sally wasn’t afraid to take a point of view and really wring it dry, looking at the evidence,” Provine recalls. “I found her to be an intriguing student with whom I had all sorts of disagreements. She can argue any side of an issue.” Provine, a science historian, compares Satel’s skills to those

of University of Chicago economist Milton Friedman, with whom he played tennis as a graduate student in the late 1960s. "It was so exciting for me to bat my head against this brilliant guy who made such interesting arguments," he says of the Nobel laureate, adding that he "hated basically everything Friedman believed." Satel had a similar capacity for cogent debate, Provine says, and he urged her to continue her studies at Chicago. She did, but left after three years and a master's degree to earn a medical degree at Brown, followed by a residency in psychiatry at Yale.

Along the way she turned her attention from academic research, which she actively pursued through the early 1990s, to public policy. "I never wanted to spend all of my time at a clinic," she says. "Hardly anyone in academic psychiatry wants to do that." In a 1997 article in the online journal *Slate*, Brown professor of psychiatry Peter Kramer, author of *Listening to Prozac*, recalls meeting Satel in 1983 as a "disgruntled medical student headed for a career in radiology," and suggesting she reconsider. "I encouraged you to consider becoming a psychiatrist," he writes.

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"And here you are, contributing slashing right-wing essays to the *New Republic* and the *Wall Street Journal*. I feel toward you the way the Alan Alda character does toward his son in Woody Allen's recent film, *Everyone Says I Love You*. I'm

delighted by your success, but did you have to turn out to be a conservative?"

"I don't think there's another person with Sally's views that I'm friends with," says Kramer. Despite deep ideological differences, he imagines their approach to patient care might well be similar. "I don't know that in the clinical moment we would necessarily do something different."

Satel says she never voted until 1992—when she cast a ballot for Bill Clinton. She traces the genesis of her political awakening to her nine years in New Haven, where she joined the staff of the Yale-affiliated West Haven VA Medical Center after completing her residency there. "There's a profound culture of entitlement, and I mean that in the most literal sense," she says of her time at the VA, which ended in 1993. "People get very generous disability benefits, and a lot of times that makes sense—they really cannot function. But also a lot of times it insures they don't. It's such a perverse incentive to stay sick."

Not only was Satel disturbed by the ways in which disability benefits frequently failed to "pull people into health," she often saw the payments undermining the recovering addicts with whom she worked. "They got pretty generous



benefits, and they would turn around and buy drugs," she recalls. "And here I was, head of a drug treatment unit. They readily admitted it, and when they were presented with the option of having someone manage their money, they acknowledged that would probably help. But when push came to shove, the patients didn't want to relinquish their money." That observation led to an ongoing fascination with unintended consequences in health care and a health policy fellowship in 1993 with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey. Through the program she assisted Kansas Senator Nancy Kassebaum, a ranking member of the U.S. Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, and delved into the effects of a since-discontinued Social Security program for addicts that provided retroactive benefits, sometimes totaling as much as \$40,000 in lump payments. "The whole concept was perverse," she says. "You mean you're too intoxicated to work, so you're disabled?"

Simultaneously, her work with Vietnam vets led Satel to question the conventional wisdom on the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). "There was an emphasis on what happened to you and your war story, and it just entrenched their resentment and their perception of themselves," she says. "Then they get 100 percent disability for being a veteran, and it just solidifies their sense of themselves as someone incapable of working." Like the addicts she was treating, Satel says many of her patients with PTSD knew they weren't benefiting from the social safety net. "You could say, 'Look, I'm worried that this approach isn't all that constructive for you,' and honestly, nine times out of ten they'd agree. So then we'd have two people agreeing, and they'd still be part of a system. It had to be addressed at a higher level; that's what started moving me into a more policy-oriented direction."

**S**atel's views have made her a lightning rod for criticism. Daniel Fox, president of the health policy research foundation the Milbank Fund, called her an "unreliable guide" in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. In a *New Republic* commentary on P.C., M.D., surgeon/author Sherwin

Nuland concluded with a caveat that foreshadowed subsequent critiques: "Satel says many important things in her book, and most of her targets are objectionable in precisely the ways she objects to them. But there is something disquieting about the presence of her own politics and their absoluteness."

Weill Cornell psychiatrist Robert Millman, an expert on drug detoxification, has a similar concern about Satel's pronouncements on addiction. "She's very smart, has a lot of experience in the field, is very thoughtful and imaginative, and makes a really important point," says Millman. "Reducing all drug dependence and addiction to a brain disease is in some ways limiting because it's not giving adequate attention to people's ability to choose, their psychological makeup, the virtues of talking therapy. Yet in a way, she's making an issue out of a non-issue—addiction is a behavior that results from the interaction of social, psychological, and biological factors."

The notion of Satel as a right-wing ideologue is a recurring theme among critics, but she often strays from Republican talking points. In 1998, when then-New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani called for replacing the city's open-ended methadone treatment programs with a ninety-day methadone-to-abstinence policy—he called it a more "moral" approach to fighting addiction—Satel defended the maintenance strategy employed by clinics. She has also argued the value of alternatives to incarceration for non-violent drug offenders, championed compulsory treatment—rather than jail—for the criminally insane, and assailed the use of the death penalty on the mentally ill. And in June 2003, when feminists criticized the composition of the independent panel investigating sexual misconduct at the Air Force Academy, Satel cited her pro-abortion rights stance as evidence of her open-mindedness.

Throughout the late 1990s Satel served as science advisor for the conservative Independent Women's Forum, originally formed by a group of prominent Republican women in defense of Justice Clarence Thomas during his confirmation hearings in 1991. She supports the concept of cultural competency in health care—which assures that patients of all backgrounds understand medical instructions and have qualified translators—but prefers to call it

"basic sensitivity and good care." "At its worst," she says, "cultural competence generates interracial sensitivity training and all the silliness and infantilized rhetoric that comes with that." Similarly, race-based preferences, or "quotas," are a frequent target of her ire (they "lower the bar" to admit the unqualified), but she says she supports affirmative action, which "broadens the net." "I'm sure that's why I got into Cornell. They were looking for women—and thank God they were."

Satel, who dubbed herself a "stem-cell Republican" to highlight her support for embryonic stem-cell research, cites seventeenth-century philosopher John Locke as an inspiration and prefers the label "radically independent" to describe her politics. "It's about following the facts, changing your mind when the facts change, and emphasizing personal responsibility—which, unfortunately sounds like a cliché now," she says. "To the extent that I argue for certain policy directions, it always draws on an empirical foundation; I'm not arguing on the basis of aesthetics or preference."

Mace Beckson, MD '85, medical director of the Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit at the West Los Angeles VA Health Care Center and a frequent expert witness in civil and criminal cases on addiction and post-traumatic stress disorder, calls Satel a "devil's advocate," a voice of dissent who provides a crucial counterbalance to the prevailing impulses in medicine. In twenty years in the field, he says, he's seen enough orthodoxies crumble to be wary of holding any view with too much fervor. "I applaud Sally Satel's work," he says. "She takes the role of saying, 'Hey, that might not be true,' or 'Look at all of this evidence.' You always have standard bearers who express a certain point of view for the sake of clarity, and maybe they don't include all the nuances."

Satel prefers not to think of herself as an activist, political or otherwise. "An activist is someone whose major goal is changing policy. My major goal—not to sound presumptuous—is setting the record straight on the issues." To her, it's all about a scientific pursuit of what's best for patient care. "It always comes back to some kind of fact or demonstrated, repeated observation," she says. "That's the core of classical liberalism—to be informed by the truth. That doesn't neatly fall on either side of the aisle." ●

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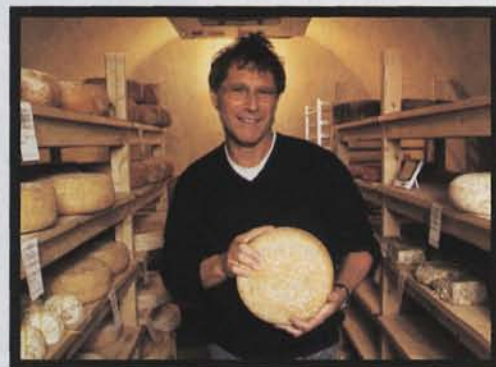
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By Beth Saulnier  
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It was 1990, around Christmastime. Rob Kaufelt '69 was waiting his turn at Murray's Cheese, a little Greenwich Village shop as quirky as the neighborhood that had sustained it since 1940. When he got to the counter—it took a while, because glacially long waits were part of the Murray's ethos—he found out the place was about to close for good; Luigi, its second owner, had lost his lease and was going home to Italy. Kaufelt decided to buy it, partly because he wanted the store to survive. But he sums up his major motivation in one word: “Unemployment.”

Kaufelt grew up in a family of food purveyors. His grandparents had owned a butcher shop in Perth Amboy, New Jersey; his father was a co-owner of the Foodtown supermarket chain in the central part of the state. Kaufelt himself had had a celebrated run with the company, pioneering the concept of supermarket as colorful, full-service food emporium, but a solo foray into gourmet shops hadn't gone as well. By the time he walked into Murray's that fateful day, he'd been out of work for two years.

A decade and a half later, Kaufelt has become the ultimate cheesehead—not one of those foam-hat-wearing football fans,



but a connoisseur of all things aged and rindy, bloomy and semi-firm. Looking for a job, Kaufelt found a calling. “What I love about cheese is so many things,” he says, sipping espresso from a paper cup in the classroom of his newly renovated store on Bleeker Street, just across from the shop he ran for fifteen years. “I like peasant foods generally, and when I went to Cornell, a part of that time was a ‘back to the land’ thing. It was the *Whole Earth Catalog* and down jackets.” Also, Kaufelt notes with a grin, he has the physical gifts to appreciate his product. “I think one of the peculiarities of my particular biology is a very acute sense of smell,” he says. “I realized quite late in life that I tend to smell things more than most people—in some ways, perhaps, like a dog.”

If Kaufelt is lucky in inheriting a top-notch proboscis, he was equally fortunate in his sense of timing. He got into the business just as America's artisanal cheese-making scene was starting to ripen, and before the cheese course had re-emerged as a hallmark of fine dining, at least in the nation's foodie capitals. “It's a new trend,” says Gina Mignon '02, events and education planner for Manhattan's Artisanal Cheese Center, one of Murray's few competitors in the city. “I notice that when I go to restaurants, my friends are even ordering cheese plates as opposed to dessert. It seems like it's the hot thing to do in New York.”

**A**merican cheese has come a long way since, well . . . American cheese. According to the California Milk Advisory Board, Americans are eating more cheese than ever. In 2003, we consumed 8.8 billion pounds of the stuff—that's 30.6 pounds per person, four pounds more than in 1994 and a whopping 19.5 pounds more than in 1970. It's a \$40 billion-a-year industry, with 440 producers nationwide, 350 of them small-scale.

Hotel school lecturer Barbara Lang says Kaufelt has tapped into a trend that began shortly after World War II. "It really started," she says, "when soldiers came back after being exposed to the specialty foods of Europe." The earthy, intense cheeses they had tasted were in vivid contrast to the ones that had traditionally been made in this country—the Swisses, cheddars, and edams that German and Danish immigrants brought to the Midwest, which eventually spawned those bright orange bricks in your supermarket. "You had this dairy industry that became a manufacturing industry, so they started to make huge quantities, and they made them in ways that became a lot more mechanical because of production needs," Lang says. "In America, the way you judged cheese seemed to be on sanitation or purity—a cheese got high marks because it had no flaws. But in fact when you look at artisanal cheeses, those flaws for one person could be assets to another."

Lang should know: she's the former president of the American Cheese Society, a 1,000-member organization started in 1982. The society's founding followed the California Cuisine craze of the 1970s, when chef Wolfgang Puck put goat cheese and caramelized onions on pizza, and *chèvre* slowly began to enter the American palate. As more people started small cheese-making operations, groups like the American Cheese Society and the New York State Farmstead and Artisan Cheese Makers Guild formed to support them. Now dozens of fine American cheeses sit side by side in Murray's case with their European counterparts. "You can compare the cheese industry to the wine industry," Lang says. "They both require science and art, and you also need a person who really knows how to do it, not just the raw material."

One of the country's most honored artisanal producers is the Old Chatham Shepherding Company, founded in 1997 by Tom Clark '63, MBA '64, and his wife, Nancy Williams Clark '63, MS '64. Their sheep's milk cheeses, which Murray's sells, include a Hudson Valley Camembert that was named Best Cheese in America at the 2001 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest in Wisconsin, and a feta that took first place at the 2002 American Cheese Soci-

ety competition. Organic farmers, the Clarks have a herd of 1,200 sheep and produce some 200,000 pounds of cheese a year. "More people are starting to eat good cheese," Tom Clark says. "We have a hard time keeping up with the demand." Clark, a Cornell trustee, credits shops like Murray's and Artisanal, as well as the upscale chain Whole Foods, with broadening the average American's cheese vocabulary. "In the last five years," he says, "the public has become much more aware of the fact that there are a great many artisanal cheeses available in—and made in—the United States."

Because Old Chatham makes relatively young cheeses, it needs fresh milk year-round—but sheep traditionally lamb only in the spring. With the help of animal husbandry experts at Cornell, the Clarks have developed techniques to make them lamb in the fall as well; they've also gotten advice from experts in the University's food science department, and from geneticists who've helped them improve milk production.

In addition to aiding producers with the science of cheese, Cornell researchers are helping them with marketing as well: in the applied economics and management department, research associate Angela Gloy is working on a year-long, USDA-funded project on potential distribution areas for specialty cheeses from New York State and elsewhere. "Farmers are very good at producing milk," Gloy says,

"but they might be less inclined to look down the supply chain and ask, 'What are some of the distribution and marketing concerns once I have a finished product?'"

**T**he story of cheese probably started with a fortunate accident. "As the myth goes," Rob Kaufelt says, "if somebody used the stomach of an animal as a canteen or a flask, and it had milk in it—well, the rennet would cause it to curdle. And with a little heat and a little rest, you might open it up and have cheese."

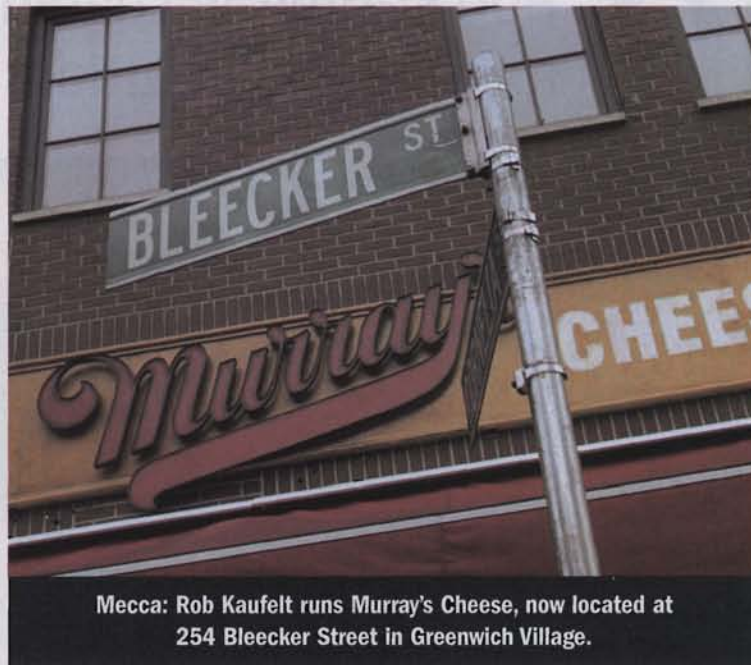
To walk into Kaufelt's store, located on a stretch of Bleecker Street that has become something of a mecca for specialty food purveyors, is to experience the opposite of that famous Monty Python sketch—the one where John Cleese goes into a shop in search of a "cheesy comestible," only to have proprietor Michael Palin tell him he's fresh out of every variety.

*Cleese: "It's not much of a cheese shop, is it?"*

*Palin: "Finest in the district, sir."*

*Cleese: "Explain the logic underlying that conclusion, please."*

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Mecca: Rob Kaufelt runs Murray's Cheese, now located at 254 Bleecker Street in Greenwich Village.





The wonderful world of cheese: From fresh to aged, soft to crumbly—on average, each American eats more than thirty pounds a year.



# Cheese 101

In November, Rob Kaufelt gave a lecture and tasting at the Cornell Club—New York. Several dozen attendees sampled six offerings selected from the hundreds available at Murray's Cheese and got a primer on all things cheesy. Some basics:

## The Five Categories

**FRESH:** Rindless, unaged cheeses such as ricotta; they must be consumed quickly.

**BLOOMY:** Varieties such as brie and camembert that develop a soft, white mold over a thin, natural skin.

**WASHED RIND:** The so-called “stinky cheeses” like taleggio, whose natural rinds are bathed in salt water, wine, or another liquid.

**SEMI-FIRM:** Cheeses like Parmigiano Reggiano, which are aged to develop thicker rinds, a crumbly texture, and a sharp bite.

**BLUE:** Such cheeses as Roquefort and gorgonzola, which, after several weeks of aging, are pierced with a needle to allow for the formation of mold.

## Storing Tips

- Wrap in parchment or waxed paper.
- Cover with plastic wrap or foil.
- Store on the lowest shelf of the refrigerator; a hard, aged cheese may be kept in a cool, dark cupboard.
- Each time you open the cheese, re-cover with fresh paper and plastic wrap or foil.
- Cheeses with lower moisture content last longer, and vice versa. A fresh cheese will generally last five to eight days, while an aged variety can keep for months.

## Serving Tips

### THE CHEESE PLATE

- For after dinner, start with a fresh cheese or bloomy rind, then a semi-soft or medium, then a harder cheese, and finally a blue.
- Vary milk types among goat, sheep, and cow.
- Allot one ounce of each cheese per person.
- Cut the portions while the cheese is cold.
- Choose the correct size plate; a salad plate should accommodate between two and five cheeses.
- Arrange the cheese on the plate in clockwise fashion, with the first cheese at midnight.
- Cover the plate with parchment or waxed paper to keep the cheese from drying out.
- Allow the cheese to warm up for at least an hour before serving.

### THE CHEESE BOARD

- For hors d'oeuvres, avoid sweet triple-crèmes, blues, or very aged cheese in favor of bloomy rinds, medium-washed rinds, or semi-softs.
- Arrange the wedges on the board in their original packaging.
- Allow the cheese to warm for an hour, then remove wrapping.
- Leave cheeses in whole blocks, allowing guests to cut them.
- Place a knife next to each variety to avoid cross-contamination.



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Palin: "Well, it's so clean, sir."

Cleese: "It's certainly uncontaminated by cheese."

At Murray's, the cheese confronts you before you even walk in the door: there's a window cut into the sidewalk outside giving

a view down into one of the aging caves. Inside, cheese overflows onto tables and countertops, fills shelves in two glass-walled rooms on the first floor, and is crammed into the custom-designed caves in the basement. Behind the counter, salespeople in smart red coats and caps wait on customers, advising them on the store's more than 250 varieties—as well as prepared foods, charcuterie, and myriad accompaniments, from cornichons to quince paste.

In November, Kaufelt brought a sampling of his wares to the Cornell Club–New York for a tasting: fresh buffalo milk mozzarella; La Serena, a creamy Spanish offering made from raw sheep's milk; Humboldt Fog, a chèvre with a layer of ash in the middle; taleggio, a soft, piquant cheese made from unpressed curds of

cow's milk; piave, with a nutty flavor often compared to Parmigiano Reggiano; and Roquefort Vieux Berger, which Kaufelt described as "arguably the world's greatest blue." His audience went home veritably engorged—and that was just a small sample of Kaufelt's cheese case. As Cynthia Zarin put it in her 2004 *New Yorker* profile of Kaufelt: "In the past few years, the cheese landscape in New York—what kind of cheese you can buy, who makes it, who's eating it, and where—has changed dramatically; it's like the moment when black-and-white TV turned into full-spectrum color, and in that world Kaufelt is key."

When Kaufelt first bought the store, he spent a fair amount of time just watching and listening. Luigi, the previous owner, stayed on for a while, and many customers had no idea it had changed hands. "I was reluctant to change anything, because I was afraid we would lose what it had," he says. "I just stood behind the counter and kind of kept my mouth shut." The new store—the third location in the shop's nearly sixty-five-year history—opened in November, doubling its retail space to all of 1,200 square feet. (The old Murray's wasn't just legendarily slow, it was also legendarily tiny.) In addition to the retail trade, the shop supplies a who's who of fancy Manhattan restaurants, including Alain Ducasse, Chanterelle, and Jean Georges.

In the expanded location, Murray's has started offering more

take-out foods like panini, as well as classes in a program called the Cheese Course. (If that also sounds like something from Monty Python, consider that the evening classes that Mignon oversees at Artisanal, on such subjects as wine pairings and seasonal accompaniments to cheese, have been consistently selling out—some five dozen people paying \$75 each.) Murray's also does a brisk mail-order business, with a website and a cheese-of-the-month club. The customers who take a number at the counter come from all over the New York metro area and beyond; many have been shopping there for decades. Says Kaufelt: "We still get people who knew Murray."

**A**t fifty-seven, Kaufelt has been married and divorced twice. He lives in the Village, plays the acoustic guitar, enjoys solitary sports like cycling and swimming. Zarin described him as "a wryly handsome, jumpy man." He does seem to convulse with energy, and he can work himself into a lather: attendees at the Cornell Club tasting got, among many pearls of cheese wisdom, an earful about the manifold evils of the Wal-Mart meat department. He spends a third of his work time on the road, seeking out new cheeses throughout France, Italy, Spain, England, Ireland, Switzerland, and the U.S. "It's generally in small villages, small



JASON HOUSTON

**Cheese makers: Nancy Williams Clark '63, MS '64, and Tom Clark '63, MBA '64, owners of the Old Chatham Shepherding Company**



producers—peasant history," he says. "Those places have the old-fashioned elements that are the antithesis of modern life. I have a pretty good understanding of modern life—I live right in the middle of Manhattan—but I'm drawn to the old-fashioned ways."

In the store, there's a photograph of his grandparents outside their butcher shop, Kaufelt's Fancy Groceries. The continued health of such small, independent businesses is Kaufelt's other abiding passion. "The fact that there are actually service people who know your name and what you like to buy, your favorite cheese or whatever it is, might be considered a good thing," he says. "I think the loss of diversity is probably not a good thing, whether it's in ecology or in shops. There's not so much difference between being a small cheesemaker up in the Savoy or in Wisconsin, and preserving the old Murray's in the old neighborhood. To me it's all the same thing." ●

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# A serial killer's pursuit of death becomes a case study in American justice.

By David Dudley and Brad Herzog

**D**uring the eighteen years that Michael Ross has lived on death row, he has spent many hours punching out letters and articles on a typewriter. For years he put together a monthly newsletter that was mailed to a list of correspondents and, later, published on the Web. He wrote about his prison routine—up early listening to National Public Radio, a brisk one-hour morning walk to keep his weight down, afternoons naps, and some TV after dinner on the small color set his father bought him. He wrote about the Catholic faith he found in prison, his hours of daily prayer, the peace he felt reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. He wrote, bemusedly at times, about the twists and turns of his case, a two-decade odyssey through the state and federal courts that featured several appeals, an overturned capital sentence, two penalty phase hearings separated by thirteen years, another sentence of death, and—in the weeks leading up to his scheduled execution this January—a bewildering flurry of last-minute motions filed on his behalf by religious groups, public defenders, death penalty foes, and his own father. Most of all, he wrote about himself, and what he did.

Between May 1981, when he graduated from Cornell, and June 1984, when a Connecticut police investigator knocked on his door, Ross killed eight young women, raping seven of them

before strangling them. The youngest victims were fourteen years old. He hid the bodies in woods and corn fields and ravines; the last was found entombed in a stone wall. “I’m the worst of the worst,” he proclaimed in an article he wrote in 1996, “a man who has raped and murdered eight women, assaulted several others, and stalked and frightened many more. And when I am finally executed, the vast majority of the people of this state will celebrate my death.”

Over the course of one six-day period this January, Ross received five scheduled execution dates. He survived them all. At one point, on the morning of January 29, Ross had little more than an hour to live when his lawyer suddenly announced that new evidence had cast doubt on his client’s mental competency. The execution was stayed. On February 10, a state judge set a new execution date of May 11, insuring that the debate over whether Ross should die for his crimes will indeed go on. But for legal scholars and experts on both sides of the capital punishment divide, the protracted history of the Ross case illustrates a larger issue—the knotty ethical contradictions at the heart of the right to kill.

Ross was diagnosed by several psychiatrists as a sexual sadist, afflicted with a severe clinical paraphilia that left him with a powerful—perhaps uncontrollable—urge to inflict suffering for pleasure. While in prison, he has attempted suicide several times and often wrote with regret how he had failed to kill himself while an undergraduate. In 1995, he became a death penalty “volunteer,” agreeing to waive further appeals and even hiring an attorney to speed his execution. Publicly, he claimed that he wanted to spare the families of his victims the further suffering that the appeals process would bring. But his former public defenders, citing “death row syndrome,” argued that the extreme social isolation of his extended incarceration had essentially made Ross psychologically unable to make his own legal decisions.

As the legal drama over Ross’s right to die continues to play out, the foes and advocates of capital punishment in America watch closely. Some argue that the lethal injection of a man with a serious psychological disorder and a history of attempts on his

own life would amount to state-assisted suicide. But others—prosecutors, victims' families, and Ross himself—tell a very different story: deciding to die is the only sane thing a man like Michael Ross could do.

**T**he reports were all similar. Someone was jumping out of the bushes, trying to grab women in the woods around Beebe Lake. A girl who was visiting campus reported a rape. Another rape was attempted near the observatory. And then, on the night of May 12, 1981, a young graduate student didn't come home, and the landlady at her rooming house called the police. A few days later, the *Ithaca Journal* printed a missing persons notice with a small photograph of Dzung Ngoc Tu, who was last seen reading a newspaper in Warren Hall.

Dzung had emigrated from Vietnam to America when she was ten years old. Her father, an economist, took a job with the World Bank, and in the summer of 1969 her family left the war-ravaged country for Bethesda, Maryland, outside of Washington, D.C. "My parents were looking for a better life for their children, as opposed to an uncertain future in the old country," recalls Dzung's older brother, Lan Manh Tu, now a real estate appraiser in the Annapolis area. Dzung flourished in her new life. She learned English rapidly, became an honors student at Walt Whitman High School, and enrolled at Vassar College in pursuit of an economics degree. She was a year younger than most of her classmates, and so tiny—barely five feet tall and ninety-five pounds—that friends felt a motherly affection for her. "But there was a spine of steel in her, too," recalls Victoria Balfour, her Vassar roommate in 1973–74. "Dzung could take care of herself." At Cornell, Dzung was finishing her first year in the agricultural economics graduate program; her plan was to return to Vietnam and use her degree to help spur development.

Dzung was "a model daughter and sister," says Lan. She sponsored orphaned children in Africa, joined Ithaca's Big Brother/Big Sister program, and helped kids with terminal cancer as a hospital volunteer. "One thing I wanted people to know about her was that she wasn't just some tragic victim," he says. "Her life was really good up until the night of her death."

Dzung Ngoc Tu's body was discovered on May 17 in Fall Creek Gorge, caught on rocks beneath rain-swollen Beebe Falls. Her skull was fractured, and investigators first suspected that she had jumped from the Thurston Avenue bridge. But she left no suicide note, and friends, colleagues, and family members said there were no signs that she had been depressed. "It seemed very unlike her," recalls Steve Payne, MBA '82, who was head resident at Cascadilla Hall when Dzung roomed there during fall semester. "She was friendly, outgoing. She seemed like a very happy person."

Within days, says Cornell Police senior investigator Scott Hamilton, suspicions turned elsewhere. "She didn't fit the classic profile of a student that would commit suicide, and yet we did-



**"Model daughter": Dzung Ngoc Tu, Ross's first victim, with her grandmother**

can't go to court on my gut feelings." Meanwhile, the Class of 1981 graduated, the campus emptied, and the investigation foundered. No further rapes were reported over the summer, and the case faded from the headlines. "After seven months it was pretty much dead in the water," Joch says. "There were no leads left to follow. We were stumped."

In 1982, Joch left the DA's office to open a private practice. For Cornell, Dzung Ngoc Tu remained, officially, an "unintended death." At no point in the investigation had Michael Ross ever surfaced as a suspect, Hamilton says. "There wasn't anyone saying, 'Look, we should look at this guy, because we've had complaints against him before.' Nothing." In the spring of 1981 Ross had been an undergraduate, a senior, with no personal connection to Dzung beyond the fact that they were both studying the same field. Years later, authorities would learn that Ross had been working at a student job grading papers in Warren Hall on the night she disappeared. "It was a total shot in the dark—you could have talked to everyone on campus," Joch says. "This fellow just fell between the cracks."

It would be years before Ross's name was officially linked to Dzung Ngoc Tu's death. In 1987, he confessed to a prison psychiatrist that, during his senior year at Cornell, he had raped a Vietnamese girl and tossed her body off the Triphammer footbridge. By then, Michael Ross had been sitting in a Connecticut prison for three years, a confessed serial killer on trial for six other murders.

**T**he life story that emerged in that trial, as told by the psychiatrists, family members, and witnesses that Ross's defense team assembled, was a mix of middle-class normalcy and mental instability. Born Michael Bruce Ross on July 26, 1959, he grew up on a chicken farm in Brooklyn, Connecticut, ten miles from the Rhode Island border. His mother, Pat, became pregnant when she was in high school, leading to an unwanted marriage with the baby's father, Dan Ross. Five years later, after giving birth three



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## Executioner's Song **Attorney John Blume puts the death penalty on trial.**

"Capital trials are a war between two narratives," says Law school professor John Blume. "The prosecutor usually has a very simple narrative—they try to demonize the defendant. On the defense side, we try to create a counter-narrative. Our job is to humanize them. Nobody is a total monster."

Blume is the director of the Cornell Death Penalty Project, founded with colleagues Sheri Lynn Johnson and Stephen Garvey in 1996 to encourage empirical research on capital punishment, sponsor legal symposia, and give law students the chance to work on actual death row cases. A practicing defense attorney in South Carolina, Blume is a veteran of many capital trials in his home state. When he isn't defending death row inmates, he's singing about them: he formed a rock band with three other South Carolina defense lawyers (plus a local florist on drums), writing and performing original tunes inspired by the hard-luck sagas of Blume's clients. They're called the Reprieves.

A former Yale Divinity School student, Blume switched to law and found himself drawn by the challenge of working on capital trials. His own opposition to the death penalty, he notes, only hardened when he saw the legal process up close. "After seeing the system in action, I think the death penalty is a punishment that is impossible for human beings to administer in a fair manner." The Death Penalty Project's research over the past several years details

some of these statistical vagaries. A 2004 study that Blume co-authored with fellow professors Martin Wells and Theodore Eisenberg revealed a "racial hierarchy" of victim and defendant: African Americans who kill whites, for example, are more likely to be put to death than whites who kill whites or blacks who kill blacks. The study punctured some common death penalty assumptions (whites are actually statistically over-represented on death row, in part because prosecutors rarely seek death for black-on-black killings) and refined others (Nevada, not Texas, is the most "death prone" state, based on frequency of sentencing per murder). Perhaps the most widely held belief about the death penalty—that it discourages would-be murderers from committing crimes—is also the most easily debunked. "There's a schizophrenia about why we retain the death penalty," Blume says. "If you talk to people on the street, they'll say it's because it's a deterrent. But every single study that's ever been done says it's not."

Sometimes, Blume says, death penalty advocates ask him if he'd support capital punishment if the system were fixed—if innocent people were never put to death and the law was applied in a truly fair and balanced way to every defendant. He's never been able to come up with an answer. "That's like asking me what I'd do if I heard that an amoeba can play the piano," Blume says. "You're asking me to put myself in a place that I know doesn't exist."



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**Reign of terror: Michael Ross at his 1984 arraignment for the murder of six Connecticut women. It took state police detective Michael Malchik (left of Ross, in dark jacket) two years of investigative work to end Ross's killings.**

more times and undergoing two abortions, Pat Ross abandoned the family, only to be retrieved and twice institutionalized. According to Michael, he absorbed most of his mother's emotional abuse. When it was time to wring the necks of malformed chicks or under-producing hens on the farm, she wouldn't allow her other children to perform the disturbing chore. "Let Michael do it," she would say.

Nevertheless, Ross excelled in his studies, graduating sixteenth in his class in high school, and enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1977. He joined the Future Farmers of America and the Alpha Zeta fraternity, and began dating a woman in the ROTC program.

Marc Baase '81, a transfer student who roomed with Ross at Alpha Zeta when both were sophomores, remembers him as welcoming and friendly, if somewhat impenetrable. "He kind of followed his own drum and went his own way," says Baase, now a floral designer in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Ross didn't form close friendships with his fraternity brothers, Baase says, in part because he spent most of his time with a succession of girlfriends. "There was always a certain obsession on his part regarding women," he says. "That seemed to be such a big issue, a constant topic—needing a woman, needing to have a girlfriend. He would be obsessed about the relationship."

According to Ross's account, at some point during his undergraduate days the volatile mix of person, place, and proclivity exploded into increasingly violent sexual assaults. First came the stalking—he would follow women, getting a thrill out of sensing

their fear. Later, at least one rape and an attempted assault. Finally, weeks from graduation, his encounter with Dzung Ngoc Tu.

After leaving Cornell, Ross embarked on a three-year string of attempted rapes and strangulation killings. Twice, he was arrested—first in Illinois when he dragged a teenaged girl into the woods but was interrupted by police, then in Ohio when a pregnant off-duty police officer managed to fight off his attack. In both cases his punishment was light, and Ross successfully hid his compulsion from employers, family members, and girlfriends.

In court, a parade of psychiatrists testified about the tangled roots of Ross's criminal pathology. There was evidence that he was sexually molested as a child by an uncle, and that he in turn molested two neighborhood girls. Dr. Fred Berlin, the well-known co-founder of the Johns Hopkins Sexual Disorder Clinic and a defense expert at Ross's 1987 trial, testified that Ross was afflicted with sexual sadism, a mental disorder that involves deriving sexual excitement from the pain and suffering of others. The state's own psychiatrist agreed—reluctantly—that Ross was mentally ill; in a private letter to prosecutors, Dr. Robert Miller wrote, "I can't see how I could testify against psychopathology playing a sufficient role in defendant's behavior."

Whether he was criminally insane was a moot point, because Ross had pled guilty. But under Connecticut law at the time, evidence of mental illness had to be considered as a mitigating factor in sentencing, precluding the death penalty. Miller's letter was never shown to the jury, so Ross's death sentence was overturned by the Connecticut Supreme Court in 1994 and a new sentenc-



ing hearing was held in 2000. After nine days of jury deliberation, Ross again received the death penalty.

In his writings, Ross has always maintained he was powerless in the face of “a mental illness that drove me to rape and kill” and “made me physically unable to control my actions.” Soon after his imprisonment, Ross began receiving hormone injections to reduce his testosterone level, quieting his violent urges and, he says, bringing him the clarity to understand the gravity of his crimes. But prosecutors successfully argued that the specifics of Ross’s killings—he carefully chose his victims, concealed evidence of the crimes, and managed to evade authorities for years—paint a portrait of a cunning criminal who strangled his victims to avoid leaving witnesses.

According to John Blume, a professor at the Law school and co-founder of the Cornell Death Penalty Project, Ross’s conviction highlights the perils of relying on a psychological testimony. “The thing that’s disturbing,” he says, “is that even when the experts all say your client is insane, juries will still reject it.” Even though psychiatrists say an individual such as Ross might understand the difference between right and wrong and still be unable to stop the behavior, the notion is an increasingly hard sell for most juries, who tend to rely on the “policeman at the elbow” test: would the defendant have committed the crime even if a policeman had been standing next to him?

Michael Malchik, the Connecticut state police investigator who tracked Ross down in 1984 and has followed the case ever since, recalls how prosecutors twice made short work of the defense’s psychological experts. “Could he control himself? Well, two juries

**‘He wrote back,’ Kathy Jaeger says, ‘and said, essentially, “Thank you for your support. But I’ve done some really horrible things, and you don’t want to know me.” ’**

rejected that,” Malchik says. “As the state’s attorney said at the trial, if Ross was so out of control, why didn’t he just rape the girl in between the yellow lines of Route 12? He made it simple for the juries to understand.”

Malchik’s capture of Ross made the detective a hero in Connecticut. After witnesses recalled seeing a thin, bespectacled Caucasian in a blue Toyota turn around and follow a local teenager on the day she disappeared, Malchik compiled a list of several thousand blue Toyotas and found a man whose apartment was

in the geographic center of the area where victims had been discovered. After hours of questioning, Ross, then working as a door-to-door insurance salesman, confessed to the murder and then quickly admitted killing five others. He later volunteered to lead police to the crime scenes. But Ross never mentioned two murders he committed in New York State: the Dzung Ngoc Tu slaying at Cornell, and the March 1982 killing of sixteen-year-old Paula Perrera in the Hudson Valley town of Wallkill.

To Malchik, that omission remains one of the enduring curiosities of the case, and, for him, the key to understanding Ross’s state of mind. “It’s a mystery to me to this day, but it’s typical of him,” he says. “Here he is, confessing to six murders, and he thought enough ahead not to tell us about the New York ones. Looking back at it, it’s obvious he was thinking of something. He was always thinking two steps ahead. He’s got his own agenda, but I couldn’t for the life of me tell you what it is.”

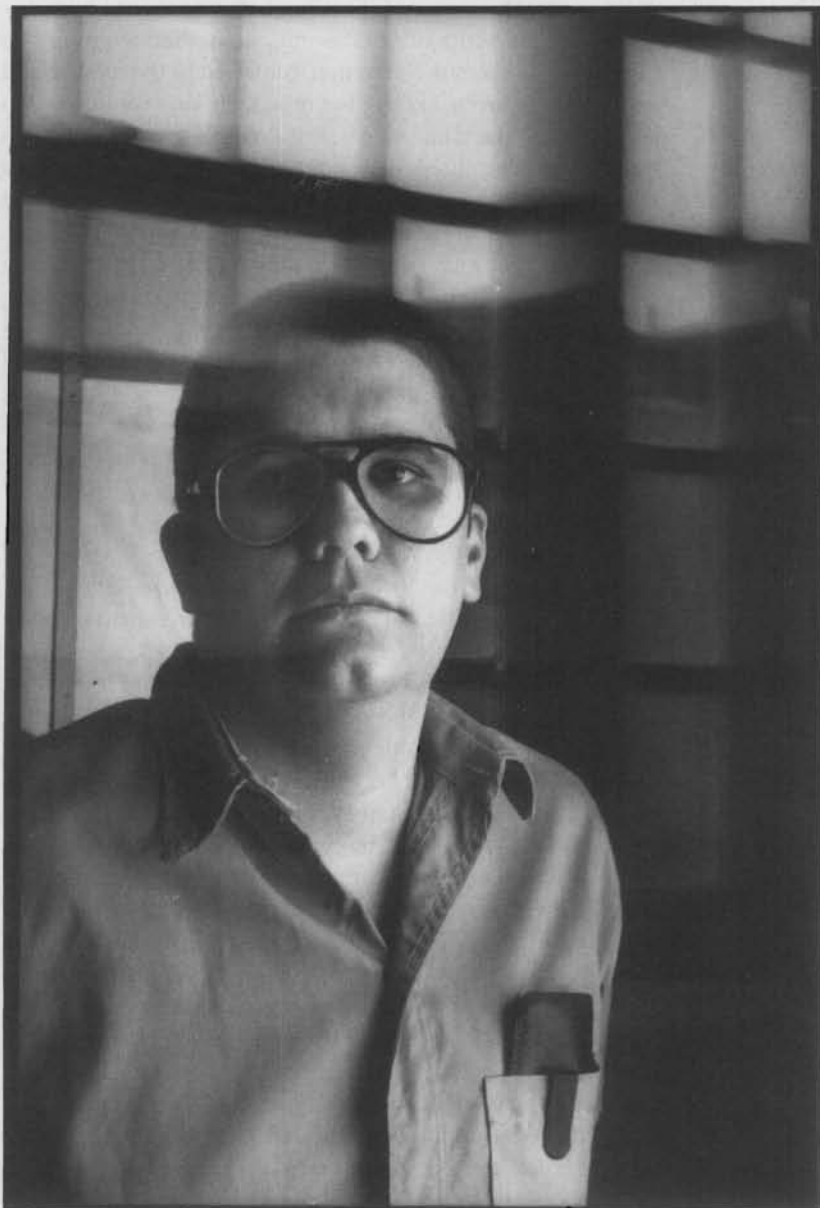
**M**ichael Ross lived one floor below Kathy Jaeger ’81 in U-Hall 4 during their freshman year. She recalls a conversation they had about the possibility of sharing a ride back to their home state of Connecticut, but nothing ever came of it. After college, she lost track of him. She rediscovered her old classmate in a news story about his arrest in 1984.

Although she was a nutrition major in the College of Human Ecology, Jaeger worked mostly as a counselor, seeking to help AIDS sufferers, the families of homicide victims, and others in distress. After she completed an Episcopal chaplain residency and became proficient in the alternative healing treatment of Reiki, she recognized her work as a ministry—God’s calling. In December 1996, she felt called to Michael Ross.

It started with a story called “It’s Time for Me to Die” that Ross published in the *Hartford Courant*, explaining his decision to accept the death penalty. Jaeger recognized the byline and tossed the newspaper aside. “But I kept getting these nudges from God to keep thinking about him and what it must be like to be in prison during the holidays,” she says. A few weeks later, Jaeger spent a Sunday morning at a church she hadn’t visited before. The scripture that day came from Matthew 25: *I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink . . . I was in prison and you came to me.* One week before Christmas, she wrote Ross a note, telling him she remembered him from Cornell and that he was in her thoughts during the holidays. He received it on Christmas Eve. “He wrote back,” Jaeger says, “and said, essentially, ‘Thank you for your support. But I’ve done some really horrible things, and you don’t want to know me.’”

But they continued to correspond, which led to weekly telephone conversations and then prison visits. “Somehow,” Ross wrote in his newsletter four years later, “she was able to breach my defenses and was able to touch my soul as no one else ever has.” He called Jaeger “the most important woman in my life” and claimed the two had fallen in love. “If I were a free man, I would ask her to marry me.”

Jaeger says that Ross’s account isn’t entirely accurate; she



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**Death wish: Ross in prison in 1995, soon after he first volunteered for execution.**

**‘If their motivation is actually to end their own life, should we allow it? We wouldn’t allow anyone else to do it. Is there some kind of affirmative action program for death row inmates?’**

describes her role as “pastoral advocate.” They pray together, read psalms, and perform devotions. “Ministry can be incredibly intimate. . . . I feel like my involvement with him was sort of like a mother, a sister, and even, to some extent, a girlfriend all rolled up in one.”

When Jaeger entered Ross’s life, his legal case had entered a bizarre new stage. After his original death sentence was overturned in 1994, the court ordered a new penalty hearing, but Ross responded by dismissing his public defenders. Essentially acting as his own attorney, Ross worked with prosecutor C. Robert Satti to craft an extraordinary “death pact” allowing imposition of the death penalty without a penalty hearing. “Please allow me to go into the courtroom . . . to accept the death penalty as punishment for my actions,” he wrote in a letter to Satti. “I’m not asking you to do this for me, but for the families involved, who do not deserve to suffer further and who, in some small way, might gain a sense of peace of mind by these actions and my execution.” A judge rejected the agreement in 1998, balking at “shortcuts on proce-

dures where an individual’s life hangs in the balance.” An angry Ross rehired his defenders, reverting to the claim that his crimes were the product of his mental illness. After he was resentenced to death and had exhausted his mandatory appeals, Ross again fired his lawyers and waived further appeals.

Jaeger says that Ross’s decision to accept death is a sincere attempt to provide closure for the families of his victims by stopping the legal process. “He told me, ‘You know I don’t want to do this. But I have to,’” she says. “He just really felt anguish over what he had done—really, really harsh anguish and self-loathing. Contrary to media reports, he doesn’t want to die. He wishes that the justice system got it right years ago and gave him life sentences, because he does have mental illness. And the sad thing is, if they had done that, the families of his victims wouldn’t have been re-victimized [by the ongoing appeals]. Michael is trying, in essence, to save them from any more of that.”

Ross attempted suicide in prison at least twice, in 1998 and 2003. His former public defenders, who continue to file motions on his behalf, and others who have been fighting his execution argue that, high-minded pronouncements to the contrary, Ross is simply trying to get the State of Connecticut to expedite the process. The heart of the recent legal battle was whether a suicidal man is mentally competent enough to rationally choose death over life.

In a prison interview last December with forensic psychiatrist

Dr. Michael Norko, Ross addressed the issue directly. "That's what the whole thing comes down to: Do I have the right to do this? And does it make me incompetent because I want to do it?" The videotaped interview reveals him as lucid, articulate, and righteously indignant on the topic of his own mental state. "It's not state-assisted suicide. It's not that I'm tired of living on death row. . . . It's because these people have a right to have an end to this horror that's been going on for twenty years. And I've got, finally, the opportunity to be able to do that. Does that make me incompetent?"

At a December hearing, Norko testified that Ross was indeed competent, and the state Supreme Court agreed. But on January 29—hours after Ross's execution was stayed—Norko was given additional evidence, including a private letter from 1998 in which Ross admitted that he "played on the noble cause of protecting the families of my victims" in order to expedite his own death. Norko quickly signed an affidavit saying that he needed to revisit his earlier assessment. Two weeks later, a state judge appointed a special counsel and ordered yet another hearing to decide once and for all whether Ross is mentally fit enough to choose death.

**A**bout one in every eight prisoners executed in the U.S. is a so-called volunteer who, like Ross, has made a decision to stop all efforts to extend their life. Legally, the prisoner must prove capable of understanding that decision, but the issue is framed so broadly that few agree on exactly what that means. "The truth is, that discussion is largely polemical," says Blume, who has just finished a study of death row volunteerism for the *Michigan Law Review*. "Most people who call it state-assisted suicide are against the death penalty in all circumstances, and most who say that he's just accepting the justice of his punishment are strong death penalty supporters. The main question is, is it really suicide or not? So let's look at these people and compare them to people who actually commit suicide."

Blume's study looked at both death row volunteers and non-criminal suicidal individuals outside of prison. He found the two populations strikingly similar—"mostly white men with a history of mental illness and substance abuse." Studies have noted that the brain chemistries of people with suicidal and homicidal tendencies share common factors, such as abnormal serotonin levels. "We may discover," he says, "that the two urges are closely linked." Currently, standards of mental competency ask only if the inmate is able to rationally understand what they're doing, not probe into why. Blume insists that psychological motivation has to become a factor. "Then the question becomes, if their motivation is actually to end their own life, should we allow it? We wouldn't allow anyone else to do it. Is there some kind of affirmative action program for death row inmates?"

The other significant issue raised in the last-minute legal scrum for Ross's life centers around the use of death penalty syndrome as an argument for incompetency. The idea itself, Blume notes, isn't new: "From the 1970s on there have been mental health experts saying that the conditions of confinement where these people are kept can make them crazy." Most death rows in the United States use facilities originally designed for short-term discipline, not long-term incarceration. But the marathon appeals process in capital cases means that inmates can live in near-total

isolation for decades. "It's understood that if you confine people to their cells twenty-three hours a day," Blume says, "a certain number will suffer psychic harm."

Nationally, the death penalty is on a three-year wane. Fifty-nine people were put to death in 2004, down from ninety-eight in 1999. The innovation of DNA evidence and the wave of death-row exonerations that made headlines in the 1990s have made both prosecutors and juries more selective in their enthusiasm for capital punishment. Little wonder, then, that capital punishment opponents accuse states of making their facilities as intolerable as possible. If a judge finds that death row syndrome contributed to Ross's incompetency, death penalty opponents would conceivably have a powerful new tool for future legal maneuvers.

Robert Nave is the Connecticut death penalty coordinator for Amnesty International and the point-man for the human rights organization's protest of Ross's execution. He was contacted by Ross in 2000, visited him in prison fifteen times in the last year, and was at one time selected by Ross as one of his three execution witnesses. Ross's decision to stop fighting his execution, Nave believes, is based not on his concern for the victims' families, but on his determination to rehabilitate his own image: Ross wants to be remembered as a martyr for capital punishment.

"His sense of self-importance—the narcissism in him—is unbelievably exaggerated," Nave says. He calls Ross "an Academy-Award-caliber actor" who believes that his public expressions of remorse and selfless embrace of execution will ultimately lead to the abolition of the death penalty itself.

In one sense, Ross is correct—the struggle for his death in court this winter was indeed accompanied by an informal public referendum on capital punishment on the streets and airwaves of New England. Even as the countdown to lethal injection continued, lawmakers debated a proposed repeal of Connecticut's death penalty legislation. But Ross may be gravely mistaken about his role in the discussion. One state poll showed that while 59 percent of residents supported the death penalty, the number jumped to 70 percent if applied specifically to Michael Ross. "What's happened is that he's realized that, in Connecticut, we hate him," Nave says. "For years, legislators have stumped on the promise that they will kill Michael Ross."

Is Ross's remorse sincere? "Absolutely," says Nave. "But he's only remorseful because people hate him. That's what always reduced him to tears." Beyond that, Nave resists speculating on the man and what drives him. "I've envisioned him as a ball of yarn—there's a single string that runs through it, but its very tangled up and it's very tight."

The personal argument for sparing Ross's life, Nave admits, is a difficult one to make; he screens his telephone calls these days and says that "the hate mail I get is amazing." He prefers to take a broad view: the tortured path to this man's execution merely highlights the folly of attempting to fairly administer an inherently unfair punishment. "The Ross case points out the flaws in the death penalty better than anything else," he says. "When the most notorious serial killer in Connecticut history can't get litigated properly, you've got a system that just doesn't work."

On the bitterly cold night of January 29, when Ross's execution appeared imminent, Nave dutifully organized some 300 protesters to stand vigil outside Osborne Correctional. But his sympathies, he says, were never with the man inside. "I wish," he says, "it could be anyone but him." ●

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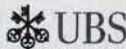
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### *A fond farewell*

By Karen Rupert Keating '76

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As I reflect on these four years, I remain quite proud of our University. We continue to attract exceptional students, hire and retain a world-class faculty, operate with a balanced budget, build state-of-the-art facilities for instruction and research, field athletic teams with national rankings, and remain need-blind in admissions.

I hope I've added value to the operations of the University as a member of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Campus Life, the Task Force on Athletics, the Investment Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Audit Committee, using some of the knowledge I've accumulated in my banking career. Much was accomplished in each area, including the prudent use of financial resources, which continues

to be critically needed for the many significant investments that enable Cornell to remain competitive.

One of the highlights of my term was the hiring of our new president, Jeffrey Lehman '77, who charged all Cornell constituencies to "become engaged" with and share thoughts about Cornell's future through its sesquicentennial in 2015. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to give back to Cornell as a trustee for the last four years and I hope to see many of you becoming even more engaged with Cornell, helping our alma mater to achieve greater successes in the years to come.

at the table with those captains of industry and bulwarks of society appointed by the board. I am pleased to report, however, that my doubts were misplaced. My service on the board has confirmed to me the importance of each voice to the conversation about the role and direction of our University.

I cannot begin to list all of the committees and projects with which I was involved, but my experience on the Buildings and Properties Committee provides a telling window into the board's operation and the trustees' role. During my tenure, the University continued to plan, design, build,

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### *Each voice matters*

By Celia Rodee '81

**A**fter my election to the Board of Trustees in the spring of 2001, I was skeptical as to what impact a single trustee could have on the actions and decisions of the entire board. In particular, I questioned whether any of the trustees elected by alumni, students, faculty, or staff would have much of a place



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## New York/Ontario

**CWC/Cortland County**, March 15—Quilts and quilting with Carole Brown at the home of Marti Dumas. Contact Louise Whittleton, 607/753-7219.

**CAA/Greater Rochester**, March 16—Alumni book club at Barnes & Noble, Pittsford. Contact Kristen Hallagan, 585/242-0199.

**CC/Greater Capital District**, March 18—ECAC men's ice hockey championship tournament at the Pepsi Arena. Contact Howard Kibrick, hkibrick@hudsonriverbank.com, 518/482-8991.

**CC/Southern Tier**, March 19—Concert and cocktails: Binghamton Philharmonic Pops and Club Swing followed by a cocktail hour. Contact Ed and Brenda Bernhauer, bochiai@bckpc.com, 607/785-4984.

**CAA/Ithaca**, April 4—Spring Lecture Series at Kendal. Contact Dan Morris, 607/272-2122.

**CAA/Ithaca**, April 11—Spring Lecture Series at Kendal. Contact Dan Morris, 607/272-2122.

**CAA/Ithaca**, April 18—Spring Lecture Series at Kendal. Contact Dan Morris, 607/272-2122.

**CWC/Cortland County**, April 19—"Cortland County Family Court" with Judge Julie Campbell at the home of Marie Spollen. Contact Jane Nichols, 607/749-4364.

**CWC/Syracuse**, April 20—Lunch and lecture on the Syracuse Stage's production of *The Grapes of Wrath* at the Syracuse Stage. Contact Kate McMahon, AfriKate@msn.com, 315/492-2378.

**CC/Southern Tier**, April 21—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Kelvin Lee. Contact Amanda Whalen-Garnar, agarnar@bckpc.com, 607/724-3765.

**CAA/Central New York**, April 23—Community service project: Adopt-a-Highway clean-up. Contact Bruce Simmons, 315/682-7603.

**CAA/Ithaca**, April 28—Theater Night: dinner at Ruloff's followed by Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* at the Schwartz Center. Contact Lisa Everts, 607/273-4480.

**CAA/Mid-Hudson**, April 30—10th Annual Farm Day at the Old Chatham Shepherding Company. Contact Dave Tetor, 845/868-1310.

**CC/Greater Buffalo**, May 3—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Joseph Hotchkiss. Contact Timothy Kane, timothy\_kane@ml.com, 716/635-4360.

**CAA/Ithaca**, May 5—All-alumni event with President Jeffrey Lehman. Contact New York/Ontario Regional Office, 607/254-7182.

**CAA/Mid-Hudson**, May 12—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Buzz Spector. Contact Janelle Styles, jstyles1@aol.com, 845/838-1700.

**CWC/Syracuse**, May 14—Tour of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art with director Frank Robinson, followed by lunch at the Moosewood Restaurant. Contact Janet Fallon, jbf28@cornell.edu, 315/696-0167.

## Metro/New York

**CAA/Westchester**, March 19—Tennis party with Penn Alumni Association of Westchester at Armonk Tennis Club. Non-players welcome. Contact Laura Fratt, LDF8@cornell.edu, 914/723-5108.

**CAA/Westchester**, April 8—Second Friday Lunch Club at Ciao!, Eastchester. Contact John Murray, 914/478-5842, or Marion Eskay, 914/472-2081.

**CAA/Westchester**, April 30—Walking tour and optional picnic at Pepsico Sculpture Garden. Contact Carrie Fishman, 914/725-6215.

**CAA/Westchester**, May 13—Second Friday Lunch Club at Ciao!, Eastchester. Contact John Murray, 914/478-5842 or Marion Eskay, 914/472-2081.

**CC/Monmouth/Ocean Counties**, May 13—An evening with President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes. Contact Carole Fishman, 732/842-7478.

**CC/Fairfield County**, May 15—Annual meeting and luncheon. Contact Doty Kesten, dotkes10@optonline.net, 203/222-7830.

## Northeast

**CC/Cape Cod**, March 17—Luncheon: Professors Susan Locker and Susan Ashdown on "3D Body Scanning and Clothes That Fit" at the Buca Tuscan Roadhouse. Contact Judith Carr, judith\_carr@netzero.com, 508/539-0809.

**CC/Cape Cod**, April 20—Board meeting at Thirwood Place, South Yarmouth. Contact Judith Carr, judith\_carr@netzero.com, 508/539-0809.

**CC/New Hampshire**, May 7—NHPTV auction in Durham. Contact Nancy Franz, nancy.franz@unh.edu, 603/868-2592.

**CC/Greater Hartford**, May 12—An evening with President Emeritus Frank H.T. Rhodes. Contact John Eckel, john.eckel@pinninvest.com.

**CC/Greater Hartford**, May 14—Trip to Old Sturbridge Village. Contact Amy Fairchild, amyfairchild@comcast.net, 860/569-1464.

## Mid-Atlantic

**CC/Washington**, March 20—International students visit during the spring break. Contact Danielle Alsop, dalsop@verizon.net.

**CC/Delaware**, March 31—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Dr. Colin Parrish. Contact Jack Lawes, 610/345-9147.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, April 3—Salvador Dali at the Philadelphia Museum. Contact Meredith Nissen, mwn4@cornell.edu.

**CC/Washington**, April 11—Yo-Yo Ma concert at the Kennedy Center. Contact Tomoko Morinaga, tm58@cornell.edu, 301/907-0806.

**CC/Washington**, April 21—CALS Centennial Celebration Faculty Panel with Dean Susan Henry. Contact David Lewandrowski, lewandrowski5@aol.com.

**CC/Central Virginia**, May 11—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Alice Fulton. Contact Thomas Wilkinson III, tawilkinson3@yahoo.com, 804/794-1886.

**CC/Greater Philadelphia**, May 12—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Alice Fulton. Contact Brian Ruhl, bjr2@cornell.edu, 215/884-6922.

**CC/Lancaster**, May 13—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Alice Fulton. Contact Rodney Gleiberman, thescrod@continentalinn.com, 717/291-1588.

## Midwest

**CC/Minnesota**, March 15—Reading group at Amore Coffee, St. Paul: *Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the West* by Stephen Ambrose. Contact Judy Morgan, 651/688-6113.

**CC/Southwestern Ohio**, March 19—Art museum tour. Contact Michelle Vaeth, 513/321-7783.

**CAIG/Central Indiana**, April 7—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor David Levitsky. Contact Katherine Vega Stultz, vegastultz@yahoo.com, 317/925-9507.

**CC/Michigan**, April 8—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor David Levitsky. Contact Hiroki Hirata, hhirata@ford.com, 313/323-7988, or Irene Christy, ichtisty@mich.com, 248/680-8834.

**CC/Mid-America**, April 9—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor David Levitsky. Contact John Shelton, jrs50@cornell.edu, 913/649-6015.

**CC/Wisconsin**, April 14—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Norman Scott. Contact Greg Chen, gregchen@att.net, 414/352-8433.

**CC/Nebraska**, April 15—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Norman Scott. Contact Curtis Christensen, curtis.christensen@kutakrock.com, 402/390-0417.

**CC/Minnesota**, April 17—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Norman Scott. Contact John Cayer, JLCayer2@scj.com, 612/251-3591.

**CC/Minnesota**, April 19—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/Northeastern Ohio**, April 26—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Rita Calvo. Contact George Ray, g.ray@csuohio.edu, 216/751-6112.

**CAA/Central Ohio**, April 27—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Rita Calvo. Contact Marge Sanik, sanik.1@osu.edu, 740/548-6039.

**CC/Southwestern Ohio**, April 28—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Rita Calvo. Contact Michelle Vaeth, 513/321-7783.

**CC/Northeastern Ohio**, May 14—Riversweep along the Cuyahoga River and picnic lunch. Contact George Ray, g.ray@csuohio.edu, 216/751-6112.

## Southeast

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, March 16—Cats at Sarasota Golden Apple Dinner Theater. Contact Bob Cutler, 941/907-0234.

**CC/Gold Coast**, March 18—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Helena Viramontes. Contact Doug Pfeiffer, dfp.one@att.net, 954/448-6175.

**CC/Eastern Florida**, March 22—Women's tennis vs. Barry University. Contact Richard Marks, rhm22@cornell.edu, 561/742-2535.



**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, April 3—Beach party at the White Sands Cabana Club, Siesta Key. Contact Bob Cutler, 941/907-0234.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, April 7—Monthly luncheon. Contact Ronald Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, April 14—Luncheon with a presentation by Michael McLaughlin of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Contact Bob Cutler, 941/907-0234.

**CAA/Southwest Florida**, April 14—Thursday Lunch Club at Audubon Country Club. Contact Mary LeDuc, 239/649-3110.

**CC/Gold Coast**, April 16—Post-Tax Day picnic. Contact Doulgas Pfeiffer, dfp.one@att.net, 954/746-6441.

**CC/Eastern Florida**, April 17—Family Day picnic. Contact Richard Marks, rhm22@cornell.edu, 561/742-2535.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, April 21—Happy hour at Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen. Contact Penny Crispell, pcc12@cornell.edu, 904/641-3426.

**CC/Puerto Rico**, April 29—Family Weekend at Rincon of the Seas Grand Caribbean Hotel, Rincon. Contact Enrique Vila, 787/783-4624.

**CC/Greater Jacksonville**, May 5—Monthly luncheon. Contact Ronald Chandler, rpchan@bellsouth.net, 904/829-8417.

**CC/Sarasota-Manatee**, May 12—Second Annual Red and White Luncheon with guest speaker David Rossin, former assistant secretary of energy. Contact Bob Cutler, 941/907-0234.

**CAA/Charlotte**, May 12—Happy hour at Village Tavern. Contact Christine Goodell, ceramjobs@aol.com, 803/831-6001.

### Southwest/Mountain

**CC/Oklahoma**, March 21—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Chih-Chang Chu. Contact Robert Connor, tulsabo@cox.net, 918/743-0953.

**CC/New Mexico**, March 22—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Chih-Chang Chu. Contact Anita Miller, milleranit@aol.com, 505/856-6406.

**CAA/North Texas**, March 22—Happy hour at Crú wine bar, Dallas. Contact Theresa Flores, taf6@cornell.edu.

**CC/Colorado**, March 23—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Professor Chih-Chang Chu. Contact Peter Quinn, pjq1@yahoo.com, 303/744-7741.

**CC/Austin**, April 15—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Dr. Thomas Henick-Kling. Contact David Harap, dharap@sbcglobal.net, 512/502-9833.

**CAA/North Texas**, April 16—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Dr. Thomas Henick-Kling. Contact Kimberly Stevenson, kim.stevenson@eds.com, 972/605-3547.

**CAA/North Texas**, April 21—CAANT Book Club at Barnes & Noble, Dallas. Contact Stephanie Fox, ssk20@cornell.edu.

**CAA/Greater Houston**, April 27—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Dr. Cynthia Hazan. Contact Christine Crompton Gorman, christine\_g@hotmail.com, 512/226-4228.

**CC/Colorado**, April 29—11th Annual Dude Ranch Weekend at Lost Valley Ranch, Pike National Forest. Contact Jeremy Rosenberger, 303/665-8754.

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expand, and restore structures around campus at an extraordinary pace. Projects ranged from the completion of residence halls and two residential college houses on North and West campuses to the building of Duffield Hall on the Engineering Quad. It also included the creation of the Beck Center at the Hotel school, restoration of Bailey Hall, and the planning of the new Milstein Hall for the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, and the Richard Meier-designed Life Sciences building. Yet we had to harmonize our desire to modernize the campus with the interests of all our constituent communities. At times, the grand goal of creating a new building or program risked overwhelming other, less obvious requirements as basic as providing green space on campus or accessible practice and athletic facilities for our student-athletes.

That is why Cornell's deliberate inclusion of a variety of voices on its board is so important. Each trustee's comments, thoughts, and ideas—even those that differed from the majority

or that challenged the administration—were welcomed and considered. For my part, I frequently attempted to amplify concerns that otherwise might not have been heard, particularly those of our insightful faculty-elected trustees and our sincere and dedicated student trustees. At times, I believe, I helped their voices to be heard more clearly; at other times, I pressed my own observations. I am convinced that at all times Cornell's entire board, beginning with its dedicated chairman, Peter Meinig '61, listened.

I conclude my term as trustee even more energized and anxious to give back to our great University than when I began. What we each can do to preserve our "elite but not elitist" treasure will vary according to our time and resources. But each of us can contribute, and Cornell can benefit. Whether it is meeting with an applicant, participating in a community outreach program, or making a gift to a class campaign or to the University's capital campaign, each of us can have a role in maintaining Ezra's vision. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve.

**CAA/North Texas**, May 11—Tour of the Dallas Center for Contemporary Art, with wine and cheese. Contact Jeff Gottesman, jlg75@cornell.edu.

### Western

**CC/Southern Arizona**, March 17—Happy hour. Contact Jeffrey Manning, jeffreycmanning@aol.com, 520/546-9427.

**CC/Los Angeles**, March 19—Men's track at the Long Beach Invitational. Contact Ellen Perlmutter, esp23@cornell.edu, 310/478-5460.

**CAA/Northern California**, March 19—Women's lacrosse vs. Stanford, with a pre-game "meet and greet." Contact Western Regional Office, cornellwest@cornell.edu, 415/438-7980.

**CAA/Northern California**, March 28—Golden State Warriors vs. New York Knicks. Contact Alexander Barna, Alexander.Barna-1@nasa.gov.

**CC/Southern Arizona**, April 21—Happy hour. Contact Jeffrey Manning, jeffreycmanning@aol.com, 520/546-9427.

**CAA/Orange County**, April 28—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: David Lipsky. Contact Usama Abdali, usama.abdali@skyworksinc.com, 949/360-0938.

**Santa Barbara Cornellians**, April 29—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: David Lipsky. Contact the

Western Regional Office, cornellwest@cornell.edu, 415/438-7980.

**CC/Oregon**, May 12—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Stephani Robson. Contact Andrew Ognall, ognaa@fosterpdx.com, 503/221-2207.

**CC/Western Washington**, May 13—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Stephani Robson. Contact Amy Faber, anf5@cornell.edu, 206/256-0442.

**CC/Southern Arizona**, May 13—Annual Spring Potluck. Contact Jeffrey Manning, jeffreycmanning@aol.com.

### International

**CC/London**, March 20—All alumni reception with President Lehman. Contact Natalie Teich, nmt4@cornell.edu.

**CC/France**, March 22—All alumni reception with President Lehman. Contact Curtis Bartosik, cbartosik@yahoo.com.

**CC/Italy, Rome**, March 24—All alumni reception with President Lehman. Contact Anna Rita Flati, arf25@cornell.edu.

**CC/London**, April 7—All Ivy Reception. Contact Natalie Teich, nmt4@cornell.edu.

**British Columbia Cornellians/Vancouver**, May 14—Cornell Alumni Federation Speaker Series: Stephani Robson. Contact Western Regional Office, cornellwest@cornell.edu, 415/438-7980.

**30** It's March, and thoughts are turning to Reunion 2005! Members of the Class of 1930 will be marking the 75th anniversary of their graduation from Cornell. Celebrate with us, in body or in spirit, as Cornellians everywhere meet on the Hill, June 9-12, 2005.

It's not too late to register to come to Ithaca this June. Nor is it too late to send in the Reunion Questionnaire you received last fall, even if you won't be able to make the trip. In this space, we'll update your classmates on your lives, your recent activities, and your memories of Cornell—whatever you'd like to share with us.

**Sidney Kaufman**, PhD '34, who was in Ithaca just last November, will be coming to reunion from Houston, TX. Sidney began his professional career at Shell Oil Co., shortly after earning his doctorate at Cornell. At Shell for over 35 years, he became Assistant VP for Exploration Research. In 1972, Sidney joined the Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Cornell as a professor, and retired fully in 1992.

**Max Rosenn** lives in Kingston, PA, and will be driving to reunion. He writes, "I am happy to state that I am still working every day as a judge of the US Court of Appeals." Judge Rosenn is in his 35th year on the bench and has sat in about 4,500 cases. On his last visit to Ithaca a couple of years ago, he presided over the final round of the Law school's Moot Court arguments.

**Beatrice Foster Whanger** (Fayetteville, WV) attended her last reunion in 1980 and wishes very much she could attend this one! However, after a recent hospitalization, she needs assistance to walk and drive. She adds, "I enjoyed the years I was a Home Demonstration Agent in West Virginia."

**Berry** (Alexander B.) **Credle**, PhD '39, of Chapel Hill, NC, was last in Ithaca for a nostalgic visit five years ago. He won't be able to come to Ithaca in June, but returned the questionnaire with a full report of his professional and personal life. "At 96, life has been full and fulfilling. After receiving my doctorate from Cornell, I taught Electrical Engineering there for 25 years, moving from Franklin Hall to Phillips Hall and rising to assistant director. Before retiring, I worked for IBM for 18 years. I was happily married to Louise for 62 years and have three children, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. For the past 19 years I have lived at the Carol Woods Retirement Community and was on the founding committee. Currently I am in assisted living, but still get out to concerts and events. I have been a Rotarian for 48 years and was District Governor in the 1980s."

Join us in Ithaca if you can, Thursday

through Sunday, June 9-12, for some or all of the planned festivities. Excellent hotel accommodations and convenient campus transportation are available to all Class of '30 attendees. Your comfort is assured.

Send us your news. ♦ Class of '30, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

**31** Ever since our 70th Reunion, every time your class president received a copy of the periodic report on our class treasury, he was reminded that before we are all gone, the class should do something about designating the use of any remaining funds in our account with the university. Otherwise, the money will disappear into the cavernous maw of the university's general budget—to be used for striping a parking lot, or such. Finally, this past summer I got around to discussing with the Alumni Office what we should do.

We were told that, first, we should set aside funds for our 75th Reunion; and second, that the university has indicated that it would like us to add funds to our Campus Beautification Project account, as it has turned out to be more expensive than originally estimated. For example, the plantings on the east side of East Ave., down the hill from the Chemistry building, had to be replaced with granite blocks because the salt in the snow-melt splashed up from the roadway and killed the shrubs and trees. In any event, the agreement provides that those of us who make it to the 75th will have the opportunity to amend the distribution of these funds, if they see fit.

After allowing for the preceding set-asides, it appeared that we still would have about \$9,000 left in our account in June 2006 after our 75th. At this point the Alumni Office asked us to consider "helping out a younger class (the Class of 2000) that through no fault of its own was in desperate need of funds" to finance its first (5th-year) reunion this June. This suggestion reminded me that at many annual meetings of the Cornell Fund, I have been amazed at the wide variation in contributions between classes in the same age group—some classes giving in the millions and other adjacent classes in the low hundred thousands. Even granting that the spectacular success of one or more individuals in a class can make a big difference, clearly in such special cases and in general, "class spirit," developed over the years, has been the controlling factor. After graduation, the prime time for developing that class spirit is at reunion, beginning with the very first.

Therefore, I could think of no worse way for the Class of 2000 to start its 70-plus years as alumni/ae of the university than to experience a



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Wintertime blues: A celebrant at last year's Dragon Day pauses to watch the world go by.

poor first reunion. Attendance limited by a lack of promotional funds, and a similarly inhibited and therefore uninspiring program, will leave the good prospects who do come, unhappy and discouraged about attending future reunions. The class will be deprived of the opportunity to broaden acquaintance among classmates and other reuners—for the fun of new friendships, as well as of “networking” by those interested in professional advancement (just think how many good friends you made *after* you graduated). From the point of view of the university, the loss is incalculable. A difference in “class spirit” can mean a difference of millions of dollars in annual giving and other support of the university in the years between 2005 and 2075.

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BILL VANNEMAN '31

The Class of 2000 and the Alumni Office have expressed their appreciation of our gesture of support. The latter may use 1931 as a role model for other classes with a balance. I believe that this could be our class's greatest contribution to the university!

In my phone conversations with the surviving officers, I learned that: **Ethel Bache** Clark is carrying on in her usual spirited way at her retirement community; **Jim Knipe** is as alert and sharp as ever, in spite of being largely restricted to his apartment most of the time in order to care for his invalid wife Doris; **Len Gordon** is comfortable in Florida, but is no longer up to his two or three times a week golf outings; and **Jerry Finch**, PhD '36, is losing his eyesight and has moved to the assisted living unit in his retirement community. Fortunately, he has found a good friend to read his mail and share a preprandial glass of wine. Jerry says he never thought the day would come when one glass of wine would suffice. ♦ **Bill Vanneman**, 237 N. Main St., #250, S. Yarmouth, MA 02664-2088; tel., (508) 760-4250; e-mail, ggrampi@gis.net.

**34** **Richard Rozelle** of Glenwood, FL, wrote several months ago, still remembering his great trip to Ithaca last June: “I was fortunate to have my daughter Judith from Rochester and my son Richard from Houston, TX, with me at the 70th Reunion.” **Irene Van Deventer** Skinner, BS '36, MS '45 (New London, OH) also attended the 70th, then had several family visitors from Florida and Georgia afterwards, plus a Cornell friend from Indiana. She writes: “I’ve been putting together 400 letters my husband wrote to his parents during World War II. He was with a band that played twice for FDR, Churchill, and Stalin in Africa and Sicily. They were Patton’s 7th Army Band and played to keep up the morale of the

troops. I still hear regularly from the band—a gifted group.”

Irene continues: “The world’s most pressing problem is learning to understand each other, caring for each other, and closing the gap between the haves and the have-nots. Another problem is our economy and the tax burden for future generations. The solution is to raise public awareness in the US, including travel to other countries to see the problems people face. We should also learn to live within our means and not spend money we don’t have.”

Irene remembers living in Sage Dormitory her freshman year “with friends who became friends for life. I was 16 years old, and three of us ran up and down through the gorge on Friday

nights—to church—and played records and cards on the floor in our room.”

We also received a lengthy Cornell memory from **George Tretter**, with the underlying message that “in order to reach the top, one must put forth his utmost effort.” A wrestler from his days as a small, skinny kid in the slums of Brooklyn, George made the wrestling team at 118 pounds, and kept the varsity position for three years. However, he continues, “I feel that I never became an outstanding wrestler because I was too busy surviving financially and academically and did not have the right attitude to reach the top.” Here are some excerpts from George’s memoir:

“I followed my brother **Max** '27, JD '29, to Cornell. He was an outstanding student at the Law school. He was head of the Order of the Coif, was editor of the *Law Journal*, started the Moot Court, and was president of his class and a double-A student. My brother would send home pictures of the campus and campus life. He also participated in the ‘greased climbing pole’ contest—an annual event. A picture showed him with clothes all torn up, full of mud and grease—a sight to behold. This activity was eventually discontinued.

“I could never compete with his accomplishments. In order for me to survive and to send money home during the Great Depression, I never could spend too much time on my studies. I was an average student and it didn’t bother me since I enjoyed the subjects I took. What I lacked academically, I made up in persistence, personality, and resourcefulness. I was acquainted with many of the business people downtown and helped them make money. This same situation prevailed in my wrestling career. I was a steady wrestler and never achieved or desired to achieve champion status. I just enjoyed wrestling and kept my head above water.

“I did not make the top spots in wrestling and academics because I was lackadaisical. I was

satisfied to just get by. I had lots of friends on and off the campus and that was very satisfying and rewarding. After Cornell, I succeeded in business because I vowed that my family would never have to live in poverty. I worked to the maximum to pursue my goal with the right attitude and the support of my wife.”

George went on to list several events that he’ll never forget from his days at Cornell. Look for those stories, as well as news from **Mary Terry Goff**, **Marion Call Hemmett**, and others, in the next issue. Send your news and views to: ♦ Class of '34, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Ithaca, NY 14850.

**35** Reunion 2005 is approaching. I hope that you have marked your calendars for June 9-12 and, if you are able, are making plans to be in Ithaca. The Statler Hotel will be our residence and departure point for activities held elsewhere. Your expenses at Cornell will be surprisingly low.

Responses to the initial advisory letter from **Viola Henry** Miller-Mullane, our Reunion Chair, have indicated that the following classmates are on the early “Yes” list: **Bill Barden** (Falls Church, VA); **Esther Major Batchelder** (Williamsburg, VA); **Dr. Irving Behr** (NYC); **Joseph John Davis** (Frederick, MD); **Ruth Harder Dugan** (Hamburg, NY); **Helen Berdick Freedman** (Catonsville, MD); **Dr. Tevis Goldhaft** (Haverford, PA); **Florence Nusim Greville** (Charlottesville, VA); **Kitty Morris Lockwood** (New Rochelle, NY); and **J. Hambleton Palmer** (Annapolis, MD).

**Theodore Kheel**, LLB '37, whose career has involved the mediation of more than 30,000 labor disputes, recently made the New York City news bestowing a substantial grant to the City U. of New York to establish the Institute to Nurture New York’s Nature. His aim is to foster the development of the City in a way that protects and improves its environment.

**Elizabeth Myers** Martin Slutz (3939 Erie Ave., #108, Cincinnati, OH 45208) writes that she and her husband, a lawyer still practicing part-time, are fairly active in the community and attend plays and musical events. Her son **Peter Martin** '61 is a Cornell Law School professor who organized the Cornell Legal Information Institute. She also has three daughters, a psychiatrist in Michigan, a French professor in Minnesota, and a dietitian in Vermont. She has 14 grown grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She grew up in Ithaca where her father was a professor in the Ag college. After high school she walked to her father’s office for a ride home, taking a route the end of which is now the Class of 1935 walk. You must have been in tip-top shape when you entered Cornell, Betty. We are glad that you hope to make reunion.

**Catherine Pennock** Predmore (2701 Pickett Rd., #4043, Durham, NC 27705) writes that she is retired and has a great-granddaughter. **G. S. Gudernatch**, MD '39 (17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, CT 06068) is retired but keeps his professional skills current by reading medical literature. He is a 60-year member of the Sharon, CT, Lion’s Club and has been studying molecular physics and Russian history. He has two grandchildren in college. **Florence DeRemer** (1028 Ellis Hollow Rd.,

Ithaca, NY 14850) wrote that she was a member of the pastoral nominating committee that searched for a new pastor for the 200-year-old First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca.

I hope that my next report will include the good news that many more of you are planning to meet on campus for our 70th Reunion. I also hope that I will have personal updates from more of you as well. It is really easy to contact me directly. ♦ **Albert G. Preston Jr.**, 252 Overlook Dr., Greenwich, CT 06830; tel., (203) 869-8387; e-mail, davada35@aol.com.

**36** I am pleased to have heard from quite a few of you lately (and I know who all of you are thanks to someone at the Alumni Affairs office putting the label in that box on the News Form), but before getting to that I think you will enjoy an excerpt from **Harry Bovay's** remarks after being given the Frank H. T. Rhodes Award at a dinner in Ithaca on Oct. 15 for his generosity and service to Cornell over the years. Harry grew up in Memphis, TN, and, he says, "To get to Cornell I hitchhiked for 12 days and spent \$6.71. I landed on the Cornell campus not knowing a soul in New York State. Lucky for me, I found work to help me pay my way. I lived in a \$2-a-week boarding house in a bedroom 10 feet long and 6 feet wide with a card table for a desk and a hook for a closet. I didn't even unpack until Thanksgiving because I was not sure that either my work or my grades would allow me to stay." Fortunately he did stay, and years later started his own very successful engineering consulting firm.

Now from some of the ladies. **Jo Biddle McMeen** has sent me the following certificates of honor, which will get into her file in Ithaca: Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters Certificate of Performance Excellence "for outstanding performance and lasting contribution on 10,000 local live interviews during her career"; and the Business and Professional Women/USA Woman of the Year Award "in appreciation of her exceptional leadership and integrity and her distinguished achievements for the betterment of her community." Jo has also written the school news pages for the Huntingdon *Daily News* and for some time each November she has honored several people whom she designated as "Some Pumpkins." This year there was a gathering of many of those "Some Pumpkins" to honor the "Great Pumpkin" herself by planting a small tree in the local park and placing a bronze plaque on it.

So there's the news from two of our distinguished classmates and a hard act to follow. However, here's **Dorothy Greey Van Bortel**, MS '41 (2207 Theal Rd., Rye, NY 10580), our class president, who says, "I enjoy movies, rides in the park, and friends. Donating money to various charities is a hobby. I am called a 'saint to many.'" **Ruth Rosenbaum Roemer**, JD '39 (265 S. Westgate Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90049) says that her husband **Milton**, MA '40, who was a professor of public health at UCLA, passed away Jan. 3, 2001. "I am still teaching health law at the UCLA School of Public Health. Our son John is the Elizabeth and Varick Stout Prof. of Political Science and Economics at Yale. Our daughter Beth

is a strategic planner for the Permanente Federation, the liaison of medical groups across the country of Kaiser Permanente."

We have also heard from **Ruth Staley Engel** (43 Edinburgh Drive, Toms River, NJ 08757), who "hit the big 90 in October. I keep busy with my 'taxi service,' taking those who can't drive in the heavy traffic here to doctors and shopping." It's nice that you can be so helpful, Ruth. I'm sure it is appreciated. Finally, **Hannah Asai Culver** (97 Lewis Rd., East Quogue, NY 11942) is still active with community affairs and manages to play bridge several times a week and also enjoys bowling. ♦ **Bill Hoyt**, 8090 Oakmont Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409, subilhoyt@SBCglobal.net.

**37** As spring approaches, we look forward to hearing about your activities. Please keep writing to us; we enjoy reading about you and your family. **Esther Schiff Bondareff** has been president of the Palm Beach Zoo since 1986. In her humorous manner she writes that she has "now graduated to cleaning cages." As we all know, Esther has always been a successful fundraiser for Cornell and very active with Cornell Club activities. She also works with Planned Parenthood.

**Ruth Mason Phillips** is enjoying a great life in Colorado, having moved there from Virginia three years ago to be near her daughter **Frances Phillips Lazear**, DVM '76, and husband Greg. Fran is now enjoying early retirement. The area close to Ruth is on the western slope of the Rockies near Grand Junction. Nearby is an area called Grand Mesa, which is lovely for hiking in the summer and for snowshoeing and skiing in the winter. She hopes to return for reunion in 2007.

As for **Flora Daniel Glass**, she is very active in the Judson Retirement Community. She writes their weekly newsletter and works in the conservatory and the library. She also visits the patients in the Hospital Unit. **Glenna Vreeland Wilcox** is also in a retirement community and claims, "Lots going on if one prefers, but one can just chill out if one doesn't care to join in." Glenna is busy reading, line dancing, and doing aerobics. She went to St. John's, Virgin Islands, in August and had a great time.

**Alice Richards Campbell** has advised us that her activities are still limited because of a fractured hip last July. But she claims that she is almost back to normal and has no illnesses and, except for an aspirin once a day, takes no medicine. Her son Robert visits her daily. Church, gospel concerts, and e-mail keep her very busy. **Ellen Carnell Seaburg** takes daily walks with husband Roy, also 91 years old. Ellen also spends time gardening and reading.

As for me, I am off to enjoy my second childhood with my two grown daughters, Nancy and Lori, in Orlando, FL, where I will be revisiting Mickey Mouse, Goofy, the Epcot theme park, and MGM Studios. We enjoyed hearing about what you've been doing, so please continue to send your updates. ♦ **Selma Block Green**, 15 Weaver St., Scarsdale, NY 10583; tel., (914) 472-0535.

President **Ed Shineman** has moved south—at least from midtown Manhattan to an apartment

in Battery Place. Write him at 455 North End Ave., Apt. 411, NY 10282 or phone (917) 522-1250. Ed's recovering from a broken hip suffered at a family gathering last spring following his granddaughter's wedding in May. Thanks to good care and therapy he's making good progress and was hoping to be able to shed the walker that has been a constant companion. Ed's beloved tennis games may have to wait a while, though.

**Baldwin Avery** fell from a ladder while painting at the summer camp on Pocono Lake, PA, and broke his hip. He has recovered sufficiently to be mobile again so that Baldy and Harriet have been able to return to their regular winter headquarters in Ft. Myers, FL. They've sold their Ft. Myers house and are living in a nice solid retirement apartment that weathered last season's hurricanes, so no more ladder-climbing is on the agenda. Granddaughter **Megan Avery Rogers**, Fordham '04, who received the prestigious John Kieran Award, was a four-year member of the women's rowing team with a 3.69 GPA throughout her career. There are two other daughters in the Avery clan.

**Walter Crissey** is well along with an autobiography he's been writing for his family—three daughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He's finished the part on the "working years" about his career as a senior scientist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, during which he had much to do with the research and management system for migratory waterfowl in North America. Now he's having a lot of fun "putting back together again" reminiscences from the post-1975 retirement years. Walt, whose wife Martha died in August 2003, lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

**Silas B. Weeks's** interest in Quaker history in New England nurtured the writing of two books, *New England Quaker Meetinghouses, Past and Present* and *Chasing Dead Quakers* (about burying grounds). Professor Emeritus of the U. of New Hampshire, and Director Emeritus of the New Hampshire Farm Museum, Silas and his wife Constance have lived on and operated Back Hills Farm in Eliot, ME, for many years. He reports that **R. David Thomas**, MS '39, lives with his daughter on a Vermont sheep farm. Silas comments wryly that he'll get to be 90 with children—twin sons—eligible for Social Security.

**Edward Blitzer** was happy to attend the 100th anniversary of Lightolier Inc., of which his grandfather was founder and Ed was longtime president and chairman until retiring in 1981. The Blitzers celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in London this year. They have two sons and five grandchildren. Nancy is a docent at the Bronx Zoo, NY, and Ed supports and teaches English in Action, a program for teaching English as a second language.

**Millard** and **Genevieve Coggshall** welcomed their first great-granddaughter in September, and in October celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. ♦ **Robert A. Rosevear**, 2714 Saratoga Rd. N., DeLand, FL 32720-1403.

**38** **Richard Goodwin** (Silver Spring, MD) starts us off with a story of good health: "I was told by a doctor at the Naval Hospital in

mid-November, 'Can't give you a flu shot at this time; you're too healthy.' Dick and wife Isabel ("Babs") sold their home in Kensington, MD, and moved to the nearby Riderwood Village in Silver Spring (just under 2,000 residents at present). "Still getting settled, and we like it—many nice features. Not much travel this year due to the change. Visited baby sister in Cape Cod as usual. We're signed up for a one-week cruise on the *Mississippi Queen* in April and May, Memphis to New Orleans. Son Bill and his wife live not far from us in Maryland. Grandchildren in Georgia and Colorado Springs. Still enjoying golf. I have some contact with fellow Cornellians through the Cornell Club of Washington, DC, though none that I knew in my years at Cornell."

Another nice long note came from **Bill and Elsie Harrington Doolittle** (Glastonbury, CT), who wrote that Bill dismantled his N-scale model railroad—reportedly the largest in Connecticut—and sold the rolling stock on eBay. "Designing and building it was the best part." He is still building ship models. "Elsie completed a custom of taking grandchildren on a trip to France for a high school graduation gift, completed by taking the youngest of our seven grandchildren at once—ages 19, 17, and 13. We couldn't wait until '05 and '08! Travel is not as much fun anymore, so after wonderful tastes of every continent (except Antarctica), we don't plan to go overseas anymore. Elsie is starting her 19th year as a volunteer docent at Hartford's Wadsworth Atheneum of Art. The last four summers have each seen a granddaughter's wedding and family reunion. This fall the wedding is that of our youngest daughter."

**Martin Beck** (Boynton Beach, FL) is living the quiet life in Florida—"interrupted quite thoroughly by two hurricanes in two months. No serious consequences other than the loss of some beautiful old trees, roof shingles, and electricity (for a time), and a lot of howling wind. Other folks were not quite as lucky as we were. We see the **Len Robertses** when we get to New York and enjoy the Big Apple and the theatre."

**George "Keoki"** (George in Hawaiian) **Batt** of Princeville, HI, still gives tours at Waioli and Grove Farm, historic farms on Kauai. "I do tai chi, chi kung, and yoga every week, mostly tai chi, and go to Maine every year in July and August. Dorris and I will go to the White House in December to 'undecorate' after Christmas—tear down the decorations carefully and store for the future. We'll stay with daughter Wendy, who has been at the White House as a permanent florist since the Reagan Administration. We have, in the past, decorated the White House, but it's a long process. A little too much for 'two old Batts.'"

**Stephen Roberts**, DVM '38 (Bath, NY) writes that he was very sorry to lose his first wife **Betty Jane (Harris)** in the early '90s. "We had 53 great years together, two children (Stephen Jr. and Gail), and several grandchildren. I am enjoying my new life (last 10-plus years) with my second wife, Ruth, in her old home on the outskirts of Bath. I have given up horseback riding and polo, but still walk my dogs, and enjoy alumni news from Cornell and the Vet college. My best wishes to the old Cornell gang. Do keep in touch."

Some short notes. **Arthur Burdin** (Lodi, NY) says he's still hanging in at 90. He spends summers on Seneca Lake and winters near two daughters in South Carolina. **James Cooney** (Corning, NY): "Still alive! Health not as good as usual, but upright. Travel limited to visits to children. Have either worked in or visited Europe, Japan, Africa, Korea, and China, plus most of the US looking at potential plant sites. Not much left to be seen at my age." **Jean Burr Joy** (Skaneateles, NY): "We are still here. Not as good as we used to be, but go to many medical appointments. Very little travel. Our grandchildren are starting to marry—nice way to increase the family."

**Patricia Prescott Kleps Hok** (Davis, CA) has retired to a retirement home, Atria Covell Gardens. "The food is good, the entertainment satisfying. One of my oldest friends lives next door. I am having a very happy time. Had a wonderful family reunion last summer here in San Francisco. All my East Coast relatives came." And lastly, from **Charles Lounsbury** of Trumansburg, NY: "I am the youngest of seven children and have only one sister living, **Kathryn Lounsbury Hutchings '35**. At age 88, I am becoming a homebody and enjoying reflections of days past. Feel so fortunate to be alive and see all the wonderful changes that have been made. It is a wonderful time and I'm glad to keep my eye on the sparrow."

Much more news still to report in the upcoming issues. Join in—write us today. ♦ Class of '38, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850.

**39** Reunion brought the extra gift of more letters from you than I have seen in years. Thank you all. It all helps to flesh out a meager imagination. It's December in Ithaca as I write, and a very cold, snowy day. The good news is that for several months now I have received no reports of classmate deaths, so we must all be hanging on in reasonable health. Glory Hallelujah!

We received two lovely letters from our class scholarship recipients. **Michelle DuMond '08** is a freshman majoring in the biological sciences, aiming eventually to become a missionary internal surgeon. Through her youth group and church she had already spent three summers helping to build a hospital in the Dominican Republic and hopes to continue working in medicine in less fortunate countries. Michelle also loves fencing, mystery novel writing, debating, and singing a cappella, as well as her science courses. Her variety of interests indicates an exciting future at Cornell, and we hope our help will contribute to making her dreams a reality.

The second student, **Mary Montague '07**, is majoring in nutritional sciences with a goal of medical school also. She is a women's varsity lacrosse team goalie and a volunteer assistant in the Cornell Sports Medicine Dept. She is also a fitness monitor at the Cornell Fitness Center. "Thank you again for helping me to continue my education. Your contribution means so much to students at Cornell, helping reach our goals and live our dreams." There you have it: your gifts to our Bill Lynch Tradition Scholarship at work. It's a mighty pleasant feeling, is it not?

To catch up: **Evelyn Wilson Monroe** lives in Cokesbury Village in Hockessin, DE. Confined to a wheelchair and with major loss of sight, she would love to hear from classmates at ckit1@comcast.net, so sit down at your keyboards and write! **Virginia Campbell Thomas** is still an active deacon in the Episcopal Church, assisting and preaching. She wrote an article about a family trip coast to coast in 1924 in the magazine *Arizona Highways*. Both she and **David '37, MS '39**, her husband of 64 years, are addicted to life in Vermont, even when snowbound at minus 25 degrees F. That beats Ithaca!

**Diana Dibblee Carroll** and her 93-year-old friend Dr. Willem Kolff, an inventor of a note, were pictured at Reunion in the Sept/Oct '04 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Her comments about her adventures at Cornell are fun to read (page 48) and typical Diana. Good picture, too. One good result of Reunion was the renewal of old friendships. **Sally Steinman Harms** discovered that **Janet Wasserman Karz** and **Dawn Rochow Seymour** also live in the Rochester area, and they have gotten together since.

Bernie and I hope you are all having a healthy and happy year. Let's make 2005 just another snap of the finger! ♦ **Ruth Gold Goodman**, 103 White Park Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 257-6357; e-mail, bg11@cornell.edu.

**Peter Lazoration** (Horseheads, NY) and his wife Mamie Lou celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pete spent 25 years in the US Army and attained the rank of Captain. He retired from Agway and now delivers Meals on Wheels and assists at the Horseheads Historical Museum and the V.A. Hospital. **Donald White-man** of Adams, NY, keeps busy as a member of the Lions Club and continues to work for SCORE and the nearby Agricultural Museum at Stone Mills.

**Arnold Allison** lives in Tamarac, FL, and has a great story. It seems he was going with a girl for a number of years while at Cornell, but they separated when they were both taking their master's at Columbia and married others. They each lost their spouses of many years and after his died, his former lady friend sent him a letter of condolence. The bottom line is that they met again and have been going together for three years.

**Jerome Schneck** of New York City has been designated a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Assn. **Bob Boochever**, JD '41 (Pasadena, CA) is still sitting as a senior judge on the US Court of Appeals. **Richard Netter**, JD '41, also of New York City, states that his life is equally balanced among: "lawyering" and charitable activities; vice chairman of Beth Israel Medical Center; a member of the Advisory Committee of North General Hospital in Harlem; various capacities for the National Conference of Community and Justice; and a president of Thanks to Scandinavia, which he and the entertainer Victor Borge founded in 1963 to honor the rescuing of Jewish people from the Holocaust by the governments and churches of Scandinavia. **John Ogden** (Milwaukee, WI) is a part-time realtor at Ogden & Company, which is run by two of his sons. His other son, a graduate of the Hotel

school, is running restaurants in Georgia and in Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head, SC.

**Byron Bookhout**, MS '40, lives in Dover, DE, and is in reasonably good health. He still bowls regularly. He also volunteers each week at the local hospital. **John Lankes** has moved to a retirement home, The Devonshire in Hampton, VA. **Austin Kiplinger** lives in Washington, DC, and observes that our column for 1939 Men now has only a few classes ahead of us in the line-up in our alumni magazine. **Sam Vail** of Binghamton must be alive and kicking, as he sent in a News Form with no news. Similarly, another classmate submitted news, but there was no name on the form. In any case, he and his wife Gretchen say that they are moving to a retirement community in Boca Raton, FL. ♦ **Phil Twitchell**, 1963 Indian Valley Rd., Novato, CA 94947; e-mail, philtwitchell@comcast.net.

**40** **John Van Aken**, DVM '50, writes of his wife's passing in early 1992. He is a retired veterinarian with a regional assignment to Northeast Ohio for USDA-APHIS-CVS. His granddaughter is studying instrumental and vocal music at Wells College in Aurora. **John Weiner** still works with the homeless in Westchester. A local Bridge Fund helps to prevent homelessness by loaning money to applicants about to be evicted from their homes. He helped his wife Lynne write a book, *Freud Through Lehrman's Lens*, which was published in Germany in spring '04. It concentrates on 1928-29 and the events in psychoanalysis in Vienna, Berlin, Paris, London, and Budapest. John has special interest in a young grandson who he hopes will develop an interest in the game of tennis. He'll be 3 in May. Have patience, John!

**Thressa Campbell Stadtman**, MS '42, lives in Derwood, MD, and has recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. **Carl and Ruth Buffum Schoenacker** (Waterloo, NY) attended the World War II Memorial dedication with son Terry and grandson, also Terry (age 10). This included the opening at Washington National Cathedral. "Great seats; great experience." Ruth was looking forward to getting together with her college roommate. **Lawrence Cook**, M Ed '51 (Binghamton, NY) stays involved in some church activities, and has been traveling. "I returned to Almont, CO, last September for about the 12th time. I was at Lowry Field in Denver in 1945 for B-29 transition training, and it's now an apartment complex and shopping mall! Grandson James is a senior this year at Binghamton U., only ten miles away."

**Doris Van Alstyne Peller's** favorite mode of travel appears to be by ship. She cruised South America from Valparaiso, Chile, around the Horn to Rio de Janeiro in 1998, and flew over Antarctica in 2004. "Cruised Alaska again, this time with all nine family members, except my daughter's husband who is in the Army in Afghanistan." A cruise with a Cornell group took her to the Danube River. Doris, now retired, was a home economics teacher at Valparaiso U. in Indiana for ten years. She's still very active in church work in Valparaiso and with sororities promoting education, art, and

helping the underprivileged. Besides travel, she enjoys reading, bridge, and gardening.

**Enid McKinney** Cruse died in August '00. You may be interested in her history. She entered the New York State Hospital School of Nursing, gaining Registered Nurse status. She earned a master's in nursing from St. John's U. in Jamaica, and served as an Army nurse from 1942 to 1970, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. Our class president **Bob Schuyler** has had a hospital stay. He is back home and feeling better. His wife Evelyn has had heart surgery and is also back home and fine.

**Carolyn Medl** Schwarz has been living in a retirement home called Heath Village in Hackensack, NJ, since the death of her husband in April '98. She is well but struggling with memory problems. If Carolyn has found good help for

**Charlotte Adelman** Kotzen (Sarasota, FL) loves living in the Sarasota Bay Club for older people. She volunteers in a theater camp, preparing developmentally disabled young adults to act and produce shows. **Kathleen Spellman** McLaurin, MD '44, has sold her home in Cincinnati and moved to Raleigh, NC, where three of her five children live. **Ann Wallace** McKendry (Lacey, WA) is still enjoying life at Panorama, a continuing care retirement community next door to Olympia, WA. She is busy with a writers' group, volunteering at a wildlife refuge, and participating in Cornell's Lab of Ornithology Feeder Watch Program. She also loves visits from her grandson Daniel.

In early October '04, **Betty Turverey** Cornish of Ithaca gave a talk at Kendal about her 42 years as a stockbroker. It was well received. **Martha**

## 'Great seats; great experience.'

CARL AND RUTH BUFFUM SCHOENACKER '40

this, I hope she can tell the rest of us working with this difficulty. Carolyn has taken a one-week Caribbean cruise with her daughter Susan and also a bus trip to Chesapeake Bay for four days last May. Her son Roy remarried last August, and his daughter **Emilie** '03 attended Cornell. She was accepted for a two-month ecology internship in Hawaii last year.

**Earle Billington** (Penfield, NY) lists driving horses, flower gardens, and church as his current interests. He also talks regularly with his Cornellian sons and grandson: **Glenn** '65, **David** '72, and **Mark** '86. **Henry Rose** of Bay Head, NJ, writes this on his news form: "No changes except for the usual." Next time, Henry, please send me some news. That's all for now. I'm often hindered by dizziness, so if anyone would like to write a future column, please let me know any time. ♦ **Carol Clark** Petrie, Box 8, Hartford, NY 12838; tel., (518) 632-5237.

**41** **Gretchen Fonda** Gagnon of Cohoes, NY, is still feeling very well and able to get around to see and do a lot of things. Her third great-grandchild was born in Nov. '03 and lives nearby, so she gets to help spoil him. Her granddaughters live next door to her old homestead and have two large chocolate Labs. **Jean Way** Schoonover of New York City wrote a lovely, long account of her recent vacation trip to Switzerland and Tuscany with her sister's family in April '04. They did everything anyone is urged to do in those countries, plus every day they had a car and a driver to take them around Tuscany to see the scenery and eat at great restaurants.

**Barbara Sandy** Beachley of Potomac, MD, died in April 2004. We learned of this from her daughter Jean Redwine. **Janet Wilbor** Warner and husband Lyle had a busy winter in early 2004. Lyle broke his hip in late November, and in March Janet broke her wrist. Their only travel has been to visit their son in Indianapolis. Thankfully, they have a daughter living nearby who helps them.

**Cross Durfee**, MS '61, was honored posthumously at the First Presbyterian Church in Ithaca for the living legacy called the "Durfee Tutoring Project" she and husband **Art** '40 set up in 1996. This project has spread to other churches and organizations with up to 30 tutors a year working in various schools. ♦ **Dorothy Talbert** Wiggans, 415 Savage Farm Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850; tel., (607) 266-7629; e-mail, flower@localnet.com.

Here's some more good '41 Men's news. **Eddie Burgess** Bartholomew, **Chuck Lake**, and **Bob Brunet** report that our class has raised \$1.3 million as of the last fiscal year—a super amount from a class of 80-plus-year-old survivors. Also, the Frank J. "Doc" Kavanagh Head Athletics Trainer/Physical Therapist Endowment Fund showed a balance of \$999,902. Class chairmen of this fund were the late **Walt Matuszak** and the very present **Lou Conti**.

This scribe belongs to a lunch group that meets once a month. A new member, **John Gridley** '44, BA '47, has moved to Richmond. John practiced law in Buffalo, NY, and had great respect for our classmate Judge **John Elfvin**.

Just as I was concerned about lack of news to fill our space, Lou Conti did what more of you must do—he sent news. Lou writes, "In October, I had a short weekend in Toledo for a reunion of my WWII photo squadron. We had a great time, but decided to call it quits. One of the fellows from Kansas insisted on coming, although he was in bad shape. His wife got him there and home, and he died happy the next week. So it goes. Magnificent Americans!"

Lou continues: "I then went to Antigua for the yearly get-together of our Sigma Pi brothers. My former roommate **Pete Mathers** had lost his wife. Then on to Ithaca for the Dartmouth game, Hall of Fame Weekend, and an update on the Schoellkopf renovation. Finally, I went to Dallas to visit our son's family. My grandson wanted me there for Veterans Day. The fourth and fifth grades did a great job. We should have no fear

about their patriotism and high regard for our flag. Wish all schools had the same attitude." ♦ **Ralph Antell**, Beaufort Towers, 7015 Carnation St., Apt. 408, Richmond, VA 23225-5233.

**42** A news update from Pres. **Liz Schlamm Eddy**, who is still singing in her church choir and is a member of the SAC (Sutton Area Community) neighborhood civic association. She and **George and Barbara Crohurst Howell** (our class Cornell Fund reps, who also commented on what fun it was to meet longtime friends and the deans of the various colleges) attended the Cornell Board of Trustees annual meeting in Ithaca. They also met with the '42 Memorial Scholarship recipients **Lynn Feeley '06** and **Katie O'Regan '08**. Lynn, a fine runner, recently won the Adirondack Marathon, and Katie is on the Cornell track team. She came to the reception dressed as an angel for Halloween. Liz is high on her praise for both students. She also tells us that two new buildings were dedicated on campus: the Alice Cook House, an upperclass dorm on West Campus just below Baker, and Duffield Hall at the end of East Ave. She loved being back on campus.

**Dick Thomas** (Meadville, PA; roseyt@zoominternet.net) is enjoying retirement from 37 years as a judge. He is proud that a 73-year-old non-reader has gone from 2nd grade level to 7th under his tutelage. He and Rosey enjoyed a Caribbean cruise, and he continues to play golf, though his handicap has gone from 6 to 15 in the last two years. "Something about the aging process," he says. Gen. **Myron "Mike" Lewis, JD '47** (E. Rochester, NY) is still practicing law. He recently traveled to Washington, DC, Hilton Head, SC, and Savannah, GA, to attend a WWII reunion. He and Marcia welcomed a new granddaughter. **Richard Hanson** (Corvallis, OR; rhanson@proaxis.com) likes tying flies for trout, salmon, and steelhead fishing and participates in fly-tying at the Expo of Fly Fishing Federation. He's a volunteer on the "salmon watch" and is an active streamside advocate for shading streams with salmon and trout. He and Aileen boast six children, 14 grands, and six great-grands.

**Ken Hubbard** complains about the number of unfamiliar names in the columns. If you know Ken, do write to me or to him (P.O. Box 213, Fort Myers, FL 33902) so he feels a nostalgic connection to Cornell. **Herman Jones** (Leesburg, FL; hjones3656@aol.com) has felt this connection, as he is happily ensconced in the Lake Port Square retirement community, close to his son in Windermere. Wife **Jean (Copeland)** passed away in 2002. "Along with many new friends and activities, I have become very friendly with a couple of fellow Cornellians. **John Borst '41** and his wife **Lucille (Heise)**. It's great to claim and extend our mutual Cornell spirit." He recently traveled to Holland and Germany. He does digital camera and computer photo work and still loves square- and ballroom dancing.

**Geraldine Backus Berg** (Eden, NY) and her husband celebrated their 60th anniversary with their three children, nine grands, and five great-granddaughters, who live scattered across the country. **Edward, PhD '57**, and **Cynthia Sampson**

(Killingworth, CT; ESampson1@comcast.net) cruised to the Adriatic Sea. Ed plays chess and enjoys music, especially opera and ballet. **Peter and Babe Corson** (Wellington, FL) are also wedded 60 years. He writes to tell **Will Templeton** (Oceanside, CA) that he is "among the living and recovering from a broken hip." He retired from real estate in Palm Springs and successfully weathered the hurricanes.

**Bob and Dorothy Laben** (Davis, CA) visited their home farm in Darien Center, CT. Bob received the Award of Distinction from the College of Agriculture and Environment Science at UC Davis. He's taking computer training and doing woodworking. Bob is also teaching conservation and outdoor safety for the Dept. of Fish & Game and is active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He and Dorothy are busy hauling food for the Volunteers Coalition Against Hunger. They boast four children and six grandchildren. **Bob (Robert H.) Wright** (Whitewater, WI) has won show ribbons for his watercolor paintings and plays lots of golf (shooting in the 80s) after recovering from a two-and-a-half-year bout with cancer. He has gained weight and has a new lease on life. He sends his regrets about the passing of fraternity brother **Ed Holub**. He writes that both his grands are having too good a time to get married!

**Marie Call Wells** (Lockport, NY) volunteers with hospice, Meals on Wheels, Royce Crisis, and 4-H committees and is coordinator of the Senior Center Program. She enjoys 15 grandchildren and seven great-grands. My neighbor **Art Foster** (Bellevue, WA; dogpaw@earthlink.net) has a new great-grandchild to go with the ten grands. The new baby lives in Hawaii, where one of his ten grandchildren has gotten a job in a hospital. Art and Fay have lived in Hawaii but like Washington better as it is nearer to more of their family.

Thanks for keeping in touch with me . . . and use all those e-mail addresses. Be sure to print your e-mail address carefully. And 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** Some four years ago, you will remember, architect **W. McNeill "Mac" and wife Marguerite Moore Baker '45** together received the Rhodes Award for exemplary service to Cornell. Once again they're guilty of loyalty beyond the call. This time for donating to Cornell perhaps the largest single gift yet by members of '43-45: a parcel of now highly valuable Madison Valley, MT (640 acres), bought 100 years ago—less costly then—by Mac's country doctor father. In addition to lifetime income, the Bakers can look forward to the University's eternal thanks.

In October **Mary Louise (Snellenburg) '45** and I toured the Hotel school's stunning new Beck Center. A curtain of windows showcases an atrium balcony named by **Brad Rosenstein '83**. What's '83 doing in '43's notes? Turns out Brad is the son of our own **Arnie Rosenstein**, whom he followed as proprietor of Jack's Oyster House, longtime favorite of the Albany power elite.

Which brings us full circle to the dramatic third-floor Beck space yclept—deep breath—Jack's Oyster House Atrium Balcony. The original Jack, the son of Russian immigrants, sold newspapers, and in 1913, having saved \$400 by age 20, opened his famous eatery. And now, 91 years later, thanks to Brad, we have this handsome balcony. \$400 savings will get what today? "Oysters for the house! Make them Kumomotos!" Or as Dan Quayle would have it . . .

**Doris Fenton Klockner** (Chester, CT, and Jensen Beach, FL) reports: "Our condominium in Florida survived hurricanes Frances and Jeanne, although our pools were full of sand, and our social room and office were under several feet of water! Last summer we had a great time together with **June Gilbert Klitgord, Caroline Norfleet Church**, and **Betty Call Kingsley** at my home in Connecticut. We usually do some sightseeing, but most of the time is filled with conversations to catch up. Great fun! This year we missed seeing **Jean Hammersmith Wright**, who has moved to Shelburne, VT."

"Reunion was great," writes **Ray Ward** (Waverly, NY). "One wag remarked that the cost of attending equaled the cost of a year's tuition in our day. By metamorphosis, I've evolved from author into publisher of histories, with magical effect on my own writing starting to surface. Recent exposure includes Google's newest program, 'Google Print,' where book excerpts can be read. Other Cornell authors take note." Ray describes how he got a lump in his throat upon learning that the blind in veterans hospitals, with much appreciation, are being read his Air Force saga, *Those Brave Crews*. Retired co-founder **Fuzzy Raffel** (Miami, FL) was recently honored on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Arby's? [RBs? Roast Beef? Hmmm. Let's go with Raffel Brothers.]

Nancy Loving (U. of Colorado DVM), daughter of **Bea Swick Ornitz** (Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Aspen, CO), was chosen to select the horses that ran in the world championship performance races in the U.A.E. in January. **Bea and Martin '42**, alas, lost their daughter **Barbara '67** to ovarian cancer in September 2002. She also writes that they went to the Galapagos Islands last September with their grandson Zachary. "It is a wondrous place everyone should see." **Ed Clarke** (Darien, CT), writes, "I'm legally blind, but I still volunteer at a community organization that provides—for those who strive for self-sufficiency—food, clothing, furniture, and such services as college scholarships, summer camp, and counseling. I'm also still on the board of the Darien Land Trust. I no longer golf, ski, or sail, but I can still make things happen!" **Bob Clement** (Lynchburg, VA) fires these bullets: "Sept. 30, 2004 marked my 84th orbit of the sun [he figures that's 584 million celestial miles give or take]. **Jan (Sutherland) '46** and I enjoyed our 60th anniversary on Jan. 1, 2004 and agreed: we did it right the first time! With 22 grandchildren, four greats, and 44 years in Virginia's Blue Ridge, we have been truly blessed. Best to all!"

**Aline Snyder Raisler** (New York, NY) writes: "Granddaughter **Jaime Winkelman '03** graduated cum laude in Arts and Sciences and is planning



to attend law school." Her other granddaughters live in Hong Kong and New York City. "I love golf, do volunteer work in Palm Beach, and am a 'Guardian ad Litem.' [Google tells us, as Aline didn't, that a Guardian ad Litem is a trained volunteer appointed by the court to advocate for the best interests of an abused or neglected child.] Every February I attend the Cornell Investment Committee meeting in Jupiter. Hope to be in Ithaca for our 65th Reunion." [And Mars for the CIC?]

**William N. Taylor** sends the following: "I retired after working for 40 years for Esso and Mobil Oil, living in New Jersey for 30-plus years and overseas (Australia and New Zealand) for seven. Shortly thereafter, Adelaide (my second wife) and I moved to Williamsport, PA, where she grew up. It is a relatively small town, but has lots of activity. We still get around to see our eight children (four each), our 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. We are thankful for the fortunate and blessed outcome of our lives, and hope to enjoy this happy life for a few more years."

Constant e-mail buddy **Edy Newman** Weinberger asks, "Do you really need news from me, Miller?" Yep. I do. And two other guys. Minimum. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

**44** Across the country, from California to New Jersey, classmates are settling into retirement communities (continuing care) and reporting with delight about the good life. **Dick**, BA '43, and **Ruth Leonard Claassen**, third-year residents in a Santa Rosa, CA, retirement community, mentioned the variety of activities including chairing a successful annual fundraiser. Their three months' work on a white elephant sale netted \$3,000. They celebrated with a trip to Vancouver. New residents are friends **Rodgers Broomhead** '45 and wife Nancy. In Glendale, AZ, **Barbara Van Slyke** Anderson and Doug are happily ensconced in a life-care community near two of their children. In Tempe, AZ, **Ruth Caplan Brunton** and Bob describe life in Friendship Village as a perpetual cruise or a continuing Elderhostel with outside activities at nearby Arizona State U. and a community college.

Moving east we find **Barbara Cross** Naylor and husband in Shellpoint Retirement Community in Ft. Myers, FL, on the fourth floor overlooking Sanibel Island. They have boat slips, golf, tennis, and orchid-growing classes. Four hurricanes passed them by. In Penny Farms, FL, **Margory Underwood** Marker and husband moved into assisted living at Penny Retirement Community. They report, "North Florida got by without too much damage from hurricanes." **Sherman Burling** and wife now reside in Stone Mountain, GA. **Alex Cadman** and **Pat (Smith)** '46 are in a retirement home in Allison Park, PA. Alex takes care of Pat, who has had several small strokes. **Robert Ready** recently moved into St. Francis Residential Community in Denville, NJ. He claims 11 grandchildren living in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Colorado.

Some of us worked hard and retired early. Others are still working. **Charles Weiss** writes

from Boca Raton, FL, summarizing a 40-year career. He developed three supermarkets, 14 appliance and television stores, and four large-sized furniture stores. It took about ten years to develop and finance all these. "After 40 years I retired and sold out." **Mitchell Zavon** says he's semi-retired in Sarasota, FL, but continues consulting work in occupational health after 55 years in that specialty. He plays tennis and "the civic betterment game with Common Cause." **Carol Brach Hyman**, MD '47, is still in medical practice/teaching in Beverly Hills, CA, but not quite full time. She has traveled to the Galapagos and Sicily/Italy with daughters and grandchildren. **Ralph Clemmets**, MD '46, continues a psychiatric practice in Westwood, NJ. "Got to make a living!" **Gilbert Smith**, MD '47, writes, "Have a great wife of ten years—what a difference! Extended family of seven children, six grands all doing well. Still playing urologist at San Francisco General Hospital. Life is good!" **Elaine Smith** Feiden continues her rare book business in Mamaronek, NY, but no longer exhibits at Antiquarian Booksellers of America fairs. She has four grandchildren in college, but no Cornellians.

Retirement announcements: **Russell Marron** after 55 years in the legal profession. **Louis Shor**, DVM '53, writes, "After retiring from full-time vet activity I served as a veterinary consultant to industry, but am now fully retired." **Sigmund Hoffman**, MFS '48, says, "After 18 years representing Bell Aromatics, a division of Bell Flavors and Fragrances, I retired June 20, but will continue to represent West Grand, a manufacturer of caffeine."

**Thomas Eschweiler**, BArch '50, describes a centennial celebration in August at their country

a no-audition community orchestra (which once had 12 flutes). She also paints, plays bridge, and is a member of Circle Francais, a group of international women.

**Eleanor Johnson** Morse says she's happy and doing as little as possible. She thinks whoever labeled these the "golden years" must have been no more than 12 years old. However, she feels lucky with a husband of 59 years, good health, three loving children nearby, and six grands. "How lucky can you get?" says she.

**Bob Gallagher** also feels lucky. He returned to his home in Winnetka, IL, from salmon fishing in Alaska with 87 and a half pounds of cleaned frozen goodies! ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundle, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #4404, Sterling, VA 20165.

**45** Last October, on the 24th, the date of my 1944 diploma, I sent a message to some of our classmates asking if they remembered where they were 60 years previous. I was surprised by the number who were not graduated on that day. My memory is going the way of other things! **O. Thomas Buffalow** (San Mateo, CA) and I were reminiscing about it, and Tom at first thought he was in Sookeratang, Assam Province, India, but later sent a correction: "**Herb Doan** and I enlisted in the Air Corps the same day, went down to Binghamton together to take our physicals, and were called to active duty within two weeks. That was April 30, 1943. On further reflection I was in Dergaon, Assam Province, India, 60 years ago; I was in Sookeratang 59 years ago."

We can continue that discussion at Reunion,

'I can no longer golf, ski, or sail,  
but I can still make things happen!'

ED CLARKE '43

place on Cornell Lake 30 miles west of Milwaukee, WI, involving nearly 100 people. He claims two daughters and four grandchildren. "One daughter got her Christmas wish—a bobcat with huge tree-terminator jaws in front and two pairs of catcher arms for stacking or loading the trees. Father will find it very useful." Tom and Dabi are healthy and very active. **Taylor Keller** reports a very busy summer after enjoying our great 60th Reunion. They had a two-month parade of family and friends at their Eden on the shores of Canandaigua Lake. People came from halfway around the world. **Marie Buening** Cramer missed Reunion because of a family reunion at a grandson's wedding at Leavenworth Army Base. Twenty-six of 32 children, grands, and great-grands were present. **Gretchen Eichorn** Facq and John, after three years of promises, finally spent three great and fattening weeks in France with family and friends in and near Paris and the Basque Country. Her sister-in-law lives in Bayonne. Gretchen plays cello in

which Tom will attend. Such stuff is good ammunition for bull sessions at Hurlburt House in June. Use it before you lose it! Our reunion co-bosses **Stanley Johnson** (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) and **Gloria Urban** (Maspeth, NY) have been laboring hard and have come up with a superb schedule of goodies, including a Thursday start and new events, so this will be the best reunion ever. Things cost more now than last time, but the class treasury will kick in a subsidy so that the charge to participate will not even cover all expenses. Take advantage of a bargain!

I will expend the extra effort (and it is one) to get to the Hill one more time, and you should do the same, as will **Bernard Mayrsohn** (Purchase, NY). Barney and wife **Ethel (Handelman)** '46 look forward to seeing President **Jeffrey Lehman** '77, Ag college dean Susan Henry, and the other distinguished Cornellians who attended the March 2003 groundbreaking of a new research center on the Arava Desert border of Israel and Jordan, as reported in the May/June

# '45's Sensational 60th!



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## Top 11 Reasons to Come Back to the Hill

- Reconnect & Reminisce with old friends
- Thursday lunch followed by faculty tours of new facilities
- Reception at Johnson Museum
- Barbecue, Hurlburt House, HQ
- Panel with Pres. Em. Frank Rhodes, VP Susan Murphy & Prof. Don Greenberg
- Weekend music, Johnny Russo
- Luncheon, Plantations tent
- Friday & Saturday Dinners at Statler
- Student singing groups at dinners
- All-Alumni Luncheon, Barton
- Dancing to Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Barton

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"Give my regards to Davey,  
Remember me to Tee Fee Crain"

2004 *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. This "Bridging the Rift" program is a project of Cornell, Stanford, and the two governments. The Mayrsohns were pleased to be invited to attend and continue their travels. Last year Barney, a veteran of the 106th Infantry Division, hosted a dinner at a restaurant at One Red Square, Moscow, to thank the members of the Russian Army units that liberated him and his fellow Stalag IV-B POWs on April 30, 1945. It's an interesting story and Barney has a sheaf of photos and other information that you will enjoy looking over at Hurlburt House. He would like to organize a tennis tournament during reunion. Any takers?

At last report, **Carolyn Worcester** VanDecar (Royal Oak, MI) was undecided as to her attendance, but as she and hubby Phil travel regularly to Eglin AFB, FL, to see their son and his wife, both USAF doctors, and keep active in the Meals on Wheels program, we trust that they can muster up the energy for an Ithaca voyage. One who will not be attending is our grouchy but loyal classmate Dr. **Richard Weishaar**, MD '52 (Machipongo, VA), who almost ended all contacts when the medical school name was changed, but realized that by doing so he wouldn't receive the magazine and be reminded of how grateful he is for having attended in the "good old days," not now. Bud says that such thoughts are probably not correct these days.

From Delmar, NY (not a long drive to Ithaca), **John '43** and **Ann Buchholz Alden** report having celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a wonderful party last July attended by their six children and spouses; first time all had been together in ten years. They also spent some time in Poland on an enjoyable and educational Elderhostel. **James Carley**, PhD '51 (Tucson, AZ) is active in the local Cornell Alumni Association, says he's having fun, and is willing to talk up reunion to his fellow Arizonans. Jim continues with his teaching at two colleges and keeps busy with their three daughters, two sons, and three grandsons. **Alma Morton Blazic** (Cincinnati, OH) is still doing her volunteer work with the American Cancer Society, having lost her daughter to cancer. She didn't send too much news, but plans to be at reunion, when we can all catch up.

**James '44**, BS '43, and **Phyllis Avery Olin** (Charlottesville, VA) are enjoying life in their retirement community and attend all kinds of grandchildren's graduations in lieu of vacations. Phyl is also enjoying playing with a two-piano partner. They aren't positive yet about attending reunion, but hope to. **Jean Hall** Dinsmore (Morristown, NJ) must have been happy with the election results, as she is Morris County Republican State Committeewoman. Jean took a Panama Canal trip and attended the Cornell graduation of grandson **James Dinsmore '04**; she should be ready for another visit to the Hill. We hope so.

**Elizabeth Lind** Everett (Pittsburgh, PA) is ready; she's active in the Cornell Club of Ponte Vedra, FL, and by the time of reunion may have moved there permanently. Unfortunately, **Priscilla Okie** Alexander, MA '48 (New Haven, CT) won't be able to attend; she's housebound with two canes. Happily, her daughter (Yale '79) is nearby.

It's certainly a short run to Ithaca from Cortland, where **Adelaide Kennedy** Underwood is still holding forth, mixed up in all kinds of activities, particularly Cornell ones. She is working on her former roommates to have a grand get-together in June. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, Cushcu45@wmconnet.com.

# 46

It's 5:30 a.m. on December 8 and my husband **Phil '47**, MEE '48 is at the hospital for an operation. To soothe my nerves, I'm writing about my beloved Cornell.

The women of '46 are the greatest class. I got over a dozen notes recently. After almost 60 years, you still keep in touch—WOW! I love you.

I even got a copy of the *Cornell Bulletin* dated June 23, 1944 (slightly yellowed—I had difficulty opening the pages without shreds of brittle paper all over) from **Hilda Spodheim** Debacker (Charleston, SC). Here's a summary. There was a page of old photos: frosh waiting in line to register at Barton Hall (remember?); the BDMOH contest (Best Dressed Man on the Hill); the 1942 Waiter's Derby; Touchdown IV, last of the Canadian black bears, who was the mascot for the 1939 victorious football team; and water scenes of the Arts Quad (however, the snow covered Ezra and Andy's footsteps). Inside was the 1944 June graduating list—I even remember some people. Did you know: tickets to the Senior Prom cost only \$1.50 and it ran from 10-2:30 (guess you had to sign out for a late night). There were ads for Lounsberry Flowers (**Dick Lounsberry '37**, JD '40), plus food ads—Cozy Corner, Cayuga Dog House, the Smorgasbord, Lakeview Dairies, the University Smoke Shop, and Triangle Book Shop (Cornell jewelry and songbooks)—perhaps you shopped at some of these. I learned that Cornell led the nation's colleges in the number of US Armed Forces personnel assigned to campus—3,399 trainees in fall 1943. I recognized some '46ers: **Charles Hansen** and **Calvin Brown** were chosen as editor-in-chief and business manager of the *Cornell Engineer*, and **Seth Heartfield** as secretary treasurer. A Chem E named **Howard Samuely '45** was awarded the Luana L. Messenger Memorial Prize. Horror of horrors: Willard Straight Memorial Room was opened to women as a social center! What memories this paper brought of times on the Hill and our youth. Thanks, Hilda, for sharing. Anyone else for some memories for future columns?

The five daughters of **Nancy Matthews Harvey** (Middletown, CT) said that their mother has been suffering from dementia and can't participate in many things. They wrote, "She was very proud of her affiliation with Cornell. All of us went to one of her nursing reunions when we were in our teens." They also sent one last donation in her name to our scholarship fund. Thank you so much.

**Iris Smith** Morris (Floral Park, NY) and **Elizabeth Stuart** Wells (Cleveland Heights, OH) updated us on their e-mail addresses. ♦ **Elinor Baier** Kennedy, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777.

**James and Joyce Mapes** (Colorado Springs, CO; themapes@adelphia.net) have been living in Colorado Springs for 20 years. Jim entered Cornell with the Class of 1944 with intentions of pursuing fruit farming. His professors, however, urged him to consider going into research. Like so many of us, his schooling was war-interrupted. Jim served three years in the Army and celebrated VE Day in France. He finished in the Ag college in 1946, with the benefit of credits from ASTP at Princeton. Then he continued for a year at Cornell to earn the equivalent of a BA in Physics. His career, as his professors had suggested, included research in the laboratories of Texaco, IBM, Brookhaven National Laboratory, and Picatinny Arsenal. After his first retirement, he worked in the physics dept. of the U. of Colorado, retiring in 1990. Joyce and Jim keep active with her breeding business, Ushuaia Golden Retrievers. Jim sings in the Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs. It was the featured US choir at the 1999 International Church Music Festival in Bern, Switzerland. Joyce and Jim's two sons James and Donald, and one granddaughter, live in the Denver area.

**R. Fitz Randolph** (Vero Beach, FL; fitzrnd@aol.com) reports that he is coping well since wife Jackie died three years ago. He still spends summers on Orrs Island, ME. His winter quarters are in Vero Beach, where he successfully dodged the fall 2004 hurricanes. He and his lady friend frequently see fellow dodgers **Paul** and **Kathy Russell**, who live about ten miles south on North Hutchinson Island. Reunion-wise, Fitz plans to attend our 60th in '06.

**Sheldon**, MD '49, and **Ruth Bayless Kravitz**, BA '54 (Baltimore, MD) are again extolling the virtues of the golden years. It's been ten years since Shelly gave up his medical practice. They enjoy their winters in Key Biscayne, FL, where they are still very active in golf, duplicate bridge, and music-making. They enjoy even more their 14 grandchildren, two of whom are in college. One will shortly be married. They are particularly thrilled when some of those grandchildren trek from the Northeast to holiday with them in Key Biscayne. Shelly and Ruth see **Sallye Josephs Esterson**, **Sewell**, BS '45, and **Ginny Garfink Shuger**, BA '45, and **Rod Stieff** when they are in the Baltimore area. They are planning on taking in their 60th in '06. Your correspondent and Lois are planning on being part of their foursome at the reunion golf tourney.

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**47** I'm writing this on the first day of the New Year for you to read at the beginning of spring. I hope your winter was easy, and that spring is blooming bright and beautiful.

Last October, many classmates gathered on campus during Council Weekend and joined **Muriel "Mike" Welch Brown** to see the Hotel school dedicate the Richard W. Brown classroom

in honor of Mike's late husband **Dick '49**. Our class president **Pete Schwarz** and his wife **Elaine (Drobner)** reported they saw **Martha Rausch Ohaus**, **Margie Schiavone Berens**, **William and Margaret Newell Mitchell**, **John and Helen Allmuth Ayer**, **Ray**, PhD '56, and **Vera Hakanson Fox**, and **Jerome '49**, MBA '50, and **Enid Levine Alpern**. Mike writes that she has moved to a smaller home in Williamsburg, VA.

As you are reading this in spring, you are about to receive a mailing from the class soliciting class dues and asking for your news. Please send in your news! There's not much left in the mailbag, and most of what follows is somewhat dated, so I apologize for any errors.

**Joan Dall Patton** wrote to say that she and husband **Edward** had seen several classmates over the last year and a half. She saw **Jack Fountain** and his wife **Maureen** in New York City, and Joan's brother **Jes Dall '43** and his wife **Clare** in Old Greenwich, CT. Joan also sees her former roommate **June Johnson Reynolds** and her husband **Hugh**, as well as **Don '46**, MArch '49, and **Peggy Tallman Pierce '46**. Joan and Ed's son **Tom** is chairman of the art dept. at California State U., Chico, and only two years ago gave Joan and Ed their first grandchild. Daughter **Gail** manages a tennis club in Medford, OR, and coaches the women's tennis team at Southern Oregon U.

**Barlow Ware** wrote to tell me of the death of **Jim Bennett** in November. **Adrina Casparian Kayaian** writes from Queens that she met **Muriel "Mickey" Sheer Kaplan '46**, who did a bust of Frank Rhodes. Adrina and her husband were given a cruise to Europe for their 50th wedding anniversary. (Hint to my children!) **Allison Dewey Crittenden** wrote to say that she had seen **Richard Tousey** last year in Florida and cruised the Caribbean for a week with **Harland '49** and **Jane Handforth Kester '48**. Allison didn't report on her children, but did mention 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Bill Davies** wrote that he is recovering slowly from the loss of his wife after 56 years of "blissful" marriage. He calls it a bitter change in life. You have our deepest sympathies, Bill. **John Leahy**, DVM '47, MS '49, writes that his wife, too, has died. He has lived in the Cooperstown/Oneonta/Otego area since 1949 and has six children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He feels fortunate that they all live not too far away. John is also quite interested in the early history of the area. In addition, he has a couple of unique hobbies: clock repair and antique chair repair. John says he occasionally sees Drs. **Ken**, DVM '48, and **Jane Whallon Benson**, DVM '47, and Dr. **Matt Kemen**, MS '68, and his wife **Beth**, and would be glad to hear from other classmates.

**Sanford**, MD '51, and **Beatrice Strauss Reiss** have been retired for several years and took a trip to Sicily a few years back. **Betty Miller Francis** wrote in her Christmas card that she is well, still volunteering, still walking her dog, and still taking European river cruises. Last year's was on the Danube and the Black Sea; this summer's cruise will be to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Because of the dearth of news, I am using this space to share some of my memories of our time on campus. Our time was unique, with so

many men dressed in different government-issued apparel, some marching to class in column, going "Hut, hut" and living under strict rules. Remember the winter of '44, when we had to go to 8:00 classes in the dark because we were still in daylight savings time? Do you remember the soot on the Lehigh Valley train, going to class on Thanksgiving Day, and having only Christmas Day off? It was the time of the Battle of the Bulge, and its pall extended all the way to Ithaca. Surely you, too, have your memories. I'd like it if you would share those with the rest of us. It was a time different from any other, I would guess, and an important part of our history, and Cornell's as well.

That's the end of the news I have. If you don't send me some information, one of these columns will be the equivalent of one of those post-modern symphonies, with 15 minutes of silence! My thanks to my son **Roger '78**, who is serving as scribe for this column. I'd have been in real trouble without his help and the help of my daughter **Beth '80**.

From your class president, **Pete Schwarz**: Arlie won't tell you, but I will. She is one of this year's winners of the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award, given for extraordinary service to Cornell. We look forward to celebrating with Arlie at the Rhodes Award recognition dinner October 14, during Homecoming Weekend. Send news to ♦ **Arlie Williamson Anderson**, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; or e-mail, [arlie47@aol.com](mailto:arlie47@aol.com).

**48** **Jane Handforth Kester**, West Valley, NY: "Busy with offspring, church, and community service. Cruises with daughter, family, and **Harold and Allison Dewey Crittenden**, both '47. Just returned from church dinner and homemade pie auction. Husband **Harland '49** is on oxygen and I'm on bad knees. We keep going, adjust, and make the best of it—had our 57th anniversary last year. Wish we could get to the bottom of the world's problem with 'hate.' Solution is education and open minds. Kudos for the many-pronged educational approach to saving the Louisiana marshes." **Mary Ann Grammer Byers**, Orchard Park, NY: "I ride/drive horses, and ran the New York State Horse Council program. I plan to play bridge and travel to Poland. I'm busy with gardening, but wish I were sailing. I'm hoping my grandson becomes a Marine from the Naval Academy. The meaning of life is to love, to worship God, to be honest and true."

**Martha Smith Sowell**, Thousand Oaks, CA: "I keep busy with exercise classes, rummy-tile, reading, swimming. Moved to Thousand Oaks from Palos Verdes Estates in February 2004. Took children and grandchildren on a Hawaii cruise and revisited favorite memory spots. Also visited Norton Simon Museum, Autry Museum of the West, and Reagan Memorial. The biggest problems for me are inflammatory vasculitis and computer glitches. World's problem is lack of communication. Prayer helps. Recently discovered how helpful concerned people are when they know you're ill. We need to do the best we can to help others. We miss our ocean view

dream home in Palos Verdes Estates, but are now near one of our daughters, who is wonderful getting us settled and taking us to MDs, labs, hospital, etc. I'm studying 'Rules of the Road' in preparation to resume driving."

When **Lynn Ellis**, Clearwater, FL, wrote, she had been tracking hurricanes Bonnie, Charlie, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne. "Too much! Ninth grandchild arrived in 2004. Wish we had a 'mute' button for over-hype on the radio." **Abe Relyea**, Alamosa, CO: "Play golf, fish, read. Had a trip to Flathead Lake in Montana. We need population control. Education is the solution. Life is love and kindness." **Frank Slovak**, Los Angeles, CA: "The world's problem today is people who forgot Pearl Harbor and attempt to negotiate with the bad guys."

**Richard Peelle**, Corning, NY: "Still consulting for Corning Inc. and having a ball. Still building clocks. Three weddings in New Orleans, Nags Head, and Ithaca (Sage Chapel!). I visited my sister in Ames, IA, and am going to see my daughter in Tampa." **Tom Baker**, Clinton, TN: "Retired

house up. Solution is to wear a blindfold. World's problem is anger. Life means being as kind as you can to as many people as you can, including yourself. Note: the Black Sea is not black."

**Gerry Haviland**, Brunswick, ME: "I am set up to do repairs on antique clocks—keeps me posted on the passage of time. My most pressing problem today is keeping the body moving per directions from the brain. Would rather be playing tennis." **Art Behrer**, New Bern, NC: "Golf, lawn care, duplicate bridge, paying bills. Would rather be sport fishing in Alaska or golfing at Pebble Beach. Had total knee replacement in left knee last year. Not good as new, but better than previous painful messed up joint. Can walk and play golf."

**Gerald Starr**, Old Westbury, NY: "Semi-retired but busier than ever, judging by the untouched papers and mail on my desk. Would rather be planting lettuce. I garden at Old Westbury and Westhampton Beach. A home we're building in Palm Beach Gardens will be ready in May. We celebrated Ronda's 60th at Mohonk in

entitled, "Face To Face—The USAAF Revisited." Five panelists, all WWII veterans, spoke of their wartime experiences. Our former class prexy **Jack Krieger** (Ithaca, NY) told about the specific plane he flew, the B-26. Among the various nicknames for the aircraft, "the widow-maker," "the flying coffin," and "a tisket, a tasket, a double-engine casket" were some that he said accurately described the morbid aura around it. No wonder he survived times in the DKE house!

**Peggy Ann Jack Drake** (Somerville, NJ) reports that her granddaughter **Allison Hayford** is now a member of the Class of '08 in the College of Arts and Sciences. She is the fourth generation of her family to attend Cornell and lives in Balch, where her mother and grandmother resided as well. OK. Here comes another KAPPA!

Peeking at the mail, we find most of the cards are newsless, which leaves us speechless. This you may prefer. However, our mind started to wander. Aided by a local "wag," we started thinking about the odd manner that we discuss our body parts, and how so many are linked to a certain term or verb. For example: one will gnash one's teeth but never anything else that comes to mind. And when is the last time you gritted anything but your teeth? You purse your lips, but nothing else. You lend an ear, but nothing else except a hand. We stand with arms akimbo but no one has been caught akimboing anything else. Flexing is for muscles. Do we shrug anything other than our shoulders? We do lots of things with a flick of the wrist but what else do we flick? We can nod our heads but little else. Try rolling something other than your eyes or twiddling anything but your thumbs. Pointing your finger is done, but it is not nice. We admit we have been known to belly up to the bar with a frog in our throat.

Take all of this with the wink of an eye... the only thing we own that winks. Clap hands, not your feet. I'm out of here. Someone greased my palm! Either play the game or send news. 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.

'It's like musical chairs. If you miss a meeting, you're it!'

BARBARA BORDEN FLOYD '48

ten years now. Fifteen grandkids keep me busy (writing checks!). Eldest grandchild flies USAF cargo jets in Iraq and Afghanistan."

**Lillian Soelle** Austin, Chapel Hill, NC: "I'm still recovering from our 50th anniversary party in 2003. Recent trips were to Portugal, a Cornell Adult University (CAU) week last July with two grandsons, husband Ted's Miami U. reunion in June, and Savage River Lodge in Frostburg, MD, where son-in-law is executive chef. The world's problem is fear and aggression. Solution: faith and action." **Fred Edmunds**, Wilsonville, OR: "I was happy to note in the Sep/Oct *Alumni Magazine* that Cornell Plantations celebrated its 60th anniversary. After a stint in the Army I returned to Cornell and ran the maintenance crew at the Plantations from 1946 to 1949. Part of the job was mowing 250 acres with scythes where the terrain was too steep or intricate to be mowed by equipment. Each summer I trained eight apprentices how to swing a scythe in an eight-foot swath leaving a perfect window. Most had never seen one, but persevered—and that on a \$9,000 budget."

**Barbara Borden Floyd**, Cherry Hill, NJ: "Husband **Bill '49** is deceased. I tutor math and science for local high school. Other activities: bridge, travel, choir, theatre, sports fan for Phillies, Eagles, Flyers, Red Sox, and Lawrenceville High School champion wrestler Chris Floyd, son of **Howard Floyd '81**. Took Grand Circle, Prague to Black Sea. It was beautiful, except for bullet holes in Slovenia. I missed a Kappa Alpha alumni meeting and wound up president. It's like musical chairs. If you miss a meeting, you're it! We do a cookie swap, Christmas baskets, and lunch reservations. My most pressing problem is keeping the

New Paltz—hiking, riding, golf. Still reflecting on our trip around the world (one month) on an accompanying jet from the Himalayas to Africa and every incredible stop enroute. A taste of the rest of the world. Unfortunately, we were never anywhere long enough to learn much about the inhabitants. Problem is finding time for everything available. Solution: get up earlier. Solution to world's problem: have Iraqis run their own country after HONEST election and the US troops leave. Fight terrorism on other soils. Have recently discovered that old friends are more important to me. Life means procreation, vacation, donation, and kindness to others."

♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; tel. and fax, (516) 767-1776.

**49** We are still trying to sort out the old, old mail and decode your handwriting. Of course, some of the problem is ours. As I write in December, the weather has turned grim and it is snowing. The "locals" of our other town in Vermont are predicting a tough winter based on the woolly bears and moose feeding habits. Don't smirk. They are never wrong. We send you greetings for the New Year and we hope our Florida folks are back to normal/a calm life after their "blows." We read the *Daily Sun* on the Web every day and the Ithaca weather seems to be just as we remember it. It should not surprise you that in the top ten visitor song requests for the chimesmasters to play last year were "Hey Jude," "Piano Man," "Ode To Joy," "Canon," and "Here Comes The Sun."

Recently, on campus, there was a program

**50** Yes, it has been 55 years since graduation. Now is the time to confirm reservations for our 55th Reunion, Thursday through Sunday, June 9-12. A gala party is being organized by your officers and reunion committee chaired by **Stan Rodwin** and **Jo Kessel** Buyske.

Here's a preliminary class schedule. **Thursday:** Continuous evening buffet at class headquarters in Mews Hall. **Friday:** Breakfast at Mews Hall; Discussion, "What '50 Women Did and Why"; Lunch under Beebe tent; Barton Hall dinner/dance with Tommy Dorsey Orchestra! (See [www.BuddyMorrowProductions.com](http://www.BuddyMorrowProductions.com).) **Saturday:** Breakfast at Mews Hall; All-Alumni Luncheon at Barton Hall; Reception, dinner, and dancing at Statler Hall. **Sunday:** Farewell breakfast at Mews. Of course, there will be all-university activities such as college events, lectures, tours... and much, much more.

**Al Neimeth**, JD '52 (Melbourne, FL), associate dean emeritus of the Law school, and wife Doris enjoy retirement living in Indian River Colony Club. They had an enjoyable two-week

trip to Ireland and to Scotland, where they visited classmate **Lorene Joergensen** Bow, JD '52, at her home in Lanarkshire. Al and Doris happily welcomed fourth grandchild Erik, by daughter **Christine Neimeth** Heijenga '87. **Manley Thaler**, LLB '53 (West Palm Beach, FL) is still doing financial and estate planning and keeping fit with tennis and singles sculling. He and wife **Dodie (Karch)** '54 have one grandson at Yale and another who scored a perfect 1600 on the SAT. Manley reports having luncheon on Amelia Island with **Dave Gardner**, MBA '55, and **Hugh Flournoy**.

After 35 years, **Charles "Chuck" Bauerlein** (Spring House, PA) is retired as president of Recreation Consultants Inc., but still works part-time with a swimming pool construction company. He also works for several peace and justice organizations, in particular the Philadelphia Chapter of the Veterans for Peace. Chuck and wife Agnes are actively engaged in protests, vigils, and marches related to peace and justice issues. Chuck has become intensely interested in Revolutionary War history and crucial events related to the founding of our country. Responding to the "most pressing problem" item on our class reporting form, Chuck lists the Iraq War and the corruption of the US democratic system by money. Chuck and Agnes are parents of 11 children, grandparents of 23, and great-grandparents of three, living all over the US. When not working for peace and justice, Chuck enjoys camping, fishing, sailing, and an occasional golf match.

**Malitte Pope** Matta (Paris, France) reports as follows, "Having done what I could in India I've turned my attention to the neighborhood." She lives in an Afro-Arab neighborhood and is currently studying the Koran. Malitte chairs the Conseil Des Anciens and serves on the board of a group of young "grapeurs, taggeurs, and slammeurs et rappeurs." She is also very active in Democrats Abroad and is trying to get a census of those of similar interests. As a major concern she mentions the "disastrous image of America abroad." **Marianne Preger-Simon** (Whatley, MA) still works as a psychotherapist conducting mother/daughter workshops. After hours involves drawing, piano, and folk singing/guitar. Marianne is author of a recently-published book, *Heart by Heart: Mothers and Daughters Listening to Each Other* (iUniverse, publishers).

**Betty Rosenberger Roberts** (Stamford, CT) maintains an active travel schedule. A QE2 voyage to London; foreign travels in Spain, Portugal, Croatia, Slovenia, and Montenegro; plus domestic travel to New Orleans and to Vail for skiing. At home, Betty serves as treasurer of Learning in Retirement and financial secretary of Brandeis U. National Women's Committee. Betty stays fit with swimming, diving, and skiing, and with husband **Dan** also enjoys CAU courses. **Robert Kushell** (Pittsboro, NC) is still involved with franchising, domestically and internationally, a business he started in 1961. He reports still being in love after 53 years of marriage. He plans to be on campus for our 55th Reunion, his first since graduation. "No more Quonset huts like we lived in back in '46!" **Raymond Ebert** (New Windsor, NY) reported in with a new e-mail address but sent no news. **Frank Bradley** (Brewster, MA) is

retired but stays active with golf, travel, family, and volunteering with civic organizations. In the Nov/Dec '04 column I mentioned **Rita Rutstein** Kaplan but did not refer to her as "Ricky," the nickname her close classmates knew her by. From her news report I had inferred that she worked as a secretary at a medical clinic. Actually, like many of you, she works as a "medical secretary" for her family.

Sad news: **John F. Robinson** died at home in Straits, NC. Marilyn Curtis reported that her husband **Wesley Curtis** died in Wilsonville, OR. **Susie Lantos Bemont** reports the death of husband **Leslie** in Vestal, NY. **Elizabeth Severinghaus** Warner reports the death of her husband Silas. **Ruth Spoth** (Amherst, NY) reports the death of husband **Edward Spoth**. Of their eight children, three sons are graduates of the Ag college.

Cornellians are scarce out here in the hinterlands of Iowa. However, last October we did pull off a gala Cornell International Spirit of Zinck's Night. Organizer **Penelope Pugh** '98 and seven other faithfuls gathered for a rollicking good time at the Rock Bottom Pub Des Moines. Of course, we could have fattened our attendance by inviting our namesake brethren from nearby Cornell College, but they would not have understood what we are about.

One of the pleasures of being the patriarch of a large family of five married kids and 14 grandkids is vicariously experiencing their college lives. We can currently share college experiences with ten grandkids—five out, five in. A significant change between now and then is the dramatic difference in the mass of goods that must be hauled from home to campus and back again. Moving our grandkids involves pickup trucks or U-Haul trailers. In sharp contrast, when my grandfather drove me to campus in September 1946, I packed one suitcase and a cardboard box. Similarly, when our foster son went off to Princeton in 1958 we drove him from Batavia, NY, to Horseheads (30 miles SW of Ithaca) with one suitcase and a canvas sack; he hitched the rest of way—250 miles—in the rain. Just one slice of evidence that we were born two generations too soon! And what about the new luxurious campus living accommodations on the Hill?

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A reminder: Our late good friend and classmate **Sam Johnson** was one of the most generous contributors Cornell has ever had. Please consider a generous contribution to the Class of '50 Sam Johnson Scholarship Fund. Designate this on your check and mail it to Brenda Teeter, Cornell Fund, 55 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850. Your contribution will be counted in this year's Reunion Fund. Let's continue our tradition of

breaking every reunion gift record for our reunion year. ♦ **Paul Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50131-1560; tel., (515) 278-0960; e-mail [phj4@cornell.edu](mailto:phj4@cornell.edu); or **Ruth "Midge" Downey** Kreitz, 3811 Hunt Manor Dr., Fairfax, VA 22033; tel., (703) 860-2991; e-mail, [rdk12@cornell.edu](mailto:rdk12@cornell.edu).

**51** Your correspondent **Brad Bond** signed up for four months as a volunteer at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico's Rio Grande valley. He alternates between the visitor center, the phones, the fee booth, and what they call roving maintenance for four days and then visits his daughter's family in Belen, NM, on weekends. All this by way of apology for not having at hand his record of who has been heard from least recently in the class column. And he gets paid 80 cents an hour!

The College of Staten Island (CSI) honored **Sally Williamson** Williams at their Starlight Cabaret October 18, 2003. The award citation highlights Sally's career. As a native Staten Islander, Sally enjoyed a 35-year career with the federal government, retiring as the Chief of the Staffing Services Division of the US Office of Personnel Management, Philadelphia Region. She was formerly president of the New York Chapter of the International Personnel Management Association and the New York Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). She is National Chair of the Section for Personnel and Labor Relations for ASPA. Thanks to **Arlie Williamson** Anderson '47 for sending the news. Sally herself writes that she and **Peg McNulty** attended a fascinating discussion of Cornell's Interdisciplinary Immersion in Life Sciences, from research to application, at New York City's Museum of Natural History. She says she is working nearly full-time again, at no pay, as president of the Greenbelt Conservancy—2,800 acres of woodlands and traditional parks in the center of Staten Island. They will have opened a Nature Center by June—5,400 square feet of high-tech, interactive exhibits that will educate more than a thousand kids a year.

In August, **Paul** '50, MBA '51, and **Peg Brackbill Brass** moved to The Highlands, a continuing care retirement community in Wyomissing, PA, just five minutes from their previous home. The advantages? Keeping familiar friends, community, and activities—just a change to a smaller space. **Leonard Steiner's** family has launched a campaign to name the examination suite in the new NYU Clinical Cancer Center in honor of Leonard's late wife Arlyne. With his new wife Barbara he has been traveling to Japan, Korea, and South Africa, and they look forward to New Zealand and Australia. Home is in Harrison, NY.

**Cecilia** and **Tomas Blohm**, Caracas, Venezuela, have ten grandchildren and slightly over 200 Orinoco crocodiles. They got rid of four chimps and received a live pig for Tomas's birthday. "Hence, our neighbors still hate us." He reports hearing from **Paul Ledig** and **Harlow Cameron** '52, DVM '59. Marcia and **Arthur Johanson** of Shalimar, FL, report that they have retired.

**Sam** and **Phyllis Hochberger** report that their son Stuart escaped 9/11 a few minutes

before Tower II collapsed and is now retired from Fiduciary Trust Int'l as executive vice president (289 of the company were lost). He and a colleague carried an elderly woman down 97 floors to safety. Sam says, "Our family and three grandchildren are very grateful." Sam is still adjunct professor (spring semester only) at Stevens Inst. of Technology in the master's program in construction management. They plan to move to a townhouse in Upper Saddle River, NJ, after 38 years in Tenafly. June 2003 saw the family celebrating 50 years of marriage at the Cary, NC, home of their daughter.

Aaron and **Sheila Epstein Akabas** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by visiting Aaron's father's birthplace in Lithuania with all 17 children and grandchildren. Their oldest grandchild, **Sam Akabas '07**, finished his first year at Cornell. He is a fourth-generation legacy; Shelley's father and grandfather also went to Cornell. Many historic Jewish sites in the Baltic and a wonderful week in Jerusalem completed the trip. Shelley is still working full-time as a professor at Columbia U.'s School of Social Work, where she directs the research, training, and program consultation center called The Workplace Center. She was selected to give the annual Weber Memorial Lecture by the Visiting Nurse Services of New York. She continues to serve on the ILR Advisory Council and Hillel Board of Trustees at Cornell and the Advisory Board of New York's Work Exchange, an educational agency for providing mental health services.

**Marjory Lyons** Thayer sent a clipping from *The Press*, Atlantic City, NJ, with a photo of **Ruth Hamilton Fisher** participating in a protest against glyphosphate spraying of phragmites at Cape May, NJ, last fall. The newspaper report quoted her as saying that spraying phragmites would also kill milkweed plants, a food for the migratory monarch butterflies that frequent the area. "If they don't have food, they won't survive, and they may be killed outright by the poison itself." The US Corps of Engineers plans to do the spraying with backing by the state and federal Fish and Wildlife Services and the Nature Conservancy under protest by Concerned Citizens of Cape May County, Citizens Association for the Protection of the Environment, and Clean Ocean Action.

We've received our first response to the request for locating missing classmates. **Burt Gold** of Atlanta, GA, reported that his roommate **Burt Besner** died in the mid-1980s.

**Barry Nolin's** Class of '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](mailto:bbond@ee.net).

**52** Thanks to you, I now have new news—lots of it. But first, a follow-up on the last column. I have talked with **Ted**, MS '53, and **Trudy Kreuger Winsberg**, Boyton Beach, FL. Thanks to the hurricane, they were without power for almost a month, but now are in good spirits and sound as upbeat as they always did.

Now to what's new from you. **Bruce Wilkins**, PhD '67, e-mailed from Solomons, MD. "**Sandra**

(**Enevoldsen**), MPS '89, and I are enjoying southern Maryland very much in a retirement community on the Chesapeake. Travel to Italy and London this spring, back to Ithaca this summer, and presenting papers at the American Fishery Society have been a common pattern the past few years." Bruce says there are half a dozen alumni in his community. He finds it a "good place to benefit from both the D.C. and Maryland Cornell alumni activities."

My home mailbox had a note from **William Orr**, PhD '62, Carmel, IN, that included a talk he'd given at the Carmel Rotary Club. Bill received his degree in Engineering Physics in 1953. As part of NROTC, he spent six years with the Navy, followed by a return to Cornell for the PhD. He then joined Bell Labs and helped create the advances that produced touch-tone and Trimline telephones. He remained with Bell until 1989 and has been teaching ever since, most recently working through the Executive Service Corps to help IPS improve their science education in elementary schools. Descriptions of the experiments and kits he used will soon be published. On the personal front, Bill and Donnie have a combined family of six children and four grandchildren, with a fifth anticipated as of September 2004.

It seems that many of us keep in touch and have a good time doing it. According to **Dorothea Crozier Warren**, Austinburg, OH, Pi Phi get together a lot. In October, **Dori and Terry**, JD '56, **Jack and Mary Shear Brennan**, and **Terry Duke Walters** met with **Jim and Betty Waltz Grimm** for their latest reunion, this time in Bridgewater and Cape May, NJ. A good time was had by all. Need proof? Dori sent a photo, and it's on our Web page, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>. If you have a photo you are willing to share, send it to **Paul and Polly Prine Herman** via e-mail at [phpdx@comcast.net](mailto:phpdx@comcast.net), or snail mail at 7025 SW 84th Ave., Portland, OR 97223. Please identify everyone and write a brief description of where and when. If you wish, the Hermans will return your photo. I've also forwarded comments on *The Trial* to Paul and Polly. A Web page discussion is going on, and they could use more input.

**Liddell Tauscher Bald**, Barrington, IL, wrote that she and **Konrad '55** celebrated their 52nd anniversary with a trip to Alaska last summer. Unfortunately, the trip was dampened—"smoked"?—by forest fires, but highlighted by a visit with **Muriel Sandifer Hermes '53**, who has been living in Anchorage since her wedding in 1954. **Jane Kiely Davis**, Malibu, CA, reports that her and **Dick's** children and in-laws "are doing fine and their children are growing in size and numbers." Jane had recently returned from a trip to the Canadian Rockies and the Drumheller area of Alberta organized by **Cappy Heyl Innes**. **Bibbi Antrim Hartshorn** and **Gene Powers Johnson** were also on the trip. "It was gorgeous," wrote Jane, "and Cappy planned beautifully for us. We had a great time."

**D. Anne Bezer Lombardo** is in St. Mary's, GA. As I read her notes, she and Daniel have five children—three lawyers, a doctor, and a writer, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, all of whom seem to be busy and doing well. The Lombardos are retired and enjoying their new golfing

community, Osprey Cove. **Suressa Holtzman Forbes** wrote that the highlight of the year for her and **Richard** ("outside of visiting our four children, spouses, grandchildren—and even great-grandchildren") was their March trip to Iran with CAU. "The Iranians were warm and friendly, and we thoroughly enjoyed the itinerary—especially visiting Persepolis." Suressa and Richard saw **Stuart** and **Katherine Woodbury Haskins** last winter, and **Pearl Schwartzberg Hochstadt** and her husband last summer. "All are doing well."

Not yet retired is **John Hyman**, Chicago, IL. He writes, "Can still make it up the hoists and ladders and down 40-50 flights of stairs, so continue to work part-time, donning my hard-hat to monitor building construction projects for lender banks. Through most of 2003, I commuted weekly to a hotel job in Austin, TX." (And I think 10-pound weights are something!) John reports a delightful visit in June with his three-year roommate **Dr. Norm Ballin**, who was in town for the 45th Reunion of his U. of Chicago medical school class. The Hymans make annual visits to John's brother **M. David Hyman '55** in West Palm Beach to enjoy sun and spring training. John sends "best to all." **Tony Monte**, Recife, Brazil, writes that he and Vera have been married for 47 years. They have a daughter in Rio and two sons in Recife, who have given them a granddaughter and two grandsons. Tony writes, "At the present moment, for over one year, I am an independent financial and administrative consultant for Maralco Comercio de Alimentos LTDA, a McDonald's franchisee for the State of Pernambuco, with three stores and five kiosks."

Not all news that comes in is all good. **Carlton "Jack" Porter Jr.**, Byron, NY, writes, "The most difficult information to pass along is the death of my son Stephen J. Porter from a brain tumor in June 2004. He was a partner with his older brother Michael in Porter Farms in Elba, NY. He is surely missed. Stephen's oldest daughter is at Cornell in the Ag college majoring in biology." Last summer, Jack was happy to see **Dick** and **Dot Stilwell Rowe '51**, whom he hadn't seen since the early '60s, and talk with his old roommate **William Ash '53**, PhD '60. "They were true friends while I was on campus." Jack married **Bernadette** in October 1995. His first wife, **Dorothy (Klimajeski) '53**, died in 1985.

**Lois Anderson** writes from Southold, NY, that **Bob** is wheelchair-bound, suffering from Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's. Two of their six sons live locally and the other four are elsewhere in the Tri-State Area. Lois says, "We are blessed with 11 grandchildren, two of whom graduated from Notre Dame." Fortunately, there is live-in help. Lois goes on, "We continue much as we did before ill health struck. We entertain, enjoy the company of our grandchildren who spend the summer with us, and get out and around as much as we can." Thank you, Lois.

News from **Thomas Weber**, PhD '63, Williamsville, NY: "I retired in 2000 and am enjoying retirement immensely. I swim five days a week and am a US Masters Swimmer. I'm trying to learn to swing a golf club. This year Marianne and I have been to the Panama Canal, Scotland, and Norway. In the meantime, we visit our

daughter and family in Minneapolis, and our son and his wife near Philadelphia.”

By the time you read this, if USAirways has remained in business, I expect I will have been in New York in January for the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) and our class meeting. I may even have been at a joint '52-'53 Dutch Treat Dinner. I'll let you know who I saw, how they were, and what happened. CACO moved to the Hilton this year, and the early '50s joint dinner at the Cornell Club was scrapped in favor of the CACO Anniversary Gala. Sorry for all the misinformation I passed along in January. If I do have a New York report, you will read it in May. As my editor says, “The magazine's lead time is hard to explain.” Now I'll close, as so many of you do, with best to you all. ♦ **Joan Boffa** Gaul, 7 Colonial Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, jgcomm@aol.com.

**53** **Chuck Juran's** son **David, PhD '97**, who teaches business at Cornell and Columbia, was one of the windblown few at last fall's Cornell-Columbia game in NYC. He appears to have heard somewhere about how Big Red football was in our time and has been passing the word along, urging his students to tailgate. Anything really can happen in Ivy League football, says David. He should know. He was one of us who hung in there to the end that blustery November day. They saw Cornell—behind 26-7 with nine minutes and 33 seconds left to play—prevail, 32-26. Yep. A victory that made history. The new, improved Big Red, retooled by first-year coach **Jim Knowles '87**, nearly won its last six games, and many hold great expectations for what's ahead.

**Nina Wilcox** Merson (Sherman Oaks, CA) has words for her 3-year-old granddaughter (“brilliant, adorable, and irresistible”). That's no tall story (“We're not in the LEAST prejudiced”). Nina and husband Marc “have been invited by some private interests and some gov't entities to do our Eco Expo environmental trade shows and conferences in China,” says she. “The country is exploding. The UN predicts that half of all construction over the next ten years will take place in China. We are working closely with the Chinese to encourage their adherence to the toughest green building and environmental standards in that construction.” **Dorothy Black** Wagner said good-bye to Hollywood after 38 years, moving to Santa Rosa, CA, to be near descendants. Son Bill won a Bravo Award from the Los Angeles Music Center for excellence in teaching the arts (music at Ojai (CA) High School). **Helen Abel** Wang (Oceanside, CA) continues to direct the Children's Ministry at her church. **Lorraine Putzig** Felch (Lansing, NY) is a Tai Chi devotee and a creative quilter, besides bestowing tender loving care on shrubs and perennials, church activity, and the local library. There are offspring to visit in MA, MD, CA, and VT.

**Rich Klein** (Tenafly, NJ), who “had just about given up on the grandparenting experience,” reports a welcome surprise: a first grandchild, Jack, born to daughter Liza and her husband David Hughes. And, Rich adds, “If this is semi-retirement, I'm all for it. I work two days a

week as an internist at the medical department I founded at Automatic Data Processing (ADP) in Roseland, NJ, teaching end-of-life care to house staff and students. Joan and I are enjoying our four-day weekends. More time to travel and to see old friends. Since reunion, we've reconnected with several Phi Sig buddies and their spouses.” **Murray and Enid Spangenberg Miles** (Chevy Chase, MD) celebrated their 50th anniversary with a cruise of the northern border of the Holy Roman Empire, from Amsterdam to Budapest, by rivers and canals. There was also a 50th reunion of the destroyer *Cogswell* and a 50th of the first nuke submarine, the *Nautilus*.

We asked what's keeping you busy these days and **Jim Lansing** (Springfield, PA) emphatically replied, “My wife Kay! She's retired after teaching high school chemistry for 30 years. We just returned from a Caribbean cruise. We could not vacation in the winter before because she was working.” **Bob Corrie** and wife, the former Ann Cameron, a Wells grad, report they're enjoying life and the occasional company of other Cornellians at Williamsburg Landing, a continuing care retirement community about three miles from Colonial Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary. Good works with resident groups and his local church help keep Bob busy. **Ira Berman**, LLB '55 (Boca Raton, FL) looks back on 45 years practicing law in NYC and points with pride to a plastic surgeon son living

“classmates who are still on boards of public companies will find your wisdom helpful.” **Will** (aka Bill) **Marsh**, walking much better than he was last spring, spent another autumn in New York City for the UN General Assembly session as he began his 45th year with the US Foreign Service. Those years took him to Saigon, Saudi Arabia, and Paris, to name but a few of the hot spots. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., Apt. 8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

**54** As I write the column the winter solstice is fast approaching, our first snow is covering the season's merry lights and decorations, giving this old town a light dusting of magic, and the land is slipping into its winter slumber. When you read this, daffodils and fruit trees—replacing the snow and colored lights—will be heralding the coming of spring, and the class once more is beginning its migration, moving from south to north and west to east. Also appearing with the first signs of spring in Ithaca will be **Dan Nadler's** *The Lure of Silver: North African and Asian Jewelry*. On display at the Johnson Museum from April 9 through June 19 will be a portion of Serga and Dan's extensive collection of silver jewelry. The Nadlers' latest book, *Silver: From Fetish to Fashion*, should be in the bookstores as you read this. Dan had the galleys at reunion and they were magnificent.

‘Jane Barber Smith had her hands full when both her husband and her daughter ran for public office.’

LESLIE PAPENFUS REED '54

in Boca Raton, and his daughter, the Long Island lawyer. He still acts as counsel but there's more time now for golf and world travel.

Hail, all hail the Rev. **John Twiname**, recipient of Union Theological Seminary's Distinguished Alumnus Award last fall. The HealthCare Chaplaincy he and wife **Carolyn (Anderson) '54** built is the world's largest clinical training center for seminary students and clergy. It's the only institution that involves clergy working together as a multifaith team in the ministry of healing. “I am still doing God's work,” Harvard business law prof. emeritus **Joe Hinsey**, LLB '55, submits in a Harvard Biz School '57 class notes column forwarded by **Warren G. Grady Jr.** One manifestation is “helping business executives cope with ever-increasingly complex laws that continue to come into being.” The Harvard class scribe cites Joe's article on the cumbersome effects of the post-Enron Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. It requires among other things that publicly owned companies divulge whether their audit committees include a financial expert who is independent of management. Joe saw pitfalls and offered solutions of great, good sense. The Harvard correspondent thanked him and allowed as how

Alby and **Ethel Rabb** Kass may be retired from the hospitality industry but remain in constant motion traveling the United States and points elsewhere. Last year they circumnavigated South America via sea and land. Ethel particularly enjoyed rounding the Horn. Ethel regrets missing our 50th, but hopes to attend reunion this June with some of her friends from the Class of '55. **Jane Barber** Smith, retired from teaching, has shifted gears to the world of politics, serving as vice chair of the Dutchess Co. Democratic Committee. She had her hands full a while back when both her husband and her daughter ran for public office. Marg and **Chuck Summer** have been in Nashville but four years and are already totally enmeshed in their adopted community via travel and volunteer activities. **Anita Zicht** Fial has good reason to be still working—she now owns the company she has been with since graduation. Having moved the company offices, she also moved herself into the city and finds both moves to be just great. **Ernest**, MA '55, and **Elaine Harrison Cohen** of Upper Darby, PA, are very much involved with the Sustainable Society Action Project. **Norman Lynn**, partially retired from the yarn business, still resides in NYC,



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works three days a week, and fills in the rest with reading and house and garden projects.

**Peter Abeles** has many new challenges at this time in his life. In a visit to Germany a couple of years back he found his Dad's factory converted to a college, but found something odd about how it got from the family in 1938 to its present state as a college. He is now researching the process. Backing off a bit from land development, he is now teaching at Columbia and Barnard College. Pete is now certified as a Civil Court Mediator for the New Jersey courts, doing about three cases a month. He still skis at altitudes over 9,000 feet, never an easy task, and for summer pleasure has acquired a home on Shelter Island. No mention of golf. Good to hear from **Alden Reed West**, who lives in Palm Desert, CA. She is active in the Desert Kappa Alpha Theta alumni group and local theatre, when time permits. Ruth and **Kenneth Sheldon** (McDonough, NY) enjoyed a 14-day trip to Alaska recently. Jesse and **Don McCobb**, MBA '55, moved to Naples, FL, just over two years ago to escape northern winters. Aside from pesky summer hurricanes, the McCobbs find Florida much to their liking. They have no seasonal migration routes, only grandchildren ones to East Hampton and Austin, TX.

**Bernice Kinard Baxter** has left the world of academics, retiring as an associate professor at Hunter College CUNY. **Larry Grolnick**, MD '58, is still doing the reverse commute from NYC to White Plains as he continues to find the practice of psychiatry meaningful. He remains an active member of Physicians National Healthcare Program. Larry's wife Maureen is now Director of Publishing at Teacher's College Library. **Marian Russell Boslaugh** is one of CAU's finest spokespeople; she has attended campus programs every year for the past ten that I know of, with and without grandchildren. This past summer it was Battles and Generals of World War Two. During the rest of the year, she and husband David work on their West Virginia property, managing their forest.

It is always lovely to receive news from **Norma Urtz DeWitt**. Although she has been dealing with Parkinson's since 1991 and presently lives in assisted living, she always writes a long note. It was not possible for her to return to reunion, but she was thinking of us in June and the happy memories of her years on campus. Norma's address is: 4880 Tuttle Rd. #312, Dublin, OH 43017. **Delvin Fanning**, MS '59, officially retired in 1997 as professor of soil science at the U. of Maryland. Del remains professionally active as emeritus professor. His specialty is acid sulfate soils, in which he is recognized as a world expert. Del's passion is bridge and he often returns to campus just to participate in lunch-time games. **Frank Winnert**, MBA '55, has a unique migration route. He travels between homes in Lake Kiowa, TX, and Wailea, Maui, making his route rather like those of the neotropical birds and the Arctic tern—a long distance over water. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website: <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/>; Cornell Alumni Directory:

<https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>; Class news online: <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>.

**55** Now that **Eliot Orton**, PhD '71 (Las Cruces, NM) is retired, he found time to remodel his living room "in spectacular fashion, if I do say so myself!" Besides honing his interior decorating talents, Eliot stays in shape skiing and running. The Orttons' daughter donated a kidney to a 2-year-old child after the boy's mother's donation failed. Sounds like you and Sara raised a great girl there, Eliot. **Dave Montague** and Nancy were planning a month in the British Isles last June "and looking forward to reunion next June." Saying that he's "flunking retirement," Dave serves as a member of the National Research Council Naval Studies Board, and as a senior advisor at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Also planning on reunion is **Rex Boda**, who sends the good news that he's "on the way to apparent full recovery after triple bypass surgery."

Last June, **Melvin Osterman**, LLB '57 (Delmar, NY) packed up his wife and three of his five children for a trip to South Africa and Zambia. Mel is still practicing law, and was admitted as a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. **Bernard Rodee** (Kalamazoo, MI) serves on the boards of three charitable organizations, and still finds time to garden and travel, most recently a CAU tour to Greece. Bernie was pleased to reunite with old pal **Doug Brodie** after nearly 50 years.

**David Knipe** is professor emeritus after 35 years at the U. of Wisconsin, and is still doing research in South India, writing, publishing, and lecturing on Vedic studies and Hindu ritual. Dave lists his present hometown as "in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia." **John Wertis** has the right attitude. He writes that he's "enjoying every sunrise and sunset," and has received a New York State barn restoration grant for his 120-year-old double bay, said to be the best one in the county. John's also gaining knowledge about nut tree culture, tending his own butternut stand, plus managing his Boer goat herd, which now numbers more than a hundred.

Like John, **Eva Konig Ray** (Villanova, PA) expresses appreciation for her life, noting that "health is a blessing I never take for granted." Eva has recovered from a skiing accident last year, and is back to biking and planning her next ski trip. Her four children and their families all live nearby, and the whole clan spends Augusts together in Rhode Island. California girl **Rima Kleiman Sharron**'s recent travel adventures have taken her far afield. She and John toured New Zealand and Ecuador, and swam with penguins, turtles, and sea lions in the Galapagos Islands. Rima reports that **Bill**, BS ILR '57, and **Sara Smith Ellison** (the gals were roommates) will reunite with them in June.

**Jerry '53** and **Emilyn Larkin Jakes** also hope to make reunion. Emmie still works as a library/media specialist at a Toledo public school and loves it. She's learning how to use "distance learning" technology to expose inner-city students to an ever-expanding interactive world. **Bob**, MBA '57, and **Vanne Shelley Cowie '57**



continue to spend summers in Ithaca “amidst a growing number of Cornellians of our era who are returning to live there.” Vanne enjoys her affiliation with the Plantations and the CAU board, and Bob stays active with the Johnson School and the Engineering and Astronomy departments. Bob also serves on the board of the Sciencenter in Ithaca and the Heard Museum in Phoenix, near their hometown of Carefree, AZ. **Herb Roleke** (Hempstead, NY) and his wife celebrated their 49th anniversary with a trip to Chicago, and are looking for ideas on how to celebrate their 50th. May we suggest a really great trip to Ithaca? Herb, who builds houses and apartment buildings, declares he’s busier now than he’s been in 45 years, to the point that he had to import his son from Tucson to help him for a while. When they have some free time, the Rolekes enjoy their condo in Stuart, FL.

Who’s who in the world of books and newspapers these days? **Patricia Wells** Lunneborg, former professor of psychology and adjunct professor of women’s studies at the U. of Washington, sent me a copy of her new book, *Women Police: Portraits of Success*. This is Pat’s fourth book since retirement, all of which have focused on women and law enforcement. **Anne Morrissy** Merick’s book, *War Torn*, is now out in paperback. She and her husband Don Janicek split their time between Naples, FL, and Waynesville, NC. Anne’s only frustration is that her first grandchild lives too far away, in San Francisco. **Gordon White’s** fifth book was published in 2004, and his sixth—about Ab and Marvin Jenkins and the Mormon Meteors—is under contract. **Dan Sachs** wrote and self-published his memoirs, *Through Turmoil to Tranquility*, a look at the first three decades of his life. **Brian Dillon** left the advertising business, got his MFA in writing, and has been getting published in literary magazines. He’s also active in New York’s Coalition for the Homeless, and coaches women through their job training program.

Did you see the article in the *New York Times* about **Ron Bush’s** efforts to preserve the farming history of Long Island? Having grown up on family farms, Ron was drawn to collecting antique farm implements of every kind: trucks, tractors, cultivators, buggies, sleighs, shredders, and every other kind of farm tool, which he has now organized into a unique private museum. **Susan (Hurd)** and **Jeff Machamer** (Holley, NY) and their daughter Amy were featured in a wonderful spread in the November 2004 *Better Homes & Gardens*. Sue and Amy grow choice fruits and berries at their farm, carrying on a tradition of almost 200 years, and also produce a wide range of gourmet products at their farm market. Jeff continues his consulting practice in mineral resource management and mineral economics, “between assignments as a jack-of-all-trades in farm activities.” Jeff adds this note: “Sue’s dad, Ag ’23, often said that you can’t be a farmer without believing in the miracle of life, and we believe in that in spades.”

A final reminder about reunion: get your plans set, call your friends, and let’s all meet in Ithaca June 9-12 to “tread the Hill once more.” Remember to check our class website to find out all about events and who’s signed up, and contact

**Janet Scanlan** Lawrence at (856) 769-3497 or [louisdixneuf@aol.com](mailto:louisdixneuf@aol.com), who’ll make sure your name gets added to the list. If you can contribute to reunion planning by calling or writing classmates, notify **Joan Weisberg** Belden at (919) 542-5713 or [rsbelden@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rsbelden@worldnet.att.net). She’d welcome your help. And if you’d like to e-mail me your news, my new address is below. Or you can fill me in on what’s going on in your life when I see you in June! ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, [nancypetrie@juno.com](mailto:nancypetrie@juno.com). Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**56** From **Dick Sklar**, our world traveler and former Ambassador to the United Nations during the Clinton Administration: “All remains hectic and wonderful here in San Francisco. We continue to travel to Montenegro every three months, where I act as the Prime Minister’s advisor. To make sure I don’t have spare time that can lead to trouble, the Mayor appointed me to the Public Utilities Commission here in S.F., where a \$3.65 billion program to renew the water and power supply we own in the Sierras needed a kick-start.” Dick adds that he will probably take over the presidency of this commission in 2005, and welcomes all classmates visiting the West Coast.

Having just finished building a new home, **John Burns**, DVM ’59 (Henrietta, NY) says, “Our small farm and woodlot give us much joy.” **Roy Curtiss III** has accepted an appointment as professor of life sciences and co-director of the Center for Infectious Diseases and Vaccinology at Arizona State U. **Allen Togut**, MD ’60 (White Haven, PA) has been caring for patients with neurogenic thoracic outlet syndrome. **Alan Butnerfield** (Guararapes, Brazil) is busy with his 12 succulent and cactus gardens.

**Curtis Reis** has opened new offices of the Alliance Bank. They are now in Culver City (their home office), Irvine, Woodland Hills, and Burbank. **Ed Wolf** is active with the Phoenix (AZ) Symphony Orchestra. Dr. **Robert Boger** (East Lansing, MI) is “enjoying retirement after 36 years of teaching at Michigan State U. and the U. of Texas.” He is looking forward to our 50th in June 2006.

**Art Hershey** (Calabasas, CA) is still teaching human resources management at UCLA and Loyola Marymount U., and assisting senior executives in outplacement activities “as they seek new avenues for employment.” For those of you who were at our last reunion and remember Art’s wife Sharon (Art Linkletter’s daughter), she is still working for Quincy Jones. Art and Sharon were in Rome in spring 2004, where Sharon managed a major fundraising concert for Quincy, attended by more than 750,000 people in Circus Maximus. “It was an utterly incredible experience,” said Art.

I had the pleasure of seeing **Judy Jabloner** Bumble (Bryn Mawr, PA) at the annual Philadelphia Flower Show. She is sculpting in terra cotta, painting in the abstract, and working on her own gardens. **Phyllis Miller** Lee (Dorset, VT) tells us that since moving to Vermont 13 years ago, she has been painting and drawing (mostly landscapes) and exhibiting in local galleries. **Peter Curtiss** (Tupper Lake, NY) is active in supporting

a new Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks, and just broke ground on a \$15 million building for them in Tupper Lake.

We have heard from John Bing Jr., who tells us that his father **John Bing** (Schaumburg, IL) is confined to a skilled nursing facility in San Diego, where his spirits are good. If you want to reach John, please contact John Jr. at 215 Austin Lane, #302, Schaumburg, IL 60195. Dr. **Benny Klock**, MS ’60 (Milton, FL) has been volunteering for over two years for an eye surgeon in Pensacola, FL. Benny narrates the details of the surgery (cataracts, cornea transplants, and trabeculectomies) on closed circuit video to the families of the patients. **Donald Woolfenden** (Monmouth Beach, NJ) has retired from the Northern Territory Government of Australia, having been there over 30 years.

**Larry Brown** (Highwood, IL) writes that he was at Cornell for only two years before transferring to the U. of Michigan, “but a lot of my loyalties remain with Cornell and I am looking forward to my 50th Reunion in 2006.” After a 31-year career at the Northern Trust Company (Chicago), Larry retired in 1989 and became a director/trustee of various Nuveen Mutual Funds in 1994. **Vera Johnson** Lee (San Francisco, CA) sings with two choruses, ushers for the San Francisco Opera and Ballet, and serves on the music committee at her church. **Nancy Marx** Thorpe (Carbondale, CO) is still working at the Aspen Institute. **Jane Nebenzahl** Neiman spends six months in Boynton Beach, FL, and the other half of the year in New City, NY. **Robert Safford Sr.** (Phoenixville, PA) is expanding his Citigroup/Primerco Financial Business to the UK and Spain, with two of his children in the business.

As for me, I spent Thanksgiving weekend in Paris as the guest of our most gracious classmate **Barbara Rapoport**. Barbara spends three months every year in the 6th arrondissement, in a charming apartment. Barbara loves to immerse herself in the life and language of the French. While there, I also saw classmate **Ellie Schaffer**, who has been living in Paris for most of the years since our graduation. Please keep your news coming. ♦ **Phyllis Bosworth**, 8 East 83rd St., Apt. 10C, New York, NY 10028; tel., 212-734-5009; e-mail, [phylboz@aol.com](mailto:phylboz@aol.com).

**57** Our freshman year, I was assigned a room in Risley. In a double at the end of my corridor lived **Anne Horne** Warder and **Mollie Turner**. I learned how to play bridge in that room, thanks to Mollie, and she remained a lifelong friend. She was someone who was beating the odds on survival from ovarian cancer—traveling, skiing, serving as a class officer and visiting many of her Cornell friends despite constant chemo. But last July we lost Mollie. She will be missed. We will also miss **Bob Smart**, who did a fabulous job for our 35th Reunion along with his wife **Marj (Nelson)**. Many of their Cornell friends rallied to Marj’s side when Bob died last fall.

**Steve Weiss** and **Judy Lund** Biggs have been trying to help raise funds for a professorship to honor and be named for Clinton Rossiter, their favorite professor in the Government dept. Any

contributions should be sent to Carol True-Palmer, Director of Alumni Affairs & Development at the College of Arts and Sciences.

**Barbara Flynn** Shively is using her expertise with computer graphics to design brochures for the Morris Choral Society in Morristown, NJ. She initiated the idea of releasing the brochures before the concert so attendees will be well-informed about the compositions, soloists, etc. **Fredda Ginsberg Fellner**, retired professor of pediatrics, says her most pressing problem is "more leisure time than I ever had so may go back to work one day a week." She and **Michael '56** take advantage of all that New York City has to offer, as well as frequent trips to the D.C. area to see her son and grandsons. **Olga Duntuch Krell**, BArch '58, writes that the most pressing problem for her at this time is the Brazilian currency and an unstable government in Brazil. As for choosing another college at Cornell to have attended, she lists medical school because she's a frustrated doctor and surgeon. Olga, like many of us, runs into doctors who tell her to quit reading up on everything—but how else can we make informed decisions, eh?

CAU participants last year—**Carol Johnson** Saylor, **Vanne Shelley** Cowie, **Barbara Weissman** Lewis, **Grace Wohlner** Weinstein and spouses—enjoyed learning about the history and horticulture of the Hudson Valley in June. Attending the summer theater in Stratford, Ontario, were **Thomas '55** and **Dorothy Eiseman Litwin**, and **Ron**, MBA '57, and **Helen Kuver Kramer**. The Kramers were in NYC for a family gathering last fall to cheer on their daughter **Marjorie '87** as she ran the marathon.

**Jane Graves** Derby is grandmother to twin girls who are almost 2 and says, "It takes us both to babysit." Dennis and Jane cruised on the Danube from Budapest to Passau last year. **Sally Blake** Lavery cruised around the British Isles and visited London and Paris for the first time. She volunteers in all the historical associations in Amesbury, MA, where the Amesbury Carriage Museum is about to open, and enjoys Cornell chatter with **Gordon Breidenbach '76** at the Scandia Restaurant in Amesbury. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCREuss@aol.com.

I received a delightful e-mail from **Ed Staats** in which he chronicles most of what we need to survive, to wit: keep a low profile in this world, especially when you fall asleep in class; live long enough and you win everything (he won a five-mile ocean swimming race last year in the over-60 class—one of two competitors; the runner-up was classmate **Stephen de Gott**); looking down from 14,000 feet keeps a lot of things in perspective (he experienced a three-generation sky-dive with son, daughter, and grandson); don't get too dressed up and keep moving and they'll never think you're over the hill (the only hill he reports ever having trouble with was Libe Slope). Ed spent ten years sailing to four continents, did a few biking triathlons to celebrate his 70th year, white-water rafted in Idaho, and will bike through the French vineyards this summer. (I write this from the prone position on my couch.)

**Paul Noble** is retired (but I'll bet still active

in many things), spending eight months in Palm Beach and four months on Fire Island. Hurricane Frances got in the way of some remodeling, and he and wife Paulette spent some time in temporary quarters. **Keith Stewart** had a similar experience, running afoul of Hurricane Charlie in Punta Gorda, and spends most of his time at a new home in Tennessee, having sold his condo in Portsmouth, RI. **Daniel Hunter** is also retired, and he and Françoise spend three months each year in their house on the French Mediterranean. Last year they went to Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, and Prague, where they hooked up with **Carl** and **Daniele Schwarz** for a memorable dinner.

**Pete** and **Ann Blauvelt** also traveled extensively in Italy last year, joining a veterinarian group (they have a dog) that included many Cornellians. Pete has won another term as Town Justice (he was unopposed, which reinforces Ed's "live long enough and you win everything" theory), and hopes that his term expires before he does. When not dishing out frontier justice (your correspondent has audited one of these sessions), he remains board chair of a community college near Rochester. He and Ann now have four grandchildren competing for their time. **Peter** and **Anita Cattano** have become grandparents for the first time, and soon will have their grandson swimming in one of the upscale pools that Peter's firm designs and builds. One of their award-winning designs was recently featured in the trade journal *Watersharks*. **Howard** and **Lenore Brotman Greenstein '56** have nine grandchildren, one of whom (Jake Greenstein) is the number one ranked 10-year-old tennis player in Memphis and number five in the State of Tennessee. Howard continues serving as rabbi of a congregation in Marco Island in the winter and Lenox, MA, in the summer.

My co-correspondent mentioned the sad news of the death of **Bob Smart** in October. **Bob Watts** adds that his ashes were scattered in a military cemetery in Randolph, VT. I know I speak for all classmates in expressing our sympathy to Marj. ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; tel., (502) 895-1477; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

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Some News came through in time for this March/April column, thanks to a couple dozen classmates who quickly sent responsive e-mails and posted written returns. We'll report them in order of receipt. Thanks, 'mates.

One of the first was from **Russell Taft**, now retired after 33 years at Haleakala, Maui, optical observatories. Russ can now make more music and increase his local acting, even while continuing his travels—last year exploring Inca land and the Andes of Peru, including a hike to the Gate of the Sun at Machu Picchu. As if that were not enough, Russ then headed down the Amazon to explore some of the river's jungles. He says, "The whole trip was fantastic." Russ was sorry to miss our 45th, but plans to be there for the 50th. **Jim** and **Annette Fogo Harper** promptly sent news, too. Their daughter **Hadley '87** was married last June in Philadelphia before her parents took off

for "two lovely weeks in Italy with son Jamie, an art professor at U. of Oregon." The Harpers got together in Venice with **Keith Johnson '56** and **Anne Rothenthaler** Vendramin '60—Annette's sorority sister unseen for 45 years—and then put on a Roman dinner. Among their 22 guests were **Dick** and **Nancy Hoeft Eales '60**, and **Dick** and **Pat Peterson Strazza**, both '55.

**Bob Kully**, reading that I was "running dry" from the year-end column, sent an e-mail quickly with an update on his family. He and Connie still live in Omaha, NE, after 41 years of married life and his involvement in the investment business. The Kullys' four children all are married and scattered around the country, with seven grandchildren among them. Son **David**, JD '94, is the younger Cornell grad from the family. Bob enjoyed catching up recently with **Irv Caplan**, **Henry Pollack**, **John Spivack**, MBA '60, and **Len Harlan**. One of our class authors, **Fred Brueck**, says he has written a book being sold in major bookstores here and abroad. Entitled *Never Say Can't*, it is a 215-page, 37-chapter, 22-photo inspirational autobiography and travelogue paperback. Fred writes in Schoharie, NY, where he and Karen still reside.

**John Ingle**, PhD '62, and his wife Marilyn have moved West. John writes, "After being Easterners most of our lives, we are now enjoying the high desert and mountain scenery of central Oregon, having moved to the town of Bend last May." **Alan Goldman** responded by e-mail with the fact that he and Joanne visited a most interesting Cornellian in England's Cotswolds area. **Massoud Ahari '56**, BS '58, MBA '59, is Alan's fraternity brother who Alan had not seen in over 40 years and who experienced terrific turmoil in Iran—a story of its own that Massoud currently is writing up. The Goldmans greatly enjoyed the Aharis' hospitality at their charming home in that lovely English countryside.

Continuing in the order of your News Notes received, from early October we read that **Peter Hartdegen** plans to retire in December from selling air-moving equipment out in Orinda, CA, a career he says has been great. That will give him more time for handbells (his wife, Grace, directs), choral singing, and piano playing in his Dixieland band. Peter and Grace say they had a fun couple of days last year with **Gery Torborg** and his wife Ruth in the Northern California town of Eureka. Another class author, **Katharine** "Katie" **Davis** Fishman has had her third book published, entitled *Attitude! Eight Young Dancers Come of Age at the Ailey School* (Tarcher/Penguin). This is a narrative of the year Katie spent following these teens, who are advanced dancers at the school. First reviews have been good (I recall seeing one quite favorable in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*), and Katie is now doing some readings while enjoying two grandchildren under 9 of her older daughter Maggie.

**Marilyn Gleber** Wagner and husband John are, she writes, both finally retired from the practice of law. They met and married at Columbia Law School in 1960. Now they're enjoying their house and neighborhood in Bethesda, MD, some traveling (England and Scotland last year, more to come), tennis, church activities, and five grandchildren (so far). **Martin Steinberg** and Susan still

write from Boston, but visited their newly married daughter in Salzburg, Austria, last November, having earlier taken the Juneau Passage to Alaska and found it beautiful. **Bob McGuire**, M Ed '63, married Jackie Conklin in June 2003. He says that now he has been keeping the New York City Cornell doctors busy trying to find one or more of his unknown diseases. We wish you good luck, Bob, in that pursuit. Keep us posted.

We end with a note from **Renni Bertenthal** Shuter, who with her husband enjoys their six grandchildren. They visited the Virgin Islands last year, along with spending a couple months on Marco Island and then Cape Cod in August. Renni says she's trying to cut back on work, but will keep selling houses in the St. Louis, MO, area for as long as she can climb stairs! And with that, we'll keep watching for more News. As winter comes on at this writing, after a long, mild fall in the Philly area, I'll still send cheers and wishes for a happy and warm spring to all. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, 1207 Nash Dr., Fort Washington, PA 19034; e-mail, rhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, 6524 Valley Brook, Dallas, TX 75254; e-mail, jjarvie386@aol.com. See also <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu> for other news and events of the Class of '58.

**59** Last October **Stan Lomax**, JD '62, of Columbia, SC, was notified by NASD Dispute Resolution that he had been certified as an arbitrator to resolve disputes between securities firms and their employees. "NASD Dispute Resolution is the operator of the largest securities dispute resolution forum in the world and had just opened operations here in South Carolina," he writes. "As a newly accepted associate member of the South Carolina Bar Association, I'll be focusing on dispute resolutions in this state as well as the southeast region. These are subjects that I continue to teach at the Moore School of Business in Columbia. As we continue to mellow we seem to discover new avenues that are rewarding; teaching here was one of the best career moves I could ever dream of, and now still another path."

Congratulations to Paul and **Dotty Isaacs** Winick of Hollywood, FL, on the arrival of triplet grandchildren last July. "Jordan and Samantha are girls and Toby is a boy. They live near us and are a lot of fun," says Dotty. Also welcoming new grandchildren were Denny and **Gwen Woodson** Fraze of Amarillo, TX, whose two daughters presented them with grandsons in 2004. John and **Norma Perkins** Thomas of Mankato, MN, had a "healthy, happy year with the special blessing of a new granddaughter"—their fifth grandchild.

In November, the White House announced that **Steve Friedman**, who had been one of President Bush's top economic advisers since late 2002, would leave as of December 31. Steve served as Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and Director of the National Economic Council, advising the president on matters related to US and global economic policy and serving as a liaison to Wall Street. Steve, a veteran investment banker, earlier spent 28 years with Goldman Sachs, where he served as co-chair from 1990 until his retirement in 1994.

**Nancy Iams** Walsh moved down the hill last spring to Tiburon, CA, where she still has a magnificent view of the city of San Francisco. She continues to work part-time in Berkeley and Oakland doing diet counseling and conducting support groups on diabetes and weight loss, working mainly with seniors. **John Kriendler** is enjoying his "third career" as professor of NATO and European security issues at the George C. Marshall European Center's College of International and Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. "Lots of interesting students from the former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and Central Asia." His address: Marshall Center, CMR 409 Box 572, APO, AE 09053.

the Boston Society of Architects Marketing Services. But in the late 1990s she returned to the love of painting she has had since high school, enrolling in the School of the Museum of Fine Arts to study full-time. She received her diploma in 2004 and with the proverbial ink barely dry, she found herself the winner of an important prize. "Winning this award was a complete surprise," Jill was quoted as saying in one news report. "It is a great validation of all my hard work." Nice going, Jill!

Another Boston classmate garnering attention for her activities in the art world is **Liz Horowitz** Lea, featured in the *Boston Globe* in early December for her willingness to open her

'Retirement hasn't given me any more free time than I had before.'

MIMI SEGAL DAITZ '60

Classmates who participated in CAU study tours during 2004 included **Philip '58** and **Dorothy Willman Bartlett**, M Ed '61 (Life, Wildlife, and Natural Habitats of Iceland); **Ann Schmeltz** Bowers (The World of Art in London); and **James '58** and **Lucy Tuve Comly** (History and Horticulture in the Hudson Valley). ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

**60** The big news breaking in early December as I write this is the nomination of **Sam Bodman** to a cabinet position in the second Bush Administration. When he is confirmed by the Senate, Sam will be Secretary of Energy, replacing Spencer Abraham. This is Sam's third appointment to a senior position in Washington in recent years; currently Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Sam was previously Deputy Secretary of Commerce. President Bush praised him as a "problem solver who knows how to set goals and how to reach them," saying also that Sam "will bring to the Department of Energy a great talent for management and the precise thinking of an engineer." One news story quoted Sam as saying he plans "to work toward the day when America achieves energy independence." Congratulations, Sam! We wish you well in your new post.

Also in the news recently was **Jill Weber** of Brookline, MA, who was awarded the prestigious Maud Morgan Prize by Boston's Museum of Fine Arts for her accomplishments as a painter. As recipient of this prize, Jill was feted at a reception hosted by the museum in the rotunda where 11 of her paintings were exhibited for several weeks in the late fall. The museum also purchased one of her large-scale works for its permanent collection. Jill's accomplishment is impressive, and also serves as an example of a highly successful career change in mid-life. Trained as an architect, Jill worked for a large Boston firm for many years before founding a marketing consulting firm and

home to would-be viewers of her art collection. With Picassos in the bedroom and bath and a Hockney in the kitchen, Liz's condominium is filled with sculpture, ceramics, and paintings throughout, and she hosts tours through the Boston and Brookline adult education programs several times a year. Liz was a systems engineer for IBM for many years before turning to full-time collecting.

Warm good wishes to **Valerie Jones** Johnson and **Henry Vaughan**, MBA '62, who were married in Maine on September 19. Val and Henry didn't know each other at Cornell, but met during an event at our 40th Reunion and then became engaged in 2003. Their wedding was attended by their children and grandchildren, who live in Port Townsend, WA, Rostock, Germany, Boston, and Manchester, NH. Val recently retired from her career as a real estate paralegal, and Henry has mostly retired from the computer business. The Vaughans are planning to divide their time each year between homes in Yarmouth, ME, and Bluffton, SC, but will, according to Val, be coming to Ithaca for our 45th Reunion.

Good wishes also to **Logan Cheek**, who writes from Pittsford, NY, that he married Betsy Kalb last September, and spent his honeymoon on the island of Crete after a visit to Berlin to celebrate the 40th anniversary of McKinsey's German offices, of which Logan was an early member. "Not retired or even retiring by a long shot!" says Logan, who is busy with venture capital activities and putting together book proposals. Betsy is a legal administrator, directing the East Coast offices of Sonnenschein, Nath, and Rosenthal, and the mother of **Ashur Kalb '00**, now a second-year associate at the law firm of Skadden Arps.

**Stuart "Mickey" Elsberg** sent word from Chestertown, MD, that he and wife Margie are both running their businesses from home these days, she as a media consultant, he as a merchant bankcard marketer. In his spare time, Mickey also helped build the replica of the 18th-century British schooner *Sultana*, which serves

as a scholarship that teaches maritime history to children. The boat received the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Maritime Education at a ceremony at the New York Yacht Club in November attended by both Elsbergs. Mickey says the "best part of the visit was the hours spent with **Neil Janovic '59** rebuilding connections."

**Mimi Segal** Daitz finds that, like many of us, "retirement from teaching at City College (City U. of New York) hasn't given me any more free time than I had before." In 2004, Mimi published a book on a contemporary Estonian composer, Veljo Tormis, entitled *Ancient Song Recovered*, and went last summer to Estonia with the chorus she directs, Riverdale Choral Society, to perform at that country's Song Festival. Any classmate in the New York City area interested in singing with Mimi's group, which also performs standard repertoire by Mozart, Bach, and Brahms, can contact her at [msdaitz@rcn.com](mailto:msdaitz@rcn.com).

Another recent retiree from teaching is **Renee Sack** of Woburn, MA, who ended her 40-plus-year career, most of it spent in Lexington, MA, in June 2004. Though Renee describes her years of teaching elementary school students as "wonderful" and "rewarding," she is pleased to "have time to do activities I haven't been able to do for years," and says happily that "one great part about retirement is not having to get up every day at 6:00 a.m.!" Keep the news coming! ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, [jw275@cornell.edu](mailto:jw275@cornell.edu).

**61** **Winslow Davidson**, MS '62, received an Achievement Award from the president of Guyana for his 28 years of dedicated service as the principal of the Guyana School of Agriculture. Winslow and his wife Cicely, also a retired educator, have five children. **Marlene Tein** started her own private practice in tax preparation. After the tax season, she designs, knits, and sells hats for all ages. Her two "terrific" granddaughters will have a collection of hats as they grow up. Another classmate who has turned a hobby into a business is **Daniel Drollette**, who has a full-time woodworking venture. He and his wife Barbara also have a passion for gardening. **Robert Stamper** co-authored a book called *Essentials of Ophthalmology: Glaucoma*. He gave a special lecture on the subject (and received a distinguished alumnus award) at Washington U. in St. Louis.

China has been a popular destination. Classmate **May Lee Ling** and husband Chung-Li have a married son and two grandchildren in Beijing. The Lings spent two weeks touring the Silk Road and Northwest China. May is still working (as an RN in Brockton, MA) and still pedaling her bike (192 miles at the Pan Mass Challenge). Elizabeth and **Gerrit White** spent three weeks in China, and then made another trip to Munich to visit their grandson. Gerrit still does some real estate consulting. **Arthur Kroll** spent 17 days visiting Guilian, Shanghai, Zion, Beijing, and other cities. He observed the booming economy and noted the muted presence of the Communist party, except when there are disagreements about major decisions.

**Charlie Hecht**, LLB '63, had a "fantastic experience last fall as a sculptor-in-residence" at the Pickled Art Centre outside Beijing. While there, he completed two large sculptures, the theme of one of which is how two nations with differences will together work things out one day. The creative process involved working with a well-known Chinese calligrapher, a metal fabrication facility, a steelyard, and a cad-cam computer facility. The two pieces will be shown in Beijing this spring. Just before leaving for China, Charlie visited his new grandson, Caleb Zion Hecht, in Seattle. Earlier in the year, he designed and exhibited a work depicting 12 American flags in Berlin and Valencia. It created a controversy, even though Charlie did not intend to make a political statement. In his work as a lawyer, Charlie chaired a program on securities arbitration at a New York Bar Association legal education forum, and he writes a legal column for [smartpros.com](http://smartpros.com).

**Kerstin (Westman) '60** and **Gary Codrington** "revisited" London, where they had lived during two different work stints by Gary some years ago. They toured new places, visited old friends still living there, and stayed at a sheep farm belonging to Jackie and **Stuart Webb '63**, MBA '65. Then it was on to a vacation in Portugal with its beautiful beaches and historic places. **Dick Heine**, US Navy (Ret), consults in the area of project management. With other interests becoming important, such as participating in local music groups in Bainbridge Island, WA, and supporting his wife Cindy's watercolor activities, he intends to close his business. The Heines traveled to the major parks and recreation areas in the Southwest last year. **Dave Valenza** plays bagpipes in the Syracuse Highland Pipes & Drums Band and continues to serve as an Elder in his church. He also took up golf, teaming up a few times with **Bob Bitz '52**.

Winter in the northeast means that lots of folks are in Florida for the season. **Jack '58**, MBA '61, and **Diane Baillet Meakem** can be found in Jupiter (she says, "The Golf Devil made us do it!"), **Bob '60** and **Ginny Wortley Waring** in Boca Raton, Linda and **Nobby Holmes** in Vero Beach, and **Wayne Freihofer** and his wife **Debra (Briggs) '77**, MBA '79, in Stuart. The Freihofers' daughter **Gretchen '08** is a freshman in the Hotel school. The Meakems have nine grandchildren.

**Gus Kappler**, MD '65, and his wife winter in NYC (they live Upstate in Amsterdam). In NYC, Gus volunteers at the Weill Cornell Medical College and visits with his son and daughter. **Charles McChesney** and his wife Ruth Ann love being retired. Last year, they enjoyed a summer of events at the Chautauqua Institution in Upstate New York. During the winter, the McChesneys ski. **Cathy Evans Latta** and her husband **Larry '59**, MBA '61, enjoy sailboat racing. They met several other Cornellians with racing boats at the Shipyard Cup Race in Boothbay, ME, last September. The Lattas live in the Bay Area and have three grandchildren. When not racing, gardening, or doing yoga, Cathy is a senior analyst for Fund Advisors London. **Irene H.S. Su** still lives in the Syracuse area. Irene is clinical asst. prof. in the Dept. of Otolaryngology at SUNY Upstate Medical U.

Last August, as reported by **Leonard Kalchheim**, a group of classmates got together with their spouses for their own '61 mini-reunion in Vermont. They included, in addition to Leonard, **Dave Diamond**, **Mike Falk**, **Bill Friedman '65**, **Ed Goldberg**, **Joel Jayson**, and **Marv Schulman**. Besides reminiscing about their days on the Hill, they enjoyed good food, exercise, and local exploration. ♦ **David S. Kessler**, [dsk15@cornell.edu](mailto:dsk15@cornell.edu).

**62** Bob and **Betty Kreps** Zielinski have a new address in Louisville, KY. Amid involvement in many theatre productions this year, they managed to move, vacation in Canada, visit their children and grandchildren, and take a few other trips, too. "Medicare is a treat—keep paying those taxes!" **Lynda Gould '64** writes that classmate **Jane Brody** Engquist was awarded the VZV Research Foundation medal, "for excellence in promoting the understanding of science and medicine," at a luncheon in New York City on May 11, 2004. VZV Research Foundation is the only US public charity dedicated to accelerating the research to prevent, cure, and eradicate chickenpox, shingles, and PHN pain. As a VZV board member, Lynda was present at the luncheon and "thrilled that Jane was the honoree." Jane wrote a two-part series in the *New York Times* highlighting shingles and its relation to the chickenpox virus and the chickenpox vaccine.

**Mike Duesing** ([Mike.Duesing@stewarthowe.net](mailto:Mike.Duesing@stewarthowe.net)) and wife Joan are the happy grandparents of new twin girls. Mike writes, "The very non-identical Frances and Lucinda pair now reign. Joan is keeping 4-1/2-year-old Henry happy, even though the princesses have dethroned him. I will visit at Thanksgiving and inform him that women rule, even if the men can't admit it very often." Class president and local Ithaca landlord **Alex Vollmer**, ME '64, visited Ithaca from California and was a guest with Mike at "FIJI Luigi." This charity benefit dinner was put on by the undergraduate brothers of Phi Gamma Delta at the fraternity house. Alex commented, "We never put on anything like this for the public when we were undergraduates. I don't think we could have!" The undergraduates raised \$500 for a community charity. Mike notes that "as good as FIJI was in the '50s and '60s, we were not participating in the 'Chapters of Excellence' program that is catching on across campus today."

**Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler ([Ruth.Z.Bleyler@valley.net](mailto:Ruth.Z.Bleyler@valley.net)) was elected for a second term in the New Hampshire Legislature, representing Hanover (Dartmouth's location) and Lyme (her town). "New Hampshire managed to become a 'blue' state this time around and, better still, we ousted a one-term Republican gov who has been a serious thorn in our midst. We also added many Democrats to our legislature, which will make life a bit easier." Pete and Ruth have two grandchildren in San Jose (daughter **Melanie Bleyler** and son-in-law **Won-Duk Cho** are both Cornell '92). Granddaughter Danika is now 3-1/2 and grandson Austin is 1. Their daughter **Allison**, MBA '92 married Jock MacDonald in May 2002. Both are Dartmouth '87. Ruth organized a "first annual" Cornell picnic Labor Day weekend for all Cornellians

in the Upper Valley of New Hampshire and Vermont. **Michael '76**, MBA '77, and **Barbara Rackow Gerling '77** hosted the event. "Life is full!"

Also from Mike Duesing comes word that **Fred Hart** is enjoying playing his Robert Trent Jones golf club in Manassas, VA, "when he's not playing in Michigan, Ithaca, etc. He is fanatical about the Baltimore Ravens and has not missed a home game in the new stadium there. He also continues his expert legal research and testimony work on the environment related to industrial law and activity that occurred in the '70s."

**Chuck and Sherry Bunting** (cbbunting@comcast.net) have had a busy time. Chuck has spent the last three years making the transition from the computer industry to become a high school teacher. He earned a master's degree in teaching in June 2003, having spent the 2002-03 school year student teaching at Lake Forest High School and then full-time teaching at Deerfield High School in Illinois. They are avid skiers, and during spring vacation 2003 Chuck introduced himself to the Eagle County (CO) School District as a potential teacher. By June he was hired as a half-time math teacher/half-time business teacher. In the meantime, Chuck and Sherry went to Scotland with the Lake Forest Presbyterian Choir and bell choir. When they returned, they flew to Colorado, found a condo for Chuck to live in, and returned to Illinois. Chuck then rode his bike across Iowa in the annual RAGBRAL. "Now that we've found a wonderful home in Wildridge, near Vail, with panoramic views of the Beaver Creek, Arrowhead, and Bachelor Gulch ski areas, Sherry is enjoying the move." Chuck is teaching a combination of math, business, and computer courses at Battle Mountain High School. To teach the college-level courses, he has become an adjunct professor at Colorado Mountain College, the local community college. Their sons also left Illinois, one to Seattle and one to Washington, DC.

Last March, **Phyllis (Blair) '64** and **John Lowrie** (jmlowrie@comcast.net) picked up a ten-pound bundle of fur (and little teeth), aka a golden retriever puppy. "The birth of a first child is quite an adjustment," noted John, "but the arrival of a puppy in the home of two sedate over-60ers ranks right up there. Suddenly someone has to get up by 6:30, you can't be gone from the house for more than three hours, and traveling is curtailed. On the other hand, there isn't much to compare with the devotion of a golden to its owners." The Lowries did get away to Phyllis's 40th Reunion last June. Between them, they have 11 grandchildren; the latest arrived last September. Phyllis and John enjoyed snorkeling and scuba on a ten-day cruise to French Polynesia. Her son **Greg Darrah** is Cornell '91.

The news drawer is empty, so make sure to fill out the News Form in the annual spring mailing coming soon! ♦ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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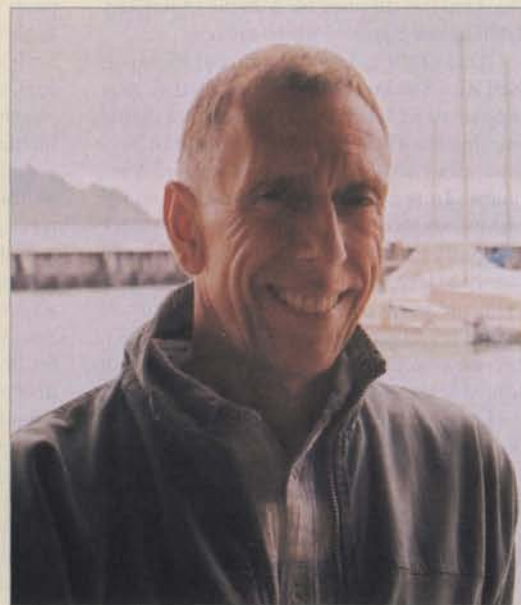
I am going to start the column with a plea: please e-mail me some news! Or send in your update when our annual News and Dues

## Water Colors

RICHARD ALTHER '62

**W**hile many artists rely on something they can see, Richard Alther trusts his imagination. His recent oil paintings may recall the scenery surrounding his home-studio on Lake Champlain's Diamond Island, but Alther says his luminous, watercolor-like abstractions are no mere landscapes. "I haven't painted outdoors for many years," he says. "I have a lifetime of compositions floating around in my head."

A painter since childhood, Alther studied English on the Hill while taking no-credit art classes on the side. In the twenty-nine years since he began exhibiting his works, Alther has had more than twenty shows across the U.S.; his latest, "Enlightenment," was held this past summer at the Hartell Gallery in Sibley Hall. As to his artistic future, the retired advertising copywriter says:



"I have no idea! It simply comes from inside now, for which I am extremely grateful. At last there's something in my life that's 'thoughtless,' and with a mind of its own."

— Carolyn Bonilha '06

mailing arrives this spring. I've run out of news much earlier than I ever remember, so please write! **Warren '62** and I have been enjoying our new home in Tucson, AZ. Please note our new address and e-mail at the end of the column. As I write in early December, we are scheduled to attend the holiday party of the Cornell Club of Southern Arizona next weekend. The weather is great here and there is so much to do. It's also great that we are 2-1/2 hours from two of our sons and their families who live in Phoenix.

**Richard '59**, PhD '66, and **Estelle Phillips Harris** live in Teaneck, NJ. Estelle is a Judaic studies teacher at Yavneh Academy in Paramus, NJ. She is also writing her EdD dissertation. Richard and Estelle have three grown children. Avram is married, lives in Israel, and has four children, and the other two live in Queens: Judah is a photographer, and Beth is a program coordinator. **Allan Bergman**, most recently president and CEO of the Brain Injury Association of America Inc. in McLean, VA, was recently named the new president and CEO of Anixter Center in Chicago, one of the region's largest nonprofit organizations assisting people with disabilities to live and work successfully in the community. Allan is a nationally recognized

leader and expert on disability rights, services, and advocacy, and he worked toward the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act that became law in 1990.

**Gary Orkin**, MS '66, went to London in July to see his daughter Rachel Orkin-Ramey get her MA in art history from the Courtauld Inst. of Art, which is part of the U. of London. **George**, ME '64, and Diane **Ehemann** are in Lancaster, PA, enjoying George's retirement and their grandchildren. They were at Cornell to watch the Cornell-Navy lacrosse men's NCAA quarterfinal last spring. **Sam** and Carol **Merk-samer** have moved from Sacramento, CA, to New York City. They are enjoying city life, and Sam is doing part-time consulting after selling the family business.

Sad news from **Peter D. Clark**, whose wife Linda passed away in December 2003. Peter had sold the family farm in Delhi, NY, to his son several years ago. He still plans to divide his time helping on the farm, working in his woodshop, and spending winters in Florida. He writes that he has five "above average" grandchildren ranging in age from 5 to 12 years. **Herb Friedman** is in Brookline, MA, and has moved from a six-member law firm to a 22-person law firm. He is "Of

Counsel” and very active in the areas of adoption and personal injury law. Herb has spent the last nine years singing with the Mystic Chorale, a large (220-member) community non-audition chorus that sings world, traditional, and new music. The chorale toured Costa Rica last year, giving five concerts, one of which included Costa Rica’s top two choruses. He finds the singing very fulfilling and a great work de-stressor.

One of the column’s loyal contributors is **Neil Ann Stuckey Levine**. Although they were mentioned in detail in a 2004 column, I should mention that **Dick ’62** is vice president and executive editor of Dow Jones newswires. Neil Ann’s independent research on Amish and immigration history has produced 80 published essays. Dick and Neil Ann are now on the Cornell Council together. **Gary Smith** was re-certified in geriatric medicine and is in private practice in internal medicine and geriatric medicine in Batavia, NY. He is also vice president of the medical staff of United Memorial Medical Center in Batavia and president-elect of the Genesee County Medical Society. Gary and wife Patricia have three children at Christendom College in Virginia. An older son is an attorney in Suffolk County, NY, and a daughter is married and teaching in Manhattan. The other children, except for the 3-year-old, are being home-schooled. What a busy household!

That’s all for this column. Look for your News and Dues mailing this spring . . . and send news! ♦ **Nancy Bierds Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, ick63@msn.com.

**64** There’s nothing like a reunion to generate news. So here’s the latest. Physician **Susan Schifter Labarthe**, BS Nurs ’67, reports she’s still doing “locum tenens” doctoring, which she describes as being a physician migrant worker. In her case this means filling in at hospitals mostly in Vermont and New Hampshire, some of which she can even commute to from her home in Montpelier, VT. Suzy has two grown sons. She’s had some interesting and not always pleasant assignments, one time residing for three months in a tiny roadside cabin that hadn’t been upgraded since it was built half a century ago. She writes, “As soon as I win the lottery, I’ll settle down and start my own practice, but for now my accountant says ‘no more debt.’” Med school is not inexpensive! **Steve Einhorn**, a mergers and acquisitions consultant as president of Einhorn Associates, reports he’s in the same job he’s had for 28 years: selling chemical companies. He also does biotech fundraising for the Einhorn Family Foundation, set up and run by wife **Nancy (Lore)** to support education and the arts. Their son **Daniel ’95** joined the business recently. Steve and Nancy still live up the road in Milwaukee, WI.

**Toby Kleban** Levine and husband Andy spent nearly two weeks in Mexico in January ’04 attending a Cornell Adult University (CAU) course, Mexico from the Aztecs to the Spanish Conquest. The course included trips to Veracruz, Cholula, Cuernavaca, Teotihuacan, Tula, and Mexico City. **Don Whitehead** has found a fun and profitable summer-winter switch. He spends his summers in Sag Harbor, NY, where he owns The Inn at Barons Cove. Then come winter, he heads to the Florida Keys where he oversees his investment properties. In addition, his whole family is going to Texas in May where Don has rented a house on the beach in Galveston. The gang will include his three daughters; the two Cornellians, **Julianne ’94** and **Melissa ’96**, will bring husbands and Don’s grandchildren (five in all).

**Tom Pazis**, ME ’66, and wife Karen, who live in Rehoboth, MA, went to St. Louis last September where they had a fun mini-reunion with **Gary Freebern** and his wife Jean, who live there. The two guys had talked often by phone over the years, but they hadn’t seen each other since 1983. Tom felt that the occasion of Gary’s retirement from Boeing after a 38-year career provided the incentive for the get-together. Since retiring last year, Tom and his wife have traveled widely and to exotic locales, notably Tahiti in ’03 and the Brazilian Amazon in ’04, “as an escape from the winters in the Northeast,” Tom writes. **Alice Fried Baker** is also retired. She and husband **Michael ’61**, who live in East Sandwich, MA, recently attended the wedding of their son **David ’90** in California. Also present were Alice’s sister, **Lucy Fried Koster ’62**, and **Susan Buchman Ota**.

When it comes to odd vacations (and the reasons for them), it’s hard to beat **John Fatherley**, who traveled to Paraguay in November ’03 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Rutherford B. Hayes Boundary Arbitration, in which the then US president settled a boundary dispute between Paraguay and Argentina in favor of the former. John even published a Spanish language

book on the topic, *Revelaciones y Reflexiones*. He and wife Danielle live in Chicopee, MA.

**Elaine Emling**, MRP ’83, who lives in England with retired husband Mike Jenner, a British subject, writes that since the summer of ’03 she’s been working part-time as an urban and regional planner for a surveying consultancy in northwest London, leaving them some free time to travel. Elaine says: “One of the big pluses living on the other side of the pond is that it brings many countries nearer and more accessible for visiting. We had a fantastic two weeks in Brittany, the Loire Valley, and Normandy last September. I am feeling like an old hand at traipsing around the Continent.” On the other hand, Elaine has to commute by auto past Heathrow Airport, which she says, “provides unwanted experience with London traffic jams and low-flying planes.” It was good to see both Elaine and Mike at reunion last June.

**Judy Sutherland** is yet another retiree. She spends time walking, playing bridge, reading, and gardening. Judy also travels widely and also to exotic locales, most recently to Cambodia and Vietnam in January ’04. Judy lives in Oakland, CA, where she is a volunteer for the Oakland Museum. **Michael “Tree” Smith**, PhD ’73, reports daughter **Jessica** began a four-year DVM program at the Cornell Vet college at the same time in August ’03 that wife **Linda (Dyer)**, MPS ’04, began a master’s in professional studies in statistics program at Cornell. Tree writes, “They are the best of roommates.”

Still working is attorney **Gary Rushmer**, MBA ’65, JD ’68, who reports his firm has 32 lawyers. He writes that they do all types of litigation, plus commercial real estate transactions. Wife **Vera (Ames) ’65** keeps busy as Chairman of the Board of the Mustard Seed, a local charity. The Rushmers still live in Orlando, FL, and welcomed their first grandchild a little over a year ago. **Dennis Sweeney** is also far from being retired, reporting that he’s working “harder than ever” as a restaurant consultant and visiting lecturer at Cornell and at the Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne in Switzerland, to which he travels twice yearly. He is still an industry adviser to students for Hotel Ezra Cornell Weekend. Dennis and partner Maria are working on their new house in Orange, CT. His son is a NASDAQ trader in Manhattan and his daughter teaches school in Lansing, just north of Ithaca.

That’s all for now. Watch for your class News and Dues appeal coming soon. Please respond quickly and take a few moments to put news of yourself on the enclosed form. This column depends on your responses to our appeal. Keep the news flowing—and be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. ♦ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

**65** It’s hard to believe, but when you read this column we hope you will have been firming up your plans to attend our 40th Reunion on June 9-12. If you haven’t had a chance to recently, make sure to check the class website (<http://classof65.alumni.cornell.edu/welcome.html>) to catch up on class news and reunion plans. Reunion

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co-chairs are **George Arangio**, MD '69, **Grace Hershberg Morgenstein**, and **Dave Tetor**.

**Barry Cutler** had a lot of news to pass on. Things have been busy for him and his wife Marika, as both of their daughters were engaged simultaneously. One wedding down, one to go. As Barry reports, it really helps when you like the future sons-in-law. He also has been quite busy with Cornell. In addition to being on the Class Council, Barry is also on the Arts and Sciences Dean's Alumni Committee. This gets him up to Ithaca twice a year. As for how things are going on the Hill, Barry reports: "For anyone who has not met the new president, **Jeff Lehman** '77, it is worth the trip to reunion. The university is in skilled and enthusiastic hands." When not working on his Cornell responsibilities, Barry is practicing law (FTC and consumer regulation) with Baker & Hostetler. Marika is a practicing psychotherapist and teaches graduate students. Their daughters Mia (Hirshhorn Museum) and Jillian (law clerk to a federal judge in Philadelphia) are the ones "who have been hopping me down the aisle."

**Judy Alpern** Intraub has the following to report: "I've finally retired from the Board of Education in New York City and am spending most of my time in Vermont. What a life! Kayaking, swimming, tennis, etc., with some time to volunteer at the Montshire Museum. I saw **Bobby Epstein** Gordon this summer with two of her adorable grandchildren. I will be at reunion and hope to see lots of old friends."

Reunion co-chair Grace Morgenstein has a lot to report. She and her husband **Stan** '64 are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 40th Reunion. They were at Stan's 40th last June and had a great time. Stan is a vice president and managing director for the commercial services legal group of Aspen Systems Corp. in Washington, DC. Grace is a guidance counselor in the Montgomery County, MD, school system. Their four children, all Cornell alums, are scattered around the world from Atlanta to Chicago to San Francisco to Iraq. **Jonathan** '94 is a Marine reservist. He is due to return to the US in March. Oldest son **Mark** '92 and his wife Kathy made Grace and Stan grandparents for the first time. She closed with, "We hope to see lots of old friends in June and catch up on the latest."

**Frank McGuire** has been busy as he set up a new firm, Frank McGuire Architects. He recently completed a number of student housing projects at Suffolk U. in Boston and UMass Dartmouth. He also authored a book called *Urban Campus*. Frank reported that his daughter Amanda was accepted to a high school study-abroad program and is spending the 2004-05 academic year in Italy. Frank and his wife Deborah live Boston. **Elizabeth Dallas** Harrington reports that she has retired as a partner of Price-waterhouseCoopers, where she led its China/Asia practice. She is now an advisor to the government of China on modernization of several core industries. Elizabeth also was elected to the board of directors of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the world's largest futures and options exchange. She and her husband William Lynch live in Chicago.

We have recently heard from Ithaca regarding classmates that have participated in CAU off-campus programs during the first ten months of 2004—many of which seem quite exotic. **Arnold Rabinor** and his wife Irene visited East Asia on a cruise from Hong Kong and Taiwan to China and Japan. Class president **Dave Roitman** and his wife **Linda (Lomazoff)** '66 went to Rome and attended the program Caesars, Senators, Citizens, Slaves: Life and Power in Imperial Rome. **Bill Batsford** and his wife **Donna (Walker)** '67 attended an ornithology and ecology weekend seminar at Assateague Island, VA. **Penny Skitol** Haitkin and her husband **Jeffrey** '66 attended two CAU programs, The Play's the Thing in London and the pre-2004 Presidential Election session at the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz. Finally, recently elected trustee **Bob Huret** and his wife Judy attended the other London program, The World of Art. While in London, Bob and his wife met **Natalie Teich**, who had a busy year as a number of classmates passed through London this past year.

**Richard Gildersleeve** owns and operates the Crab Shell Restaurant in Stamford, CT. During the summer he also operates harbor tours with the "Duffy Electric Boat." For information, check his website, [www.crabshell.com](http://www.crabshell.com). Richard and his wife Kate, who is involved in hospital therapy with Good Dogs Foundation, have four children. Brennan is with the Broadband Division of Starwood Hotels; Lauren is with Time Inc. in special events; Ryan is with Smith Barney in its New Canaan, CT, office; and Brittan is Director of Wine, Charles Nob Hill in San Francisco.

Please send your news to one of our correspondents: ♦ **Ronald Harris**, 5203 Forestdale Ct., West Bloomfield, MI; tel. (248) 788-3397; e-mail, [rsh28@cornell.edu](mailto:rsh28@cornell.edu); **Dennis Norfleet**, 3187 State Rte. 48, Oswego, NY 13126; tel. (315) 342-0457; e-mail, [dnp5@cornell.edu](mailto:dnp5@cornell.edu), and **Joan Elstein** Rogow, 9 Mason Farm Rd., Flemington, NJ 08822; tel. (908) 782-7028.

**66** We continue to be a creative, changing class, often earning public recognition for what we do. **Stephanie Lane** Rakofsky ([rakon77@aol.com](mailto:rakon77@aol.com)) was named the 2004 National Healthcare Social Work Leader of the Year by the Society for Social Work Leadership in Healthcare. She is director of social work, care coordination, and counseling service at South Miami Hospital. During her tenure as director, Stephanie has greatly increased the staff of her department and established the hospital's Counseling Center, which became the Employee Assistance Program. She also established the Behavioral and Collaborative Medicine Program, a multi-discipline therapy program that also offers support groups to patients and the community. Stephanie and her husband Sanford have five sons: David, a psychologist; Danny, police captain in Pembroke Pines, FL; Joey, a college senior; Jeff, a med student; and Jonathan, a college freshman. The Rakofskys also have one grandson.

Dr. **Maurice Cerulli** (MC76839@aol.com) received the distinguished service award from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

last May. He is chief of gastroenterology at New York Methodist Hospital. Last year Maurice and his wife Sandy vacationed in Hawaii and did long weekend trips to Scottsdale, AZ, and Miami and Naples, FL. **Nancy Melzak** Corbin ([nancorbin@aol.com](mailto:nancorbin@aol.com)) has started a project to raise funds for an organization sponsoring eye surgery to restore vision and also provide wheelchairs to people who cannot afford them. A professional calligrapher for over 30 years, Nancy was able to get other calligraphers and friends to each contribute a page with a meaningful or funny quotation, artistically lettered and decorated. These were put together in a portfolio and are sold to raise funds for the charity. Nancy and husband Lee spend time in Boca Raton, FL, in the winter and in Larchmont the rest of the year. They have two sons, Dan who lives in Miami and Greg who lives in Manhattan.

**Hilda Lichtenstein** Levine ([hildaandmarty@aol.com](mailto:hildaandmarty@aol.com)) and **Toby Kleban** Levine '64 have started the Cornell Club of the Berkshires. They meet at diverse locations in the area. Their annual meeting was at the Old Chatham Sheepherders, where Cornell president **Jeffrey Lehman** '77 spoke. Last June, **Edie Lederer** '63 spoke to the group at Ventfort Hall in Lenox, MA. If you have a home in the Berkshires, the group would love to hear from you. Hilda and husband Marty's daughter **Jill Levine** Bradford '94 has two children. **Richard Turbin** is the current president of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Richard heads his own law firm specializing in personal injury, wrongful death, and malpractice. He has been an active member of the Bar Association and is a Civil Rights Commissioner and a past president of the Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii, as well as having served as chair of the Tort and Insurance Practice Section of the American Bar Association.

**John Stuart Blackton** ([jsb44@cornell.edu](mailto:jsb44@cornell.edu)) is retired from the Senior Foreign Service and as a professor of national security strategy at the National War College. He is now a consultant, specializing in security and governance issues in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. He also spends time on the foreign affairs lecture-and-seminar circuit in France, the UK, and Germany. John and wife Maggy are at home in Chevy Chase, MD, or at their farm in Hamilton, NY. Their daughter **Nadia** '01 spent a year's deployment as a military officer in Iraq.

**Sandra Cairns** Peterson ([sj-peterson@bethel.edu](mailto:sj-peterson@bethel.edu)) is co-author of *Middle Range Theories: Application to Nursing Research* (Peterson, S.J. and Bredow, T.S., 1994 Philadelphia Lippincott). **Alan Lubitz** ([ahlubitz@ssklawfirm.com](mailto:ahlubitz@ssklawfirm.com)) has moved to Boca Raton, FL, and joined the law firm of Sachs Sax and Klein. **Bruce Bergman**, who formerly headed the mortgage dept. at Certilman Balin Attorneys, has become a partner at Berkman, Hensch, Peterson and Peddy PC in Garden City. Donald and **Susan Rockford** Bittker report that their son Joshua received a PhD in chemical biology from Harvard U.

It's not too early to start thinking about Reunion '06. Under the guidance of class president **Alice Katz** Berglas, the class officers, class council, and reunion volunteers, we put on a great weekend. If you have never been back, now is the time. If you have, we'd love to see you

again. ♦ **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **John Miers**, John\_Miers@nih.gov; **Bill Blockton**, rbsfabrics@juno.com.

**67** “Last year I took my business and myself to the North Coast of San Diego and am living with my wife Lani high on a bluff overlooking the Pacific,” writes **Arthur Amberg** (Solana Beach, CA; aamberg@acgjobs.com). “Am still a staffing consultant recruiting technical professionals and managers in manufacturing, food and beverage, chemicals, and law firms.” Prize for most dispersed clan: “Daughter Marianne Bondi is living with husband Joe in Rochester, MN; son Jon with wife Kammy and son Lucas in Encinitas, CA; son Matt with wife Kristi and sons Christian and Brandon and daughter Mattie in Versailles, KY; and daughter Andrea in Iceland.” **Carol Stilwell** Himes informs us that her father, **Andy Stilwell** ’33, passed away last April 10 in Naples, FL. “One of his happiest memories during his last year was attending his 70th Reunion in June 2003.”

“Am thrilled to report that news of last edition remains the same,” reports **Candy Baldwin** Richards (candyrichards@cox.net). “Loving Scottsdale, AZ, and then the Jersey shore for the summer months. This hopefully will be our pat-

tune annually to return to the Cornell campus to lecture in the Real Estate Program.”

**Larry Bogert** (Oradell, NJ; larry@bogert.org) writes that son Ian is a senior in high school, that Larry and wife Lorraine have become active in local politics “after a threat to cut down our neighborhood woods!” and that he’s still involved in community theater. “The 35th Reunion was so enjoyable that I attended my first high school reunion (40th) last year and had a ball. Looking forward to our 40th Cornell Reunion!” **Harriet Hecht** Gould (Newton, MA; gould@globe.com), notes that both her children are married and that she recently became a grandmother. “Twelve years at *Boston Globe*. Currently, I’m VP, Labor Relations, using my ILR degree and law degree from Northeastern U. to negotiate contracts and oversee relations with the *Globe’s* 11 unions.” ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com; tel., (202) 667-6481.

**68** I hope you have been having a good winter. I recently had an interesting lunch with **Alan Stoll**, MPA ’70, who lives in the Worcester, MA, area. Alan had a highly distinguished career in healthcare administration with

tennis, and is a highly ranked tennis player for his age group. **Robert Horn** has been named executive VP and COO for Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Jefferson Hills, PA. In this position he is responsible for the management of a 370-plus bed acute medical care facility. Bob has had a 29-year tenure at Jefferson Regional Medical Center, with diverse experience with its operations.

**Sue Selton Benjamin** and her husband **Bob** ’67 live in Los Alamos, NM. Their daughter Alana is in med school in New Mexico, and son **Josh** ’99 lives in Stamford, CT. Sue saw **Jane Frommer** Gertler at a conference in Phoenix last year. During a recent trip to Ithaca I saw **Bill Huling**, MBA ’74, who is senior director of corporate programs at the Johnson School of Management. Bill joined the Johnson School staff after a career in the military.

I look forward to hearing from you. ♦ **Gordon H. Silver**, 2 Avery St. #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, Gordon\_Silver@comcast.net.

**69** A number of our classmates have been in the news. **Stephen Hadley** made headlines in the fall when he was named President Bush’s National Security Advisor. “Big Cheese,” an article in the August 2004 issue of the *New Yorker* magazine, featured **Rob Kaufelt**, the owner of Murray’s Cheese Shop located in Greenwich Village and Grand Central Station. World-renowned for his expertise in selecting the finest cheeses from Europe and other countries, Rob’s store was named New York’s Best Cheese Shop by the *New York Times*, the *Village Voice*, and *New York Press* magazine. Elsewhere in the metropolis, a major retrospective exhibition of the work of William Baziotas, an American abstract expressionist painter, recently closed. It was accompanied by a fully illustrated catalogue that included an essay by **Michael Preble**.

Through press releases, we learn that Cornell selected **Steve Belkin** as the 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year. This honor goes to a Cornell graduate who best exemplifies entrepreneurial achievement, community service, and high ethical standards. Steve is chairman and founder of Trans National Group and the acknowledged originator of Affinity Credit Card Marketing. He is also the principal owner of a professional sports enterprise consisting of the Atlanta Hawks and the Atlanta Thrashers. In addition, Steve is a Cornell trustee, a member of the Cornell Athletics Alumni Advisory Committee, and a recent recipient of the Cornell Alumni Volunteerism Award.

**Seth Lloyd** was included in Woodward/White’s guide, *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-06*, which is the preeminent legal referral guide in the US. Seth’s career has focused on the healthcare industry, serving as a principal outside counsel to several Michigan hospitals and health systems. He is also experienced in healthcare mergers and acquisitions, among other areas. The American Philosophical Society, the country’s oldest learned society, extended membership to **Fedwa Malti-Douglas** for her distinguished achievement. Fedwa is a professor of humanities at Indiana U. and an adjunct professor of law at Indiana U. School of Law. Retired

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tern, and we both love it. Since we’re retired, we can do/participate/play/travel as we wish. Almost had a Richards/Vose/Lillis & Borelli reunion this summer. Fingers crossed for this coming year.” **Jim Foster** (Boca Raton, FL; jimfoster57@aol.com) writes that he’s “semi-retired, with last position as EVP-CFO of JM Family Enterprises, an \$8 billion diversified auto company. Son Graham is in seventh grade at Pinecrest School (I know, I was always a late starter) and wife Mary Graham is very active in school affairs. Look forward to more frequent connections with class friends in the future.”

“Two and a half years ago I formed a women-owned consulting business in affordable housing and community development, VIVA Consulting,” **Louise Elving** reports (Cambridge, MA; lveling@vivaconsult.com). “We work for real estate businesses, community-based non-profit organizations, and public agencies around the country. Our work focuses on real estate development and organizational management issues. VIVA has been a great success! We are a true 21st-century organization in that we have no central office; instead, each principal works from home, linked by internet, intranet, and multiple other forms of technology.” Louise adds, “My husband and I now delight in three grandchildren. We recently were on a four-week trip to India that included ten days trekking in the Himalayas in Sikkim. I have the good for-

the Fallon Health Group in Worcester and is now involved in consulting. **Kathleen Frankovic** is head of political polling at CBS News in New York. The presidential election was a busy period for Kathleen, as she is in charge of the CBS decision desk that makes a decision on when to designate a particular state “red” or “blue.” You can be sure her team is meticulous in their work, having learned from their past experience in declaring Al Gore the winner in Florida in the 2000 election, which state later went for Bush. It was Kathleen’s job to get that error corrected at once and coordinate with the president of the News Division to break the bad news to anchorman Dan Rather. In addition to her high profile election duties, Kathleen oversees the CBS-New York Times Poll, which covers a broad range of topics in our society.

**Sharon Solwitz** lives in Chicago and teaches English at Purdue U. Sharon recently won a national award for Jewish short story fiction writing. Her novel *Bloody Mary* was published in 2003. After Cornell, Sharon received a PhD in English from the U. of Illinois. **David Yesner** and his wife Kristine live in Chugiak, AK. In 2004 they had trips to Machu Picchu and Easter Island, and celebrated a 25th wedding anniversary. David recently edited a book entitled *Settlement of the Americas: A Biogeopolitical Approach*.

**Steve Steinhardt** lives in Albany and enjoys retirement. He plays a lot of basketball, golf, and



Brigadier General **Ted Hess** now heads the Law Firm of Ted Hess PC in Glenwood Springs, CO. He began his career in the NROTC program at Cornell, and served in Vietnam as an infantry commander. After studying law, Ted held numerous and varied positions of responsibility within the military.

**Larry and Nancy Jenkins Krablin** write about their family activities. After 35 years, Larry is still with Unisys, having been awarded three patents last year. In off-hours, he is "into serious kite flying, in addition to major woodworking," says Nancy. In fact, Larry traveled to several locations to pursue his kite flying and contributed his building skills to Habitat for Humanity. Both of their daughters are living in Boston. Erica, a Yale '98 graduate, is a project manager for JumpStart, and **Joanna '00** teaches preschool at the Leslie Ellis School, as well as being an editorial assistant at Tufts U. **Joan Rawitz** married Robert James in October 2003. Since Joan is retired, she and her new husband are able to split their time between Fairfield, CA, and Mountain View, AR. They are both musicians, playing old-time fiddle, bluegrass, and classic country. **Thomas Reilly '07** spent his first year at Cornell living in Donlon Hall, reports his dad, Dr. **Philip Reilly**. Meanwhile, the Huntington Disease Society of America honored Phil with its annual Distinguished Leadership Award for 2003.

**James Trozze** tells us that he has returned to New England, settling in Rhode Island after two years in Ithaca. He is still an advisor to his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi, and active in area Cornell Clubs. *The Sugar Child* was authored by **Monique de Varennes**. This children's book, published by Anne Schwartz Books/Atheneum, was released in late fall. **James Shaw, ME '72**, retired as professor of orthopedic surgery from the George Washington U. Medical School and is currently involved in part-time orthopedic practice in the US and overseas, as well as consulting, writing, and editing. With two grown daughters, he and his wife Nancy now have more time to enjoy travel, hiking, and their vacation home in the Adirondacks. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031.

**70 Cheryl Wasserman** (cwassermal@aol.com) and her husband Ron Slotkin live in Washington, DC, and both work for the EPA. Their daughter Rebecca is in the Upper School at Maret and their son Jonathan is in middle school at McLean. Cheryl is associate director for policy analysis in the Office of Federal Activities. Ron is director of multimedia communications and technology. Cheryl focuses on environmental review of free trade agreements and domestic (tribes) and international capacity building in both environmental compliance and enforcement and in environmental impact assessment. She developed the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE). She was also involved in the development of ISO 14000 standards for environmental auditing and management, and developed long-standing policies on state/federal enforcement, as well as courses and student texts on the sub-

jects, which have been widely distributed and translated into several languages. Together Cheryl and Ron started a modest side business, Viscom Studios. They make personal movies to celebrate and honor individuals, families, and groups. They also enjoy hiking, biking, swimming, and playing tennis. Cheryl sends greetings to all in the Cornell family.

For the last 30 years, **Jonathan Forge** (jjohn@tpg.com.au) has lived in Australia since moving there four years after graduating from Cornell. Before he settled in New South Wales, he received his MA and PhD in philosophy at London U. Jonathan is a professor of philosophy and contemplating early retirement. He has a 25-year-old daughter who is working on a PhD in political science. Jonathan is still single, though, living with his old cat. He reflects that no one compares with the Cornell co-eds from the classes of '67-'73! What more can he say! To his great regret, he has not kept up with Cornell friends except for knowing a few e-mail addresses. He would be delighted to hear from old friends.

**Bob Scurfield** (scurfield@sktc.net) mentions the many life changes he has experienced, including a divorce and the inevitable getting older, while still trying to determine the meaning of it all. His eldest son is working in San Diego after getting his BS from Cornell in '01 and his MS in '03. Bob's other son has recently graduated from Kansas State U. Bob lives in Belle Plaine, KS, and continues working at Cessna Aircraft as in-house legal counsel. He enjoys airplanes (owns an RV6) and motorcycles.

**Steve Meyerson** (docsjm@aol.com) and his wife Linda live in Miami, FL. Steve closed his medical practice in September 2003, took a job with the V.A., and is now medical director at Baptist Hospital of Miami. Linda has a tutoring business in Miami. Son Eric, 30, was recently married in Sausalito, CA, lives in San Francisco, and works for Wells Fargo. Daughter Anna, 25, has graduated from the U. of Chicago Medical School and is practicing radiology. **Dick Roberts** (croberts.peoplepc.com) and his wife Christine live in Bridgewater, NY. **Jerry Roller's** firm, J.K. Roller Architects, celebrated its 20th anniversary on June 3, 2004. The firm is located in Center City Philadelphia and is completing a major renovation and expansion of its office. Jerry and his wife Joan live in Philadelphia.

**Elliot Gordon** and his wife Sheila live in Irvine, CA. He can be reached at two e-mail addresses: gordone@kornferry.com and elliotg1@cox.net. He has been with Korn/Ferry International, a leading global executive search firm, for 24 years. Elliot inline skates almost every day. He is the originator and coordinator of the annual Southern California Pacific Coast Century Skate/Bike (use the second e-mail for info). Each year Elliot and Sheila take a ski vacation with **Marty Hsaio-Ping Liu Katz**, and he and Marty do some hiking as well. **Paula Noonan** conducts a professional development program, "How to Assess Student Writing," for Regis U. in Colorado. She has received the first Jones International U. faculty excellence award as content expert and faculty in business communication. Paula's son **Raleigh** graduated in August 2004 from Metro-

politan State College. She lives in Littleton, CO, and her golf handicap is trending down to a 10.

**Rani Denise Ulrich** (RDeniseU@cs.com) lives in Captain Cook, HI, where she paddles with the Keauwou Canoe Club. At an informal gathering at the Waikolda Canoe Club in the spring of 2004, she met some of the students and faculty in Cornell's Earth and Environmental Sciences Program in Waimea, HI. The club provided outrigger canoe rides for those who were interested. Denise also met up with fellow artists and Cornellians **Henry and Bettie Buell Lyon**, both '52. **Bill Kelsey**, MBA '74, and his wife **Tina (Meyn)**, MS '70, live in Findlay, OH. They spent most of last summer on the Great Lakes on their sailboat!

**Jomarie "Joan" Alano**, MBA '82 (jma49@cornell.edu) married William Treat on May 15, 2004. She and Bill live in Warrenton, VA. During the spring 2004 semester, Jomarie taught two classes in the History dept. at Cornell. She would love to hear from classmates in the Washington, DC, area. **Bernie**, PhD '81 (bneenan@neenan.com) and **Theresa Flaim Neenan**, PhD '77, are now living in Knoxville, TN. **Michael J.C. McCarthy** lives in Baltimore, MD.

To follow up on Bob Scurfield's ponderings about life, I spotted a bumper sticker that said, "What if the hokey pokey really is what it's all about?" Have a glorious spring and make plans to come to Reunion 2005, June 9-12. We'll be able to enjoy each other's company while we discuss and debate exactly what it's all about! ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, 16 James Thomas Rd., Malvern, PA 19355; e-mail, cfm7@cornell.edu.

**71** Greetings to all of our classmates! We hope that by the time this column reaches you, you will be enjoying the beginning of some beautiful spring weather. **Leon and Rosemary Oaks-Lee** (oakslee@aol.com) are delighted to report that their son **Nate** graduated in May 2004 from the College of Engineering with a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering, 70 years after the graduation of **Chester Lee '34**, Nate's grandfather. Another proud Cornell parent is **Edward Killam**, whose daughter **Erica '08** is currently attending the Hotel school. **Martin P. Michael** writes from Manhattan that his son **Evan** (Penn '99) was married in May 2003 to **Kim Graham '99**.

**Paula Greenburg Jarnicki** (jarnicki@fuse.net) lives in Cincinnati. Her son Brent graduated from Ohio State Law School and has entered his father's practice. Paula's daughter Judy is a sales representative for Merck Pharmaceuticals and also lives in Cincinnati. Paula keeps in touch with **Janett Edelberg**. **Tom Brereton** (brent@mvschool.com) has four children ages 19, 16, and twin 9-year-olds. He writes that life is good. His daughter Rebecca is a sophomore at Colgate. Tom, wife Amy, and children traveled to the UK last summer. They spent four weeks in England, one week in Wales, two weeks in Ireland, and one week in Scotland. This trip was a gift from his board of trustees in honor of his 30 years at the Miami Valley School, 18 of them as headmaster.

We received a nice e-mail from **Rick Macho** in Illinois. Rick works for the Madison County

Soil and Water Conservation District in Edwardsville, IL. He works with agricultural producers and other landowners in planning, designing, and constructing permanent conservation measures on their land. These include terraces, waterways, ponds, and wildlife habitat improvements. He also works closely with the municipalities in his county to control soil erosion and sediment, meeting with developers and city officials to review subdivision plans and trying to minimize any excessive sediment and stormwater problems that their development might cause. In his leisure time, Rick enjoys travel and has spent his last four vacations in the Amazon, Costa Rica, New Zealand, and Panama rain forests. He writes that these study trips have been a fascinating way to visit with people actively involved in research. Rick would like to locate **Allan Horton**, his classmate from the Ag college. Allan, if you are reading this column, contact Rick at rick.macho@il.nacdn.net.

Another classmate with interesting and meaningful travel is **Darlene Rugis Heller** (heller51@yahoo.com), who has traveled to India, Africa, Norway, Italy, and France. On a trip to Africa she worked on a mission project setting up an infection control program at David Gordon Hospital in Livingstonia, Malawi. She plans more missionary work in the future. **G. Brian Smith**, MS '73 (smithclan@tru.eastlink.ca) lives in Nova Scotia, where he works as the executive director of Agriculture Services, Nova Scotia Dept. of Agriculture and Fisheries. He recently received the Nova Scotia Distinguished Agrologist award. He and his wife have a family business running a campground in New Brunswick. Brian also enjoys winemaking, travel, and gardening and looks forward to a trip to France in the near future.

**Robert Crystal** (crys24634@aol.com) is studying in a Master of Divinity program and would like to be ordained as an Episcopal priest one day. This past year he and his partner Curtis traveled to Quebec City, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia, where he rang bells on the towers of cathedrals. **Bonnie Kaplan** (bonnie.kaplan@yale.edu) chaired a conference in Manchester, England, this summer, and edited the resultant book, *Relevant Theory and Informed Practice: Looking Forward from a 20-Year Perspective on IS Research*.

Look for the new book *Cornell University Hockey*, which describes the history of Cornell hockey in photographs and text, from its beginnings on Beebe Lake through the construction of Lynah Rink and two national championships of the Ned Harkness glory years. It also covers more recent history, including the 2003 NCAA Frozen Four. The book was written by broadcaster Adam Wodon and researched by our classmate and sportswriter **Arthur Mintz** (am21@cornell.edu). It's available at the Cornell Store.

Our condolences to **Susan Labarre Brittingham** (slb45@cornell.edu), whose husband **Henry** ("Hank") '70 passed away in July after a long battle with cancer. Susan is living in Maryland, where she enjoys a wonderful, low-pressure job as the manager of Browseabout Books in Rehoboth Beach. She enjoys hiking, reading, travel, and cooking and hopes to relocate to an area with mountains in the future.

Many thanks to all of our classmates who have generously shared news about themselves. If you are reading this column, please take a moment to e-mail one of us and share some news about yourself—professional, travel, family, hobbies, or anything you consider newsworthy. We'll write about you! ♦ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

**72** **Carolyn Jacobson** has been reunited with her Cornell class ring, thanks to her podiatrist, the cashier in the supermarket, a Cornell credit card, and the magic of serendipity. One day Carolyn received a call from her podiatrist, who said he had found her class ring (which she had lost several years earlier). How did he find it and connect it with Carolyn? "One of the podiatrists in the office happened to be a Cornell grad and one day paid his bill at a local food store with his Cornell credit card. The cashier asked him if he had gone to Cornell and when he said he had, she told him that she had found a Cornell class ring some years ago at a swimming pool and didn't know what to do with it. So she put it in a safe place. Would he take it and try to find the owner? He brought it back to his office and told one of his associates about it. The associate (not a Cornellian) looked carefully at the ring and saw 'BS' and '72' and initials that looked like 'CJJ' and decided to go to the Cornell website. He found the e-mail address for one of our class correspondents, **Gary Rubin**. The rest is history. I was reunited with my ring, with the ultimate coincidence that I was a patient of the podiatrist." We realize that publishing this story may trigger an endless stream of similar efforts to reunite classmates with their class rings through the intervention of their podiatrists, but we decided to forge ahead despite the risk.

**Tom Kelsey**, MBA '77, writes, "After a wonderful four years in Stockholm, where I met and married my wife, I'm now the commercial counselor at the US Embassy in Zagreb, Croatia—a great travel destination and an improving business climate. The B&B is now open!" **Nicholas Seay**, an intellectual property attorney with Quarles & Brady LLP in Madison, WI, is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America 2005-06." **Beverly Rabeler** Settle of Madison, NY, says, "The latest from here is the onset of the empty nest. My youngest joined the US Marines, and now my second youngest, who has been living at home, is getting married. The older two married and moved out a while ago. I have three grandchildren in Alabama and almost two overseas. Professionally, I became a tenured teacher last fall after receiving a master's in information design technology from SUNYIT in May. Thanks to Nancy for keeping in contact even when I don't reply and to 'Nette for being a best friend after all these years."

**David Harding**, PhD '83, Warrenville, IL, enjoys his work with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network (CAAAN), talking with high school students one-on-one and at college fairs. Daughter **Betsy** is a member of the Hotel school Class of '06. **Mark Schimelman**,

Clifton Park, NY, reports that daughter Sondra is living and working in Boston, daughter Rachel is working in San Marcos, TX, and son Ben is a sophomore at RPI. ♦ **Gary L. Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, alexander.barna-1@nasa.gov.

**73** As I write, the election is finally over, except for the protracted gubernatorial recount here in Washington State. As for my own campaign for Congress in Washington's 8th district—well, it looked very competitive after my win in the September Democratic primary . . .

That's right, your class co-correspondent decided to take a leave of absence (and possibly his senses), cross to the dark side, and experience politics up close and personal. I spent five of the most exciting months of my life door-belling, phone-calling, and speechifying. Nancy Pelosi came out for a joint news conference. Al Gore added me to a panel on stem cell research. I brought conventions to their feet, and flung rhetorical red meat to partisan crowds from the caboose of a campaign train. But alas, cheers don't always mature into votes. Delays in the vote count on election night spared me a televised concession speech, but I conceded privately the next morning with 47 percent, and went back to my old job at KIRO. Friends and supporters keep assuring me I have more influence doing a talk show than I would have had as a minority member of Congress, but our 450 volunteers—who I cannot praise enough—don't take much comfort in that.

I will say that thanks to the \$8.5 million spent by the various parties and interest groups for and against me, I am now a member of that elite group of celebrities who enjoy the rare honor of being recognized by strangers in the men's restroom. Fortunately, most people are pleasantly surprised to discover that, despite what some of the ads implied, I do not have cloven hooves . . . although I do notice strangers sneaking glances at my feet when I de-shoe at the airport. So ends a year that included a week in New Hampshire covering the primary, a week in Baghdad last April, and five months of fundraising calls to raise money I never got to touch. It was the ultimate reality show. I plan to spend my spare time this year splitting fire logs.

On to class news: **Alan Ireland** is in Kula, HI, where he is managing partner of the "Manana Garage." His brief and cryptic note provided only the title of the business, which sounded at first like a service station where the mechanics never quite get around to your car. But a Google search revealed that it's a wildly popular Nuevo Latino restaurant on Maui, now in its fifth year of Tequila Tuesdays. Which probably explains the comment on his Cornell news form: "All's quite well, thank you." If I ever run in Hawaii, I'll know where to throw my next consolation party!

**Ken Luckow**, DVM '78 (kenvet810@aol.com) lives in Holbrook, NY, with wife Brenda. Eldest daughter **Tracy '99** is back from Cork, Ireland, and on track to receive her PhD in food science. **Lori '01** recently vacationed in Paris; Amanda is a freshman at SUNY Plattsburgh; Danielle is in the 11th grade making her mark as

a cheerleader and part-time model; and Benjamin—yes, finally a boy!—has celebrated his second birthday and is on a glide path to graduate from Cornell as a member of the Class of '23, exactly 50 years after Dad. **Linda Dubins** is married to David Baer and living in Piedmont, CA. She reports that daughter Hilary is at her dad's school (U. of Michigan) majoring in political science, daughter Rachel is RISD '07, and daughter Anna attends Piedmont High School.

**Lawrence Taylor** (larrytaylor@aziotics.com) reports that daughter Jessica is a freshman at Boston U. studying environmental policy. In sharp contrast to my own efforts, Larry had no trouble winning election to the Board of Advisors of the US-Indonesia Society and the World Affairs Council of St. Louis, where he serves as vice president. He also teaches as an adjunct professor at St. Louis U. and serves on both the Cornell Alumni Federation and the Cornell Council. Congratulations to **Jeffrey Lallas**, MPS '03, on joining SUNY Cortland as director of facilities planning and construction. He'll be responsible for all planning, architectural, and engineering design for the \$70 million dollar capital improvement plan at the Cortland campus. His previous credits include work at Cornell's Facilities Management dept., where he helped create an award-winning grounds maintenance program. I expect the Cortland campus is destined to become the new jewel in the Crown City.

**Paul Wise**, MD '78 (pwise@stanford.edu) has moved from Boston to Palo Alto to become the Richard E. Behrman Professor of Child Health and Society in the Department of Pediatrics at Stanford U. He reports that son Ben is a junior at Brown, daughter **Marissa** is Cornell Class of '07 (Arts & Sciences), and daughter Diana is in 6th grade. **Richard Rawson** and his father are now living with relatives in San Antonio after the passing of his mother last November. He's recently retired from Meijer's Inc. in Dayton.

**Marilyn Hope Markman** Denkin lives in Aberdeen, NJ, with husband Nathan. She's a counselor at the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Daughter Dawn is now a mother herself, daughter **Danielle '00** studied chemistry, son Joshua studied graphic design, and daughter Laura is in veterinary medicine. **Don Horn** lives in Wyoming with wife Eileen and develops real estate, as well as retaining an interest in a New Jersey restaurant. Son Donnie is a senior at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, son Chris is playing football and tackling the books at Stanford, Ryan is a freshman majoring in environmental engineering at Colorado State, and Sean and Kelly attend Tongue River High School in Dayton.

That's the news. I'll wrap up by reporting that Emilie (our oldest) joined **Patti (Miller) '72** and me to spend Christmas in Paris with daughter Caitlin, who's studying French and international relations through Gonzaga's program at L'Institut Catholique. An evening probing the Internet turned up a great price on an apartment on Rue St. Denis, located in a neighborhood described by the landlord as "diverse." That turned out to be a reference to the *entrepreneurs de la nuit*, and had I been elected, my choice of

rental would undoubtedly have created my first political scandal. But as a member of the private sector, I am just another naive tourist.

Emilie then headed to Philadelphia for Peace Corps orientation before beginning three months of training in Niamey, Niger, as an agroforestry extension agent. The training will have to be intense, since, to my knowledge, her Master of Arts in French at Middlebury didn't include a lot of African agro-forestry. And to think that as a kid she frequently refused to do yard work because there were "too many bugs outside." Children will break your heart. Keep the news coming. ♦ **Dave Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

**74** My term as a class correspondent got off to a good start when I attended NOLT (New Officer Leadership Training) in Ithaca this past October. With other class officers, I participated in alumni volunteer "indoctrination" workshops, and saw up close the huge machine that is the Alumni Federation. Class president **John Foote** and wife **Kristen Rupert** (a former class president and continuing VP) hosted a gathering at their home in Forest Home for attending fellow '74 officers, including **Ann Goodwin**, **Dale Lazar**, JD '77, **Nancy Maczulak** Fisher, **Lois Fish** Niland, MBA '78, and myself.

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Several Delta Gamma alumnae joined us for a delicious dinner of Cornell BBQ chicken, including **Mary Berens**, Director of Alumni Affairs at Cornell, and her husband Paul Feeny, professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Science in the Ag college. **Mi O'Connell** came over from nearby Elmira, where she works as HR director for Schweitzer Aircraft, recently acquired by Sikorsky UTC. **Marlene Kay** Davis, professor of architecture at U. of Tennessee, brought her younger son Robert along for a visit to son **Stephen '08**. Stephen has apparently made quite a splash with his original comic strip, *Adventures of Ant Man: Cornell's First "Insect-American" Undergrad*, which appears weekly in the *Cornell Daily Sun*.

Kris and John were on campus again the weekend that **Kevin Malchoff**, MBA '75, was recognized as an outstanding alumnus by the Ag college and the ALS Alumni Association. Kevin is US/Canada Group president for Rich Products Corp., one of the largest family-owned diversified food manufacturers in North America. As a member of Rich's executive leadership team, he shares responsibility for the overall strategic direction, financial performance, and organizational development of Rich Products' food business. Kevin is an active ambassador for Cornell; he currently serves on the Cornell University Council and has hosted several scholarship events on behalf of the

Cornell Club of Greater Buffalo. He and wife Cindy live in Eden, NY, and are the parents of three adult children, including son **Jeffrey '03**.

I ran into classmate **Gary Dufel**, ME '75, at, of all places, my husband's office Christmas party in Cazenovia, NY. Gary came in from Connecticut where he manages New England operations for Stearns & Wheeler, "an environmental engineering firm headquartered in cold, cloud-covered central New York." Gary reports that he spent three weeks in Europe this summer with his 17-year-old son Gregory visiting the family's ancestral villages in Alsace and northwest Germany; he notes that spending real quality time with his son was a spectacular treat. Gregory particularly enjoyed skateboarding around some of Europe's oldest and most beautiful cathedrals, but his biggest memory was eating puffin in Iceland. Such pretty birds just shouldn't taste so great. Gary has caught the genealogy bug big-time and has written a book about his family. He ended up learning German so he could converse with distant cousins. He reports that he occasionally hears from classmates **Arnold Olender** from the Atlanta area, and **Doug Johnstone**, who lives in New Jersey. Gary lives in Danbury, CT, with his two sons and wife Deborah.

**Betty Horstmeyer** Ugolini still lives in Derby, KS, and works as a district computer technician for the local public school system, with its 2,400

workstations. Over the past six months, she's been busy supervising software upgrades for nine elementary schools. She was delighted to become a grandmother this year; Emily Paige was born to daughter Merissa, who lives in nearby Belaire. Son Kris, 24, is a grad student in math and physics at Kansas State, while son T.J., 19, majors in music and theater at nearby Wichita State U. **Carol McKenzie Moore** and **Tom '79** (my youngest brother) recently purchased a home with acreage in Hampton Falls, NH, quite a switch from their condo with postage-stamp yard in historic Marblehead, MA. Apparently Tom has been stocking up on property management equipment, including a riding mower, snowplow, leaf blower, etc. Carol claims to be too busy for yard work, as she does a lot of unpacking and manages their menagerie of dogs, cats, African gray parrots, and assorted other birds.

After 30 years in the business, **Edwin Drexler** and his wife **Pauline (Brooks) '75** have ceased running a dairy (a.k.a. milking) operation. But they still have other irons in the fire. They continue to grow and sell Christmas trees in suburban Syracuse; they also raise heifers on contract for a local farmer, as well as sheep (how do I say this delicately?) for the "Easter dinner" lamb market. For the past three years, Ed and Pauline have been breeding a herd of alpacas, selling the luxury

fiber to processors. Their agribusiness, Springside Farm, offers guided tours to school groups and features an alpaca barn with NY-certified products. Son Paul, 27, and his wife are teachers in the Albany, NY, area. Daughter **Emily '03** works north of Albany as a calf manager for a large dairy operation; daughter Renee is a freshman at Binghamton U.; and son Travis, a junior at Fabius High School, is the last worker bee left at home.

**Jim Bays** enjoyed a long stint working for the Democratic National Party. Most recently he coordinated efforts to "get out the vote" for the Kerry campaign among Native Americans in Wisconsin. Jim now works as a public affairs consultant and helps oversee the operation of a family dairy farm in Smyrna, NY. My husband, Dave Porter, and 8-year-old son Kevin, recently took a road trip to Rochester, NY, to watch Jim's middle son, Jason, play varsity soccer at Roberts Wesleyan College. His oldest son, Andrew, will be starting a master's degree in computational linguistics at U. of Buffalo. Youngest son Alex is completing his junior year in the local high school where Jim's wife Janice teaches foreign languages. **Susan Dalimonti** Peck reports that she has been in ob/gyn practice in Hanover, PA, for 15 years; her husband is a family practitioner in private practice. Susan has a married 20-year-old daughter in college and a son, 18, who is a race car driver.

From press releases, we learn that attorney **Brian Winters** has been made a partner in the Milwaukee office of Quarles & Brady LLP. Brian practices in the areas of antitrust, trade, and public utility regulation, as well as appellate litigation. He earned his law degree from Yale and lives with his family in Milwaukee. **Hope Comisky**, a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, has been elected vice president of the board of trustees of the Center of Literacy, one of the nation's largest community-based, nonprofit adult literacy organizations. Hope practices in Pepper's Philadelphia office and concentrates in employment law counseling, training, and litigation. She recently was elected a Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. **David King** has been named Loews Hotel's new Regional VP of Operations for the company's southeast region. Headquartered in Orlando, David will oversee the operations of Loews' three on-site resorts at Universal Orlando. Originally a native of Upstate NY, David is married and has two daughters.

**Henry Grillo** (MFA, Carnegie Mellon U.)

won an award for excellence in teaching this past spring from the Board of Governors of UNC. Grillo is an assistant dean, graduate program director, and director of technical training in the School of Design and Production at North Carolina School of the Arts. In his own words, Henry states: "I want my students to be able to recognize and enjoy the profound effect that their involvement in the arts can have upon others, as I have been fortunate enough to experience myself." Henry is also president and general manager of the North Carolina Scenic Studios.

This wraps up my inaugural class column, and it's been fun. Checking facts has already put me in touch with old friends and with several classmates I never met at Cornell. I can see where this job can quickly turn one into a reporter looking for leads in every corner. Please send news! ♦ **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; and **Bill Howard**, wkh2@cornell.edu.

**75** Thankfully, hurricane season is now over. Three in five weeks passed over my house, after not one in Orlando in 40 years. Unbelievable. Snowstorms would seem such a relief. Here now the news. **Lorraine Edwards** DeJong, MAT '77, is co-president of the Cornell Alumni Association of the Blue Ridge Mountains (<http://caabrm.alumni.cornell.edu>) and invites new alumni in the region to join. Lorraine was promoted this spring to assoc. prof. at Furman U. in Greenville, SC. **Susan Lustick**, MS '77 (slustick@warrenhomes.com) is in her 16th year selling real estate in Ithaca and among the top 5 percent of all agents nationwide. Husband **Lowell Garner** '76 has been building their new house, which Susan describes as a "huge educational experience." Daughters Lindsay, Rachel, and **Sara Garner** '06 are, respectively, working in real estate with Mom, a first-year med student at Upstate Med. Ctr., and a junior at Cornell.

**Michelle Lissner** Beadle and husband David are still in New Orleans, and very grateful that Hurricane Ivan passed them by (I know the feeling; Ivan would have been our fourth). Their daughter Monique has started law school at American in D.C., with a concentration to come in international human rights. Michelle describes the suffering of her great-grandparents and grandparents in the Holocaust as motivating her decision. Son Ben is a high school senior anxious to start a career in sports administration. **Benoit Gateau-Cumin** and wife Susana have remodeled their Beverly Hills home, using **Julie Moody** '84 in the process. Benoit's new pride and joy is his 1965 Bentley Continental Mulliner Park Ward two-door coupe, and he says business this year for his boutique search firm was incredible. He saw a number of his classmates at the Hotel Show in November, and looks forward to our 30th Reunion in June.

The Cornell Alumni Federation's Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations has endorsed and nominated four candidates to run for election in 2005 for two seats as Alumni Trustees. They are our classmate **Jill N. Lerner**, BArch '76, **Jeffrey F. Berg** '79; **Abe Tomas Hughes** '84; and

**Dale Susan Rosenthal** '78. Please remember to vote when the ballots come to your home in February. Jill is a principal with Kohn Pedersen Fox in NYC, was inducted as a Fellow of the American Inst. of Architects, and lives in Mamaroneck with husband **Bill Bintzer** '73, BArch '74, and son Will. Daughter Laura is a junior at Syracuse.

Dr. **Nancy Myers** Hacker (hackern@hhsd.k12.nj.us) lives in Cherry Hill, NJ, and has been named superintendent of the Haddon Heights Public Schools. Nancy is also an adjunct prof. at both Rowan U. in Glassboro and Widener U. in Chester, PA. **Preston Maynard** (pres10@att.net) and wife Amy Goldfarb, a psychologist, live in Guilford, CT, with sons Adam, 15, Asa, 12, and Isaiah, 4, who keep them busy with jazz music, dance classes, and play dates. They ski in the winter and sail in the summer. Preston is VP of the Community Economic Development Fund, a statewide non-profit fund, as well as president of the Guilford Preservation Alliance and advisor to the Nat'l Trust for Historic Preservation.

**Lilly Ramphal** (lramphal@yahoo.com) is medical director of Concentra Med. Ctr. in Irving, TX. Lilly got her MPH in 1995, became board certified in occupational medicine in 1997, and in 1998 became a fellow of ACOEM. She is supported by husband Dr. Rolf Naley, daughters Krysta and Alyssa, and son Alex. **Ellen Perry Dole** (dolesrus@comcast.net), husband **Randy**, Becca (sophomore at Carleton College), and Chris (high school senior) live in Boulder, CO. Ellen is HUD's regional counsel in Denver, while Randy is director of NOAA's Climate Diagnostics Ctr. in Boulder.

**Frank Tangredi** (franktangredi@aol.com) and wife Pam celebrated their 25th anniversary with separate vacations—he to the Nat'l Scrabble Tournament in New Orleans, and she to a reptile convention in Florida (the latter resulting in ownership of two Australian inland bearded dragons). Frank still edits our children's ("soon: grandchildren's") social studies textbooks, continues to make progress as a playwright, and is deeply involved in a developmental theatre in NYC. There, his play *Galatea* received a reading in April, and he also had a one-act selected for performance at this year's Samuel French Off-Off Broadway Short Play Festival. **Bonnie Siber** Weinstock writes from Melville, NY, that daughter **Nicole** has joined the A&S Class of '08, adding, "It is an extraordinary experience to see Cornell through the eyes of your child."

**Alan Weiss** (abw@datapointusa.com) and Delaina Hodgden were married in March 2003, and honeymooned in Paris as bombs fell in Iraq. They live in San Antonio with Alan's sons Brendan, 13, and Benjamin, 17, and stepchildren Zoe, 8, and Forrest, 10. Alan works for Datapoint USA and is part owner of its holding company. **Michael Tannenbaum** (Mike.Tannenbaum@marist.edu) is dean of the School of Science at Marist College, and was elected president of the Council on Undergraduate Research for 2005-06. Michael hosted the Cornell alumni reception of the CU-Marist basketball game at Marist on Nov. 19, 2004. He lives in Rhinebeck, NY, with wife Karen, daughter Amy, 17 (likes acting in musicals and is in Mock Trial), and son Evan, 13 ("typical



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boy, interested in Play Station and sports"). **Randolph Brown** (uncclbk@aol.com) is in New Canaan, CT, and says he keeps sane by running a cut-flower growing venture (Uncle Buck's Secret Gardens) during the warm months and on weekends after his "real job" ("See, I am using my Ag school education!"). Randolph's children are Jessica, 22, the "social conscience of the family" at XIYU; Katie, 20, at IC, "the future CEO"; James, 18, at RIT, "math wiz and avid gamer"; and Randy, 17, high school senior in soccer and track.

**Diana Turek-Gever** (turekgever@aol.com) lives in Langhorne, PA, with husband Harold Gever and reports that they enjoy traveling in the summer while she is off from her job as a high school English teacher. They have children Evan, 20, Allison, 18, and Dara, 13. **Helen LeBrecht**, JD '81, enjoys skiing, art, travel, yoga, and clothing and jewelry design while living in Waccabuc, NY. Helen also volunteers for the Children and the Law Committee of the NYS Bar Association, along with raising Alexandra, 17 (Science Olympiad team, peer group leadership, captain of her high school hockey team on defense, cross-country team, and self-taught avid guitarist), and Sabrina, 16 (Ford model, Model UN, modern dance, award-winning poet, and accomplished equestrian).

**Jerald Pinto** lives in Charlottesville, VA, and writes that his second edition of *Quantitative Methods for Investment Analysis* appeared in July 2004. **Gloria Ferri**, MS '85, received her BS and MS in Human Nutrition at Cornell, worked on a V.A. cooperative study for nutrition in malnourished surgical patients, and then spent 14 years working in the pharmaceutical industry in clinical research and project management. Gloria has now started her own consulting business, Focus Pharma Consulting Inc., which provides clinical research management and project management services to the pharmaceutical industry.

Consider going back for our 30th Reunion. Check out the Class of '75 website for who's already coming: <http://classof75.alumni.cornell.edu>. If your name appeared on it, who else might sign up that you'd love to catch up with after 30 years? ♦ **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com; **Deborah Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; and **Joan A. Pease**, japease1032@aol.com.

**76** Having closed out the 50th birthday year for our class group, there were several reports of these celebrations shared with family and friends. My husband **Don Sussman**, MBA '79, and I participated in our class's Metropolitan New York celebration, organized by **Lorraine Mohan**, MBA '78, and **Ellen Werther** Ressler. They did a wonderful job arranging a gourmet tailgate at the Cornell vs. Columbia football game, followed by a celebration march with the Big Red Band (we defeated Columbia in a stunning 4th quarter comeback), and ending with a casual gathering at a restaurant on First Avenue in the City. There were nearly 40 of us who attended all or various stages of the celebration and it was wonderful seeing everyone there!

**Shelly Gehshan** is living in Bethesda, MD.

She celebrated her 50th birthday at a great party for family and friends, orchestrated by her husband Mark Obrinsky. Attending were sister **Virginia Gehshan** '74, sister Gail Kolakowski (Smith '73), and mother **Henrietta Burgott** Gehshan '45. Shelly's son Alex graduated from Bethesda/Chevy Chase High School and entered Tufts U. last fall. Daughter Hannah is in her junior year of high school. Family hobbies include tennis, kayaking, and working on humanitarian projects in Central America. Shelly, who has a master's degree in public policy from UC Berkeley, has spent the last 18 years in Washington writing public policy for women and children. Recently she won an award for fiction—a short story published in *Emrys Journal*, Greenville, SC.

**Mary Caponegro** Gabbard Viehe is a physician assistant in cardiology at Duke U. MHS. She has a son John Gabbard. **Susan Feldman** Pollet is the executive director of the Pace Women's Justice Center, located in White Plains, NY. It is a non-profit legal center that was established in 1991 and is the oldest university-based domestic violence training and litigation resource in the US. They provide services in the area of sexual assault and elder abuse.

**Jerry Goldberg** wrote earlier from Atlantic Beach on Long Island. His daughter Dara began her freshman year at Dartmouth College. She was an All-Conference soccer player at Lawrence High School. Son Jonathan is a freshman at Lawrence High School. **Bruce Piasecki**, PhD '81, reports that his daughter Colette is almost 8 and is a young artist who first visited Cornell at the age of 8 weeks. Bruce's firm is in its 24th year of business through three strategic alliances, noted on [www.ahcgroup.com](http://www.ahcgroup.com). They are experts in environmental strategy and facilitators of corporate change. These alliances involve several Cornell graduates and friends.

**Joel Seidemann** e-mailed us, happy to report that on October 1, 2004, Harper Collins published his first book entitled *In the Interest of Justice: Great Opening and Closing Arguments of the Last 100 Years*. The book is a compilation of great courtroom arguments in famous cases such as O.J. Simpson, Oklahoma City, Bernard Goetz, Puff Daddy, Jeffrey MacDonald, Bess Myerson, the Scopes Monkey Trial, and Adolf Eichmann. The book is available at Amazon, Borders, Barnes and Noble, and other bookstores.

The YMCA of Metro Chicago named **Cheryl Parks** Francis as the recipient of the 2004 Leader Luncheon Outstanding Achievement Award in community leadership, one of the area's most prestigious salutes to outstanding women. Currently Cheryl serves on the board of directors for HNI Corp., Hewitt Associates, and Morningstar, and the board of trustees for Cornell. She is the former chief financial officer of R.R. Donnelley and Sons Co. and treasurer of FMC Corp. She has also served as a faculty member at the U. of Chicago. In celebration of her work for the community, Cheryl has received numerous awards, including recognition by Crain's Chicago Business as one of Chicago's 100 Most Influential Women in 1996.

**Fred Kaplan** has joined Relevante Inc. as director of its Finance & Accounting Consulting

practice. Relevante Inc. is an advisor and financial solutions provider for clients in the Philadelphia area. Fred is past president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Inst. of Management Consultants and past president of the North Penn chapter of the Inst. of Management Accountants. He is also a member of the board of governors of the Golden Slipper Club and Charities and has served on the executive committee of the Cornell Soccer Alumni Association. He also teaches Introduction to Finance as a part-time faculty member at Penn State U.

**Suzy Schwarz** Quiles writes that her daughter Ruth returned from spending the second semester of her junior high school year in Australia with the AFS student exchange program. Son Rey Benjamin is a sophomore in high school, president of his class, into art and photography, and an occasional disc jockey at Princeton U.'s student-run radio station. Suzy is currently on sabbatical leave from her Reading Recovery job with the Princeton Regional School District to serve as a reading coach for the State of New Jersey. She and her husband Jose attended the beautiful wedding of Emily Shook, daughter of classmate **Ileana Acero** Shook, at Sage chapel in June 2004. A lovely reception followed at the Johnson Art Museum. Noting how the campus has changed, Suzy revisited Cornell again in September so daughter Ruth could look at the campus.

Please keep us up to date, as we are happy to share your news with the class. Be well and happy! ♦ **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, krinsk54@aol.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, relf@tds.net; and **Lisa Diamant**, ljdiamant@aol.com.

**77** Send news to ♦ **Lorrie Panzer** Rudin, rudin@starpower.net; **Howie Eisen**, eisenh@tuhs.temple.edu. Class website, <http://classof77.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**78** Send news to ♦ **Eileen Brill** Wagner, brillcon@cox.net; and **Pepi F. Leids**, PLeids@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof78.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**79** Happy spring! Spring is a time for new beginnings and for me to introduce myself as your newest class correspondent. I am delighted to be teaming with Cindy and Kathy to keep you updated on all the comings and goings of the Class of 1979. I sell real estate on Lake Norman, about 20 miles north of Charlotte, NC. In addition, I chair the CAAAN committee. We were awarded a grant by the Cornell Alumni Federation to do a direct mail campaign to guidance counselors and to host an accepted applicant reception in the spring. We can already see the results of our efforts in the number of first-time secondary schools with applicants to the Class of 2009! If your travels take you to the Charlotte area, please give me a call.

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Stacie Psaras** and **Maria Psaras**, who designed our 25th Reunion logo and have designed our class logos ever since they won the logo contest

as seniors. Stacie and Maria own Psaras Design in Washington, DC. Stacie and her husband **David Greenbaum**, BArch '80, currently live in Bethesda, MD, and are the proud parents of two children, ages 12 and 9. Stacie and David were unable to attend reunion, as they were in Chicago, where David received a fellowship award from the American Institute of Architects.

More on Trustee-Council Weekend last October, during which the Class of '79 received three awards. The Class of 1956 Cup was awarded, as we exceeded the inflation-adjusted amount of \$2,010,100, which represents the amount the Class of '56 raised during their 25th Reunion campaign in 1981. The Class of 1958 Bowl was awarded, as we raised in excess of \$1,000,000 during our reunion campaign. And, as Kathy Gould mentioned in the last column, the Class of 1974 Bowl was awarded, as we exceeded 1,000 donors during our reunion campaign. Representing the Class of '79 were **Jane Bessin**, **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, **Dwight Bush**, **Mary W. Kahn**, **Steve Magacs**, and **Ginger S.**

**Jerold** and **Cindy Share** announce the October arrival of twin bundles of joy. Rebecca Elyse and Kyle Zachary join their brother Benjamin in the Share household. **Lori Glass** Citak (lgconsulting@aol.com) now has two reasons to visit Cornell: reunions and visiting her son **Jordan**. Jordan is a freshman in the Ag college in the Applied Economics and Management Program and loves living in Donlon. "Jordan is taking Psych 101 with Jim Maas, who I was a TA for in my senior year. Although I would like to believe it, I had my doubts when my son told me that when he spoke to Maas and told him this, Maas said that he remembered me! My daughter Carly is in the 9th grade and I'm hoping that I just might have another Cornellian in progress." Lori is a human resources consultant, specializing in executive search and recruiting. Another classmate with a freshman Cornellian is **Judah Kraushaar**, MBA '80 (jkraushaar@optonline.net). **Liana**, 18, began her freshman year in Arts and Sciences this past August. **Elias**, 15, plays football and lacrosse, and **Sofia**, 13, is the artist. Judah recently retired from Merrill Lynch and is currently writing a book on the financial services industry.

From New Jersey, **James Horn** writes that daughter Jillian is a freshman at Emerson College in Boston. "I am very happy to see that classmate **John Nurthen** was inducted into the New York Yankees' Double AA Hall of Fame in Nashville, TN. Nice work, John!" Also in New Jersey, **Nancy Kaplan Tancer** (ntancer@optonline.net) and husband Steve have been very busy with family and professional activities. "My three children are a handful but keep me very happy. Jason, 12, is a guitar-playing, skateboarding football player who is getting ready for his bar mitzvah. Matthew, 9, is a sweet soccer player who follows eagerly in his brother's footsteps. Lauren, 6, is a beautiful dancer who has started kindergarten. I am a child psychiatrist, specializing in psychopharmacology. I moved my practice down the street from my children's schools so that I can combine work with my 'mommy' duties. For the moment, my affiliation with Columbia is on hold."

**Rich Bobrow** writes that his wife Holly is a

partner in the development of high-end single-family homes in Fairfield County, CT. Rich and Holly have four children: Dylan, 14, Rebecca, 11, and 7-year-old twins Kelsey and Tucker. Class Council member **Brian Miller** had a wonderful time at our 25th Reunion. His older son is Princeton '07 but holds out hope for Cornell grad school. His younger son attends boarding school. "So we are empty nesters—an odd thought given all of our classmates with preschoolers at reunion! I've closed my financial advisory firm and joined the management team of one of my clients as CFO. The company, World Picture News, is a distributor of news, sports, and entertainment photographs for independent photographers around the world."

**Gene** and **Cindy Webb Cunningham** have recently relocated from Ballwin, MO, to Devon, PA. They have six children, ranging in age from 3 years to 21 years. Gene works for Boeing Company as the director of business development for Rotocraft in the Integrated Defense System. Contact Gene at eugene.j.cunningham@boeing.com and contact Cindy at cindyc7558@hotmail.com. "We are enjoying life back on the East Coast again." **Jacqueline Lutz Geiger** (jgeiger3@cox.net) is enjoying life in Palos Verdes, CA, with her husband **Greg '82** and children Valerie, 11, and Grant, 7. "We live in a beautiful coastal town with great schools and a perfect climate. We have been richly blessed." **Dawn Itin** Goode (dawn@goode.com) and her husband Dave have been busy moving their ski manufacturing company from Huntsville to Ogden, UT. They have three children in college, one at the U. of Michigan and two at Colorado U., Boulder. The youngest is in high school in Utah. They look forward to meeting Cornellians in their new home.

From England, **Steven Franck** (sgfranck@onetel.net) sends much news. "I'm well into my second career after serving 15 years flying with the US Navy. Retirement in 1994 during the big defense drawdowns led to a high tech start-up and then the Sloan School of Management at MIT. I joined Morgan Stanley in the telecommunication equity research group and have been with them for eight-plus years. After five years in equity research and three years in high yield credit research, I've recently moved to a proprietary credit-trading role in London. I had a slight setback with a recent diagnosis and operation for colon cancer, but I expect to make a full recovery by November 2004." Our best wishes for a speedy recovery, Steven.

As I write this column, Cornell has already announced early decision acceptances for the Class of 2009! **Jeff Berg** happily reports that his daughter Samantha has been admitted to the College of Engineering. "We're all ecstatic and I'm especially looking forward to visiting her as I continue my Cornell activities over the next four years." Speaking of Jeff, we have recently received news that the following individuals have been endorsed by the Cornell Alumni Federation Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations to run for election in 2005 for two seats as Alumni Trustees. They are: **Jeffrey Berg** (Goldens Bridge, NY); **Abe Tomas Hughes '84** (Highland Park, IL); **Jill N. Lerner '75**, BArch '76 (Mamaroneck, NY);

and **Dale Susan Rosenthal '78** (Bethesda, MD). Congratulations to Jeff, Abe, Jill, and Dale, and be sure to vote by returning your ballot to arrive at Alumni House by April 2, 2005.

Please keep your cards and letters coming and please pay your class dues if you have not already done so. Your class correspondents welcome personal, family, career, or any other news. To communicate with us, use the class e-mail address (classof79@cornell.edu), mail in an update using the annual News Card, or contact us directly. ♦ **Cindy Williams**, cew32@cornell.edu; **Cindy Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@suscom.net.

**80** Hey, Class of '80, by the time you read this we will be nearing our 25th Reunion. Have you made your plans to attend? If not, try to call a few friends and meet on the Hill. As for me, I am looking forward to coming, and I am hoping that the weekend doesn't conflict with too many of my kids' sports. It seems as if they dictate my social schedule lately, but I know that in a few years I will be missing them. So far, I have heard that **David Ayers** is trying to attend reunion, as well as **Nayla Rizk**. Also **Chuck D'Angelo** has mentioned that he is planning to come with his family and I hear that **Sue Poschmann** is trying to make the trip with her husband. **Karen Gevartz** Rabins has also e-mailed that she is looking forward to the 25th. I hope most of you will book your reservations and make the trip!

As for news, **Ivan Lustig**, M ORIE '81, MBA '82, helped us gear up for the big event by hosting a pre-reunion event in New York City. I'm sure it was a big success. Also of note is that the Cornell Entrepreneur Network hosted an event in January highlighting one of our own authors, **Andy Kessler**, who has written a book entitled *Running Money*, about his days running a hedge fund in Silicon Valley. I hear it is humorous as well as interesting. I'll have to pick up a copy and see for myself!

I received an e-mail from **Abby Powell** recently, who notes that she is a wildlife biologist at the U. of Alaska, Fairbanks. She writes that there are many other Cornellians on the faculty of wildlife and biology. She wound up in Alaska after living in Virginia, California, Minnesota, and Arkansas. She has a beautiful 4-year-old girl who was born in China but is now "quite the Alaskan girl." **Renee Bayha** Gosset and her family are living at her husband's garden center. Her son Billy, who is almost 10, is a great artist and loves riding his mini-bike. Her daughter Liz is 8 and spends all her spare time riding horses and raising orphaned kittens. Renee is still working at the Pound Ridge Veterinary Center nearby doing small animal medicine and surgery.

With respect to awards, our own **Stephen Bloom** is a shining star as a financial markets innovator and is the first recipient of the Skip Viragh Award honoring a company or an individual that provides a new service that positively benefits or affects the financial advisor community and its clients. Having founded Capmark, a financial consulting firm, Stephen was integral to the development of the Standard and Poor's Depository

Receipts. He also contributed to the development of the Nasdaq-100 Index Trading Stock.

Hope to see you in June. Until then, best regards from ❖ **Cynthia Addonizio**-Bianco, caa28@cornell.edu; and **Jill Abrams** Klein, jfa22@cornell.edu.

**81** It's hard to believe that it is already 2005! There is only one more year to go until our 25th Reunion, June 8-11, 2006. Mark the date now, so you can plan to attend! Planning for the event is well under way, and it should prove to be a wonderful time for our returning alumni.

Thank you to classmates who updated us with their news. **Steve Pozzi** visited Ithaca this past summer with his 17-year-old daughter Natalie, who is interested in going to Cornell. He reports that it was great being on campus, but that it was also a reminder of how much time has passed for us all! Steve lives in Mooresville, NC. In Clarence, NY, near Buffalo, **Mary Jo Veanes** Parker has been a nutrition therapist in private practice for 20 years. She is also an adjunct professor and consultant to local schools and businesses. Married for 23 years, she has two teenagers, the eldest a senior who is considering attending Cornell.

In Rochester, NY, **Sam Trapani** lives with his wife Elisa and children Elaina, 7, and Julia, 5. He has his own company, Springwaters Inc., which acquired a new state-of-the-art spring water bottling line. He has produced the "Slope Day" water for Cornell, as well as products for hotels, country clubs, schools, and businesses. Their brand products include French Hills Spring Water and Bristol Spring Water. He spends most of his time in sales and marketing since starting the company ten years ago. **Steve Goldstein**, ME '82, MBA '83, of Miami, FL, recently told us that the American Society of Civil Engineers named him Engineer of the Year for the State of Florida. He is a senior associate at DeSimone Consulting Engineers in Coral Gables, FL.

**Christopher Evans**, Paradise Valley, AZ, is working from Arizona for a hedge fund in London, England. He has children Sam, 6, and Madeleine, 12. He keeps in touch with **Erik Engberg**, who works with the elderly in the Pittsburgh area, and **Ralph Luongo** '80, who was recently promoted to managing partner of his law firm. In other legal news, **Sara Badler** joined New York Life's Office of the General Counsel this past fall as vice president and associate general counsel. She is responsible for the Distribution Unit, providing advice and counsel to the Agency Department and NYLIFE Securities. She had been with the company from 1994 to 1999 and had also worked for Morgan Stanley, Van Kampen Investments Inc., Oppenheimer Management Corporation, and Damson Oil Corporation. Sara resides in New York City.

**Terry Steinberg** writes from Takoma Park, MD, that she is a sponsor sister for the organization Women for Women International, a group that helps women from war-torn countries get training for jobs to help them get back on their feet. She has been sponsoring a woman from Bosnia. **Ricardo Zurita**, BArch '84, writes that

after starting in the Ag college, he ended up graduating from the Architecture school. After several years in New York City and working in Spain, then Ecuador, he returned to NYC and started his own firm in 2000. Ricardo says that his biggest professional accomplishment thus far is the completion of a new stadium for track and field in NYC. He is married to Karen McKinnon, an author and psychologist, and has a daughter Alma. He would love to hear from old Cornell friends. You can visit his website at [www.rzaps.com](http://www.rzaps.com).

administrative law." He is also busy on the home front as he helps wife Kimberly to home-school their children Cooper, 10, and Paige, 7. "It is hard work, but the results are terrific."

Hotelie **John Callahan** (Southlake, TX) has been named a director by Deloitte Services LP. John is the Chief Knowledge Officer for Deloitte and Touche USA LLP in the US and leads the firm's National Knowledge Management function. After leaving Cornell with a BS, he earned an MBA from the Wharton School at the U. of

'Nancy Huntington Stager adds that she is the proud mom of two (mostly) wonderful teenagers.'

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**Laura Williams**, PsyD, wrote from Stony Brook U., where she has been the founding director of the university's Wo/Men's Center since the fall of 2000. Having survived the 2003 New York State budget crisis, Laura was able to see that funding was permanently placed in the budget. She credits much of the success in her work to the feminist consciousness-raising women's studies courses she took in the late '70s. She'd love to hear from classmates at [llwilliams@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:llwilliams@notes.cc.sunysb.edu).

Please let us know your news, and make sure to update your e-mail address. Thanks! ❖ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, [RonJenCam@aol.com](mailto:RonJenCam@aol.com); **Betsy Silverfine**, [bsilverfine@adelphia.net](mailto:bsilverfine@adelphia.net); **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, [lashoto@rcn.com](mailto:lashoto@rcn.com).

**82** We did not receive too many updates from our classmates this time around, but those we did receive nicely illustrate the diversity of endeavors that we have pursued since graduation, the levels of success that many of us have used our Cornell degrees and our skills to reach, and the ways in which we use that success to allow us to give back to the greater community of which we are a part. We are in the military, we are rising to prominence at the national and regional levels in business, and we are engaged in that most important labor of love—raising the next generation of contributing society members and future Cornellians (we hope)!

As I write this column, the soldiers in Iraq are in the news and in our minds, but it takes a huge infrastructure of support personnel to keep the military ready to do its duty. Lt. Col. **Mark Strickland** (Warner Robins, GA) was recently promoted from major, and in the summer of 2004 was appointed Staff Judge Advocate for the 78th Air Base Wing based at Robins Air Force Base. He says, "That means I'm the 'general counsel' to the Wing Commander and supervisor of approximately 20 attorneys and paralegals assigned to the Wing. We provide legal support to the Wing Commander and subordinate commanders and staff, including courts-martial, claims, legal assistance for individual airmen, ethics, and

Pennsylvania, and has been with Deloitte since 1989. My respect goes out to John, given the trouble I was having just managing the knowledge contained in the legal explanation of the relationships among the various Deloitte companies around the world and their responsibilities to one another that was contained in the press release.

**Alan Roth** writes that he cofounded and took public his own biotech company (Chiral Quest Inc.; now VioQuest Pharmaceuticals Inc.) in the chiral medicinal chemistry area. He served as the first CEO and CFO for the company. Alan does not elaborate on chirality, but a quick perusal of the Internet tells me that it seems to involve making drugs purer and reducing side effects by making sure only the correct molecular isomers are present. **Beth Berman** Zipper (Boca Raton, FL) tells us that she, husband Jeffrey, and children Harrison, 16, Jared and Brandon, both 14, and Jamie, 5, have "survived three hurricanes this month so far." Beth saw **Victoria Gladstone** Dubin and **Meryl Seltzer** Jacobs at Meryl's son's bar mitzvah in February 2004. She reports that she uses her Cornell-acquired nutrition skills to help at her family's "Camp Pocono Trails" summer camp for overweight children and with her own family.

**Nancy Huntington** Stager is enjoying a busy life in Reading, MA, with her husband James. She is the head of the HR Division for Eastern Bank and was recently asked to lead their charitable foundation, which donates over \$1,000,000 annually to local grassroots organizations. She is also actively involved in a variety of community boards: president of the Family and Children's Service of Greater Lynn, member of the Executive Committee of the North Shore Workforce Investment Board, and board member of the Urban League of Boston. Nancy adds a succinct bit of news to which I suspect many of us in the Class of 1982 can now relate with empathy and understanding: "[I am also] proud mom of two (mostly) wonderful teenagers." ❖ **Mark Fernau**, [mef29@cornell.edu](mailto:mef29@cornell.edu); and **Nina Kondo**, [nmk22@cornell.edu](mailto:nmk22@cornell.edu).

**83** Recent entries to our class news mailbag tended to be mostly about the joys of being a parent or of new job opportunities. Incidentally, more and more people are submitting their news through our class website or via e-mail. And why not? It's convenient and quick, and actually makes my job of correspondent a little easier, as there is less transcription involved. Go to <http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu>. While you're there, you can post photos of yourself, your family, and maybe recent reunions with classmates. Submittals for our DVD class photo album have been quite disappointing—only a handful so far. We received a grant of about \$5,000 for this project from the Cornell Alumni Federation. It would be a shame to lose it. So get out the old photo album and send in those submittals.

While confessing that she didn't think she had sent in any news in years, **Lynn Jensen** Worden modestly informs us she received her PhD in 2002 and is now an assistant professor at the U. of Delaware in the Dept. of Individual and Family Studies. Putting that knowledge to the test out in the "real world," she is raising kids Ben, 16, and Krista, 11, and they are living in Elkton, MD. "Not sure what else people would be interested in!" she says demurely. Just such tidbits from the fabric of our lives, Lynn. Keep the news coming! **Jane Serling** reports that she is now living in San Diego and has a 16-year-old daughter Naomi, and a 20-month-old baby boy Daniel, plus a "wonderful husband, Neil." Jane is loving being a mom again and is enjoying the sunshine of Southern California. She remarks, "I interview Cornell applicants here, which is fun. Life is good."

Submitted via our class website, we hear from the Cuccurullo family that **Sue Townsend Cuccurullo** recently left the corporate world after more than 20 years in the financial services industry and joined two friends as a partner in their consulting firm that specializes in building strategies for mid-to large-sized firms in the retail, packaged goods, and manufacturing industries. Sue will build their practice in the financial services industry and concentrate on marketing strategies. On the home front, 11-year-old daughter Julia and 8-year-old son Alex are both doing well. So is her husband, **Mike '82**, who is starting his 12th year with EMC. "New job, new house, and new location!" Such is the summation we get from **Chris Cimitile**. Chris recently accepted a position with Bristol-Myers Squibb (in Skillman, NJ) as associate director of learning and development supporting the Global Finance organization. Taking the new job meant relocating from the Boston area with his wife and their son to Yardley, PA. "We are loving it so far, and look forward to entertaining ILR alums **Kathy Tobin** Erb, JD '86, and **Glenn Troost** over the Christmas holidays," says Chris.

From **Harlow Russell** we get the kind of news submittal a class correspondent only dreams about (I don't have to flesh it out; just edit and pare it down!). Seems as though Harlow, along with his wife Jeanette, has been sort of a correspondent himself among a network of friends and associates in Asia, where he has been living for the last 13 years. He recently sent an e-mail to friends around the world with an update, and in

stumbling across our '83 website, thought to send a copy of his missive along to us to see if there were any items worthy of inclusion. And how! 2004 was a year of challenges and breakthroughs for the Russells. It started out inauspiciously, with both Harlow and Jeanette having vague or limited job opportunities and debating about whether to move from Singapore back to the US or to Jakarta. In the space of only a few months, things turned around dramatically. Harlow found an opportunity to leverage his training and coaching skills in a consulting job in Jakarta. The assignment lasted only a few months but, in Harlow's words, "provided a much needed base to 'regroup' and 'rethink' what I want to be 'when I grow up.'" Almost by "strange design," he was contacted out of the blue by a Taiwanese company looking for someone to be part of their growth and change in strategy for Southeast Asia. A completely different industry and world has opened up as a result in the world of global logistics and freight forwarding. He left the world of technology and software and is now the regional marketing and sales director for Dimerco Express and is responsible for six countries in Southeast Asia and, increasingly, India as well. "Wow!" says Harlow, "So much to learn and so much to contribute from my technology experience to a different community and market. Very exciting and honestly the first time I am having fun in a work sense in years. I travel now about 30 percent of the time and am getting to learn about business in China and India—something I have always wanted but was never able to do at IBM or Scala."

Harlow's wife Jeanette is also finding new opportunities as a manager for a Canadian company that specializes in land banking. She now leads a team of sales people both in Singapore and Jakarta and travels to Jakarta about twice a month. In between all this continent jumping, they are raising two beautiful daughters, Karina, 4, and Nicole, 21 months. They are attending a Montessori school, and their parents are amazed and fascinated by the rapidity of the changes they are undergoing and the differences in their young personalities. They took a trip to Canada and the US in September and are now planning on remaining in Singapore for at least another five years. The Russells attribute no small part of the possibilities that opened up for them this year to a course given by Landmark Education they took in February. "We have been able to create possibilities for ourselves that we frankly could not have imagined or even tried to do a year ago." Landmark (a course this correspondent also enthusiastically recommends) provides a method to access power for yourself and others to create new possibilities. "As you can read and perhaps feel, Jeanette and I are doing just that." Harlow can be reached at [hgr2@cornell.edu](mailto:hgr2@cornell.edu) and wonders how many '83ers live "far away from Cayuga's waters" and if there's anyone in Asia they don't know about.

Finally, we hear from Griff Godwin, husband of fellow class correspondent **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, who wanted to send us some news about his wife. Dinah thought it would look a little odd to be blowing her own horn if she ran it in her own column. (To which I say, "Dinah,

won't you blow your horn?" Sorry, bad joke.) Anyway, Griff reports that Dinah recently received the Extra Mile Award from the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast for her work in advocating for children's healthcare issues. She is the social work supervisor for pediatric grant programs at Ben Taub General Hospital in the Harris County Hospital District in Houston, TX.

That rounds out this column's news. Don't be bashful about blowing your own horn and sending us some news! ♦ **David Pattison**, [d.pattison2@verizon.net](mailto:d.pattison2@verizon.net); and **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, [dinahgodwin@msn.com](mailto:dinahgodwin@msn.com).

**84** **Shari Cohen** married Craig Charney on Sunday, May 9, 2004 at the Tribeca Rooftop in Manhattan. Shari is a consultant in Manhattan who helps non-governmental and nonprofit organizations develop strategic plans for the future. She is also the author of *Politics Without a Past: The Absence of History in Post-Communist Nationalism*. Her husband Craig is the president of Charney Research, a polling and market research business in Manhattan. **Richard Sobel** married Laura Reffelt in St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia U. in New York. Richard is a senior exhibit designer at Ralph Appelbaum Associates, a company in New York that designs exhibitions for museums and visitor centers. Laura teaches mathematics as a New York City teaching fellow at the Bread and Roses Integrated Arts High School in New York.

After 11 years with Intel in Portland, OR, Austin, TX, and Leuven, Belgium, **Graham Pugh**, MEE '93, decided to try to get back into public service, something he hadn't done since his Peace Corps Service in Kenya (1986-88). Graham received a Diplomacy Fellowship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is working in the Office of Global Change at the State Dept. in Washington. That is the office that coordinates US policy on global warming. He hopes to make this the start of a new career. This location should also enable easier attendance at Cornell hockey games. Last year, he made three trips in one month from Portland to the East Coast to see Cornell in the ECAC and NCAA tournaments. "Let's hope my move is matched by some great play from the team!"

Mark and **Ruth Heller** Catan delivered identical twin girls on May 17, 2004. Helen Lily and Carolyn Gail are doing wonderfully. Their parents feel blessed to have such happy, healthy babies. However, Mark and Ruth are hoping that a lot of the sleep deprivation is behind them—until they are 16, of course! **Eileen Moroney** Joyce sent them their first Cornell T-shirts, and Ruth is hoping they will want to attend her alma mater in 2021. She will tell them that they owe her that much, since she had to miss her 20th Reunion due to their birth. But she does promise that they will all be at the 25th. **Cyndy Donato** Rosenbloom was recently named VP of Human Resources for Sara Lee's Bakery Group, headquartered in St. Louis. The \$3 billion business has 20,000 employees in the US. "Check out your Sara Lee sandwich bread, including our carb sensitive health line called 'Delightful' in your



bread aisle." Cyndy's children Samantha, 10, and Reis, 6, are avid swimmers and circus performers in a children's circus called "Patchwork Circus."

**Larry Delhagen** "finally reached that age where the thought of a moment of free time is just a distant memory." His wife Kathy opened a fine craft and art store in Emmaus, PA, in September 2003 and so far, so good. Larry's business as a financial advisor has recovered well from the bear market, and their three girls have them going "at 90 mph, from softball to soccer to school activities. I'm really looking forward to old age." Meanwhile, **Chris Wronsky** and Larry are still sporadic golf partners and should get to play more frequently since Chris moved to New Jersey from Virginia. Larry and his family took a cruise from Seattle through the Inside Passage of Alaska last August. "The helicopter flight from Juneau to the Norris Glacier was the coolest thing we've ever done."

**Lisa Wroblewski** Lee has been working as the Director of Compliance and Ethics for the Medicare divisions of HealthNow New York Inc., with operations in New York and Pennsylvania, since January 2001. She and her husband Bob also started an engineering consulting company, called North Point Technology LLC. Bob has been providing automation engineering services to Cornell's Utilities dept. for the Lake Source Cooling System and the West Campus Residential Initiative for the past few years. Lisa and Bob also have a busy household with three young children, Rachel, 7, Jason, 4, and Jennifer, 2. **Sharon Lindan** Mayl is working as a senior policy advisor at the Food and Drug Administration. She and her husband Eric live in Potomac, MD, with their two children. **Robert Kay** and his wife Shanel happily announce the birth of their daughter Abigail Ruth Kay on February 4, 2004. **Amy Allen** Moorman received tenure and a promotion to assoc. prof. of business law at Doane College in Crete, NE.

**Kathleen Hawkins** Weaver and her husband Wayne moved from New Jersey to Maine during reunion last June. Kathleen left a successful career in real estate and events planning, but she and her husband started a real estate investment company in Maine. They also plan on playing a lot of golf. Kathleen travels as often as she can with family and friends to as many golf resorts as possible. "I can't believe that not only can my son beat me at golf, but he is now taller than I am!" **Farland Chang's** career in journalism, and most recently running a media company, have taken him on many adventures—Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Singapore, Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, New Delhi, Kolkatta, Dubai, Jakarta, Cambodia, Vietnam, Turkey, Morocco, Yugoslavia, UK, Holland, and all over North America and Mexico. He writes, "Cornell and my experiences there represent some of the happiest times of my life. I formed deep relationships with true friends, I learned from professors whose lessons I carry with me constantly, and I gained the foundation that helped me advance in my career at CNN, NBC, and other news organizations around the world. Thank you, Cornell."

**Keith Kefgen** writes, "Life is good; hope all is well with you guys." He saw **Mike Cahill** skiing in Vail. Keith has also traveled to India and Dubai, where he is opening offices for HVS in

both countries. **Philip Nation** has been traveling to China, Egypt, Thailand, England, France, Czech Republic, Spain, Wales, Greece, Crete, and Italy. **James Torgeson**, MEE '86, has seen many classmates across the US. "I travel constantly in the US—the Midwest is my oyster." ♦ **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta** Forness, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**85** I am writing this column while also attempting (unsuccessfully, I might add) to multitask my way through last-minute preparations for our family's trip to Disney World. I was motivated to take this trip, in part, because of the enthusiastic press that you readers gave to your own Disney sojourns. So, a few days from now, I will either be thanking you or muttering expletives under my breath as I wait on endless lines and attempt to remove "It's A Small World After All" from my cerebral cortex.

But, I digress. Here are some recent tidings from our wonderful classmates:

Quite a few of you are traveling farther than Disney, either for work, for fun, or for noble pursuits. **Rosey Stasek** notes that she goes regularly to Afghanistan for work on reconstruction and humanitarian projects. You can view photos from her Afghan treks at [www.stasek.com](http://www.stasek.com). Rosey served for eight years on the Mountain View, CA, city council and is now "looking forward to life as a private citizen." **James Rowe** reports that he traveled to China last May to adopt a baby girl. Please send details, James! **Joan Lee**, DVM '89, whose veterinary practice recently celebrated its tenth anniversary, traveled to London with her husband **Kenneth Bill '83** and was on one of the final transatlantic voyages of the QE2. Said Joan, without, apparently, any pun intended: "It was smooth sailing. We highly recommend the Cunard line if anyone likes to cruise."

**David Dederick** is managing partner of the Budapest, Hungary, office of Weil Gotshal & Manges, was named one of the leading mergers and acquisitions lawyers in the world by Chambers Global, and was honored by European Legal 500 for his leading European M&A practice. David proudly notes that his wife Yvonne was appointed CFO for Emmis Communications Int'l Division, and selected as chair of the Board of Directors of the American Int'l School of Budapest, where their children Christopher and Catherine are students. Meanwhile, **Julia Larkin** writes that she and her husband and two kids are headed back from Europe to the US. The Larkin family lived in Burgundy, France, for two years and just returned to Rochester, but not before traveling to Italy, Greece, Croatia, Switzerland, Spain, Canary Islands, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany.

Of course we all know that, as Dorothy famously told the Good Witch, "there's no place like home!" **Jennifer Landsman** Chobor writes that she "left the corporate legal world two years ago" to spend more time with kids Nicholas and Isabel, and now has a part-time, home-based legal consulting business. **Ilene Friedman** similarly reported that she has "been taking a long,

enjoyable break" from her medical career in order to rear daughters Tessa and Genia. Says Ilene, "Stay-at-home momhood actually allows me the time to both enjoy my kids and also study for board recertification in internal medicine and pediatrics."

**Diane Conklin** Kroon is another recovering ex-corporate executive who is enjoying the comforts of home. She writes, "After 14 years of hard work and lots of travel, I left M&M/Mars to marry Larry Kroon and enjoy a less harried pace in Van Hornesville, NY. My husband is the manager of the NYS Fish Hatchery here, and we are active in the local school as soccer, volleyball, and basketball coaches. We have a very funny, active 2-year-old son, Larry Jr., and an equally active beautiful daughter, 14-year-old Laura. All in all, a very happy, more peaceful existence!" Equally happy, but perhaps less peaceful, is **Michele Corsey**, a self-described "domestic engineer" who combines parenting of daughters Claire and Candace with "lots of volunteering for Girl Scouts and our church. The girls do soccer, drama, flute, piano, choir, Girl Scouts, field hockey . . . and the list goes on and on. Busy, busy, busy!"

Of course, equal time must be given to the happy working mothers among us. **Vanessa Albert** Lowry is mom to sons Jonathan and Michael, works full-time as a bond lawyer helping governments and others issue debt, and somehow found time to host a large holiday gathering that included her twin brother **Joshua Albert**, and Naomi Jones and **Dan Yee '84**.

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(Move over, Martha!) **Marlene Quijano** has 3-year-old twins Sofia and Nicholas, and also works as director of research and development for Kraft Foods. She keeps in touch with **Diane LaScala** Bordonaro, **Karyn Cosgrove** Finamore, and **Michele Mize** Emery.

**Ruth Lindenthal** Petran is a food safety manager at General Mills, and also mom to Jimmy and Betsy. **Laura Paskuly**, who describes herself as “happily divorced,” has “two wonderful children, Samantha and Daniel,” finished her master’s in education, and teaches first grade at Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School.

**Marty Dunn** Nelson, also the parent of two (the wonderfully named Storm and Macaffrey—it is only a matter of time before we see them on MTV or the silver screen), received her real estate license last summer and is plying her trade in lovely Santa Fe, NM. In Phoenix, AZ, **Nicholas Theodore** works as director of neurotrauma at the Barrow Neurosurgical Inst., and is dad to sons Costa and John. The southwest is also home to my sorority sister **Fredilyn Sison**, who wrote to say that she is working with the Federal Public Defender’s Office in Reno, NV (where, one presumes, there is never a lack of potential clients!). Fred has lived in Nevada for two years, and says of the Wild West, “I like it so far.”

And then there are the statements from readers who must be quoted in their entirety,

‘Sometimes rest is exactly what’s required to see better results and to move forward.’

PATRICIA BOWMER ’88

because no paraphrasing can do them full justice. **Robert Mack** is one such reader. Dr. Mack deposited this in my In Box: “I’m practicing ophthalmology in suburban Chicago, performing mostly cornea transplants and LASIK surgery. I’m also in training for the Chicago Marathon as an AIDS fundraiser. In short, I’m very busy, I’m helping people, and my butt looks great.”

Well, there you have it. All I can say is, Robert, you’d better show up at our 20th Reunion (June 9-12, 2005)! Happy almost spring, everyone. ♦ **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu; **Ed Catto**, edcatto@hotmail.com

**86** What’s one thing that job interviews and dating have in common? I should know, as I’ve experienced my share of both recently. It’s this: it requires you to talk about yourself—your strengths, your interests, your accomplishments—enthusiastically, no less. Yikes. Maybe that’s why my correspondent colleagues and I don’t hear much from you guys—you may feel you have better things to do than toot your own horn. But consider this. Your classmates do want to hear what’s going on with you. It’s cool to discover a Cornellian that’s living in your town or working somewhere within your company. It’s a chance to find classmates in

your field or who share your passions. Try to think of this magazine column as a forum not only to share your family and career updates, but to network and to connect with friends both long-lost and new.

So, it’s settled. In the next column we’ll hear from more of you. For now, I’ll report the smattering—but no less enthusiastic!—of updates received from classmates in recent months. They come mostly from California, for some reason. Former Class of ’86 correspondent **Jeffrey Cowan** married Ann Wexler in September in Malibu, CA. Jeff is an attorney in private practice in Los Angeles, serving as a judge pro tem on the Los Angeles County Superior Court, in addition to performing as a professional magician. In other California nuptial news, **Frank Macaulay** and **Kathryn Pruzinsky ’91** were wed in La Jolla. Frank is a program manager and senior principal engineer at the Orincon information unit of Lockheed Martin. Until 2002 he was a Navy lieutenant aboard the guided missile frigate *Gallery*.

Aparia Design ([www.aparia.com](http://www.aparia.com)), the Orange County-based architecture and interior design firm co-founded by **Michael Erlanger**, recently opened a second office in Westlake Village, CA. This new location, as well as the company’s corporate office in Tustin, will enable Aparia Design to manage projects throughout California, Nevada, and Arizona.

Donlon Hall memories flashed before me when I heard about **Joe Goldstein**’s recent board certification by the Florida Bar in business litigation. I remember Joe from freshman year, and just look at him now—one of only 15 attorneys in Broward County achieving this certification, the highest level of recognition by the Florida Bar of the competency and experience of attorneys. On the home front, Joe says, “Things are just dandy.” He has sons Patrick, 12, and Matthew, 8, with Mary, his wife of 15 years. Joe is also an active member of the City of Plantation Health Facilities Advisory Board and Leadership Broward, and recently became a member of the Construction Association of South Florida, Government Affairs Committee.

Well, that’s all for now. Kind of like a quick date over coffee. Next time, it will be dinner and a movie. Remember, you can look up many of the friends you read about here in the online Cornell Alumni Directory (once you register, that is, at <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>). You can also pay class dues, connect with Cornell class websites, and submit your news and updates for this column at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>. Or write to us directly. Be well! ♦ **Hilory Federgreen** Wagner, haf5@cornell.edu; **Allison Farbaniec** MacLean, aaf9@cornell.edu; **Jackie Byers** Davidson, jackiekd@sbcglobal.net.

**87** This column begins with news from our class president **John Gee**: “I want to provide a quick update of what your Class Council has been doing, and send news about a very special event that is planned for 2005. During 2004, Council members have planned tailgates, get-togethers, Zinck’s night, and other class and university events. We are also working on developing career network forums across the country.

“The big event we are planning for 2005 celebrates the milestone the majority of us will be celebrating. You know what it is. Let’s just say the theme is ‘39 Again!’ On Wednesday, July 20, we will have an afternoon bowling party at Helen Newman Hall. On Saturday, July 23, we will hold a special ‘39 Again! Brunch’ at the Statler Hotel with a special presentation by Prof. **Glenn Altschuler, PhD ’76**, who will discuss the ’80s and its impact on American culture. There are a few ways you can attend these events.

“Many classmates have told us they would love to attend Cornell Adult University (CAU) in Ithaca during the summer. If you’ve ever thought about attending one of the weeklong programs at Cornell, then set aside the week of July 17. For more information about the classes offered during that week, go to [www.sce.cornell.edu/cau](http://www.sce.cornell.edu/cau). Register early, as classes fill up quickly. The university also operates Camp Cornell, so there’s plenty for the kids to do. There will be many opportunities for informal ’87 face time and you will be able to attend both ’87 birthday events.

“If you aren’t able to attend CAU, you can still join our birthday celebration. You can plan a weekend trip to Ithaca or stop on the way to a vacation in Canada or elsewhere. If you are lucky enough to live close enough to Cornell for a day trip, come to campus for one or both events.”

Updates for this exciting event will appear in forthcoming columns and in future correspondence, but if you have additional questions or want to help plan our birthday party, contact Class Council member **Stacey Neuhoefler** Silberzweig at [sbn4@cornell.edu](mailto:sbn4@cornell.edu).

News from the publishing world of two classmates. **Elizabeth Warner** has a book coming out in July 2005, *Ditched by Dr. Right, and Other Distress Signals from the Edge of Polite Society*. A perfect summer read. **Samantha Shubert**’s first book (co-authored with Grace Maisel) was published in June ’04, *A Year of Jewish Stories: 52 Tales for Children and their Families*. Samantha is living in New York, where she is an editor, with husband Steve Young (Harvard ’87), a writer for “The Late Show with David Letterman,” and children Rebecca, 11, and Hannah, 6. **Hope Mehlman Hurowitz** sends exciting news on her recent election to the partnership of her law firm, Adams and Reese LLP. Hope is living in Birmingham with husband **Eli ’86**, ME ’87, MBA ’88, and children Haley, 10, and Jonathan, 7.

Well, that’s all for now—not much news this month. Make sure to send in an update with the annual News and Dues mailing this spring. ♦ **Debra Howard Stern**, [dstern39@yahoo.com](mailto:dstern39@yahoo.com); **Tom Smith Tseng**, [tseng@stanford.edu](mailto:tseng@stanford.edu).

**88** Greetings to all. As you are reading this, March and April are fast upon us, as well as the delightful weather that usually comes along with them. Time to wind down from the holidays, think about spring-cleaning, a new diet, a new love, or something funny. How about a good April Fool's joke? Did you ever play any while at Cornell? Have you had one played on you recently at work? At home? One of my U-Hall 3 classmates freshman year used to say that her entire life was one long April Fool's joke. I'm not sure whether that's a good or a scary thing. As we get older, laughter seems to become more important, helping us deal with the trials and tribulations of being responsible (well, mostly so) adults. They say that children laugh an average of 58 times a day, while adults laugh only 6 times a day. What can we learn from this?

I'm terrible at segues, so forgive this one . . .

And speaking of life and laughter, **Patricia Bowmer's** first book, *In Pursuit of Joy*, was released in Hong Kong in September. It is designed to inspire people to lead fulfilling lives and is based on stories from her work and life. While at Cornell, Patricia studied neuropsychology and completed her PhD thesis on exercise motivation at the City University of New York. She works with individuals as a life coach and ACE-certified personal trainer and is a writer and motivational speaker, as well as an avid adventure race competitor. An excerpt from her book: "Don't be afraid to stop. Movement and stillness are both necessary to maintain good health. In fact, sometimes rest is exactly what's required to see better results and to move forward." Dr. Bowmer may be contacted via e-mail at [foryourinspiration@csi1010.com](mailto:foryourinspiration@csi1010.com).

**Staci Lublin** sends news of her happy life event. She was engaged on New Year's Eve 2003 to a "wonderful guy," Brooks Reyes, and was married on November 14, 2004 at the Water's Edge, with a spectacular view of the Manhattan skyline. They enjoyed a fabulous honeymoon in Australia and New Zealand and now reside in New York City. We also received word of another wedding, that of **Kimberly Burnham**, BArch '90, and Steven Schneider. Kim and Steve were married on April 18, 2004 in Rye, NY. Kim is a painter, specializing in custom paint finishes, murals, and backdrops. Steve is a marketing and sales consultant in New York, developing and distributing branded apparel. He graduated from Syracuse, but we like him anyway. Kim and Steve were introduced by "pre-arrangement" at a New Year's Eve party in New York, at the home of a mutual friend. We wish them every happiness!

**Tyrone Bristol** is a pediatrician in Albany, NY, and is assistant prof. of pediatrics at Albany Medical College. He is also currently serving as vice chairman on the college's admissions committee, the president-elect of the college's alumni association, and the president-elect of the Capital District Pediatric Society. **Jeannine Rippe** is recovering nicely at home after thyroid surgery. She writes that part of the testing phase to make sure the cancer is gone involves swallowing a radiation pill. She must then segregate everything she touches (plates, laundry, etc.) to contain any

minute amounts of radiation that may have escaped. She has also temporarily given up certain types of foods that may cause complications—breads, teas, canned vegetables, and others. Jeannine, we are hoping for a complete and speedy recovery for you!

Please send news. Your correspondents are grateful to those of you who take the time to write and share your lives, and to those of you who read the column. ♦ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, [smb68@cornell.edu](mailto:smb68@cornell.edu); and **Steve Tomaselli**, [st89@cornell.edu](mailto:st89@cornell.edu).

**89** Everyone seems so busy with life, but we've gotten some good updates to report in Class Notes. Here's the news. From the home of the World Series Champion Red Sox, **Michael Clarkson** sends the following: "**Jenifer (Carini)** and I have twin 3-1/2-year-old boys Will and James, and a 6-1/2-year-old girl Kate. We're living in Hanover, MA, just south of Boston." Michael is a partner at Morgan, Brown & Joy LLP in Boston, representing small and large companies in employment law issues and litigation nationwide.

Also from New England, **Earl Exum** wrote, "While my family—wife Tammy, Evan, 7, and Kyle, 5—would like to return to the Southeast, a recent promotion will keep us in Connecticut for awhile. I'm now the General Manager, Sales & Service, Central Region, Americas for Pratt & Whitney, a division of United Technologies Corp. My previous assignment was Product General Manager, Airfoils, Global Part Repair & Services. We had a great time at Homecoming and the Alpha Round-Up in Ithaca last year. After seeing the campus for the first time, Evan and Kyle say they are now ready for college. **Mindy Schechter** Tashlik wanted us to know, "Scott and I are thrilled to welcome Mollie Claire Tashlik to our family! Mollie arrived September 28, 2004. Her big sisters Maddie, 5, and Zoe, 2-1/2, are so happy to have their new baby sister to love! They are terrific little helpers!"

From Music City, **Phillip Camp** writes, "My wife Amy, our two sons Jim and Davis, and I live in Nashville, TN. I teach in the College of Bible and Ministry at Lipscomb U. In May 2004, I received my PhD in Old Testament from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA." Another success story from **Todd Harris**, who writes, "I have recently moved to Denver, CO, after a two-year stint as the general manager of the new Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch (Beaver Creek, Vail Valley). I took a job as senior VP of a new luxury private residence club called Exclusive Resorts. It has been a great move—something new and exciting after a 14-plus-year career with the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company.

From Panama City, Panama, **Diego Eleta** sends news that **Michael Samalin**, his wife **Kathryn (Butler)** '90, their two children, Diego's wife Michele, their two children, and he went back to Cornell for the first time in 13 years. "It was great spending time with my old housemates, visiting our old house, and checking the campus. We were pleasantly surprised with all the new buildings. Michele and I are now back

in Panama, where I am director of operations for the local cable TV MSO and vice president of the Panama Chamber of Commerce.

**Blaine Riddle** is an in-house corporate attorney who lives in Cape Elizabeth, ME, with his wife ("unfortunately a Harvard grad") and two sons. "I ran into **Tonya Shevenell** at a local charity concert. She is the manager and bass guitar player for a band featuring her husband Don Campbell, an up-and-coming country singer. Tonya has only recently learned to play the guitar, and one of her first gigs was playing at Gillette Stadium in front of 40,000 when the band opened for Toby Keith. I stay in contact with **Dan Gross**, who lives in Westport, CT, with his wife and two kids. Dan writes a weekly column for *slate.com* and is a frequent contributor to the *New York Times*. I am also in contact with **Jon Ivry**, who lives in Madison, WI, with his wife and two kids, and is a professor, along with his wife, in the U. of Wisconsin system. I hear from **Bill Fitzgerald**, who lives outside of Baltimore, MD, with his wife **Andrea (Collerius)** '90 and their two sons, and **Andrew Brisman**, who lives with **Laurie Kane** in NYC. Andrew is an editor for *Gas* magazine, and Laurie is a resident at Cornell Medical Center."

From **Kimberly Thompson**: "I recently had my first child, Catherine Joyce Thompson, in March 2004. Cate is doing very well and is filling my days completely. Who knew being a parent would be so rewarding? While I love my career I am in no hurry to return to my family law practice in March 2005. I'm having too much fun!" From Europe, **David Johnson** wrote, "Now living near Frankfurt, Germany, and working for General Motors as the chief engineer for our 3.0L V6 diesel engine (you, too, may someday be driving a diesel). My wife Laura and kids Garrett, 7, and Elizabeth, 9, are enjoying life in Germany even when I have to leave them for business travel. We've had the chance to ski the Alps and tour Rome, Florence, and Pisa, and just recently spent an all-too-short weekend in Paris. Recently I had the chance to watch Cornell win FSAE (again!) when I caught up with **Steve Fulcher**, **Matt Monaghan**, **Tom Holland**, **Eric Davis** '90, **Antoine Pharamond** '91, ME '92, **Dave Spitzer** '92, **Jay O'Connell** '88, and **Pat Hodgins** '88, ME '89, in Pontiac, MI. Great to see Prof. Al George lead Cornell to yet another stellar finish. Not quite reunion on the Hill, but a very good substitute." ♦ **Mike McGarry**, [mmcgarry@dma-us.com](mailto:mmcgarry@dma-us.com); **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, [saavidon1@hotmail.com](mailto:saavidon1@hotmail.com); **Lauren Hoeflich**, [laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com); **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, [ac98@cornell.edu](mailto:ac98@cornell.edu).

**90** Have you ever just wanted to say "I quit"? **Laura Calvert** Richardson recently just did that: "I finally quit my job in pharmaceutical research in October '04. The stress ultimately took its toll." So perhaps wanting to eradicate stress for the rest of us unfortunately still working the daily grind, she enrolled in school for massage therapy! If passing through Princeton, NJ, be sure to call for a sample!

Some of us are doing the very opposite of quitting. **John Cayer** became Team Leader of the SCJ Target office in Minneapolis and is the new

president of the Cornell Club of Minnesota. **Matthew Dunn**, attorney with Bryan Cave, has been elected chairman of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, New York Chapter. In this role, he will be the AILA's senior immigration lawyer in New York, running the chapter and liaising with immigration, state department, and labor department officials. **Thomas Franks** was named head of Global Equity Research for financial services group and retirement securities provider TIAA-CREF; his team will develop new products and investment solutions for clients.

**W. Ming Shao** was recently promoted to vice president and associate general counsel of Microstrategy Inc., a publicly traded provider of business intelligence software and services based in McLean, VA. **Jeff Capra** is HR director for Freescale Semiconductor, a subsidiary of Motorola, and with wife Laura has been "thoroughly enjoying" living in Austin, TX. And heck, while we're on a high-tech thread, I'll plug the hosted sales and marketing effectiveness software, Sales Asset Manager, my firm The SAVO Group successfully launched in June 2004; I (**Alisa Gilhooley**) have been VP of Marketing for this start-up since I left Citigroup in January 2002. If you're involved in B2B selling or marketing, or are interested in where CRM is headed, check out salesassetmanager.com.

Those on the go with young families know that there's no quitting (although plenty of "time outs") in this line of work. **Leslie Waltzer** Polak, along with twin sister **Michele Waltzer** Posen, has kept quite busy: "I am happy to announce the birth of my second child, daughter Jamie Lauren, on June 14, 2004, and the arrival of my niece, Ariel Faith, born September 23, 2004. Ariel joins twin sisters Adena and Rachel—yes, Michele kept the tradition alive by having twin girls. My Jamie joins big brother Jesse." **Matthew Lesnick** also sends this nicely penned family news: "Our second son, Solomon Quinn Moran Lesnick (to be known simply as 'Quinn'), was born on May 12, 2004. He seems pretty laid back so far and has a great smile. His big brother Beattie is still sizing him up."

**Margaret Mordy Delesalle** and husband **Christian**, MBA '95, find daughter Anna, born in June 2004, to be "a wonderful addition to our lives" and are enjoying every minute at home in Brussels, Belgium, with her. **Kenneth Held** and wife **Barbara (Drugan)** '89 had their second son, Matthew Cooper, on May 21, 2004. **Adam** and **Caroline Krass Levy** welcomed their third boy, Casey Daniel, in July 2003. **Cynthia Loizides** Weber reports that **Marcela Hahn** and husband Albie Kelley had baby boy Nate in September 2003, and that son Andrea is the third child and first son for **Valerie Braun** Malerba and husband Antonio.

Most definitely showing no signs of quitting is the growth of the child product marketplace! **Meg Talty** O'Leary and husband Michael are parents to Grace, 5, and Liam, 2. **Sheryl Rosensky** Miller lives in Bethesda, MD, with husband Lee and daughters Lindsey Ariella, 5, and Amanda Eliana, 3. Sheryl practices law part-time at AARP Legal Counsel for the Elderly (LCE), a public interest firm that provides free legal services to

low-income older residents. **Heather Wright** Ryan is at home in Simsbury, CT, with Nicholas (born July 19, 2004), Christopher, 4, and Rebecca, 6. She says that **Stephanie Vroom** and husband Sander Spierings live in NYC with 1-year-old son Nathaniel. And **Jennifer Webster** and husband Zsolt Buday divide their time between Budapest and Buenos Aires because Jen's company, Pioneer Productions, has offices in both cities.

**Kristen Conrad** and husband Daniel McLaughlin celebrated the birth of daughter Rowan Elizabeth in October 2002; son Liam is 4. Less than two years later, Kristen joined **Nancy Neuman**, **Ian Kline**, and more than 40 other alums of the Class Notes (the coed a cappella group) on campus to sing in the 20th anniversary "Cuttin' Class" concert. Nicknamed "The Jurassic Notes" (why, we cannot fathom), the "elder" decade of singers also participated in an arch sing, met at old haunts like The Chariot and had a "fabulous, harmonious weekend."

And for those who claim that the class column has gotten way too cheesy, your correspondent retorts: we won't quit punning until our term is over (this year at reunion, by the way). Take note of this update from **Stephanie Clark**, PhD '97: "This spring, I was promoted to associate scientist/associate professor with tenure. This summer, I volunteered/served in Armenia with ACDI/VOCA. I taught a new producer about appropriate sanitation practices for safe, high quality cheese, and how to make a variety of goat cheeses."

Hoping no one out there is feeling too blue. Gouda luck to all for much success and steer clear of anyone grating! OK, I'll quit while I'm ahead! ♦ **Alisa "Gil" Gilhooley**, AlisaGil@aol.com; **Carole Moran** Krus, clm42@cornell.edu.

**91** Greetings from the farm! I'm sure that you all have your calendars marked for our upcoming 15th Reunion in 2006! Our reunion chairpersons **Dorine Colabella** Scher and **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, are busy planning the weekend and would like to extend the invitation to all Class of '91 members to volunteer ideas, time, or manpower toward this effort. You can contact Dorine at dmc44@cornell.edu or Jeff at jtw12@cornell.edu.

Dorine reports that other than 15th Reunion work, she is thoroughly enjoying running her own Pampered Chef business from home. Dorine is currently a senior director and trainer with the company and last year was ranked number 17 out of 71,000 sales consultants in the company. "I love it because it allows me to put my children first while still earning a full-time income." **Lynn Schechter** and her husband Issam El-Zahr have been living in Baton Rouge, LA, with their children Leah, 2, and Leo, 9 months, for the past couple of years. Lynn, who received a PhD in psychology from Columbia, has a private practice located at the Drusilla Clinic in Baton Rouge. Lynn writes: "It's definitely a change living in the South, but we much prefer the mild winters to the freezing cold and hectic pace of New York! I still miss Cornell though..."

**Daniel Marein-Efron** has recently started a

website, www.heelingsolutions.com, and produced a video on conservative treatments for plantar fasciitis—known to you and me as heel pain. Daniel writes that while training for the New York City Marathon in 2002, he developed plantar fasciitis, a very painful condition resulting from overstress of the band of tissue that connects the heel bone to the toes. Daniel's video provides proper instruction for stretching, icing, and extra foot support techniques to help treat plantar fasciitis and avoid painful, expensive, and invasive medical treatments for this debilitating condition.

**David Clarke** announced the birth of Elliot Kenyon Robert Clarke on March 8, 2004. David and his girlfriend Christie Freeman are living in Jersey City, where David works as a general manager with Restaurant Associates at Citigroup. **Allison Crandall** Armieri is living in Chapel Hill, NC, and announced the birth of her third child, Mia Jean, on June 6, 2003. Mia joins brother Dallas, born April 4, 1999, and sister Emma, born November 28, 2000.

**Kathryn Pruzinsky** married **Frank Macaulay** '86 in La Jolla, CA. Kathryn is an assistant clinical professor of reproductive medicine at the UC San Diego School of Medicine. She received her medical degree from Emory U. **Elizabeth Starkman** married Eric Mischel at the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx. Elizabeth is a vice president of account management for the Intermedia Advertising Group, which evaluates the effectiveness of television advertising and product placement. She received her MBA from Duke. The *New York Times* reported that Elizabeth and Eric met through an online dating service. All went well on their first date, though just before their second date, Elizabeth got sick and had to cancel. The deal was clinched when Eric walked ten blocks in the rain to bring Elizabeth some chicken noodle soup.

**Stephen Turner** married Taryn Baff at the Yale Club in New York. Stephen is the chief of general pediatrics at Long Island College Hospital and assistant professor of pediatrics at the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn. He received his medical degree from New York U. **Kathryn Pierson** married Stephen Lundin on August 21, 2004 on St. Simons Island, GA. Kathryn is a financial planning director at Cablevision Systems Corporation in Bethpage. She received her MBA from the U. of Pennsylvania. ♦ **Nina Rosen** Peek, nsr5@cornell.edu; **Dave Smith**, docds30@yahoo.com; and **Corinne Kuchling**, kuccori@hotmail.com.

**92** Lately it's getting harder and harder to write this column. Why? Because as we're all getting busier and busier with work and our families, it seems we're not taking the time to update our classmates on our lives. Please do send your news to us, the class correspondents—our addresses are at the end of this column. Write to us directly or mail in your News and Dues when the annual letter arrives this spring.

**Megan Kilbride** responded to my plea for news. She recently visited **Christine Bubrick** Bang and her husband Peter in New York City and their two new additions, twins Hannah and Theo. They

were born Nov. 9 and share Peter's birthday. **Silvia Serpe**, JD '95, wrote to say she joined the law firm of Krantz & Berman LLP as special counsel in April 2004, where she focuses on commercial, criminal, and employment discrimination. They are located in midtown Manhattan.

Checking in from their new home in Madison, NJ, **David** and **Christine Watters Stuhlmiller '93** said they are especially enjoying reconnecting with Cornellians in the NY-NJ-CT area. David is working for the U. of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in the emergency dept. at University Hospital in Newark, NJ, and Christine works on the same campus as the Director of Finance for the Dept. of Surgery at the New Jersey Medical School. David plays poker every Monday night with his brother **Michael Stuhlmiller '94**, **Ralph Ciotti '95**, **Parag Raje '94**, **Mike Van Brunt '97**, MS '01, and **Joe Youn '91**, MEE '93. David and Christine have also met up with **Lauren Bailyn Sapira '93**, MBA '94, **Jeff Anbinder '94**, **Marc Goldman '90**, and many others they saw at the Cornell-Columbia football game last fall, when they marched from St. Patrick's Cathedral to the Cornell Club in Manhattan for a concert.

The big news for **Marc Paradis** is the birth of his daughter Cecelia Catherine on April 22, 2004. "She's our first child and of course the most beautiful, intelligent, and fascinating creature to grace this planet," he joked. "Other than that, my wife Sabrina and I are still living in NYC and making it to the Cornell Club for holidays and special events." **Tracie Giargiari** finished her PhD from the clinical psychology program at U. of Colorado, Boulder in 2002 and subsequently took a position doing clinical research. After grad school, she and husband Jim Hixson decided to put down roots in Colorado and now spend a lot of time hiking and snow-shoeing ("and doing yoga, which is virtually mandatory here in Boulder County!" Tracie quipped). She and Jim welcomed their first son, Cooper, in April 2004.

**Alison Abel-Kahn** wrote that she and her husband Eric welcomed their first daughter, Madison May Kahn, on August 27. Five days before her birth, they moved to the East Bay of the San Francisco area. Alison works at Charles Schwab & Co. as a VP in the Advice organization. She shared the news that **Kathy Halsey Connolly** delivered her third son, Finn Michael Connolly, on June 12. Kathy lives with her husband Jimmy and two other sons Luke and James in Garden City, NY. Kathy still works at Goldman Sachs. Alison also mentioned that **Adam Greene** and his wife Carolyn just moved to Hartford, CT, where Adam started a new job, and that **Amy Sugarman** delivered her first son, Aaron Henry, on June 2. She and her husband Marc Damsky reside in NYC, and Amy is working on building her private practice as a clinical psychologist.

**Harris Weisman** and his wife Sarah moved from Cary, NC, to Elmira, NY. Sarah took a position with Elmira College, and Harris was hired by Chemung Canal Trust Company to be their information security manager. They visit Ithaca and Cornell often. **Shari Brandt** wrote to let me know she was named partner at her law firm, Richards Spears Kibbe & Orbe LLP in NYC.

Husband **Brett Popolow** switched firms and is an attorney at the Newark, NJ, office of Duane Reed LLP. "More important than work, however, are our wonderful twin boys Alexander and Jacob, who turned 2 in January. Our lives are very full." Shari was also happy to share some good news from fellow classmates: **Heather Bouchey** had a daughter in November, Bryn Bouchey-Delaney; and **Stacey Rappaport** was named partner at her law firm Milbank Tweed in NYC.

## 'Yoga is virtually mandatory here in Boulder County!'

TRACIE GIARGIARI '92

**Steven Horowitz's** great news is that he got married to Tracy Epstein on September 5. In attendance at the wedding were **Jonathan Jacoby**, **Jim Waxmonsky**, **Igor Roitburg**, JD '95, **Matt Hagopian**, and **Andy Regenbaum '93**. Steven works as the controller for National Medical Health Card in Port Washington, NY. **Jean Kintisch** wrote, "After nine years in Washington, DC, my husband **Todd Kantorczyk** and I moved to Philadelphia in July. We now live the suburban life with a new house, new minivan (ack!), new schools, and new job. Todd joined Manko, Gold, Katcher and Fox LLP, continuing his practice in environmental law. I continue my practice of motherhood with Rose, 6-1/2, Sadie, 3-1/2, and brand new baby Clara, born Nov. 21, '04!"

**Jenny Yang** and **Kil Huh '93** are the proud parents of Miles Yang Huh, born May 21. Jenny continues to work at the law firm of Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld & Toll in Washington, DC, where she practices plaintiff-side employment discrimination class action work. After completing medical school, **Ken Woliner** started a fee-for-service nutritional medicine practice in Boca Raton, FL. **Lenore Labi Ades** had a baby boy named Emmet Abraham Ades on April 23. **Jennifer Hetling** Vincent and her husband Jeff proudly announced the birth of their fourth child, Claire Eleanor, on Nov. 24. She has two big sisters, Grace, 5, and Sadie, 3, and one big brother, Elijah, 18 months. Jennifer continues to be a full-time stay-at-home mother, and part-time adjunct professor of economics at St. Michael's College. The family lives in Colchester, VT. **Barbara Auderith** Levison lives in Sarasota, FL, with her husband and girls Sarah, 7, and Amy, 4. "Since they are getting older, I have started to work a little more," Barb notes. She is a geriatric care manager for a small agency.

**Pete Wahl** has just entered a PhD program in biostatistics at the U. of Pennsylvania. "Going back to school after 12 years hasn't been so easy for me, especially when my wife Parul and I are raising our son Indy and thinking about having another child soon." On another note, literary agencies have expressed some interest in a novel he wrote about the dot-com boom. The novel is tentatively titled "Exuberance." "Writing novels would certainly make for more time with family!" Pete ran into **Cengiz Belentepe**, who is finishing his last

year of a PhD at Wharton. He's now seeking funding for a currency trading start-up and will soon launch his own company. Pete also shared that **Giles Cohen** and his wife Tracy are raising their son Avery. Giles left his tax-law firm for a position with the SEC to make more time for family.

**Kevin '91** and **Amy Sachs Yam**, DVM '98, brought their son Benjamin to Homecoming in October. They crashed the Marching Band tailgate for lunch, where Benjamin stood next to the

trumpets blaring "Davy" and clapped his hands furiously. Kevin and Amy attended the Beta Theta Pi 125th anniversary reunion, along with **Max Chang**, **Guy Harris**, **Dan Devorsetz**, and **Jeff Garber**. Kevin is working at AOL as a product manager for the IM2Cell product. Amy works at Falls Church Animal Hospital as an associate veterinarian. **Todd** and **Ruth Herzog Pack** were surprised when their daughter Claudia arrived seven weeks early on August 2. They moved to Nashua, NH, last year so Todd could have a shorter commute to his position as director of software in the government/industrial division at iRobot outside Boston. Ruth stays overly busy at home with Claudia and her sister Caroline, and is on the worship team at their church.

Please send your news for a future column. We'd love to print your happenings. ♦ **Renee Hunter Toth**, rah24@cornell.edu; **Debbie Feinstein**, Debbie\_Feinstein@yahoo.com; **Wilma Ann Anderson**, Info@WilPowerEnterprises.com.

**93** Who says great minds don't think alike? Though the names Spencer and Lindsay are not among the top 100 most popular US names, three of our classmates have chosen one or both of those names for their newborn children. **Jamie Schwartz** and his wife welcomed daughter Spencer Elizabeth on April 2, 2004. Spencer joins older brother Riley, 3. Proud dad Jamie is a trial attorney with the US Dept. of Justice in Washington, DC. **Stewart Whitman**, MBA '00, and wife Allison Nied celebrated the birth of their first child, son Spencer Lindsay, on October 26, 2004. The Whitman family makes its home in New York City. Last but not least, **Melissa Marks** and husband **Michael Shih '88** welcomed daughter Lindsay Ella on October 16, 2003. Melissa heads up the technology business in the marketing department at *Newsweek* magazine while Mike is associate senior counsel at Eisai Inc., a pharmaceutical company. She reports, "After a brief and failed experiment at suburban living, we'll be returning to Manhattan in January." Welcome back!

**Dan** and **Rosemarie Ferrante Hooker** are also proud parents, though not to a Spencer or Lindsay. They welcomed second son James

Michael on May 20, 2004. James joins older brother William Coulter, age 3. Finally, **Laurie Mayes** and husband Joseph Pelkofski welcomed daughter Jacqueline in September 2004. Laurie is associate trademark counsel at General Electric Co. in Connecticut.

As usual, several classmates have recently tied the knot. **Lydia Li** married **Todd Wheeler '95** at Sage Chapel on September 25, 2004, with a reception at the Statler Hotel. Lydia reports that she met Todd through a Cornell alumni event in their hometown of San Francisco. If that doesn't give you a reason to attend alumni events, I don't know what would! **Martha Fodor** married Roger (R.J.) Wiegand Jr. on October 9, 2004 in Pittsburgh. A few of the many Cornellians in attendance were **Gretchen Boehm**, **Melanie Hunt**, DVM '97, and **Alison Ginsberg Shefter**. "A good time was had by all," Martha writes. Martha is an attorney at Pittsburgh law firm Duane Morris LLP.

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**Jane Chen** Chin e-mailed to tell us she has ventured into the wonderful world of consulting, where her specialties are "pharmaceuticals and pointing out the moose on the table." Jane lives in Southern California, where she claims that "a 'drizzle' by Ithaca standards gains broadcast attention as 'the storm of the year.'" **Vivek Krishnappa** also wound up on the West Coast. Vivek works for Barclays Global Investors and lives in Orinda, CA, with his wife Margot Hawley and their baby son Kush. **Christy Loomis** may have trumped Jane and Vivek in terms of exotic new hometowns. She is a database manager for the National Park Service in St. John, US Virgin Islands. She writes, "I have moved over to the small island. It feels a little like home (Ithaca) with all the park trails."

Speaking of Ithaca, some of us have chosen to stay a bit closer to our one-time home. **Lynniece Haley** Coughlin and husband Tim are raising two children in Manlius, NY. Five years ago, Lynniece traded her career at the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to be a stay-at-home mom, and she is loving it. She writes, "I recommend this choice to anyone considering it." **Wendy Croll Halpern** and husband **Andy '92** are living in Ambler, PA, with son Ben, 4, and daughter Jill, 18 months. Despite two kids and a career as a dentist, Wendy seems to be great at keeping in touch with classmates. She reports that **Heather Rogers Barrow** just gave birth to a daughter, Sydney Paige. Sydney joins big brother Jordan. Wendy also recently traveled to Laurel Hollow, NY, to visit **Linda Kletzk** Chernoff, husband Marc, and daughters Diane, 4, and Jessica, 2.

Like Wendy, **Wil Andersen** has a knack for

keeping up with classmates. Wil attended class reunions in San Francisco and Boston this year, where he met up with **Tina Thung Hugg** and husband Joshua, **Kim Ashton** Cullinane and husband Rob, **Kim Powell Sendelbach** and husband **Matthew '92**; and **Mark McAnallen**. Wil reports that **Vincent Cheng**, ME '93, got married last year and is living happily in San Diego. As for Wil, he is "the senior (and only)" landscape architect at CPL Partnership in Matawan, NJ. "As of the first week, I am designing an 800-unit residential community to be built in New Jersey. Finally, my own office!" Congratulations to Wil!

Wil isn't the only one with a blossoming career. **Linda Blount** writes, "I was working in the family business that turned into a large merger of real estate brokerages that became RE/MAX Allegiance." Linda is COO of the newly formed company. She lives in Alexandria, VA. Finally, **Laura Selke** earned a PhD in clinic psychology and settled with husband Mike Fisher in

her hometown of Rochester. She writes that she and Mike were recently "happily reunited with our potbellied pig, who was temporarily residing at a pig finishing school in Bucks County, PA."

Well, I can't top news like that, so I'll stop right here. If you'd like to share news about your career, family, or exotic pet collection, please drop us a line! ♦ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, ericazz@aol.com; and **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu.

**94** As I write this column in December, I'm just coming off a two-week sojourn in Australia, where I traveled with my husband Mark. We snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef, bushwalked in the Outback, and haunted the Opera House in Sydney. En route, I was lucky enough to catch up with **Carol Rim Hanscom** and husband **Chris** (the beaming parents of young Alice), who are back in Los Angeles after a year in Korea. I also touched base with **Jason Saculles**, who can be seen driving his smashing new Mini to work at Disney.

Some updates on our classmates in the military: In late fall, **Robert Maldonado** shared the news of his promotion to Major in the US Marine Corps. "I am serving in the Al Anbar Province (right near Fallujah)." In November, **Scott Robinson**, a First Lieutenant and physician assistant with the 1st Infantry Division, wrote about his time in Iraq. He was present for the assault on Samarra. "My wife is keeping the hearth warm in Schweinfurt, Germany, the home base of my brigade."

Speaking of spouses, **Lee Hutter**, who works for the Soleil Securities Group in San Francisco,

married Andrea Salzman on August 29. He earned his MBA at Columbia U. **Shana Lory** and Kelli Farwell held a commitment ceremony on September 25 at the Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture. A resident of New York, Shana works at the advertising agency Euro RSCG. **Diane Scheu** Lentini of Springfield, VA, wed husband Rob on May 22 in Pearl River, NY. The couple had a good reason for missing our 10th Reunion: they were busy honeymooning in Tuscany.

**Mariana Bedetti**, ME '95, an employee of "ABC World News Tonight," tied the knot with Christopher Aitken in Miami on October 16. Also in Miami, **Michael Freedman** married Lori Grumet last November, and the couple now makes their home in New York. In November, **Mike Rapolas**, a financial controller at Merrill Lynch and the head coach of a junior bowling league, attended the wedding of **Michael Serber** and Jennifer Stewart in Dallas. Also in November, **Michele Swerdloff** married Gregg Riedel in Oakdale, NY. The lucky duo then worked on their scuba diving in the balmy honeymoon waters of Bonaire and Aruba. For photos, log on to <http://www.greggriedel.com/wedding>.

Another newlywed traveler is **Kristen Blanchard**, who married Michael Carey in Pennsylvania on October 30. Among the guests were **Cassandra Coffman**, who lives in New York, and **Gregory Goodwin** of San Francisco. Kristen wrote, "We then had our honeymoon in Costa Rica, which has possibly the worst roads on the face of the planet, and are now busy packing for the move to our new home in the Philly suburbs." The bride, an attorney with Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads, has traveled to Australia, New Zealand, South America, Central America, and Europe in the past five years. She added an update on **Cynthia Mann Davin**, a recently married alum who lives in New Jersey with her husband Jim.

Travel was in the cards for **Kim McKenzie Bendus**, one of the tireless and resourceful souls who chaired our reunion. While in Hawaii with her husband Wayne, Kim found out that the closing on a recent home purchase had been scheduled. "We came back on a Sunday, closed on Wednesday, and moved on Saturday." Kim is the director of development and alumni relations in the School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace U. in New York City.

When it comes to our class, the stork is a frequent flyer. **Betsy McAfee** Wilson gave birth to Piper Lyn on August 11 in Rochester, NY. The new addition joins Betsy's 2-year-old son Garrett, husband Keith, and 3-year-old dog Zuma. A Hotelie, she writes, "I wish I had taken at least one course in Human Ecology on child psychology and development!" In the D.C. area, **Melissa Unemori** Hampe and husband Greg have a new daughter, Elizabeth, born at the end of October. **Nancy Richmond** Goldstein, MBA '96, JD '97, an attorney at LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae in New York, is the proud mother of Zachary, whose Cornell wardrobe is being established with some baby T-shirts.

**Paula Bortot** Polito and husband Mario welcomed daughter Marisa into the world on February 21, 2004, and **Kristen Andresen-Skibo**

gave birth to Halle Ella last year. A cardiology fellow who lives in Hamden, CT, Kristen also shared news of **Suzanne Caruso**, a veterinarian who lives in Tulsa, OK, with her husband **Mike Brown '97**, a police officer, and their daughter Olivia Nicole.

Some alums are moving into new jobs. In August, **Jennifer Lawrence** Jones began working as an early childhood instructor at Alamance Community College in North Carolina. **Barry Schutter**, former chemical engineer and employee of ImClone, decided to go into the ministry. He and his wife Amy were planning to relocate to a church in London. **Carrie Leffler** Wofsy, who got married two years ago, became a homeowner last summer and began a new job at the Renfrew Center of NY, "an organization dedicated to the treatment of women and eating disorders." She has also spent time with **Amy Masnick**, PhD '99, a psychology professor at Hofstra U., and **Lori DiLorenzo** Buszkiewicz, a doctor in Massachusetts and the mother of Sara.

Lastly, I am sorry to report that **Robert W. Richardson** passed away in January 2004 from a rare cancer. Our sincere condolences to his family and his friends. ♦ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dineen@wasylik.net or dmp5@cornell.edu; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com.

**95** Hello, everyone! Can you believe it's almost time for our 10th Reunion? An approaching reunion makes you think about what you've accomplished over these past 10 years. It also makes you wonder who married whom, who had children, and who got fat. Of those three items, I can help you with the first two. For the last one, you'll actually have to go to find out.

Who better to start with than **Jennifer Wernli** Willis? Jenn reports, "This is the first time in almost ten years that I am sending news to the magazine! Well, I have had several busy years. I got married to Jim in 2002, passed the Professional Engineering Exam (civil), and made associate in my firm in 2003. And in January 2004 I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Keara Dane. Parenthood has been a wonderful ride—lots of surprises and it seems to just keep getting better! We are looking forward to seeing everyone again at our 10th Reunion!"

Another classmate looking forward to seeing everyone at the 10th is **Brian Kannry**. He writes, "So I finally got up the courage to quit my finance job last year to pursue a lifelong dream of making a living as a singer/songwriter (guess I must have gotten used to the applause while singing in the Waiters). I just finished a debut album, which is out on college radio, and I'm setting out to tour around the Northeast. If you're interested in supporting a fellow alum pursuing his dream, check out [www.briankingston.com](http://www.briankingston.com) (no one could ever spell my real name right!) and grab an album or come out to a show!" **Chris Reid** is also involved in the music business, albeit in a slightly different way. Chris Reid's World Percussion Store, Bang A Drum, was named "Best of L.A." by the *L.A. Weekly* in the Arts and Recreation category. "Through the store's "Drumming Up The Vote" campaign, 66 people were registered to vote.

Chris enjoys providing drum circles at corporate events, universities, and public events. Watch for Bang A Drum on upcoming episodes of "Blind Date" and "Family Business."

More classmates who you should run into next June are **Sarah Schneider** Cohen and **Howard Kubel** (although not necessarily together). Sarah recently completed her pediatrics residency at Tulane U. and moved back home to Maryland with her husband and two children, ages 5 and 3, to work in a private pediatric office. Sarah adds, "Since I've lived in New Orleans for the past eight years, this reunion will be my first opportunity to visit Cornell since graduation. I can't wait!" Like Sarah, Howard writes, "Looking forward to hearing from those I haven't spoken to in a number of years and hopefully seeing everyone at reunion." Howard has been married for more than five years to Amy, a Long Island school teacher, and has an energetic son Jared who will be 3 in March. The Kubel family lives in Old Bethpage, NY, where Howard is a business manager for Aramark Refreshment Services.

It seems the tide is starting to turn in our class, or at least our class updates, as baby announcements are more numerous than wedding announcements! On June 30, 2004, Charles "Charlie" Jacob Gray was born to Matthew and **Leslie Goldberg** Gray. **Kevin Martone** and his wife Drey welcomed their first child, Kevin Patrick Martone Jr. (called Patrick), on August 21, 2004. This was a popular day for future Cornellians, since **Todd**, ME '96, MBA '97, and **Robin Biderman Peskin '97** also had their first child, Jason Leo, on August 24, 2004. Leah Rose, the second child to **Robert** and **Lisa Barravecchio**, was born on September 19, 2004. **Paul Thur** and his wife **Mara Stolber '98** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Ava Ruth on November 5, 2004. Paul adds, "Luckily, she takes after her mom in the looks department." On the joys of parenthood, **Priscilla Falconi** Avellan writes, "My daughter Martina is 1 year old, and she is the best thing that has ever happened in my life!"

Ryan Max **Abfier** greeted his parents **Jason** and **Jennifer** on May 26, 2004. Jason adds, "We're all doing great. As for me, I am halfway through with my gastroenterology fellowship at Sloan-Kettering in Manhattan and looking forward to finishing. If you're in town or in the neighborhood, call or stop in. Looking forward to the 10th Reunion in June 2005!" **Greg** and **Kelly Heilmann** had their first son, Tyler, in October 2003 and have since moved up to Beaverton, OR, from the San Francisco Bay Area. Greg is still running an independent consulting company doing custom Web design and applications, while Kelly continues work as an RN.

**Josh** and **Beth Gellert** had their first child, Lindsay Frances, in July 2004. "We are living in the Bay Area and just bought our first home—feeling very grown up!" **Brian** and **Caroline Rose** are delighted to announce the arrival of their sweet daughter and second child, **Nina Vivian**, born September 4, 2004. "Nina's secular name translates to 'great-granddaughter lives on' and honors her maternal grandfather and late paternal grandfather, both of whom passed away

during Caroline's pregnancy with Nina." Nina has a proud big brother **Cyrus**.

Of course, this wouldn't be an official Class Notes column without weddings and job updates, and **Dohi Kim** has sent in both. **Matthew Sexton** and **Dohi** were married this past April in the presence of classmates **Christina Nahwon Kim** (bridesmaid), **Debi Lee**, **Anita Lung**, and **Alexander Wendell** (groomsman). Husband and wife honeymooned in New Zealand and settled in the Twin Cities area. Matt is working on his doctorate in physics at the U. of Minnesota, and Dohi is a meteorologist with Northwest Airlines. Dohi adds, "We're both East Coasters and are able to frequently escape the frigid cold of the North Country to see family and friends. We can't wait to see everyone again at reunion! You can count us in!"

**Jonathon Barnes** sends the following, "On April 10, 2004, I married my beautiful wife Stacy in suburban Detroit. It took me a while to find her out here in Michigan, but she was worth the wait! I can't wait to show her the beauty of Cornell at our 10th Reunion. **Reuban Richmonds** was one of my ushers. Beyond that, I'm still working for Ford Motor Company and continue to be amazed by the scope and complexity of the auto industry." **Diego Valderrama** wed **Afra Afsharipour '96** on October 8, 2004 at the Green Room in San Francisco. Their wedding served as a primer for our reunion. 1995ers in attendance included **Eric** (best man) and **Anna Zakos Feliberti**, **Patricia Seith**, and **Alexandra Gelber**. "We danced until 1 a.m. The party was great!" **Heather Gordon '99** and **Peter Friedland** were married at Wagner Vineyards on September 5, 2004. In the wedding party were **Rachel Gordon '03** (Heather's sister), **David Gordon '06** (Heather's brother), **Bill Freeman**, **Jason Leedy**, and **Jason Zamkoff**. In addition to those in the wedding party, many of the guests were also Cornell alumni. In May 2004, **Jennifer Motl** married **Rolando Del Castillo**.

The final update in this edition comes from **Gregory Norek** and serves as good preparation for our grand meet-up next June. Greg writes, "Greetings from Boston! I recently returned to Ithaca for the first time in nine years (for Ithaca's Apple Festival). The campus never looked better, and Sunday brunch at Jansens was as good as I remember! Career-wise, I'm still with Sheraton Boston as senior sales manager, and loving every minute of the hotel world. And thanks to the wonderful state in which I live, I am very happy to report that my partner John Riley and I were legally married on May 30, 2004!"

Looking forward to seeing you all at our 10th in June! Where has the time gone? Hard to say, but more importantly, look where we, each of us, have gone! ♦ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu. Class website, [www.classof95.alumni.cornell.edu](http://www.classof95.alumni.cornell.edu).

**96** Welcome back, 'Sixers! As you read this column, I am certain you are deeply immersed in 2005, and I hope it is off to a terrific start. Looking back at the year that was 2004, I feel it merits a solid rating—even better if you happen to be a Red Sox fan. Once again,

classmates are up to some pretty nifty things, including parenthood, couplehood, some heavy duty work responsibility, and, of course, non-stop fun and hijinx. Read on to enjoy the happenings of the members of the Class of '96.

**Sara Ende Masri** and husband Aaron welcomed Julia Miriam into the world on October 25, 2004. Sara, Aaron, and Julia live in Providence, RI, where Sara is the Director of Planning and Allocations at the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and Aaron is a financial analyst at Hasbro. Sara reports that Julia is already taking New York by storm to see her grandparents and great-grandparents, as well as visit with many Cornellians, including **Mindy Goodman Sickel '95**, **Jodi Goroff Green '97**, **Elayne Heisler '98**, and **Adam Ross '99**. Grandpa James Ende, JD '72, is sure she will be a proud member of the Class of 2026. Ava Kailey Rapkin was born on November 7, 2004 to proud parents **Jonathan** and **Erin Rapkin**. The Rapkins recently relocated from New York City to Wellington, FL. Jon writes that he ran into New York transplant **Leslie Moskowitz** Byck, who gave birth to her first child, Samantha Gabrielle, back in September.

The first-ever Classes of the '90s Zinck's Night event was a smashing success. Over 150 Cornellians joined in a drink to Theodore Zinck on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at Stir, a newly opened lounge on the Upper East Side of New York City. **Heather Zeller '95** and **Stephanie Cockerl** organized the event in conjunction with the Cornell Metro NY Regional Office. Some 'Sixers sighted at the event were **Irina Rivkind**, **Stephanie Lessig**, **Roberto Suarez-Ojedis**, ME '97, **Becca Kornfeld**, **Clay Carol**, **Dave Feinstein**, **Boris Chernobilsky**, **Christina Cellini**, MD '00, **Lisa Drayer**, **Sundip Murthy**, **Gail Rosenberg**, **Karen Schnelwar**, **Matt Podell**, and **Erica Gantner**.

**Carin Lustig-Silverman** writes that **Eric Sinoway** is currently executive vice president of marketing and development for After-School All-Stars. He is simultaneously going to school as an MPA candidate at the Kennedy School of Government. He lives in Newton, MA, with his wife Jennifer and new puppy Lady. **Jeanine Schoen** received her MBA from NYU in 2002. She is now the associate brand manager on the Choice Brand (over-the-counter diabetic care products) for Bristol-Myers Squibb and lives in New York City.

**Melissa Davis**, **Bethany Meyer**, **Casey O'Looney**, and **Stevie Thompson '95** gathered in Tampa, FL, over Memorial Day to celebrate **Erin Linehan's** 30th birthday. Bethany is a teacher in San Francisco; Melissa is an attorney for Kirkland and Ellis in D.C.; Casey is in advertising in Reno, NV; Stevie is still in the Navy and living in Pensacola with his wife Janet and son Drew; and Erin is living in Tampa and working as corporate counsel for Raymond James Financial Inc.

**Ian Craig** writes that he and wife Heather were married in June 2001 and have been living in the UK since 2002 (and enjoying their lives as DINKs, Ian adds). Ian is a lieutenant in the Navy, and the executive assistant to the commander of the US Intelligence Center in Europe. Ian and Heather were knocking around Spain for a bit on their holiday, but were able to see **Brian Drumm**

and **Robin Smith** at **Dan Passe's** wedding in August 2003. And speaking of weddings...

**Karin Klapper** and Jamie Orenstein (Harvard '84) were married on June 20, 2004 at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. Karin's maid of honor was **Jasmine Abdel-Khalik '97**, a fellow alumna of U. of Michigan School of Law. Other Cornellians celebrating with the happy couple were bridesmaid **Jonelle Bradshaw**, **Matthew Tobias**, and **Rachel Kurtz**. Karin is an associate at Stillman & Friedman, a small law firm in midtown Manhattan. A few days before their wedding, Jamie became a federal magistrate judge, but no worries, Karin writes. "He'll have to recuse himself if I ever show up in front of him." Karin and Jamie live in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn.

Many familiar faces have been appearing in the *New York Times* Wedding section. **Ted Yu** and **Jan Woo** were married at the Roosevelt Hotel in Manhattan. Ted is an associate at the Manhattan office of Blank Rome, a Philadelphia-based law firm, and Jan is an associate at Hubbard and Reed, a Manhattan law firm. **Douglas Chernack** and **Amy Powell** were married on June 12 in Pacific Palisades, CA. Doug works in TV in L.A. and is an MBA candidate at USC. Amy is the vice president for interactive marketing at Paramount Pictures.

**Susan Dunn** and **Robert Cunjak** were married on August 7, 2004 in New York. Susan and Rob met at Harvard, where they both received their MBA. She is an analyst with Harvard's real estate group, and Rob is an assistant vice president of Sankaty Advisors, a bond investment group. **Alice Chang** and **Patrick Chu** were married in New Rochelle, NY. Alice is a graduate of MIT, and is currently an associate in the asset-backed securities group at Merrill Lynch. Pat is an associate in the tax department of Skadden, Arps. **Mary Abrams** and **Robert Beck** were married in Dobbs Ferry, NY. It sounds like Mary has one of the coolest jobs in the world: she is director of marketing for Major League Baseball. Robert is a financial consultant in real estate finance at Credit Suisse First Boston in Manhattan.

Please continue to keep in touch and let us know about all of your good news. Or just give us a shout out here at Class Notes to let us know where you landed. Always great to hear from you. ♦ **Sheryl Magzamen**, sml1@cornell.edu; **Allie Cahill**, AlexandraCahill@aol.com; and **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu. For updated class events, news, and resources, visit <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

**97** Thanks to all of you who responded to our desperate requests for news to fill this column. Erica and I have received some great updates. If you don't see your news in this column, be sure to check back in future issues!

2004 was another year of higher education for many of our classmates. **Michael Mischna** (mischna@earthlink.net) writes that he graduated this past July with a PhD in geophysics from UCLA. Since graduating he has been working as a research scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, CA. Way to go, Michael! He also has kept in touch with **David Frank**, who is now living in Texas and a father. Another

graduate is **Drew Keister** (medstar2@yahoo.com), who completed his family medicine residency at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland last year. He is currently practicing as a faculty member at the U. of Nebraska military/civilian residency program and living at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha. Recent PhD **Dania Braunstein** (djb42@aol.com) completed her degree in clinical psychology and an internship at the Yale Child Study Center last spring. Despite the busy schedule, Dania had time to visit San Diego and **Joann Stanford**, who is currently working for a start-up cell phone gaming company.

**Eric Uyguanco** (ericuyguanco@yahoo.com) sent news that he is enjoying himself as a first-year cardiology fellow at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in my old borough, Brooklyn, NY. Say "Hi!" to the folks at Caputo's Deli on Court Street for me! Working to save the lives of our furry friends is **Melissa Martinchick** (melzilly@yahoo.com), who is working as a small animal veterinarian in Dartmouth, MA. Melissa graduated from Tufts U. School of Veterinary Medicine in May 2004. She has also been a busy wedding guest, attending the nuptials of many Cornellians, including classmate **Margaret Safford**, who married Christopher Cullinan in September 2004. Our last graduate is **Richard Baecher** (rabaecher01@aol.com), who completed his MBA at Fordham in 2004. Richard has since been working at a medical diagnostics company that is about to begin overseas operations in China. Sounds like there might be some trips to the People's Republic in your future, Richard. Congrats to all our grads and best of luck with your new careers!

I received an update via e-mail from **Roger Norum '96**, BA '97 (rogernorum@yahoo.com). Roger writes that he is currently working as a writer and editor of travel guidebooks for Rough Guides after giving up freelance translation work. His new job is probably also useful for his new status as graduate student in social and cultural anthropology at Oxford U. Roger seems to be enjoying himself and his new status as a "30-something." Another classmate undergoing a career shift is **Grace Kang** (gracekang@verizon.net). Grace left her job at Bloomingdales after seven years and has joined the team at Saks Fifth Avenue as a buyer for handbags and shoes in their e-commerce division. Grace also took on the role of bridesmaid for **Jennifer Grant '96** at her wedding in October 2004.

Just when you think that it is too late to change careers, **Giovanni Revedin di San Martino** proves otherwise. Giovanni (revedin@earthlink.net) has shifted from the Internet world during the dot-com boom to finance, first at Citigroup Private Bank and now at Brown Brothers Harriman as a vice president in their investment management division, and seems to be enjoying his new career. He is able to travel to Europe for business and often runs into classmates **Celia Koukouli**, **Nathalie Picquot**, **Idil Ustun**, and **Karl Hakime**, ME ORIE '97. While in New York, Giovanni writes that he is able to keep in touch with **Anne-Cecilie Engell**, **Michael Bisordi**, **Arthur Bruhmuller**, **Robert Berstein**, **Nicole Pappas-Drallios**, and **Sammy Rodriguez**. We'd



love to hear more about what all these people are up to, so send us details!

Of course, no column would be complete without updates on the Class of 2022—our kids! **Eun Carl Cook** (eunnycook@finsvcs.com) gave birth to a baby girl, Kaelan Elizabeth Lani Cook, on August 13, 2004. Eun and husband Geoff are living in Hawaii, and Kaelan was born at Maui Memorial Hospital. **Patara Yongvanich**, MBA '00 (yongvanich@yahoo.com) became the father of a baby girl, Amanda, on May 17, 2004. Amanda was born in San Jose, CA. Patara saw classmates at the recent wedding of **Jason McKee**, including **Marc Duquella '98**, **El-Shaffei Dada**, **Derek Deich**, and **Tom Harp**.

Another new mother is **France-Marie Exantus Jordan** (fexantus@bellsouth.net). France-Marie got married in April 2003 to classmate **Sheldon** and gave birth to a baby boy, Dante, on June 25, 2004. **Robert Pattison** (pattison\_r@yahoo.com) and **Beth Kellerman** welcomed their first child, Alexander Kellen Pattison, in September 2003. Robert spends his time out of the house as an associate for UBS Financial Services in Albany, NY. Last but not least (in my biased opinion), my husband **Josh Carter** and I welcomed our baby girl, Madeline Louise, into the world on November 4, 2004. Maddie is keeping both of us busy and already looking forward to her first visit to Ithaca.

Fret not if you don't see your news here. There is more where this came from. Please keep sending in updates via mail or the class website (<http://classof97.alumni.cornell.edu>), or email Erica or me directly using the addresses below. We want to hear what makes your day. Don't be afraid to toot your own horn! ♦ **Sarah Dear-dorff Carter**, sjd5@cornell.edu; **Erica Broennel Nelson**, ejb4@cornell.edu.

**98** Hope everyone is doing well. I am taking a break now from studying for my finance exam, so writing this is definitely a good distraction. Since each column is usually about what is going on in your lives, in this column I am going to write a little about what is going on with my co-writer Erica and me. Please send us more info to update us on what is happening in your life.

I am obtaining my MBA from Columbia Business School. It is really strange studying for exams again after almost six years. I cannot say I miss the prelims, but having to sit through five hours of exams on how to value a company and when supply equals demand, this coming week won't be too much fun (especially for a guy who doesn't want to do finance). I miss Psych 101. I did get the opportunity to see Erica a couple of months ago. We've been writing this column from across the oceans for a couple of years. First, Erica was in China, promoting condoms and safe injection among sex workers and drug users. She is now living in London as a consultant and trying to figure out when supply can equal demand in the transport sector. She came back to the US to visit some friends and I was able to keep her company up on campus while she waited for her ride to D.C. from classmate

## Wise Guys

RICH ENOS '98 AND GREG ZUMAS '99

**W**hile their peers snatched high-paying jobs upon graduating, Rich Enos '98 and Greg Zumas '99 opted to sacrifice a salary for two years and, in Enos's case, move back in with his family. In 1999, the pair scraped together personal funds to start StudySmart, which provides one-on-one tutoring for school-age children. Their sacrifices have paid off. The business, which started in Boston, has since expanded to New York, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and Chicago. To date, the company's 500 tutors have helped over 4,000 students, half of them in standardized-test preparation and the other half in academic subjects. "It is unlike other educational programs that offer classes, where you may spend a lot of time on something that you already know," says Zumas.

As ATO fraternity brothers and humanities majors at Cornell (Zumas majored in history, Enos in English), neither considered starting his own business. But then Enos worked at Kaplan Educational Services for a year and cultivated an interest in the field. When Zumas graduated in 1999, he had a business plan already prepared



for an entrepreneurship class at the Johnson School. The pair hopes to expand to between twenty and thirty metropolitan locations nationwide—and Enos is contemplating writing a guidebook for future entrepreneurs. "Take your shot when you're young," he advises. "Trying it when you're twenty-three is optimal because you've presumably got less on the table than when you have a family. The biggest thing is to just try it."

— Megs DiDario '07

**Aaron Tax.** It was good meeting up, even though it was only for a couple of minutes. Most of our conversation was about how to get more news from our classmates and how we might have to resort to writing about ourselves (like I just did)! Anyway, enough about us . . .

Thanks to the *New York Times* we have many weddings to announce. **Jeremy Shell** married Jessica Elghanahyan on May 8, 2004 at the Plaza Hotel in New York City. Both are completing their MBAs at Columbia Business School. **Dori Allison Engel**, MD '02, married Lee Anchin on August 15, 2004 at the Madison Hotel in Morristown, NJ. Dori is a third-year resident in pediatrics at the Weill Cornell Medical Center of New York-Presbyterian Hospital. **Alexandra Goldman** married **George Morrill** at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Brooklyn, NY. They met each other at Cornell. Alex received a master's degree in education from

the U. of Virginia and is a special education teacher at the Boston Renaissance Charter School. George is the vice president of the Wellesley Capital Corp., a commercial real estate finance company in Framingham, MA. Congrats, Alex. It seems like it was only yesterday that I was sitting on your floor in the dorm room in Sperry 3, hanging out and trying to study! **Jessica Berlinger** was married on June 26, 2004 to John Gilmartin at Tappan Hill in Tarrytown, NY. Jessica received her MBA in May from the U. of Pennsylvania.

**Sohita Mitall** is married to **Sush Torgalkar '99**. She reports that she is still living in Boston, finishing up residency. She is having a blast spending time with classmates **Becky Sands Stone**, **Gretchen Shaw Parrack**, and **Leiha Macauley**. Sohita was nice enough to also fill us in on what the three of them are doing. Becky is in her third year of ENT residency, Gretchen is working in

marketing research, and Leiha is working as a lawyer specializing in trusts and estates.

**Tiffany Richter** is married to **Cary Friedman '97**. (Hey, weren't you my RA? A lot of news from Sperry 3 this time!) Tiffany writes that she gave birth to Austin Harnson Friedman on March 13, 2004. She says that she is looking forward to bringing him to visit the place where his parents met—Cornell! Tiffany was promoted to assistant director of recruiting at Ernst & Young LLP, where she has worked since graduating from Cornell. Congratulations on the promotion! She adds some news on other classmates as well. **Alison Duboff** (Sperry 3!) is doing her residency at St. Vincent's in New York City in surgery. **Den Rauch** is doing her residency at Cornell Medical Center in ob/gyn. **Amanda Reiss** is pursuing her MBA at Wharton. And **Nicole Sandman** Karp recently moved to Pennsylvania and is working at GMAC.

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MELANIE ARZT '99

One year down, many to go for **Laury Ann Incorvaia** Hinz. She and her husband celebrated their one-year anniversary in their new home in Staten Island with their Shiba Inu puppy named Ninja. Laury works as a buyer for Macy's Department Stores in New York City and was in the Thanksgiving Day Parade this past November. People who are reading this are very jealous. Laury, we want to hear again from you about your experience. Did you get to dress up like a clown or hold one of the helium balloons? **Daniel Davidson**, I (Gregg), and some friends went to see the balloons being blown up on the Upper West Side the night before. It was pretty impressive. Laury also asked whether we had reported on the marriage of **Lucas Kovalcik** and **Anna Dietz**, who were both Hotelies. I did not get a chance to check the archives but just in case we did not, there you go. Congrats to the both of you.

There's the latest update. Please keep sending news on what you and your friends are up to. Use the News Form that came in the annual class mailing last fall, or write to us directly. Hope everyone is doing well. ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; and **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu.

99 It's the wake of Boston's first blizzard, and as the snow piles up, the streets begin to buzz with neighborhood kids, sleds, and dogs giggling in their newfound winter wonderland. As their laughter fills the air, I'm reminded of our very first Cornell snowstorm freshman year on West Campus. That day, now nine years ago (!), I was with California girl **Sumreen Mirza** and the Baker Court crew. As the first few flakes floated past her window, Sumreen, who had never before seen snow, pulled us all outside in

her excitement, despite our being barefoot and clad in nothing more than pajamas. We were quickly enveloped by the bitter cold, sweetly intermingled with a freshman frenzy—all us overgrown kids pouring out of the Baker complex and Zoo Halls, our eyes aglow with mischief while snowballs were packed, snowmen constructed, and snow angels toppled into. I even recall my old friend **Ethan Linden** tossing me into a snow bank, despite protest! Now, Sumreen, Ethan, and the entire Baker crew (myself included, although I was actually adopted from Sperry Hall) are as content today as we were that evening long ago, sipping steaming cups of cocoa after our wintry adventures.

To start off, Sumreen readies herself to jump leaps and bounds away from the Golden State. Leaving her role with the US Army Corps of Engineers in L.A., Sumreen will start the New

Year off as a junior Foreign Service officer for the State Department. She confesses, "I have my reservations about the job's high risk and perpetually nomadic lifestyle, but I'm sure part of it is that I've just been so comfy living in sunny Southern California." In February, she'll find out where in the world she'll be posted (near Carmen Sandiego?), with Southeast Asia at the top of her list. Ethan is undergoing his fifth year with the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, hoping to be a rabbi by 2006. After walking down the aisle and under the chupah with sweetheart Liba Kornfeld in June 2003, the couple moved to Jerusalem, where he resumed his rabbinical training. Now celebrating their second anniversary together in Israel, Ethan continues to master Hebrew, enjoy his coursework, and adapt to the challenging living environment.

This past October, the Lindens took a vacation to the West Coast to visit with **Natalie Bridgeman**, who has kept herself busy between moving to a new house, taking a trip to Spain, and entering her third year as a litigation associate at Wilson Sonsini. Baker lady **Becky Orfinger** also got hitched, marrying **Matthew Wexler** on May 16, 2004 in D.C. The two began their steamy interjournalistic romance while seniors at Cornell when Matt, then editor of the *Cornell Political Forum*, collaborated with Becky, editor of *SciTech Magazine*. The Wexlers now live in Boston, where Becky pursues her Master of Science at the Harvard School of Public Health while Matt studies for his MBA at MIT's Sloan School of Management. Big-man-at-Baker **Eli Aoukar**, in Yorktown Heights in New York, has put his food science degree to good use at Kraft. And P.S., fellow columnist **Jess Smith** continues to thrive in D.C., now a senior account executive

with Fenton Communications, where she promotes several successful political campaigns for key clients like MoveOn.org.

North Bakerite **Wenbi Lai**, ME '00, currently lives down the street from me in Cambridge with **Keigo Hirakawa**, MEE '03, and I often haunt their charming abode in search of good food, fun cooking lessons, and secret videotape sessions for "What Not to Wear"! I'm not kidding—these two schemed along with the rest of my Boston "friends" to nominate me for BBC's famous fashion police reality show, and I, apparently the worst dressed person you'll ever meet, will be featured in their spring season. The good thing is that in exchange for purging my entire wardrobe, I'll get \$5,000 worth of new clothes, which can be used to snazzy up life at my new job in children's publishing. But I digress . . .

Back to Wenbi. When she's not eight-to-fivin' as a quality engineer for Setra Systems, she's leading the Civic Symphony of Boston as second violin principal, taking violin lessons, learning Japanese, or knee-deep in Six Sigma classes. Quote, "I only realized in November that I might be overbooked." Nah . . . Keigo tries to keep up with Wenbi's feverish pace by pursuing two simultaneous graduate degrees, going for his master's in jazz piano performance at the New England Conservatory while finishing up his PhD in EE at Cornell. They're just a tad busy. Speaking of musical couples, Wenbi and my fellow choral buddy **Hillary Brown** married **Vineet Shende**, DMA '01, our past choral assistant director who was best known for his karaoke rendition of "Like a Virgin." The two tied the knot on the coast of Maine on July 25, 2004, and subsequently honeymooned in Italy. Around election time, Hillary worked on the Kerry/Edwards campaign.

Well, happy spring to all of you '99ers! And remember, the next time you're combing through the channels, look for my signature faded, frayed jeans and Swedish chef shirt and "Børk! Børk! Børk!" you'll have found my long-awaited TV debut. Signing out and up: ♦ **Melanie** "Has Gotten Real" **Arzt**, snoopymel@hotmail.com; **Jennifer Sheldon**, jls33@cornell.edu; **Jess Smith**, jessiniowa@hotmail.com.

OO Hey, Class of 2000! Are you thinking about reconnecting with an old flame? How about reliving past glories on the field? Feel like waxing poetic about Ithaca weather? Then you must be ready for Reunion 2005, which is only a few short months away. Make sure you have confirmed your itinerary for June 9-12. We expect to see you there for a fantastic weekend! And don't fret, because it is not too late to register. Head online right away to <http://classof00.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Since we are on the topic of reunions . . . **Barrett Yates**, **Nina Lee** Torkelson, **Liz Kang**, and **Nick Janiga** are leading a committee of more than 35 classmates for our 5th Reunion Campaign. According to Barrett, "Our goal is to raise \$65,000 from 650 donors, including 65 giving society members and five Tower Club members. Thank you so much to those who have already supported our efforts by making a gift to Cornell. If

you haven't had a chance to make your gift yet, please join us! Gifts can be made online at <https://www.alumni.cornell.edu/giving/giftcard.taf?function=giftform>, or call 1-800-279-3099."

Now, I'm sure you noticed Nina Lee's new surname above. She married Georgetown alum Tom Torkelson on June 26, 2004, in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. According to Nina, those attending the wedding got to spend time on South Padre Island and in Mexico. Cornellians in attendance included bridesmaids **Melissa Gardner Curri '99** and **Ashton Chen '99**. Also celebrating the nuptials were **Rebekah Gordon, Travis Scott '01, CJ Cintron '99, Gwen Christini '01, Chris Chiambalero, Rory and Kristen Chenet Linehan, and Alice Lu '99**.

Wedding bells also chimed for **Cecilia Zhang**, who married Jason Stiber on July 31 at Queen of the Apostles Chapel in Maryknoll, NY. Cecilia is currently in her third year of law school at Boston College. **Elizabeth Jennings** and **Thomas Dispenza** were married on October 9, 2004 at Sage Chapel on campus. They are both in medical school and report that they will be graduating in June.

We have happy news from **Beth Sullivan** and **Bill Walkenbach '98**, who were married on June 27, 2004. Guests included bridesmaid **Kate Procopio, Kelley Boutin, Rick and Kelly Dean Sacchetti, Erica Sperry, Kriss Green, Nick Bayer, Jack Franke, and Sarah Walton**. Beth writes that she and Bill are house parents at Sigma Delta Tau on Cornell's campus. Both Beth and Bill are currently coaching; she is the assistant field hockey coach and he is the assistant baseball coach. Beth is also pursuing her master's in education at SUNY Cortland.

Our congratulations extend to **Kathy Knapp** and **Jordan Schaeffer**, who were married in August 2003 in Ipswich, MA. Cornellians in attendance included **Sarah McGoey '01, John Osgood, Mike Nemeth '01, ME '02, Kristen Wolf '99, M ILR '01, Kim Regan '99, and Johanna Myers**. Kathy writes that she is in law school while Jordan is in medical school in Colorado. And last, but certainly not least, **A. Danielle Routt** and **Jimmy Gonzalez '99** were married on August 20, 2004 in the Bahamas. The happy couple currently resides in Miami. Upon graduation from law school, Danielle writes that she will be practicing real estate law.

First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes . . . baby Seth, brand new son of **Matt Varble** and his wife Raquel. Seth was born on October 22, 2004. Congratulations! We expect to see pictures of Seth in Big Red gear. **Matt and Lynn D'Silva Cinelli** are proud to announce the newest member of their family, Amanda Mary, born in September. Lynn and Matt live in New City, NY. Lynn also reports that she attended quite a few Cornell weddings in 2004, including those of **Keli Henderson Laverty, Stacy Nicks Fitzgerald, My Nguyen Smith, Cathy Wong Chan, and Lucy Padilla Gallery**.

In other news, **Zareen Mistry** is currently completing a veterinary small animal internship, while **Ben Kuhn** reports that he is a fourth-year medical student at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He writes that he will

enter a pediatrics residency this summer. **Jenny Schlesinger** says that she is still working for Bloomberg financial markets in sales.

We have exciting news from **Jeremy Schwartz**, who writes that he is currently in Kampala, Uganda, where he is a Fellow on the Fogarty/Ellison Overseas Fellowship in Global Health and Clinical Research. Jeremy will be in Uganda until June of this year. He is doing clinical research on tuberculosis, with a focus on pediatric TB. **Candace Davies** earned a full-tuition merit scholarship to the Johnson Graduate School of Management. Candace says that it feels good to be back at Cornell!

**Rebekah Gordon** writes, "I left the corporate world behind last summer, moved across the country, and am now pursuing my master's at Columbia U. Graduate School of Journalism in New York City. A total career change!" Rebekah adds, "School doesn't afford me a lot of time for fun in the city, but I have managed to hang out with **Evan Bloom, Margaux Neiderbach '99, Marie Kayton, Kristen Sweeney, Florence Natter, and Allie Wesson**."

As for me? I am proud to report that I completed the Philadelphia Marathon—my first marathon—on November 21, 2004 in 4:10:22. Here's to NYC '05! Andrea and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at Reunion 2005, June 9-12. As always, keep those updates coming! ♡ **Sarah Striffler**, sjs34@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

**01** Hello, Class of 2001! We hope that everyone is doing well. Here's more news from your classmates.

Double congratulations to **Toby Merchant** for graduating law school and getting married to Jennifer in May. Toby moved to Cincinnati, where he is an associate at Dinsmore and Shohl LLP in the corporate department. Congratulations also to **Carrie Cresenzi, MS '03, and Alan French '03**, who were married on June 18, 2004 in Sudbury, MA. They are currently working at strategy consulting companies in the Boston area for the in vitro diagnostic and pharmaceutical industries.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Linker** and **Adam Nadborny** on their wedding in August 2004. They were married at the Woman's Club of White Plains, NY. Both the bride and groom recently received law degrees from the U. of Virginia. Jennifer is working at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in New York City. **Dustin Grethen** and **Elizabeth Wallis '02** were married at their church in Oak Park, IL, exactly six years from the date they met as pre-frosh as they were preparing to leave on a six-day backpacking trip with Wilderness Reflections. They honeymooned on the big island of Hawaii, where they enjoyed hiking, off-roading, and relaxing on the beach. Dustin is now working at Daimler Chrysler Services. He is fortunate that his company is paying for his MBA in Strategy, Execution, and Valuation at DePaul U. Liz is in her third year of medical school at Loyola.

We are happy to announce a few weddings that took place at Cornell. **Emily Shook '02** married David Guinn at Sage Chapel, with a

reception at the Johnson Museum on June 19, 2004. The couple currently lives in Indianapolis, IN. Another Cornell wedding was for **Erik Falck, MBA '03, and Carrie Salo '02** on August 28 at Sage Chapel. **Peggy Imboden** and **Joseph Salisbury '99** were married on August 14 at Sage Chapel, with a reception in the Statler Ballroom. The wedding was filled with Cornell alums, including **Praveen Anumolu, MEE '03, David Tisi, MS '04, Eva Chiamulera '97, MA '00, Jen Lamontagne, Mike Munoz '00, Rich Hovorka '96, and Scott Southard '97**. The happy couple currently resides in Geneva, NY. David Tisi also wrote in to tell us that he's working in Cambridge, MA. He would love to hear from anyone who is passing through or living nearby.

**Lauren Eade** writes that she's now a second-year law student at William and Mary. Currently she is looking for a summer associate position in the Baltimore/D.C. metropolitan area. **Dianne LaRocca** completed her law degree in June 2004 when she graduated from Harvard Law School. She now lives in Washington, DC, and works at Piper Rudnick as an associate in labor and employment law. Another student, **Ryan Nelson**, tells us that he is in his fourth year of medical school at the U. of Buffalo. He is currently applying to internal medicine residency programs in the northeast.

**Jennifer Yang** is a resident at the UCSF Dept. of Surgery. Congrats to Jennifer! After getting her PhD in pharmacology from Cornell in May 2004, **Victoria Ying** is now working as a scientific executive at Optical Bioscience Pharmaceuticals. The company owns many different drug patents. She helps market these drugs to biotech and pharmaceutical companies to get them through clinical trials for FDA approval. These drugs help treat cancer, HIV, and cardiovascular and diabetic diseases. Victoria is living in Mount Kisco, NY. **Faizeen Khandaker** (dhikr2@aol.com) recently joined Citizens Bank after its acquisition of Charter One Bank in Albany, NY. He and his wife have been married for two years and now have a 1-year-old son. He still loves Big Red hockey and attends the games at Union and RPI and the ECAC championships. He's looking forward to getting in touch with other Cornellians in the Capital Region and the Berkshires.

Checking in from Brooklyn, NY, **Princess Osei-Bonsu** recently received an MA in psychology and education from Columbia U. Congratulations! Checking in from New Jersey is **Nick Kowalski**. He has been spending time with Cornell Fijis **Jesse Roethermel '00, Doug Tyre '02, Mike Zinkand, Christian Yunker '02**, and others. Last summer he spent weekends at the beach and traveling to Philadelphia. Nick is still the owner and operator of [www.radiatorexpress.com](http://www.radiatorexpress.com). He just launched another retail accessory site at [www.goldenfishstore.com](http://www.goldenfishstore.com). If any fellow Cornellians need an auto radiator condenser, heater core, and/or gas tank, use coupon code "Cornell" for a \$20 savings at [www.radiatorexpress.com](http://www.radiatorexpress.com). Also in New Jersey, **Phil Chen** tells us that after spending three years at Merrill Lynch, he has recently switched to a new position at American Express, where he ran into a number of Cornellians during the first few weeks!

A shout out to **Sophie Aiyer** in Washington, DC, **Viktoria Lovei** in Chicago, IL, and **Lyndsay Wegman** in Charlotte, NC. Another shout out to **Greg Barratt** in Park City, UT!

So . . . what's new in your lives? Any exciting trips? New job? Grad school? Weddings? Babies born? Let us know. E-mail us at [classof2001@cornell.edu](mailto:classof2001@cornell.edu). We hope that all is well with each of you and that you'll let us know about it! ♦ **Lauren Wallach**, [lew15@cornell.edu](mailto:lew15@cornell.edu); and **Trina Lee**, [TKL6@cornell.edu](mailto:TKL6@cornell.edu).

**02** Another year almost over as I reluctantly break out the clothes that fail to give me any shape or allow any movement—my winter reminder. Every year at this time, like clockwork, I curse the frigid weather and my New York roots and swear to move to San Francisco, but perhaps you fellow dwellers of the big city will agree that at holiday time it is difficult not to like New York at least a little. The trick is not to get in the way of a tourist and the tree in Rockefeller Center—it can get ugly. The Ithaca cold didn't seem to faze me. I have a big bunch of you (and Wegmans) to thank for that. Still, one thing stands out as being the saving grace of winter this year—"Alias," Season Four. Oh yeah, you know what I'm talking about.

We have classmates in graduate schools countrywide. "I have been promoted to first lieutenant

MA. **Scott Belsky** writes, "I am now working with the Pine Street team at Goldman Sachs and continue my interests in writing and developing a few business ideas outside of work. I have also become involved with real estate." Friend and classmate **Michael Schwalbe '03** is making his mark at Goldman Sachs in the fixed income division, while **Michael Brown** is one of the most popular history teachers in Rochester, NY. **Rebecca Pizzitola** of Raleigh, NC, is working for LabCorp as a GC/MS technologist, volunteering regularly with many local organizations, and will be applying to graduate school for fall 2005 admission for an MPH degree. She is also strongly considering medical school in the future.

Some location and career changes have come through for classmates, including **Marianne Drowne**, a Design and Environmental Analysis major, who moved to Washington, DC's Capitol Hill in October. She is learning the ins and outs of the spa world at a day spa in the Northwest. **Munib Jalali** writes, "After Cornell, I spent a difficult year teaching math and physics at a boarding school in Massachusetts. Quickly convinced that teaching was not for me, I spent the next year traveling around and contemplating life, and then just recently accepted a research engineer position with a laser technology company just outside Denver, CO." Sounds like some good soul searching can prove worthwhile.

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CAROLYN DECKINGER '02

and given an extreme amount of control and responsibility," writes **Bryan Maule Jr.** He was recently selected to serve a one-year tour at Osan Air Base in the Republic of Korea. He is very excited and hopes to have a wonderful time. Bryan is also working toward his master's in security management, with a concentration in homeland defense, at the American Military U. **Pete Carroll** is now the assistant men's basketball coach at Case Western Reserve U., while also a graduate student in the Dept. of History there. **Rebecca Walker** recently left Goldman Sachs to begin the JD/MBA program at Harvard. **Katherine Paz** writes, "I have loved Austin and the U. of Texas since graduating from Cornell. I finished my master's degree in human development and family sciences in May 2004 and will be here for another one-and-a-half years working on my PhD." **Jake Levy** began his first year at UCLA School of Law last fall.

Interesting and impressive career paths are under way for many of us. **Gwynne Koch** of Stockbridge, MA, graduated with her master's from the Dept. of Design and Environmental Analysis in August. Her thesis title was "Factors Influencing the Green Building Practices of Northeast US Home Builders." She now works as assistant editor for Laurin Publishing in Pittsfield,

With every load of news I receive, weddings are becoming a standard grouping. **David Huang** married Wendy on August 7, 2004 in East Brunswick, NJ. **Jason Litchney**, MEE '03, writes, "My college sweetheart **Sarah Lightbody** and I were recently married. We had a beautiful California wedding and amazing honeymoon in Fiji. We felt lucky to have several good friends from Cornell, especially fellow Phi Delta Thetas." Jason is currently the assistant VP of segment analytics at Bank of America in San Francisco, and Sarah will be graduating with her JD, with a concentration in intellectual property, from the McGeorge School of Law at the U. of the Pacific in May. The couple resides in Sacramento and only occasionally misses the Ithaca winters! **Susan McAvoy** of Little Rock, AR, married **Michael Owens '00**, ME '01, on October 2, 2004 in Warren, PA. There were over 30 Cornellians in attendance that day. Mike and Susan met through the Cornell Big Red Marching Band.

I recently attended a Christmas party where I was introduced to fellow alum **Robert Anzenberger '48** of the ILR school. When I asked him what he missed most about Cornell, he responded "picnics at Taughannock Falls." I don't know what it is about meeting alumni, but it

always makes me happy. The charm of Ithaca is timeless. What do you miss about Ithaca? What do you love most about where you are now or what you are doing now? Where would you love to visit? Read any good books lately? Do you love "Alias" as much as I do? My inbox awaits. ♦ **Carolyn Deckinger**, [cmd35@cornell.edu](mailto:cmd35@cornell.edu); **Liz Richards**, [elizabethlauren\\_richards@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethlauren_richards@yahoo.com).

**03** I'm writing this entry in my bathrobe while on duty aboard the mighty USS *Ross*. Duty days require select personnel to stay overnight on the ship and, unfortunately for me, we have run clean out of hot water this evening. Drats! But what better time to write and spread the news that has been filtering in?

**Yujin Chung**, ME '04, wrote, "I'm currently waiting for a flight to Hawaii to attend my sister's wedding! So that's pretty exciting, getting a new brother-in-law and all." Yujin is still working in Bean Town and having fun. He most recently wrapped up a case on the effects of consumerism, and particularly its effect on health care.

Meanwhile, **Matt Haistings** continues to enjoy his time out in Colorado Springs, CO, working with the Army Transportation Corps. I spoke with a very sleepy Matt one morning after failing to consider the time zone differences between Virginia and Colorado. Later I was able to get word of how lovely the area is, how much he enjoys living out West, and his latest Cornell experience while joining up with other Cornell alumni from the area.

**Tom Struble** is continuing along the Submarine Officer pipeline in the Navy and is living in a gorgeous little apartment in Mystic, CT, not too far from the Groton Sub Base.

I am extremely saddened to report the death of a dear classmate of ours, and my roommate for two years while at Cornell. **Jordan Ressler** died in Nicaragua on November 17, 2004. After 18 days of searches on Ometepe Island, his remains were found at the bottom of a 100-meter abyss on the slopes of the Maderas volcano. A man of great character and a dear friend to many, the memory of Jordan will always stay strong in our hearts. ♦ **Samantha Buckingham**, [swb9@cornell.edu](mailto:swb9@cornell.edu); and **Sudha Nandagopal**, [sn58@cornell.edu](mailto:sn58@cornell.edu).

**04** This winter I realized how much I miss the long Cornell Winter Break and Stella's coffee. Coffee in Atlanta does not even come close. But it was wonderful to be back in New York City for a short break and to bump into so many Cornellians just walking down the city sidewalks! I hope everyone is doing well!

**Mirei Takashima** Ryo writes, "I currently work as a management trainee for the marketing division at British American Tobacco Japan (no, I do NOT smoke). The drastic difference between the work lifestyle and the college lifestyle is shocking. I miss Cornell tremendously, and am planning to visit sometime next semester. Feel free to contact me if you're ever in Tokyo!" **Hotelie Meghan Bass** has gotten comfortable in Indiana at Valparaiso School of Law. Naturally, she is one of the school's spokespeople. You can check out a

news article she was interviewed for at [www.nwitimes.com](http://www.nwitimes.com). The article appeared on October 17, 2004, and is entitled "VU Law School Reports Increase in Applications."

**Teresa Devoto** is living in New Jersey and is an account manager at CDW. CDW is one of the leading providers of technology solutions for business, government, and education and a principal source of technology products and services. She works closely with clients and acquiring new accounts. She spent some time in December relaxing in the city and at home before diving back into work in January. **Jennifer Vanett** writes, "If any alumni in the Philadelphia area are interested in going to a Phantoms ice hockey game, contact me and I will arrange a get-together for the local hockey fans! I recently began working at Shire Pharmaceuticals as a medical trial administrator for CNS investigational drugs."

E-mail me updates about your life or just say hello at my address below, or message me on [thefacebook.com](http://thefacebook.com). ♦ **Vanessa Matsis**, [vgm3@cornell.edu](mailto:vgm3@cornell.edu).

**05** As class correspondents, we would like to be the first to welcome the Class of 2005 to *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Please keep in touch by passing on any future news, experiences, and updates to us, **Michelle Wong** and **Matthew Janiga**, at the e-mail addresses below. This column introduces the newest Alumni Class Council, who will work together on the Senior Class Campaign, as well as on our 5th Reunion.

**Class Correspondents:** Michelle is double majoring in Sociology and the College Scholar Program, with concentrations in Inequality and Asian American Studies. She is from Philadelphia, but hopes to relocate one day to California, where there is no lake effect. On campus, Michelle is most involved with Asian Pacific Americans for Action and Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity. Matthew studies Communication. A former assistant sports editor and columnist for the *Daily Sun*, he now fills his time researching for his honors thesis, stringing for *Sports Illustrated*, and working on the Class Campaign. Matt hopes to attend law school in the fall, but promises to visit friends and professors who have helped him grow.

**Co-Presidents:** **Jay Jendrewski** and **Jackie Koppell**. Jay is an ILR major from Wading River, NY. He has served as Class President, ILR Student Government President, and Student Assembly Representative. Founding the Psi Chapter of Pi Kappa Phi has been a defining part of Jay's undergraduate years. He hopes to keep the Cornell experience alive in all of his classmates. Jackie is from New York City and studies History, with a concentration in Law and Society. In addition to being a student-elected trustee, Jackie has been active in the Student Assembly, Greek system, and Alpha Kappa Psi professional business fraternity. She also travels and is a member of the synchronized figure skating team.

**Vice Presidents of Giving Societies:** **Elizabeth Green** and **Matthew Janiga**. Elizabeth studies Mechanical Engineering, with a minor in Engineering Management. She hopes to return

one day and go to graduate school. Elizabeth has been involved with the Society of Women Engineers, crew team, and Greek system. Elizabeth looks forward to helping others realize their appreciation for the university.

‘I hope to relocate one day to California, where there is no lake effect.’

MICHELLE WONG '05

**Vice Presidents of Participation:** **Ross Blankenship** and **John Keh**. Ross is from Texarkana, TX. At Cornell, Ross is involved with the Educational Policy Committee and the Academic Integrity Hearing Board. He is also president of Mortar Board Honor Society. Ross hopes to attend law school in the fall and eventually get into politics. John is from New City, NY, and currently studies in the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Next year, he will be in New York City working as an analyst at JP Morgan. John has had a great time as a student and looks forward to his alumni years.

**Vice Presidents of Affinities:** **Michael Flanagan** and **Joanna Novick** will lead the Greek Challenge, while **Kari Steed** will lead the Athletics Challenge. Michael is an AEM major in CALS. He is an active member of Sigma Chi fraternity and a member of the Order of Omega Greek Honor Society. Upon graduation, Michael plans on attending law school. Joanna is an American Studies major and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She is also a Campaign Manager for Teach for America and is really excited about her acceptance to the 2005 corps. Joanna is delighted that she will continue to represent the university on behalf of the Class of 2005. Kari studies Design and Environmental Analysis. Kari has also been a head clerk for reunions and Alumni Affairs and Development project development. She is also a member of the varsity track and field team. After graduation, Kari hopes to attend graduate school for Architecture.

**Vice Presidents of Events:** **Meghan Cunningham** and **Anastasia Uglova**. Meghan is in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, where she majors in Urban and Regional Studies. Meghan is a co-chair of Senior Week, as well as an active member of Class Council. Anastasia is from Bayside, NY, and studies Government, with minors in French and International Relations. She has been involved with Class Council, Cornell Political Coalition, and Cornell Perspective. Anastasia hopes to work for a free-market think tank before returning to graduate school.

**Treasurer:** **Aviesha Palmer** is from Jamaica, majoring in Economics and Spanish. After graduation, Aviesha will work as a risk analyst in New York City. She is involved in the Minority Finance Commission, Caribbean Students Association, and Teszia Belly Dance Troupe. Aviesha looks forward to increasing Cornell's Alumni Giving Rate, specifically with minorities. Publicity Chair: **Jerilyn Gusmanos** is a PAM major from Long Island. Jerilyn has been active in Class

Council since freshman year. Her Cornell experience has provided her with countless memories and friends that have become family. Jerilyn looks forward to making the Cornell experience more accessible to prospective students.

**Secretary:** **Jenny Meil** studies City and Regional Planning and Spanish Literature. She runs cross-country and track and is class correspondent for the Cuban-American Students Association. A Cornell Tradition Fellow, Jenny volunteers for a cooperative of Amazonian Artisans and Farmers in Ecuador and plans to continue working in the area of international growth and development. Webmaster: **Eric Hsu** feels that the school, faculty, and students have provided great motivation for what he has accomplished at Cornell. Eric is involved with Class Council, Association of Computer Science Undergraduates, and Golden Key Honour Society. Eric hopes to improve the interaction between alumni and undergraduates. Next year he will be an investment banker.

Send us your news! ♦ **Michelle Wong**, [mrw29@cornell.edu](mailto:mrw29@cornell.edu); and **Matthew Janiga**, [mwj3@cornell.edu](mailto:mwj3@cornell.edu).

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## Alumni Deaths

'25 BS Ag—**J. Edgar Hyatt** of West Melbourne, FL, formerly of Bainbridge, NY, June 9, 2004; industrial arts teacher, Binghamton schools; veteran; oldest registered Eagle Scout in US; camp chaplain; active in Boy Scouts.

'26-27 GR—**Gertrude Smogor** Ferrante of San Francisco, CA, May 23, 1988.

'26—**Morris Goldstein** of Las Vegas, NV, June 12, 2004; retired accountant.

'26 BEE—**Edwin L. Harder** of Pittsburgh, PA, May 24, 2004; engineer; worked on the Hoover Dam; active in alumni affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

'29 BA—**Rose Lashinsky** Chashin (Mrs. Harry '29, JD '32) of Boca Raton, FL, May 15, 2004.

'29 BEE—**F. Howard Cusack** of Mahwah, NJ, May 8, 2004; engineer. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'29—**Millard S. Moore** of North Branford, CT, May 24, 2004; founder, Besson & Co.; general manager, Todd Ship Yards; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'30 BME—**Herbert S. Markstone** of Miami Beach, CA, March 3, 2003. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'30—**Isabelle Mitchell** Thomas of Redmond, WA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, May 15, 2004; secretary to the dean, ILR school; secretary, Ag college.

'31 BCE—**Francis J. Principe** of Maspeth, NY, May 3, 2004; civil engineer; civic activist; active in community and alumni affairs.

'31 BS Ag—**William M. Requa** of Williamsburg, VA, June 19, 2004; trade assn. executive, Assn. of Sugar Producers of Puerto Rico; economist; statistician; veteran. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'32 BS Hotel—**John A. Bizal** of Evansville, IN, August 17, 2003; production manager, Illinois Cereal Mills; veteran.

'32 BA—**Arthur J. Harvith** of Annandale, VA, March 31, 2003.

'33—**Audrey Smith** Burnett of Utica, NY, May 10, 2004; special education teacher.

'33 BA, BCE '35—**Elmer B. Isaak** of Bayville, NY, May 20, 2004; civil engineer; worked on the Triborough Bridge, San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, Gowanus Expressway, and interstate

highway projects; author; active in professional and alumni affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'33 BS HE—**Genevieve Haskell** Mercure of Hopewell Junction, NY, June 10, 2004; home economics teacher, Hartford Central School; active in community affairs.

'33—**Wilbur L. Piguet** of Irvine, CA, May 24, 2004. Sigma Nu.

'33 BS HE—**Elinor Ernst** Whittier of Arlington, VA, June 30, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'34 BME—**Charles H. Day** of Raleigh, NC, May 20, 2004; vice president, Phillip Morris Companies; also worked for Miller Brewing, National Can Co., and Wisconsin Bridge & Iron; active in alumni affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

'34 BA, LLB '36—**Nathaniel H. Goodrich** of Chevy Chase, MD, June 12, 2004; attorney; active in alumni affairs.

'34 BCE—**David Groner** of Santa Ana, CA, February 12, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

'34—**Thomas A. Siegenthaler** of Mansfield, OH, November 2, 2002; former partner, Siegenthaler Shoes; former director, First Nat'l Bank of Mansfield; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Sigma Nu.

'35—**Robert A. Blum** of Phoenix, AZ, June 13, 2004. Delta Tau Delta.

'35 BS HE—**Claudia Day** Lamberti (Mrs. George '33) of Fulton, NY, June 25, 2004; homemaker; active in civic and community affairs.

'35 BA—**Frances Wheeler** Lauman of Ithaca, NY, May 26, 2004; active in alumni affairs.

'35 BA—**Katherine Doring** Newkirk of Blue Hill, ME, May 7, 2004; homemaker; mathematician; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs.

'35 BA—**Anne Strong** Van Campen of Camp Sherman, OR, June 5, 2004.

'36 BS HE—**Martha Warren** Hertel (Mrs. John P. '34, PhD '38) of Ithaca, NY, June 7, 2004; home economics teacher; active in community and alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'36 BS HE—**Helen Park** Himes of Mt. Dora, FL,

May 16, 2004; veteran; active in community affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'36 BA—**Ruth Shelly** Lang (Mrs. Ralph W. '36) of Fort Washington, MD, November 1, 2002.

'36 BA—**Bobb Schaeffer** of Rochester, NY, June 2, 2004; curator and expert on fossil fish, American Museum of Natural History; zoology professor, Columbia U.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'36 BEE—**Henry H. Westcott** of Huntington, MA, November 19, 2002; retired engineer. Sigma Pi.

'36 BS Ag—**Solomon Wiener** of New York City, May 12, 2004; active in religious and alumni affairs.

'37 BCE—**John T. Barton** of Holly, MI, formerly of Montour Falls, NY, May 13, 2004; retired engineer; president, Seneca Engineering; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'37—**Walter E. Blount** of Concord, CA, May 19, 2004.

'37-39 SP Ag—**Norma Lerversee** Botkin of Phoenix, AZ, May 28, 2004; state president, Arizona PTA; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'37-39 SP Ag—**Marchant S. Nielsen** of Clifton Springs, NY, January 29, 2002; retired farmer.

'37 BME—**John G. Nutt** of Piedmont, CA, April 14, 2004; mechanical engineer. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'37—**J. Hall Schenck** of Perry, GA, May 26, 2004; hotel owner; civilian Air Force retiree; veteran; worked in minor league baseball; active in religious affairs.

'37-40 GR—**Charles E. Sevick** of Sacramento, CA, March 1, 2002.

'37 BA—**Doris Thompson** Shineman of New York City, May 2, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Edward W. Shineman '37.

'38—**George W. Frees** of New York City, August 22, 1995; executive vice president, Beverly Hotel Corp.

'38 BA, JD '42—**Herbert U. Goldman** of New York City, January 31, 2003; attorney. Phi Sigma Delta.

'38-40 SP Ag—**James E. Houghton** of Evans Mills, NY, May 25, 2004; Agway manager; veteran; active in community affairs.

'38 BME—**Robert A. Ohlbaum** of Silver Spring, MD, March 10, 2004; mechanical engineer; active in alumni affairs.

'38, BArch '39—**Donald B. Robinson Jr.** of Covington, GA, May 18, 2003. Beta Theta Pi.

- '38 MS HE—**Eleanor Brewer Schempf** (Mrs. John M., PhD '38) of Centre Hall, PA, June 2, 2004; active in civic and community affairs.
- '38 PhD—**John M. Schempf** of Centre Hall, PA, January 17, 2001; veteran.
- '38—**John W. Swanson** of Omaha, NE, June 12, 2004; president, Nebraska Clothing Co.; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.
- '38 BA—**Frederick E. Tropp** of Merion Station, PA, October 7, 2003. Alpha Epsilon Pi.
- '39 BS Ag—**Janet Malkin** Adams of Santa Fe, NM, May 27, 2004; art conservationist; expert on Native American pottery; worked in dairy chemistry and microbiology, Cornell U.; active in civic and community affairs.
- '39 BS Ag—**Albert A. Boehlecke** of Durham, NC, October 25, 2002; senior sanitarian, New York State Health Dept.
- '39 MS—**Myron W. Cucci** of Rochester, NY, October 4, 2002.
- '39 BS Ag—**Louise Goddard** Dart of Ithaca, NY, June 1, 2004.
- '39 BA—**Charles F. Feinn** of Fresno, CA, October 27, 2002. Pi Lambda Phi.
- '39 MD—**Harvey P. Groesbeck** of Carlsbad, CA, June 30, 2004; oncologist; operated San Diego Tumor Institute; veteran; community theater actor; active in community and professional affairs.
- '39 MD—**Edgar R. Hyde** of Shelburne, VT, April 15, 2004; retired physician.
- '39 DVM—**Sidney M. Martin** of Chateaugay, NY, March 30, 2004; retired veterinarian; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Alpha Zeta.
- '39 BA—**Elizabeth Brown** Paine of Schenectady, NY, May 5, 2004; founder and president, Schenectady Theater for Children; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Alpha Phi. Husband, Caleb Paine '38.
- '40 BA—**Edith Paulsen** Eckart of Arcata, CA, June 16, 2004; peacemaker, Veterans for Peace.
- '40 MS—**Col. Thomas A. Glass** of Peoria, IL, February 11, 2004; retired military officer, US Army and Air Force; engineer; also worked for Caterpillar; active in military and religious affairs.
- '40 BS Hotel—**Rodney S. Hatch** of Rochester, NY, May 8, 2004; retired from Alling and Cory; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Chi Psi.
- '40—**Walter L. Hough** of Summit, NJ, October 16, 1988; architect, Jacobs Engineering.
- '40 BS HE—**Belle Ayers** Plunkett of Kingston, NY, November 26, 2001. Husband, James C. Plunkett '39.
- '40 PhD—**John C. Scholes** of Sun City, AZ, October 24, 1993. Alpha Zeta.
- '40—**Joseph K Seidle Jr.** of Haverford, PA, June 4, 2004. Delta Upsilon.
- '41—**Carlton L. Coon** of Williamsville, NY, August 1, 1983.
- '41 MA—**Hilda Laubenstein** Harris of Campton, NH, February 23, 2002.
- '41, BS ORIE '47—**Robert H. Heath** of Morris Plains, NJ, February 23, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.
- '41—**Allen C. Hilborn** of Santee, SC, May 1, 2004. Seal & Serpent.
- '41 BS Ag—**William H. Hinton** of Concord, MA, May 15, 2004; author of *Fanshen* and other books on the effects of the Chinese Revolution on village life; farmer; agricultural adviser; veteran.
- '41 PhD—**Oved Shiffriss** of Highland Park, NJ, June 25, 2004; plant breeder and geneticist; retired professor, Rutgers U.; director of vegetable research, Burpee & Co.; bred the Big Boy tomato; founder, genetics program, Weitzman Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel. Wife, Shoshana (Zelmans), '38-39 GR.
- '41 PhD—**Clara A. Storvick** of Corvallis, OR, May 24, 2004; professor of nutrition, head of home economics research, and director, Nutrition Research Inst., Oregon State U.; also taught at U. of Washington and Oklahoma State U.; author; active in professional affairs.
- '41—**Martin B. Tuska** of Silver Spring, MD, June 19, 2003; veteran. Pi Lambda Phi.
- '42 PhD—**Clare A. Becker** of Lemont, PA, January 9, 2000; professor emeritus, Penn State U.
- '42 BS Hotel—**Louis C. Bufalino** of Topsfield, MA, June 1, 1983. Psi Upsilon.
- '42 BME—**Mario Cuniberti** of Columbus, OH, June 17, 2004; mechanical engineer; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Beta Theta Pi.
- '42 BS Ag—**Ruth Gregory** Gregg of Sun City Center, FL, May 20, 2004; active in alumni affairs.
- '42 BME—**Frederick H. Guterman** of New York City, June 28, 2004; vice president, Allen B. Dumont Labs; president, ITT; VP, Arma; president, Horn & Hardart. Zeta Beta Tau.
- '42 BS Hotel—**Harold E. Hazen** of Bradenton, FL, June 4, 2004; retired food service director; former owner, Ted Lewis Restaurant; co-manager, Hill's Great American Circus and the Williams Althoff Circus; musician; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '42 JD—**Edward R. Moran** of Carson City, NV, May 1, 2004; attorney; veteran; founder, WYMCO and Art Decal Corp.; active in professional affairs.
- '42 BA—**Doris Bogdanoff** Nash of New York City, May 16, 2004.
- '42 BA—**Marjorie Magaziner** Pincus of Philadelphia, PA, March 8, 2003; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.
- '42 BS Ag — **Frederick A. Schaefer** of Medford, OR, formerly of Honolulu, HI, June 30, 2004; retired brigadier general; fought in WWII and Vietnam; plantation manager, Theo H. Davies; also worked for Aina Malu Corp.; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.
- '42 BS Hotel—**Charles R. Sweeney** of Lavale, MD, May 11, 2004; active in alumni affairs. Delta Chi.
- '43 — **Nicholas C. Andreson** of Worcester, MA, February 1, 2004; veteran; active in religious affairs.
- '43, BArch '42—**J. Conrad Breiby** of Washington, DC, June 6, 2004; architect; worked for the Office of Federal Engineering and architectural firms in Europe and the Middle East; artist; veteran.
- '43 JD—**Tozier Brown** of Sarasota, FL, June 23, 2004; attorney; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.
- '43, BS ORIE '47—**Stephen B. Dempsey** of Newark, DE, June 16, 2004; civil engineer; veteran; birdwatcher. Delta Upsilon.
- '43 PhD—**James A. Krumhansl** of Hanover, NH, May 6, 2004; professor emeritus, physics, Cornell U.; former director, Lab of Atomic and Solid State Physics; assoc. director, research, Union Carbide; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '43 MD—**Lawrence Sweeney** of Carefree, AZ, formerly of Fishkill and Poughkeepsie, NY, September 9, 2003; neurologist; commissioner of Dutchess County Mental Hygiene; director, Matteawan State Hospital; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.
- '44—**James F. Judd** of Northbrook, IL, December 13, 2003. Sigma Chi.
- '44—**George C. Muegel** of New Hyde Park, NY, March 1, 2003. Alpha Sigma Phi.
- '44—**Lillian Engasser** Rowan of Chatsworth, CA, October 15, 2003.
- '44—**Herman C. Schumm** of Fort Lauderdale, FL, August 1, 1982. Alpha Delta Chi.
- '44—**George J. Stobie Jr.** of Kiawah Island, SC, September 17, 2003. Sigma Nu.

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'44 **BS Hotel**—**Norman W. Wulf** of Charlottesville, VA, formerly of Apple Valley, CA, June 8, 2004; corporate real estate broker; hotel manager, Sheraton Corp. and Roy Rogers' Apple Valley Inn; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'45 **BS HE**—**Margery Tukey Coates** of Las Cruces, NM, December 8, 2003; home economics teacher. Delta Gamma.

'45, **BA '48**—**Raymond G. Daly Jr.** of Naples, FL, May 22, 2004; advertising account executive, Young and Rubicam, American Tobacco, Dell Publishing, Glenn Daly Advertising; veteran. Alpha Delta Phi.

'45 **DVM**—**Kenneth L. Kiehle** of Livonia, NY, June 10, 2004; veterinarian; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'45—**Joseph R. Schurman** of Chevy Chase, MD, May 11, 2004; attorney; general counsel, Nat'l Endowment for the Humanities; drafted Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Act; veteran; OSS cryptographer. Chi Psi.

'45 **BA**—**Barbara Gould Spevack** of Smithtown, NY, June 27, 2004; worked for Smithtown Concrete Products. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'45, **BA '47**—**Melvin L. Wiesenthal** of Harrison, NY, May 2, 2004; partner, Wiesenthal & Wiesenthal. Tau Delta Phi.

'46 **BA**—**Miriam Scharf Balmuth** (Mrs. Norman '45) of Santa Fe, NM, June 30, 2004; former professor, Tufts U.; classicist; archaeologist; expert on ancient Mediterranean coinage.

'46, **BA '44**—**Sheldon Chibnik** of Cherry Hill, NJ, April 18, 2000. Tau Epsilon Phi.

'46—**Genevieve Perera McClenachan** of New Hope, PA, March 29, 2004.

'46—**Robert C. Schallman** of Palm Beach, FL, May 29, 2004; president, Phillips Syrup Corp.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Zeta Beta Tau.

'46-57 **GR**—**Sakae Takahashi** of Honolulu, HI, April 16, 2001; retired chairman of the board, Central Pacific Bank.

'47 **BS Ag, MS Ag '48**—**Dilip Kumar Banerjee** of Cincinnati, OH, June 13, 2004; chemist, US Industrial Chemical Co.; author; active in professional affairs.

'47, **BEE '46**—**Roger Bissinger** of New Orleans, LA, June 3, 2004; chairman, Electrical Sales Corp.; active in alumni affairs.

'47 **BS Nurs**—**Shirley Westerman** Blacker of Boynton Beach, FL, June 12, 2004; nurse, New York City Public Health Dept.; member, Nurse Cadet Corps; active in religious affairs.

'47 **BS Nurs**—**Helen Eells Brock** of Holly Hill, FL, December 22, 2003; nursing arts director,

Duke U.; member, Halifax Hospital Auxiliary; certified Braille instructor; active in community and professional affairs.

'47 **BS HE**—**Eleanor Beiswenger** Crinnion of Dallas, PA, June 17, 2004; active in community affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'47 **BA**—**Ruth Berry** Hilton of New York City, May 27, 2004; retired librarian, New York University.

'47 **M Chem E**—**James G. Jewell** of Berwyn, PA, February 27, 2003.

'47 **BA**—**Virginia Logan** Jones of Bethesda, MD, June 14, 2004; linguist; active in community and religious affairs.

'47 **BS Ag**—**Robert L. Lawrence** of Conway, SC, May 17, 2004; microbiologist; active in religious affairs.

'47 **MD**—**William J. Murray Jr.** of Waterford, CT, April 18, 2004; retired physician.

'48 **BEE**—**Richard C. Cornelison** of Smithers, British Columbia, March 25, 2004; inventor; founder, Carnet Co., Condar Co., and Catacel; veteran; trustee, Deep Springs College; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'48, **BA '50**—**Albert S. Degling** of Macungie, PA, June 25, 2004; quality control engineer; veteran; active in community affairs. Phi Kappa Tau. Wife, Gloria (Brooks) '51.

'48 **BS Ag, MS Ag '65**—**William G. Howe** of Framingham, MA, May 6, 2004; soil conservationist, US Dept. of Agriculture; TV host; active in civic and community affairs.

'48 **MS HE**—**Elsie Marco** of Willington, CT, May 23, 2004; high school teacher.

'48—**Eileen Kane McNamara** (Mrs. John J. '41) of Ridgewood, NJ, June 30, 2004; realtor; former president, Northwest Bergen Board of Realtors; active in community affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'48 **BS Hotel**—**Andrew B. Murray** of Kure Beach, NC, June 26, 2004; worked for the Vermont Dept. of Labor and Industry; hotelier; veteran.

'48 **BFA, MFA '50**—**Charles E. Scherneck** of Turin, NY, December 29, 2002; retired artist and teacher.

'48—**Alan P. Shapiro** of Warwick, NY, September 8, 2003; dentist; veteran.

'48 **BS Hotel**—**Philip T. Yochum** of Avalon, NJ, December 12, 2003. Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Wife, Connie (Petrillose) '48.

'49 **BS Ag**—**Stanton F. Jenks** of Sarasota, FL, June 12, 2004; high school teacher; veteran.

'49 **BEE**—**Herbert J. Reis** of Thousand Oaks, CA, February 13, 2003; engineer.



- '49 MS HE—**Georgiana Day** Slavic of Johnstown, NY, November 19, 2003.
- '49 BS ORIE—**Joe Van Poppelen** of Atherton, CA, May 11, 2004; senior vice president, National Semiconductor Corp.; business consultant; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma Chi.
- '50 BS Ag—**Dick L. Boyce** of Richmond, MA, June 16, 2004; horticulturalist, Berkshire County Extension Service; veteran; author; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.
- '50 BA, LLB '52—**Richard H. Farley** of Delhi, NY, April 26, 2004; attorney; Delaware County Judge; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs. Zeta Psi.
- '50—**Olive Pepper** Gaun of Churchville, NY, January 1, 1972.
- '50 BA—**Blanche Elster** Kaplan of Teaneck, NJ, May 17, 2004; social worker; family therapist; active in civic and community affairs.
- '51, BEE '52—**Harry Beeskow Jr.** of Wantagh, NY, June 24, 2004; engineer; veteran. Zeta Psi.
- '51 PhD—**Vernon M. Kirk** of Brookings, SD, February 21, 2004.
- '51 JD—**Harry Margolis** of Troy, NY, June 12, 2004; attorney; asst. district att., Binghamton; also worked for NY State Health Dept.; veteran.
- '51 BS Ag—**William Obuhanych** of Lehigh Acres, FL, May 16, 2004; retired teacher; veteran. Alpha Gamma Rho.
- '51 BS Hotel—**George J. Sanker** of Tampa, FL, May 26, 2004; hotel broker, manager, and consultant; veteran; active in professional affairs.
- '52 BS Nurs—**Carolyn M. Blinn** of Albuquerque, NM, August 31, 2003; nurse.
- '52—**Donald C. Bradley** of Punta Gorda, FL, May 22, 2004; US Navy, retired; Special Intelligence Officer, NATO Supreme Allied Command Atlantic; owner, Color Concepts; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.
- '52—**Harvey M. Cooper** of Port Charlotte, FL, May 30, 2004; active in community affairs. Alpha Epsilon Pi.
- '52 BEE—**Alfred W. Fairer** of Danville, VA, May 5, 2004; retired engineer; veteran; active in community affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.
- '52 JD—**Demetrio L. Latoni** of Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, January 9, 2004; attorney.
- '52 BME—**Richard W. Parker** of Williston, VT, May 3, 2004; engineer. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '52 BS ILR—**David P. Richtmann** of Winchester, MA, February 26, 2003. Tau Epsilon Phi.
- '53—**Edward W. Kraus** of Zebulon, NC, November 11, 2002.
- '53, BME '54—**Jack B. Tamarkin** of Boca Raton, FL, December 1, 2003. Zeta Beta Tau.
- '53—**Frank V. Whelpley** of Houston, TX, August 17, 2000; manager, Sonar & Weel Testing Center.
- '54—**George W. Givens** of Lynchburg, VA, June 5, 2004; owner, Givens Books; former history teacher; author; active in religious affairs.
- '54 BFA—**Everett G. Opie** of New York City, June 11, 2004; *New Yorker* cartoonist. Delta Chi.
- '54 BS Hotel—**Thomas A. Roose** of Mount Dora, FL, May 17, 2004; hotelier and restaurateur; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Theta Xi.
- '54 BA—**Howard H. Schloss** of Rockville, MD, May 15, 2004; attorney for the Food & Drug Administration; philatelist.
- '55 PhD—**Leonardt F. Kreisle** of Austin, TX, June 14, 2004; professor emeritus of mechanical engineering and asst. dean of engineering, U. of Texas, Austin; author, *Design of Machine Members*; established Leonardt F. Kreisle Machine Design Laboratory; designer, Synergistic Reactor; active in community and professional affairs.
- '55—**George A. Kyle** of Hampstead, NC, December 16, 2003; Episcopal priest, retired from the Diocese of Newark, NJ. Theta Delta Chi.
- '56 BS HE—**Merle Root** Chase of Port Jervis, NY, March 2, 2004; preschool teacher; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Chi Omega. Husband, Philip D. Chase '54.
- '56-57 GR—**Leonard R. Stibrany** of Long Valley, NJ, October 30, 1990.
- '57 BS Ag, PhD '64—**Ronald J. Prokopy** of Conway, MA, May 14, 2004; entomologist; professor, U. of Massachusetts; developed integrated pest management; active in professional affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.
- '58 BA—**Byron Golden** of White Plains, NY, May 15, 2004; attorney.
- '59—**Robert K. Lewis** of Sag Harbor, NY, June 1, 1999; interior designer; historic preservationist; landscape architect; active in community affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.
- '59 MS—**Robert E. Vincent** of Corvallis, OR, October 9, 2003; ecology consultant.
- '59 BS Ag—**Carol Wachtel** Salzberg of Boise, ID, May 14, 2004; environmental scientist; collaborated with her husband on photosynthetic modeling, AIDS/HIV computer modeling, and a real-time system for dosing antibiotics; college science instructor; author; active in community and professional affairs. Husband, Allan M. Salzberg '60.
- '59-60 GR—**Gilbert H. Ward** of State College, PA, December 1, 2000.
- '61—**Lois Beard** Kempster of Orange Park, FL, June 20, 2002.
- '62 MS HE—**Zelma Reigle** Neugart of Corvallis, OR, April 9, 2004; extension agent, Gilliam County, OR, and Oregon State U. Extension Division; active in civic and religious affairs.
- '62 MS—**Kenneth C. Ponsor** of Englewood, CO, May 18, 1997.
- '62 BS Ag—**Eberhard Scholtz** of Naples, FL, October 29, 2003.
- '63 MS HE—**Wilda Story** Fodor of Bartlesville, OK, December 10, 2002. Husband, Lawrence M. Fodor, PhD '63.
- '64 MD—**Michael F. Rodi** of San Diego, CA, May 10, 2004; physician.
- '65, BEE '72—**Bruce D. Hancock** of Pittsburgh, PA, July 12, 2003; engineer. Delta Kappa Epsilon.
- '66 BS Ag—**Paul R. Gladstone** of Seattle, WA, January 10, 2004; worked for Bristol-Myers Squibb.
- '66, BME '70, ME '71—**Stephen A. Lyons**, formerly of Westport, CT, May 14, 2003; mechanical engineer. Delta Tau Delta.
- '68 BS—**John A. Odozynski** of Austin, TX, May 13, 2004; attorney. Alpha Sigma Phi.
- '70 BA—**Bruce D. Medville** of Pearl River, NY, August 14, 1991.
- '70 PhD—**John L. Nilles** of Seattle, WA, September 10, 1999.
- '76 BS ORIE, ME ORIE '77, MBA '78—**Prachar Yongvanich** of Yorktown Heights, NY, July 25, 2000; engineer. Wife, Chiraphan Yongvanich '76.
- '85 MPS—**Karl M. Davies Jr.** of Northampton, MA, October 20, 2003; consulting forester; environmental activist; active in community and professional affairs.
- '87 BA—**Elizabeth S. Claffey** of Putnam Valley, NY, April 15, 2003; veterinarian; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.
- '93, MPS '94—**Howard V. Jones** of Cedar Falls, IA, April 12, 2004; hotelier, Four Seasons, Boston, and Red Fox Inn.
- '96 BS Ag—**Peter J. Vandusen** of Rockford, MN, December 28, 2003.
- '00 MA HE—**Donald Y. Lee** of Los Angeles, CA, May 16, 2004; psychologist, Children's Hospital, Denver; active in professional affairs.



1. Down where the wav-ing wil-lows 'Neath the sunbeams smile, Shad-ow'd o'er the  
 2. Sweet came the hal-low'd chiming Of the Sabbath bell, Borne on the  
 3. "Raise me in your arms, dear mother, once more look On the green and



## Far and Wide

### OUR OFT-BORROWED ALMA MATER

**f**ar above Cayuga's waters  
 With its waves of blue,  
 Stands our noble alma mater  
 Glorious to view

Truth be told, during my stint on the Hill I would have been hard pressed to tell you what comes next. Something about lifting the chorus . . . I had enough minutiae to memorize without filling my brain with phrases like "Here, by flood and foaming torrent."

But I began to rethink my apathy after coming across *College Fight Songs: An Annotated Anthology* by Northern Illinois University professor emeritus William Studwell, in which he subjectively ranks America's twenty-five favorites of the genre. Obvious choices like the "Notre Dame Victory March" and "Anchors Aweigh" top the list—but there, at number twenty-four, is "Far Above Cayuga's Waters."

My first thought: *it's a fight song?* I've always found Cornell's alma mater to have lullaby-like qualities. So I called the musicologist at his home in Bloomington, Indiana, and asked him about it.

"If played at a faster beat, it becomes a good fight song," he says. "And it's an unforgettable melody—not only a classic but a kind of super-classic, because so many people use it. It may be the most borrowed song associated with any university."

The lyrics of "Far Above Cayuga's Waters" were penned by a couple of Tioga Street roommates, Archibald Weeks 1872 and Wilmot Smith 1874. They set the words to the melody of "Annie Lisle," a maudlin 1850s ballad written by a Boston musician named H.S. Thompson about the decline and death of a virtuous maiden ("Earthly music cannot waken . . . lovely Annie Lisle").

She wasn't the only Annie Lisle destined for a tragic end—an Australian sailing ship of the same name sank after a collision in May 1887—but the tune has proved far more durable, achieving

immortality as a template for school pride. From the hills of Pennsylvania to the bayous of Louisiana, from the deserts of the Middle East to the tropics of Southeast Asia, Cornell's alma mater became the Johnny Appleseed of school songs.

The University of Kansas has a typical tale. The story goes that there was no school song for Professor George Penny's Glee and Mandolin Club to sing on their trip to Denver in 1891. Just before departure Penny recalled Cornell's song, so he hastily changed a few words ("Far above the golden valley . . ."). It became the university's official alma mater.

More colleges followed suit. Undergraduates borrowed the melody for Indiana University in 1893 and the University of North Carolina in 1897. An English professor purloined it for the University of Missouri in 1895. An alumnus grabbed it for the University of Georgia a few years later. Annie Lisle's ghost also lingers at Pennsylvania's Moravian College, Louisiana's Xavier University, Canada's Acadia University, and even the American University of Beirut ("Far away, behold Keneiseh! Far beyond, Sunnin!").

Dozens of high schools have appropriated it, too, from Skaneateles Academy in New York to Campbell High in Missouri and Lake Oswego High in Oregon. On occasion, the song has been a copy of a copy; West End High School in Nashville patterned its alma mater on the one from nearby Vanderbilt University—which had lifted the melody from Cornell in 1907.

So maybe it wasn't the beginning of the song that I should have committed to memory, but the end:

*May time ne'er efface the mem'ry  
 Of her natal day,  
 And her name and fame be honored  
 Far and wide away!*

— Brad Herzog '90

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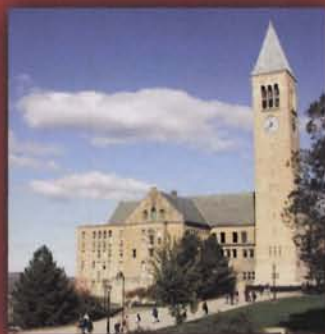


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